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Glider Soars 400 Miles To Cross Continental Divide Near Condon

E.C. Welch soared from Ephrata, Washington across the Continental Divide between Condon and Benchmark on the east side of the Bob Marshall on Sunday, June 21. Welch then glided back to Seeley Lake, landed, and met his wife for a little celebration.

"Your mountains here are beautiful to soar," Welch said in a conversation on Monday. "The conditions are excellent for updrafts." Later he elaborated, saying "I don't think I lost a foot of altitude along the tops of the ridges all the way. I'll give a spectacular report (to the Seattle Glider Council) about conditions here."

Welch, who soars in a German-made, one-man, high performance glider, was challenged by Jack Olson of Boeing Aircraft, to fly from Ephrata and cross the Continental Divide.

Jack Olson is a renowned artist with paintings of space stations and aircraft on display at the Smithsonian. He offered a personalized painting of the first glider to cross the Continental Divide on a continuous flight from Washington. The prize has been outstanding for six years. Ironically, on Sunday, June 21, two gliders soared across the Divide from Ephrata.

Earl Pace, also a member of the Seattle Gliders Council, crossed the Divide between Lincoln and Helena, and landed at Helena. Before the two gliders lost radio contact, Pace told Welch to "Check that place out (Seeley Lake). It's a candidate for our trip next year."

Pace organizes an annual glider's trip for the club (Seattle Gliders Council) which has about 30-40 members. In August this year they are planning to spend a few days in Thompson Falls. However, E.C. Welch's enthusiasm about gliding conditions may persuade the club to gather here.

His enthusiasm is catching. The sleek, slender glider drew a crowd at the Seeley Lake airport last weekend. At Ephrata, the glider was towed to an altitude of 1,000 to 2,000 feet by a plane; from that altitude the glider can soar on thermal updrafts.

The weather on June 21 was perfect

for soaring, according to E.C.'s wife, Lea Welch. "Glider is guided by those fluffy white 'cumulus' clouds. Those clouds are created by the thermals, so a glider can just follow the clouds," she said. Thermals, she explained, are created when the sun heats the ground and a "bubble of hot air" rises and takes the glider up with it. These waves, as they are called, can lift the glider to altitudes of 7,000 feet or more.

Lea Welch drove to Seeley Lake with a trailer behind their pickup to haul the glider home. The wings are taken off the glider so that it will transport easily.

The wing span of the glider is 65 feet and the craft weighs about 1000 pounds. The pilot is guided by audio controls which modulate at increasing or decreasing rates to indicate speed, and changes in pitch to indicate altitude.

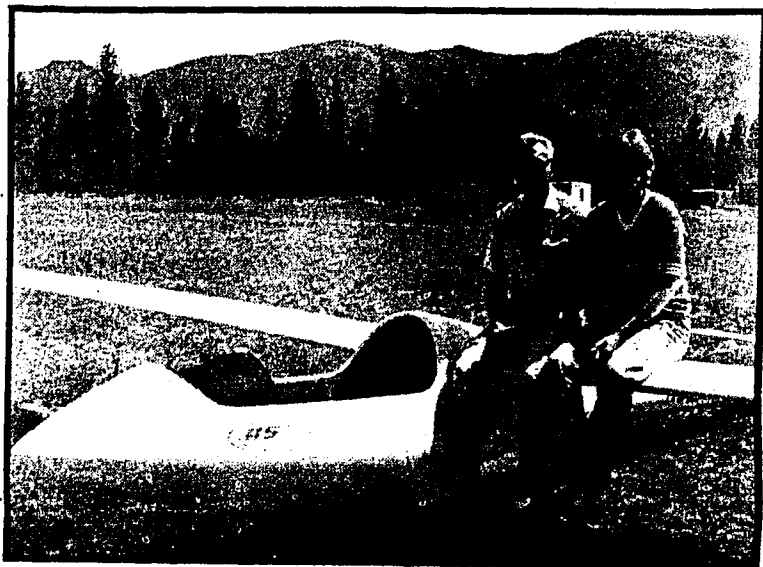
The glider has only one wheel, so when it lands "It's a bit like being a bicycle," Lea Welch laughed, saying that the glider will tip to one side or the other when it slows and stops.

Glider, E. C. Welch explained, were perfected in Germany after World War I when the Germans were not allowed to fly motorized aircraft. They needed a way to train their pilots, so they turned to gliders, Welch said. "To this day, the Germans still make the best gliders," he said.

