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Special Session Begins This Week

Montana legislators will meet for the next 16 days in an attempt to balance the state budget, which currently is in the red by \$107.5 million. Representative Janet Moore, D-Condon, contacted State Fiscal Analyst, Judy Rippingale and received the following breakdown of losses in revenue explaining this large deficit:

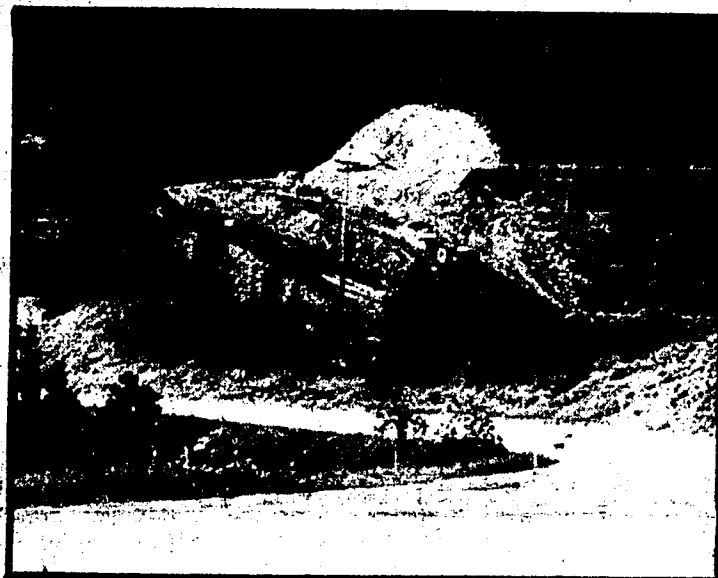
Personal state income tax losses.....	\$ 34.7 MM
Corporate state income tax losses.....	4 MM
Investment revenue losses.....	16.0 MM
(due to interest rate drop)	
Oil revenue losses.....	11.1 MM
(due to drop in oil prices)	
Coal revenue losses.....	8.9 MM
Institution reimbursement.....	1.4 MM
(because federal government wouldn't approve Billings Youth Treatment Center, which required 100% state financing from general fund)	
Liquor tax losses - because people are drinking less.....	2.0 MM
Able-bodied law which was overturned by Montana Supreme Court because of age discrimination. (This law passed in the 1985 general session to deny general assistance to people 35 years and younger without dependent children).....	6.0 MM
Revenue losses to schools - because grazing and timber fees are down along with agriculture leases, share-cropping, personal income, etc.....	30.0 MM
Supplemental funds needed for Aid to Dependent Children, Medicaid and forest fire fighting this summer.....	13.0 MM
Local government block grant losses because of revenue drop in oil, coal, etc.....	10.0 MM
(Gov. Schwinden says state should not pay these losses)	
Miscellaneous.....	1.0 MM

Total debt to be paid by June 30, 1987.....\$134.5 MM
Less beginning state surplus.....-27.0 MM

TOTAL STATE DEFICIT.....\$107.5 MM*

*This figure adds up to a 25% shortage in Montana's general fund between now and June 30, 1987.

Governor Schwinden has proposed a five percent "across the board cut," according to Rep. Moore. Legislators will be deciding on various proposals such as cutting education and fish and game (see related story this issue).



Rainbow Bend Is Straightened Out

Rainbow Bend is gradually going to lose its shape this summer, as workers hustle to finish the project early this fall. The contract for reconstruction of the treacherous one-mile stretch of Highway 200 just south of Twin Creeks was awarded to Glen Rehbein Excavation, Inc., Missoula, earlier this spring. Total cost of the project including paving the "wide section of the road" just south of Rainbow Bend is \$1.6 million, according to James Weaver, construction engineer. Weaver thinks the project will be completed early in September.

Special Session Update

Bills for items not in the Governor's call are circulating this week at the special session in Helena. Seventy-six signatures are required on a petition for a bill in order for it to be considered in the session.

--Jobs Bill. The law pertaining to the issuance of Revenue Bonds would be changed to stipulate that corporations or other businesses which establish themselves in Montana through the use of state revenue bonds would be required to employ Montanans on a full time basis. Bill sponsored by Rep. Janet Moore, D-Condon, written by Montana People's Action, Missoula.

--"Snooze" bill. On the basis that all tobacco should be taxed equally, (currently, cigarette tax is 16 cents a pack, snooze tax is 11 cents a can) this bill would raise the tax on a can of chewing tobacco by a nickel. It would raise approximately \$800,000 for the state, and is sponsored by Rep. Janet Moore, D-Condon.

--Representative Bob Ellerd, R-Bozeman, is sponsoring a bill to repeal the salary and expense increases for legislators which was passed in the 1985 regular session. Janet Moore, D-Condon, will co-sign this bill.

--Representative John Patterson, R-Custer, is sponsoring a bill asking for all elected officials, from the Governor on down, to take a 10 percent pay cut.

Rep. Moore is also sponsoring a bill written by the Montana Motor Vehicles Division at the request of the Attorney General, which would increase the fine for speeding to \$20. Reasoning for this is that it now costs the state approximately \$17 to process a \$5 ticket.