E.C. Welch has been flying planes since World War II when he was stationed at Wright Field. He has been soaring in gliders as a hobby for the past 15 years. He purchased the glider he piloted to Seeley Lake in 1973.

SPECIAL SESSION UPDATE

Legislators have so far recovered about \$37 million through legislation supporting some of the governor's 5% across-the-board cuts. That leaves Montana still \$69 million in the red. It appears that Fish, Wildlife and Parks will not receive the 5% cut. Regarding the sliding gas tax, Janet Moore has backed off of her proposal and has submitted a research request to the legislative council to deal with the issue at the next regular session.



E.C. Welch and his wife, Lea, with their glider.

New Survey Questions Surface At Condon Community Meeting

About a dozen Swan Valley residents questioned members of the Community Attitude Survey Steering Committee at a meeting held Thursday, June 19 at Swan Valley Community Hall in Condon.

Bud Moore, Condon, is concerned that the survey questions so far do not address any environmental or natural resources issues. Others present at the meeting agreed.

Moore pointed out that the Forest Service and Plum Creek have a large impact on lifestyles of residents in the Swan Valley and questions about their land use policies should be addressed in the survey.

The Community Attitude Survey Committee, a group formed last winter, is composed of members of eight local "governing" boards which are seeking information from area residents in an effort to improve services provided by the boards. Board members on the steering committee were selected from the Seeley Lake water district, the refuse district, the fire district, the special hospital district (SOS Health Center), and four school districts.

The survey is being funded by \$2200 from Missoula County, \$800 from the State, and approximately \$300 from each board.

Others at the meeting voiced concern about the possible survey methods. Most were opposed to a telephone survey in the Swan Valley because many people in the valley work

outside, are away from phones or do not have phones at all.

About seven people said they would volunteer to help gather information for the survey, which will be conducted from August 11 through 15, 1986.

Some preliminary questions to be asked of area residents by the attitude survey are:

1. Does the Seeley Lake water system need to be improved to meet minimum standards?

2. Is there support for a sewer system in Seeley Lake?

3. Is there a need for expanded medical facilities such as well-baby clinics in Condon, or more specialists at the clinic in Seeley?

4. Should the community/area grow?

5. Should there be a forum for better communication?

6. Should the refuse service area be expanded to include those areas not currently being served?

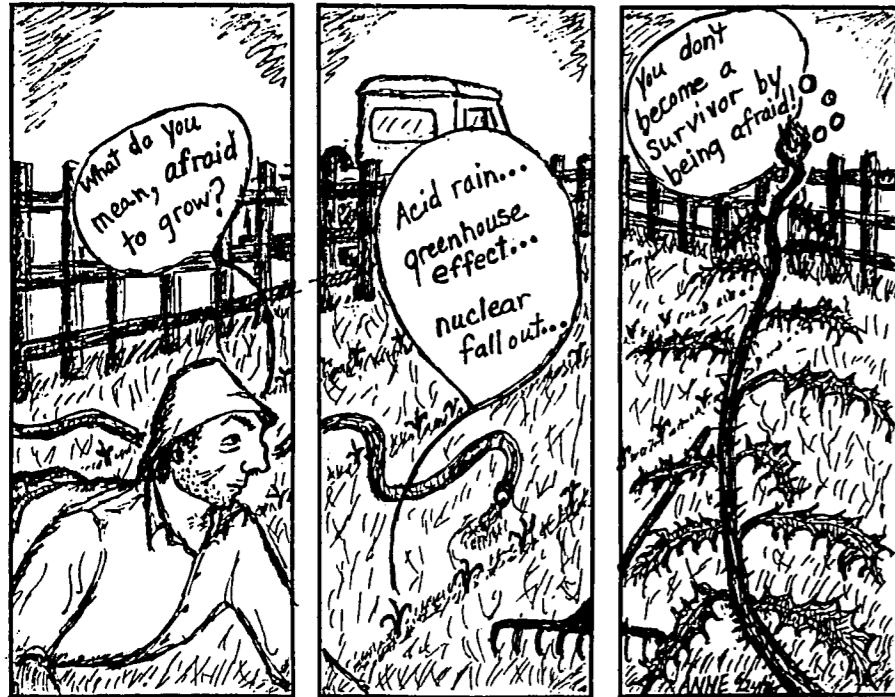
7. Is there a need for self-imposed land use regulations?

8. What about the role of the Chamber of Commerce in community affairs?

9. Are school extra-curricular activities meeting the needs of the community?

10. Is there a need for organized teen activities after school hours and on weekends?

11. Would you like to have a cemetery for the Seeley-Swan area?



The Fine Art of Moving, Selling, Keeping or Pitching

By Pearl Morton

"You're not taking that table to a rummage sale?"