The Governor has called for a permanent gas tax. Rep. Moore, and Sen. Bill Norman, D-Missoula, are both working for a temporary "sliding" gas tax. When the price of oil increases, the tax would go down.

Our Chamber of Commerce...

deserves a lot of thanks from the community. The Seeley Condon Chamber has been the driving force behind the Fourth of July parade and fireworks, the Citizen of the Year Award, the Community Survey, the Barney Bowles Memorial Scholarship, Loggers Days, the annual buffalo feed, and highway litter cleanup. If you wondered about all the flags flying downtown over Memorial Day weekend, that, too, was brought about by the Chamber. The Chamber, along with other local groups, helped to make our park a reality. The list of Chamber contributions is even longer, but you can see that many things have been done for the common good.

Perhaps most importantly, though, the Chamber has been instrumental in forging links between our community and various county and state agencies and officials. We are no longer a "neglected" area and are rapidly becoming an item on the mainstream agenda. This bodes well for obtaining our fair share of government revenues.

It should be clear from the above that "Chamber of Commerce" is something of a misnomer with respect to our Chamber. "Civic" Chamber might be more apt. Indeed, the Chamber encourages participation and involvement from every corner of the community. Undeniably, the business community is the predominant force in the Chamber. On the other hand, several people have joined the Chamber as individuals, and this is an option open to all.

So, if you want to get involved in your community, think about joining the Chamber. The Chamber is where the "action" is. You don't have to be a businessperson, and the cost is nominal. By participating in the Chamber, the potential for making a positive contribution to your community is bounded only by your energy and imagination.

- Dick Potter

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Swan Valley Town Meeting

Open Letter to the Residents of the Swan Valley:

On Thursday, June 19, you will have an opportunity to learn about the Community Attitude Survey which will be done later this summer. The Steering Committee, which is made up of representatives of all the elected boards in the Seeley Swan area, will present a program of explanation of the purposes of the survey and the expected use of its results.

Now is the time for you to meet with the committee and add your input. Much depends on the future direction this area will take, on the attitudes and feelings of the residents.

I strongly urge you to attend this meeting.

Pat Harbin
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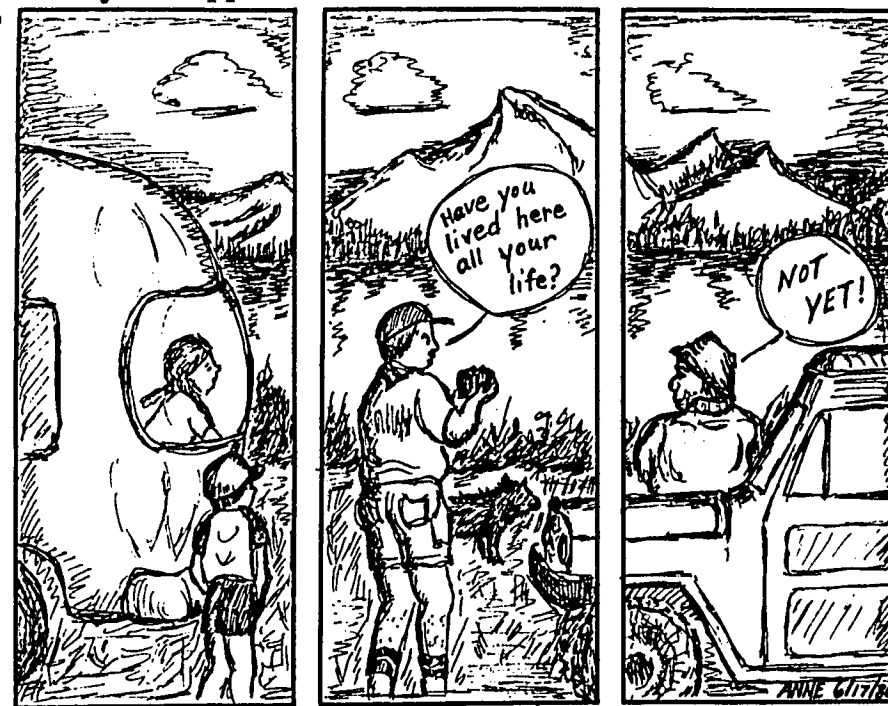
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CORRECTION

Last week, in reporting on the re-opening of The Saloon, we stated that Rocky Zavarelli is manager of the OK Corral in Missoula. Pathfinder has been informed by Mr. Zavarelli that he is an employee of the OK Corral, but that he is not the manager.



Business of the Week

LARSON TRANSPORT & DISPOSAL



Dan Larson started driving the garbage truck for Chuck Lewis ten years ago in Seeley Lake. He took the job because he thought that getting in and out of the truck frequently would strengthen his leg, which he injured in a mining accident near Thompson Falls.

As it turned out, Larson became manager of the business, and for the past eight years has been owner

of Larson Transport and Disposal. In addition to a regular disposal route from Clearwater Junction to the Lake County line, a summer route, and one-time pickups for customers who do "spring cleaning" or other major cleanups, Larson hauls freight from Missoula north to the Swan Valley weekly.

He moved here from Thompson Falls where he was born and raised. Joyce Larson moved to Montana from New Hampshire, and says she enjoys the country here. Dan and Joyce have raised two children in Seeley Lake, Peter and Chris.

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Casey Cunningham, new owner of the Double Diamond Guest Ranch, Condon, and former owners Ron and Candy Hummel visit by the new hot tub at the ranch.

New Owner At The Montana Double Diamond

Casey Cunningham, a horse wrangler and rancher from Missoula bought the Montana Double Diamond Guest Ranch, Condon, earlier this month from Ron and Candy Hummel. The Hummels have owned the ranch for 13 years, and are ready to move on to something new, according to Candy. They will remain in the Swan Valley.

Cunningham is eager to try some new ideas at the guest ranch. He is an experienced team roper and helped to organize team roping events in Reno, Nevada, among other places. He plans to build a new arena in the meadow east of the ranch for team roping and perhaps, with community support, organize high school rodeo competition for next year. "I think the arena will be a big plus for everybody," he said.

Tara Clark, a high school rodeo star from Helena, will be working at the ranch this summer guiding trail rides and generally helping visitors with horses.

Cunningham is also excited about the possibility of establishing a children's summer camp at the ranch, which would revolve around trail rides and other outdoor activities.

QRU Finalizes Dance Plans

The Condon/Swan Valley QRU has scheduled their Fourth of July dance for the evening of July 3 at 8:00 p.m. There will be a barbecue and raffle to benefit the QRU. For more information contact Joyce Himes at 754-2427.

O-Mok-See Scheduled

Swan Valley community members have decided to go ahead with the O-Mok-See this July 4, continuing a long time tradition in the valley. For more information contact Dale Terrillon at 754-2480.

AUCTION

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The Montana Double Diamond Guest Ranch has operated as a guest ranch since the mid-1960s. Some of the new additions are a hot tub that accommodates four to six people and a sauna. There are 12 guest rooms, a cookhouse and a bar.

"I didn't buy this to be in the bar business," Cunningham pointed out, but he does intend to keep the liquor license and establish regular business hours at the bar for guests and other visitors. All meals are by reservation only, and are served "family style" in the dining area.

"Most of our business is destination traffic," Hummel said, indicating that guests arrive and spend a week or so enjoying the area, going on trail rides or, in the winter, cross country skiing on the nearly 10 kilometers of groomed trails. The ranch is open year round.

The original ranch was homesteaded in 1916 by Gene Kettleson. It changed hands frequently in the fifties and sixties and many changes were made. Hummels bought the ranch in 1973 and made improvements of their own, such as the bar, which is quite a museum because of the donated antiques and collectibles decorating the room.

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Fish & Game May Lose 25% Of Budget

Governor Schwinden has called for a five percent across the board cut in state spending to be decided at the special session in Helena during the remainder of this month. Because of an associated loss of federal funds, that five percent reduction would mean more than a \$5.2 million loss to Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, according to Department information obtained by Bob Scott, Seeley Lake.

A recent department memo signed by James W. Flynn, Director, says that a five percent cut in the license account (revenue generated from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses) would mean a diversion of funds to activities other than fish and wildlife management. This diversion of funds would violate Federal and State laws, resulting in a loss to the State of Montana of some \$5.2 million in federal funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This translates to about 25% of the Department's total funding.

This sort of loss would be devastating to state fish and wildlife management, according to Scott. It would mean the partial closure of the Flathead Lake Salmon Hatchery at Somers. This would result in the loss of kokanee salmon introductions totaling 1.5 to 2.0 million fish projected to be planted in 25 to 30 lakes in western Montana for 1987.

Many fishing/recreation sites would be closed around the state, funding for maintenance of snowmobile trails would

be nearly eliminated in parts of the state, and a host of other projects would be cut back or not funded at all, according to the memo.

In a telephone conversation last week, Scott was informed that the Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, chaired by Rex Manuel, D-Fairfield, voted against the 5% cut to Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The recommendation now goes to the full Appropriations Committee in the House for further consideration.

Swan Valley to Have Parade on 4th

An Independence Day Parade in Swan Valley is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on July 4. The theme for this year's parade, which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and organized by Susan Cox, is "America, The Beautiful: Land Where We Live."

Entry categories are floats (motorized or horsedrawn), animal and all others. Please pre-register your entry by calling Susan Cox, 754-2454. Last minute entries are welcomed. Entrants are asked to gather near the Liquid Louie's parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

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A Little History : Seeley-Swan High School

(Editor's Note: At the recent high school graduation in Seeley Lake, the school provided a brief history on the back of the program, and C.B. Rich also shared some historical information. We combined the information in the following story.)

The construction of Seeley-Swan High School began in the fall of 1964. That year students began their high school classes with a split-shift session with the elementary school in Seeley Lake. The building opened in January 1965 with four teachers, a principal, and about 100 students. The library was added in 1970, and the new gym and cafeteria were completed in 1977.