"Well, will it fit in a "motor home?"

"No, but we'll have a house someday."

"Okay. Put it in the Blue Room. That's all the stuff that goes into Mini Storage."

"Honey, remember the ton of Mormon's Hog Mineral I had to buy at one time to get that table as a premium?"

"Yes, darling, I remember because I had to give up a new wheelbarrow until the next year. We'll just have to keep it."

Moving Ideas: Set out a row of empty boxes, pitch all like things in one box, then sort the boxes--"keepers" and "rummage sale". Then consolidate all keepers and all rummage. You'll get so tired you'll take it to the dump. That's only handling it once.

If you haven't used it for over a year, Pitch It!

"But if we move to a different climate we can use it there!"

"Why do we have three sets of ice tongs?"

"We used them in Minnesota."

"Do you 'spose we'll use them in New Mexico?"

"Well, we can hang 'em over the garage door."

Memories are made of this! To look in the Blue Room, you'd think we were "Real Drunks." What the Heck! Liquor Boxes are strong and not so big you need a crane to lift them or should we call in Mayflower Van Lines? They'll even pack and move the ashes in an ash tray and we can go fishing at Upsata Lake, the perch are biting.

Best Idea Yet! It's easy but rather expensive. "Let's dig worms. We really don't have to move until August."

Dig, Dig, Dig. "Here's a big one! Say Honey, do you know, three quarts of cherries won't fit where three quarts of Gordon's Vodka fits?"

Look out "fishies," here we come!

(Editor's Note: Paul and Pearl Morton recently sold their home in the Swan Valley where they have lived for years. They have been married 49 years this June and are planning on retiring in New Mexico. They are now faced with sorting, pitching and moving nearly five decades of accumulated antiques, tools and just plain junk, according to Pearl. Much of their gatherings will be sold at a consignment auction in Seeley Lake on June 28.)

OPINION

Budgetary Woes...

seem to be the topic of the day. The news from all quarters of government is grim: the sky is falling and the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction act is to blame, or so we are told. Of course, Montana's budget problems have their origins in a number of areas apart from the prospect of Gramm-Rudman, including the decline in oil prices and interest rates, and a generally soft economy leading to a shortfall in tax revenues. Nonetheless, Gramm-Rudman is an important consideration for the state (and county). And it is important for us. Assuming that Gramm-Rudman survives court challenges, its effects will inevitably flow through to our community and impair our ability to finance needed infrastructure. Accordingly, some observations may be in order.

1) Some of the anguish we are hearing from various bureaucrats and politicians can safely be taken with a grain of salt. This is neither the first nor last budget crunch, but the howls of pain are always the same. The fact is that there is not a single government entity (federal, state, or local) which can't stand a little careful trimming. This is a reality which every taxpayer intuitively understands.

2) Let us not lose sight of what brought Gramm-Rudman into being: the annual catastrophe of \$200 billion deficits. As Everett Dirksen was fond of observing, sooner or later that sort of thing can add up to some "real money." If the sky ever does fall, it will be because of spending excesses, not

savings excesses. Something was needed and Gramm-Rudman has been prescribed.

3) The problem with Gramm-Rudman is that it is indiscriminate: everything is cut, regardless of whether the cuts are appropriate or logical. Further, programs or agencies that have previously sustained deep cuts are treated the same as those which carry a lot of budgetary fat. Gramm-Rudman is a kind of legislative "robot" whose virtue is that it spares members of Congress the political risks of getting involved in specific budget problems. This would seem to be an abdication of legislative responsibility - an inability to set priorities.

4) The root of the above problem could well lie in the budgetary reforms adopted by Congress in the early 70's. One of the effects of these reforms was to reduce the authority of then-powerful committee chairmen (power which was frequently abused). What we seem to have ended up with is 500 "loose cannons" in Congress who are unable to agree on budget priorities and who have brought us the ongoing spectacle of a government funded by stop-gap budget resolutions. Congress needs to take a hard look at its budgeting process. Wishful thinking, perhaps, but responsible reforms could lead to a considerable lessening of the pain for communities such as ours.

- Dick Potter

Seeley Lake Parade Set For 1:00 July 4

The annual Fourth of July Parade, sponsored by the Seeley Condon Chamber of Commerce, will kick off at 1:00 p.m., Friday, July 4, 1986. The parade route will begin at the Seeley Lake Community Hall and travel south on Highway 83 to 1st Valley Bank. The theme of this year's parade is "Recreation in Montana."