"I remember when we came here in September of 1958," C.B. Rich recalled, "the four rooms on the west end of the grade school was all the schools there were in Seeley Lake! Our oldest

daughter, Mary Anna Herron, Diane's mother, attended the 8th grade in that school and graduated the next spring. That spring, I was elected to the Grade School board and served some 12 years on the board of trustees. During those 12 years, we built the other four classrooms, a new kitchen, the principal's office and library, the gymnasium and the remedial room, and I am proud of my part in the facility that is there today."

Rich continued to explain that high school students from Seeley Lake had to ride the bus to and from Missoula each day. The process that Rich and several other community members, including Reuben Kauffman, Swan Valley, went through to obtain legal authority to build a high school in Seeley Lake was overwhelming.

"Those people (referring to state officials) told us there would never be enough students here to support a high school," Kauffman said in a conversation this week.

Well, there have been more than enough students to support a school here, and Seeley-Swan High School over the years has had both outstanding academic graduates and sports students.

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Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

Skip and Jess Stratton saw a mother grebe swimming around Pierce Lake with her young ones safely aboard her back. Skip said that when the osprey fly over, the mother grebe tucks the babies under her wings thinking that the fish-eating osprey is a hawk instead.

Jeannie Moody, Swan Valley, befriended a baby raven that had been tormented by a cat. Her feathered friend is now more a pet than she really wanted it to be, and eats dog food, cat food and hamburger. Pretty pampered bird, I'd say!

The Indian pond lilies are beginning to bloom on some of the warmer waters in the valley. The yellow flowers are about three inches across. According to the Audubon guide, the seeds were used by Indians and ground into flour.

The white water lilies on Salmon Lake, which are beginning to bloom, are not native to this area. Many years ago, according to local historians, a woman by the name of "Aunt Susan" came here to visit her brother who

resided at Legendary Lodge. From Boston she brought four fragrant water lilies in her suitcase and planted them in the lake. These white lilies, according to the Audubon field guide, have been similarly introduced throughout the West.

Saw Dale Jackson, Swan Valley, the other day and we talked a little bit about fishing. He mentioned that two years ago he caught a nice bunch of brook trout quite regularly in the little creek by his house, but that last year the trout were nearly non-existent. It so happened that a local trapper caught an otter last winter in a beaver set, and that maybe explains the disappearance of the fish. Hopefully there will be more brookies in there this year.

The paintbrush is blooming all along the Lindbergh Lake road. If you look close you'll still find some sego lilies, violets, and bluebells. The white daisies are abundant along the highway, and also where they are probably not wanted, in farmer's fields.

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Babysitting Clinic Friday

The Swan Valley Library is sponsoring a babysitting clinic for young people 10 years of age and older on Friday June 20, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the library.

Instructors will be Margaret Borko, Pediatric Nurse; Joyce Himes, QRU member; and Susan Cox, homemaker and librarian. Subjects taught will include basic child care, emergency first aid, babysitting etiquette and basic food preparation.

Students will be taught how to change both cloth and disposable diapers, how to heat food in a microwave, how to identify unsafe foods for babies, what to do in case of a fire, how to answer telephones and take messages and how to prepare simple snacks and meals.

Students will be provided with a babysitter's information form that they may use "on the job."

Reservations for the clinic are encouraged. Call 754-2521 (library) or 754-2454 (Cox residence).

CALENDAR

Seeley Lake School Board special meeting, June 19, 7:00p.m. Seeley Lake Elementary library

Wilderness Sportsman's Club, June 19, 7:30 pm at Lindey's, Seeley Lake

Condon/Swan Valley QRU, first and third Monday of the month, 7:30 pm.

Bingo, second and fourth Thursday each month, 7:00 pm, Seeley Lake Community Hall. Open to the public.

Senior Nutrition Program, Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday each week, 12:00 noon, Seeley Lake Community Hall.

Babysitting Clinic, June 20, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, Swan Valley Library

Five Valley Kennel Club Dog Show, Missoula, June 20-22.

Chamber of Commerce and Cheetah Herders Triathlon "Prairie to Peaks" Saturday June 21 beginning at Trixie's and finishing at Lindey's in Seeley lake.

Food Preservation Workshop, June 26, Seeley Lake High School, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

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Food Preservation Workshop To Be Held At Seeley Swan High School

A workshop will be held at Seeley Lake High School on Thursday, June 26 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. featuring video tapes on canning, freezing, drying, pickles and jams and jellies. The program is sponsored by the Missoula County Extension Service. Alice Dailey, Home Economist, will be assisted by Carley Boule, Seeley Lake Master Food Preserver.

Food preservation techniques and pressures have changed in the recent past and new guidelines have been established.

Pressure cookers and gauges may be checked at the workshop for safety and accuracy.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Call 721-4095 or 677-2562 for further information.

Dailey Will Present Recipes

Reducing fats in your diet and recipes will be the topic when Alice Dailey, Home Economist from Missoula, visits the TOPS club on June 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the REA building in Seeley Lake.

The program is free and open to the public.

Gymnastic Classes To Be Offered

Gymnastics classes for children age 5 and up will be offered June 23 through July at the old Seeley Lake high school gym, according to Marilyn Kuch, coordinator.

There will be 10 sessions offered, twice a week for five weeks. For more information, call 677-2143.

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CORNUCOPIA



by
Michele Potter

June is Dairy Month. Begun in 1937, the dairy month theme that year was "Keep Youthful - Drink Milk." Next year this annual salute to dairy foods and the dairy industry will celebrate 50 years!

Jeanne Moon submitted the recipe for this week's Cornucopia. Aunt Madelyn's "Crazy Cake" served with a glass of cold milk or a scoop of ice cream is a wonderful chocolate concoction!

Jeanne says, "This whole process sounds more difficult than it is. This cake lends itself to being built in stages. This is one of the things I like about it, as interruptions around here tend to be plentiful."

"The cake is easy to throw together (if you choose to hand mix, it can actually be mixed right in the 9x13 pan). I often make the cake early in the day and get to the frosting part when I can."

"In any event, whether this recipe seems easy or difficult to you, it's worth it!"

AUNT MADY'S

"Not-So-Secret-Anymore" CRAZY CAKE

Cake

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Mix together: 3 cups flour; 2 cups sugar; 1/3 cup cocoa; 2 teaspoons soda; 1 teaspoon salt; 1 teaspoon vanilla; 3/4 cup salad oil; 2 cups cold water. Lastly, add and mix well, 3 tablespoons white vinegar. Pour into ungreased 9x13 pan and bake for 30 minutes.

Creamy White Frosting

In a small saucepan, over medium heat, whisk together 3 tablespoons flour and 1/2 cup milk - cook and stir constantly until very thick. Let this mixture cool thoroughly. Cream together 1/2 cup butter and 1/2 cup sugar. Add "cooled" flour/milk mixture and whip until fluffy. Frost cake and refrigerate.

Chocolate Glaze

In a small saucepan melt together 3 tablespoons margarine and 2 ounces chocolate. Remove from heat and stir in 1 cup confectioners' sugar and 3/4 teaspoon vanilla. Add about 2 tablespoons hot water, 1 teaspoon at a time until glaze is the consistency of thick honey. Frost cake a second time with glaze. Keep cake stored in refrigerator.

Thanks, Jeanne.

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Jerry Williams advises Ryan Nemmers and David Williams about how to get the hooks out of their newly caught bluegills.

Lakers Win Tourney

The Seeley Lakers won the fastpitch softball tournament held in Seeley Lake last weekend. The top four teams--Lakers, Wilderness from Lincoln, Barney's and Avon--will advance to the Divisional Tournament, which is scheduled in Deer Lodge June 21 & 22. Two Helmville teams, the Helmvillians and the Copper Kings were eliminated in the tournament.

Softball Scores

Seeley Lake Co-ed Slow Pitch League

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Naturals - 16
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Slammers - 8

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1	0	5 & 5
1	0	Naturals
0	1	Filling Sun.
0	1	Swan Valley
0	1	ChickenHawks

Fishin' At The Pothole

"Fishin' at the Pothole," a children's fun day held Saturday in Seeley Lake and sponsored by the Wilderness Sportsman's Club, was a huge success, according to Frank Wolfram, Youth Officer for the group.

There were 29 contestants who caught a total of 308 fish. Winners in various categories and the prizes won are as follows:

Largest Fish
Age 12-15.

First Place, Spring Shoupe, Greenough, 11-1/8 inch bass; awarded a knife donated by Whitetail Cabins. Second Place, Steve Campbell, Seeley Lake, 9-3/4 inch perch; awarded a six pack of pop from the Wilderness Sportsman's Club.

Ages 9 to 11.

First Place Tim Jacobs, Seeley Lake, 10-1/2 inch bass; awarded two lures from the Seeley Lake Pharmacy. Second Place Chris Gehrke, Seeley Lake; awarded a six pack of pop from the Wilderness Sportsman's Club.

Ages 8 and under.

First Place Jesse Shoupe, Greenough, 7-inch bluegill; won a surprise package. Second Place David Williams, Seeley Lake, 6-1/8 inch bluegill, won a hook remover from the Seeley Lake Pharmacy.

Most Fish
Ages 12-15

First Place Steven Bernestraech, 27 fish, won a T-shirt from the Rendezvous. Second Place Steve Campbell, 18 fish, won a mini-pizza from Dominic's.

Ages 9-11

First Place Chris Gehrke, 31 fish, won two lures from Seeley Lake Pharmacy. Second Place, Tim Jacobs, 17 fish, won a mini-pizza from Dominic's.



Daniel Shoupe and Adrian Mantei admire their fish.

Ages 8 and under.

First Place Jesse Shoupe, 24 fish, won a mini-pizza from Dominic's. Second Place, Casey McManis, 12 fish, won a six pack of pop from Wilderness Sportsman's Club.

Smallest fish winner was Adrian Mantei with a four inch bluegill. He was awarded a six pack of pop from the Wilderness Sportsman's Club.

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Above: Thurston Dotson, DFWP, has plenty of "sidewalk supervision" while he plants McBrides at Big Larch last week. Below Right: "Oley" Olson, Seeley Lake, and the sole casualty of the operation.