Prizes will be awarded to winning parade entrants in the following categories: Overall Best Float: 1st place-\$100; 2nd place-\$50; 3rd place-\$25. Best Commercial Float: Traveling Trophy. Ribbons and gift certificates will be awarded in the following categories: Best Single Entrant, Best Children's Entrant, Best Animal Entrant (single), Best Animal Group, Best Horse. Entrants will be judged on adherence to theme, quality, originality, effort, fitting to this area, and, in the case of commercial floats, fitting to the business represented. Persons or groups wishing to enter the parade should contact the Chamber office at 677-2880.

Immediately following the parade, a concert will be held on Barney's "green." The Mission Mountain Messengers and Swan Valley Christian Singers will combine their voices in chorus, and the "Barstool Four" barbershop quartet also will offer several selections. Parade awards and prizes will be announced after the concert.

Following the concert will be a western "shoot-out" staged by the Wilderness Renegades from the Seeley Lake area.

The Salebration outdoor market will open at 9:00 a.m. and run all day July 4 and 5. Booths will be set up in the lot adjacent to the Chamber office. Booth space is available at \$2/foot for the sale of household items, arts and crafts, antiques, etc.

An auction featuring the Amateur Auction Contest will be held Saturday, July 5, at 1:00 p.m. Linda Weaver will conduct the auction.

For further information contact the Seeley-Condon Chamber of Commerce.

POTOMAC NOTES

Joe and Hettie Coburn of Potomac will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, June 28 at the Potomac Community Center beginning at 4:00 p.m. Friends are invited to join in the activities.

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QRU Plans Barbecue, Dance, July 3 In Condon

The Condon/Swan Valley Quick Response Unit has scheduled a barbecue and dance beginning at 5:30 p.m. on July 3 at the Swan Valley Community Hall in Condon.

Drawings for donated prizes will be held throughout the evening. Some of the prizes include an eight-foot picnic table, hand-made knife, family portrait, airplane ride, horseback ride, canoe ride, wind chimes, video rental with two movies, haircut, large pizza, bird feeder, pony keg and more.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and "all the fixin's" will be served, followed by the dance at 8:00 p.m. featuring hand-clapping, foot-stomping music from the Missoula Bluegrass Band, according to Ellie Greenough, QRU spokesperson.

The barbecue dinner is \$3 per plate with a discount for children under 5. Admission for the dance is \$2. Raffle tickets are \$1. All proceeds go toward QRU expenses, as this is their main fundraiser of the year, according to Greenough.

O-Mok-See Plans Finalized

Swan Valley residents are finalizing plans for the Fourth of July O-Mok-See to be held at the arena next to the Swan Valley Community Library. The O-Mok-See will begin at 11:30 a.m. on the Fourth.

Events will include a keyhole race, barrel racing, pole bending, barrel and stake, arena race, tire crawl-through and relay race. There is a \$1.00 event fee.

Charlie Goff will be the announcer. Contact Dale Terrillion at 754-2480 or Dixie Parker at 754-2416 for more information. Entry sheets will be available at local businesses.

Swan Valley

Chelle Schaeffer, daughter of Dick and Carole Schaeffer, Holland Lake, just returned from a trip to France where she studied the French language as part of her requirements for a language degree in French. Chelle also is majoring in Business Administration at Seattle University.



Olson, McNally Return From Girls State

Heidi Olson and Colleen McNally returned from Girls State in Helena earlier this month with some special insights into the world of politics and legislative processes.

Girls State is an annual, week long session sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary to promote interest and education in the areas of state and city government. Girls who are juniors in high school are selected by the Auxiliary to attend. This is the first year that two girls have attended from Seeley Swan. Historically, only one girl from Seeley has attended. Jackie Gossard was this year's runner-up.

There were 300 girls participating in the mock legislative and city elections. They learned about

Senate and House caucuses, parliamentary procedures, how to vote, mock court sessions, passing bills through the legislature, and amending bills.

"My favorite part was meeting all the girls," Heidi Olson said. Colleen McNally agreed, saying that there were girls from "every little town" in Montana.

Neither Heidi nor Colleen seem too anxious to go into politics at this stage of their lives. The experience at Girls State helped them to understand the complex world of state government, and also to get a glimpse of the sometimes boring, sometimes challenging maze of laws and regulations which govern our states, cities and towns.

Olson and McNally also toured the State Capitol, listened to a presentation by Fish, Wildlife, and Parks specialists who brought a baby grizzly bear for the group to see, and participated in law enforcement seminars in Helena.