Big Fish Planted at Big Larch

The only unusual thing about the pickup as it rolled to the boat ramp was the large oxygen cylinder standing upright in the bed. But inside the bed was a water tank containing a fisherman's dream - 130 two-pound McBride cutthroats. That was the scene last week Wednesday at the Big Larch campground in Seeley Lake. The plant was handled by Thurston Dotson, Manager of the Yellowstone River Trout Hatchery, and Emmett Colley, recent retiree from DFWP.

This was the first of several McBride plants scheduled for Seeley Lake this year. Approximately 300 more of the large McBrides (which are 3-year old fish) and 100,000 smaller McBrides (3-5 inches) are scheduled to become residents of Seeley Lake this summer.

Immediately after planting, the fish swarmed around the dock and were continually jumping. Obviously, they appreciated their newfound freedom. Dotson commented that this level of activity was not only unusual, but gratifying since "this is the payoff for all the years of care at the hatchery." Only one of the travelers didn't survive the trip.

At least one other didn't last much longer. A few hours after the plant, a young fisherman was observed at Dan's Discount proudly displaying one of the McBrides. He reported that they were still jumping around the dock.



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There is a \$5.00 holding deposit required at the time of the loan. For more information call 721-5805, or stop by the office during business hours at 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula.

Salmon Flies are a good bet this week in the Clearwater and Swan drainages. The water is going down in the lakes and rivers, so fishing should pick up this week.

If you're fly fishing, the old standards are best.

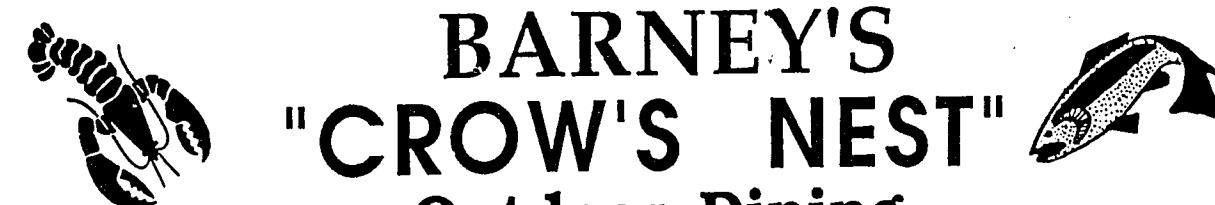
Cowbells and triple teasers are still the best bet for Kokanee salmon, although everyone seems to have their favorite lures this time of year.

The salmon fishing near Swan Lake is picking up, but the pike fishing seems to be slowing down. Many people in the Swan are starting to turn to the river for angling, and using more worms and nightcrawlers as the water clears. Lake fishing in general should improve this week as the water goes down.



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Everyone must make a similar choice regarding life. The sum total of life is determined by whether the goals are worthwhile or worthless. Jesus said, "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?" (Mark 8:36) To seek position, power or possessions for their own sake becomes a cold, shallow and selfish pursuit, and life is used up in the pursuing. At the end of life, there is only a pile of

perishables to show for it. The whole thing has been a bad bargain. Someone has been sold a barrelful of empty peanut shells.

To spare us from this fate, Jesus calls us to pursue him. He has called himself "the way, the truth, and the life." He is the way to go, the truth to know, and the life to grow. He promises to those who live in him and for him a life that includes such imperishables as joy, peace, forgiveness - that's not peanuts, and surely isn't peanut shells!

Here's a prayer you can use to tell God that you want what makes for most satisfaction and lasting meaning: "Heavenly Father, you know what constitutes real life. Lead me to that kind of life and through that kind of life. Help me, day by day, to discern the difference between the worthwhile and the worthless. Let my life have some of the glister that Jesus' life had. Amen."

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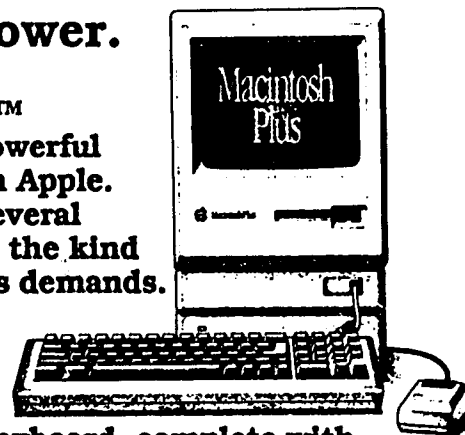
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The first community outdoor summer service will be held at the Big Larch campground Saturday evening, June 21st at 7:00 pm.

Pastor Rod Kvamme will conduct the service and share a message. Pastor Rob Morris, and his wife Ruth, of the Community Bible Church will present special music especially for children. Chris Williams, pastor of the Blackfoot Presbyterian parish, will also participate in the service.

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Sunday Worship Service 10:45-11:45 am
Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm
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Pastor Christopher Williams 677-2649
Sunday Service Seeley Lake 11:30
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The SOS Health Center has provided primary health care services to the communities of Seeley Lake, Swan Valley and Greenough since its birth as a rural health clinic in the early seventies. The Center has seen many changes over the years, perhaps the most important being the creation of a special hospital district in the late 1970s. The Center is well on its way to being self-supporting - a big change from the rural health clinic which was funded entirely by state and county money.

Budget figures from the past three years show that 53% of the money used to operate the Center comes from fees charged for services at the clinic. Over 30% of the total income is from the voted levy, which this year is \$25,000. The remaining percentage of income is from contracts with the county health department, Missoula county schools, rent paid by the optometrist for use of the Center, and donations.

Health workers at the Center saw a total of 418 people during the first quarter of 1986, with the bulk of the patients being children with flu, colds and other ailments, and patients seen at the blood pressure clinics in Seeley Lake and Condon.

The only remaining links with the county health department, since the creation of the special hospital district, are the public health care services contracted by the Center through the Missoula county school system and the county health department. These

services, conducted for the most part by an R.N., include well-baby checkups, immunizations, hypertension clinics, school-related physicals and eye, hearing and speech checkups.

Decisions for the Center are made by a five-member Board of Trustees who are elected to three-year, staggered terms. Trustees are Reuben Kauffman and Carole Schaffer, Swan Valley; and Kim Haines, Jan Nemmers and Marge Smith, Seeley Lake. Carole Schaffer was recently re-elected. Kim Haines and Reuben Kauffman will be up for reelection next spring.

The Center offers family-centered services provided by a team of health workers, including two registered nurses who have active experience in community health care: Wilma Nicholson and Dorothy Simpson. Wilma has been with the Center since its ambitious beginnings in the early seventies and, at times, has been the sole health care provider in the community.

"She (Wilma) has her whole heart into this community," according to Carole Schaffer. When the board decided to raise fees last year so they could continue to strive for self-sufficiency, Wilma, as always concerned about her patients, remained against the increases, according to Schaffer.

Dorothy Simpson compliments Nicholson's nursing services, because of her interest and qualifications in the area of obstetrics and gynecology. "It's her thing!" Nicholson said.

In the early days the clinic was operated out of a motel (now the Elk Horn Café) and provided public health care, direct care services and home health care. In 1973, a new health center was built on donated land with revenue sharing money from the state. A doctor began coming to the clinic once a week.



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Friday, the action begins with the Great Falls Dog Training Club obedience trial. Friday evening, the club will sponsor "A Night With The AKC" at Sentinel High School Little Theater. Saturday, the Electric City Kennel Club AKC dog show and obedience trial will last until 8:00 p.m. Sunday is the Five Valley Kennel Club show and trial, which begins at 7:30 a.m.

Anyone interested in the promotion, showing or breeding of purebred dogs may contact Misty Sarvis (677-2100) or Susan Bowker (677-2183) for more information about the Five Valley Kennel Club.

Story Hour For Kids

A pre-school story hour sponsored by the Seeley Lake PTA will be held on the oval next to Barney's on Thursday afternoons after the bookmobile is in Seeley Lake, from 1:00 to 2:00, beginning June 26. Sheila Devins, Seeley Lake, will be reading the stories. Bruce Burns, owner of Barney's, granted permission to use the oval for the activities, which are designed to promote listening skills and library use among young children.



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The Center provides funding for maintenance of the Seeley Lake ambulance for emergency service. QRU members are volunteers who are trained as EMT's through organizations such as the Red Cross.

Current board members hope that the community responds to SOS Center questions on the upcoming Community Attitude Survey, so that they can decide what direction to go with health care services in the community.

"If people want more specialists up here, we can try to do that. If they don't want any more services, then we won't have to worry about it," Schaffer said at a recent meeting.

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LOST & FOUND

LOST: Hannah, an 11-month-old Pitbull (small) with a docked tail. Last seen Thursday, May 29th on Seeley Lake around 7 pm. Reward offered. Call day or night. 677-2257. After 11 pm, 677-9244.

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The Camp Stamp program will make camping in the National Forests more convenient and economical than ever before, according to a recent news release from R. Max Peterson, Chief of the U.S. Forest Service.

Seeley Lake Ranger Station office hours are 8:00 to 4:30, Monday through Friday.

Missoula YWCA Sponsors Crafts, Dance Workshop For Children In Seeley Lake

Mind and Movement is a program offering instruction for children over 5 years of age in Arts and Crafts, Dance and Gymnastics to be held July 7 through 11 at the Seeley Swan High School auditorium. Classes will begin at 1:30 and last until 4:30.

The program is sponsored by Missoula YWCA and will cost \$10 per student. A minimum number of students is necessary for the program to be offered.

For more information contact the Seeley Lake Elementary School or Gwen Schneider, P.O. Box 504, Seeley Lake, MT 59868.

Water District Finds No Giardia In Recent Tests

Bud Anderson, Water District Manager, found no giardia in tests conducted on the Seeley Lake water system last week. The turbidity has also dropped to below 1.0.

This is the second test for giardia and other contaminants in the water this spring. An earlier test, during the period of high turbidity and excessive runoff into the lake, revealed 4 giardia cysts in 700 gallons of water.

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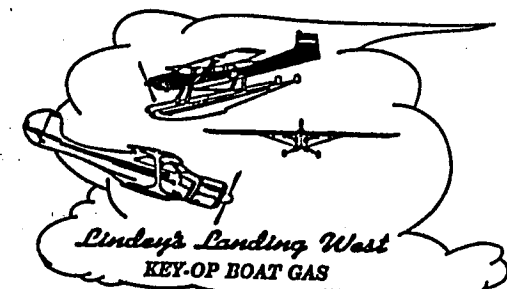
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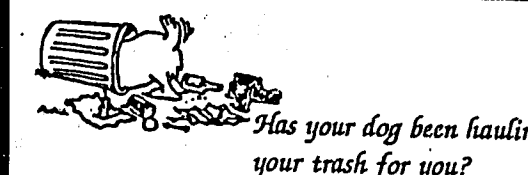
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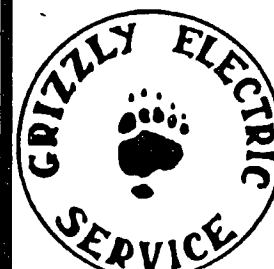
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Henry Brechbill never had much interest in becoming an artist, but friends like Judy Lease, Seeley Lake, and Ed Domer, Placid Lake, worked with him and convinced him that he could learn to paint. From those small beginnings six years ago, Brechbill has become a recognized artist whose oil paintings are very much in demand. He displayed three oil paintings at a recent art show in New Orleans, sponsored by the American Network of Disabled Artists, and sold a silhouette depicting a young boy walking along the lake, with a willow fishing pole over his shoulder, titled "Old Time Fishing."

Another painting he sent to the show, "Rawhide Pete" is a picture of a grinning cowboy. "I had a lot of fun with that cowboy," he said. "I could change the expression with just a few brush strokes."

Brechbill is a quadriplegic. He broke his neck in an auto accident in 1977, and is now paralyzed from his chest down. He has no movement in his hands or fingers and controls his arm movements with a special brace connected to his elbow and shoulder. He paints by using a "ratchet splint" which attaches to that brace. Marion, his wife, helps by placing the various brushes in the splint, and puts oil paints on the palette.

When he first started painting, he could only work for about 15 minutes, "then my shoulder would just give out," he said. "That very first painting took me all winter to finish." He gave that painting to Marion, and several people have tried to buy it from her. But it's not for sale, Brechbill said.

Today Brechbill can paint for up to four hours without a break and may complete 12 paintings in a single year.

"When I first started, I never thought I'd do a dozen in my life," he said. He credits the Lord for his new-found strength and says that his progress with oil painting has been a series of miracles.

For example, up until a year ago he was unable to raise his lower arm above the level of the arm rest on his wheel chair. But he prayed on it and one day he woke up and his arm seemed to have new strength. Today he can lift both arms to his mouth, and reach and pick up some objects that he never could before. "That was another miracle," he said.

Henry's walk with the Lord is a common experience among people who are close to nature. He worked in the woods for many years before his accident, and has always enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loves to paint landscapes, particularly snow scenes. He has displayed his work at the Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts Show, usually held in July, and has won several awards. He received a second place award for "people's choice" last year for a striking painting of the ocean. He would like to get out to more shows, such as the one in Lincoln (Art in the Park, in August) but he feels that setting up displays for the outdoor shows is more than he would ask his wife, Marion, to do.

Marion, a registered nurse, is Henry's arms, legs, and hands. "I don't know what I'd do without her," Henry said.

Henry Brechbill, Seeley Lake, displays a painting similar to the one which sold in New Orleans earlier this month.



Brechbill belongs to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and members have worked to help the Brechbills with projects like finishing the siding on their house and holding bake sales to help the family deal with overwhelming medical expenses.

Brechbills have lived in Seeley Lake for 31 years and are appreciative of the support they have received from their friends and family in the community.

"People here really care," Henry said. Family and friends have given Brechbill a new outlook on life through their support for his paintings. He has begun to dream again, and even went ice fishing last year on the frozen pond near Riverview Drive.

"I just rolled out there to watch," he said, and soon he got the idea that his son could help him rig up a pole by sticking one end in his shirt sleeve, and he started catching fish. "That was really fun," he said.

Brechbill recently attended Ed Domer's art display at a school in Missoula, and there he met a teacher from the VoTech who is also in a wheel chair. That person continues to hunt and fish with the aid of special equipment,

and he told Henry, "We can do anything anyone else can if we get the right equipment."

"I still love to be outdoors," Henry said with a smile, "and I can still fish when conditions are right."

Brechbill's experience as an artist has brought nature back to his life at a time when he had nearly convinced himself that he would never be able to enjoy his lifelong hobbies of hunting and fishing. Now he sees the wildlife and backcountry with an artist's eye - and a heart that wants to preserve their images on canvas.

Salmon Prairie Hires Ponce

Alice Ponce has been hired to teach at Salmon Prairie Elementary for the 1986-87 year. Ponce was a teacher at Swan Lake during 1985-86, according to District Clerk Carol Field.

Ponce will "co-teach" with Celestia Jasper. Each teacher will assist with all grades by teaching the subjects that they are best qualified to instruct.

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