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Business of the Week COUNTRY THINGS



Geri and Frank Nether-ton bought the building where "Country Things" is now located in the early 1980s, thinking that they would use it "later" when they retired. When Geri's job with Plum Creek was one of 100 or more eliminated in the area, their plan changed and they opened the gift and antique shop a little ahead of schedule.

"The cloud really was

silver-lined," Geri said, and she believes the venture is the best thing that could have possibly happened. "It is so rewarding to live in such a beautiful area and be able to work at a job you really enjoy too!" she said.

Country Things carries a large assortment of Made in Montana items, including many that are crafted locally. They have also added clothing such as swimsuits, shorts, cotton dresses and shirts. Country Things also sells gourmet coffee, herbal teas and assorted gift packages of Montana made foods.



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Milt and Scotty Fahrenthold are campground hosts at the Seeley Lake Ranger District this summer.

Campground Volunteers Enjoy Working in Montana

Milt and Scotty Fahrenthold volunteered to work at the Seeley Lake Ranger District this summer because "We wanted to serve our country," Scotty said. "I think of that line that Kennedy said, 'Think not what your country can do for you, but think what you can do for your country,'" Scotty recalled.

The Fahrentholds are from San Antonio, Texas, are both retired, and have been married for 42 years. They are members of the Good Sam Club, and saw a notice in the club's publication

that the Seeley Lake Ranger District was looking for volunteers to help with various outdoor duties on the District during the busy summer months.

Milt and Scotty were chosen along with two other couples now working, and eleven others who will participate in the program throughout the summer. The Ranger District received 80 responses from people who wanted to volunteer this summer. The other couples also living in their motor homes at the Ranger Station are Ray and Marge Ivey and Jim and Sally Plew, all from Tucson, Arizona.

The Fahrentholds mow lawns, clean campgrounds, provide some visitor information and generally "work hard" according to Dolly Hill, receptionist at the station. "You have to call them in for breaks," Hill laughed.

Ties That Bind Us State Forest Fire Protection

Forty-four fires have been reported to the Montana Department of State Lands so far this year and approximately 50 acres have burned in the Missoula-Clearwater areas, according to Tim Murphy, Chief of the Fire Management Bureau in Missoula.

The State forestry division provides fire protection for the Blackfoot-Clearwater-Swan drainages within specified boundaries. The Clearwater Unit covers half a million acres and is bordered by Drummond and Nevada Reservoir to the south, Lincoln to the east, and Cedar Lane on the north edge of the community of Seeley Lake. (The Forest Service, Seeley Lake Ranger District, covers the area from Cedar Lane north to the Swan-Clearwater divide on the Summit.)

In the Swan, the Department of State Lands covers from the crest of the Missions to the crest of the Swan Range, and from Van Lake north to the South Lost Creek Road - approximately 80,000 acres. Half of this is state land, the rest is Forest Service and Plum Creek, with about 2% small private landowners, according to Glen Grey, State Forester on the Swan River Unit. (The area from Van Lake south to the Summit is covered by the Forest Service, Swan Lake Ranger District, with a seasonal work force stationed at the Condon Work Center.)

The Clearwater Unit of the Montana Department of State Lands has entered into cooperative agreements with the Seeley Lake Rural Fire District, the Missoula Rural Fire District and the Forest Service in an effort to provide uniform protection for all the "wildland, urban interface" areas, according to Paul May, State Forester for the Missoula area.

All firefighters are now trained according to the Incident Command System (ICS) which was instituted a few years ago in an attempt to standardize training, eliminate duplication by various agencies, save money and provide more efficient fire protection. State, county and federal firefighters receive training that includes briefings on how to fight structural fires and how to protect homes in the path of a wildland fire, in addition to standard wildland firefighting techniques.

May estimated that landowners pay approximately 17 cents an acre for State fire protection with a minimum of \$12 assessed to owners of smaller land parcels.

The Missoula-Clearwater units had a severe fire season last year, and the legislature, during a special session in

March 1986, appropriated more than \$3 million to cover State firefighting expenses incurred last year.

"A good 75% of that figure was Missoula-Clearwater areas," according to Tim Murphy. The annual cost of firefighting in the Missoula-Clearwater areas is \$700,000 - a figure compiled from a ten year average, Murphy said.

The State uses air patrols daily to assess current fire situations. In addition, manned lookouts this year include Union Peak in the Garnet Range, Monture (manned only during high fire danger), and Saddle Mountain near Drummond. In the Swan, Napa Peak near Swan Lake is also manned.

The federal Forest Service mans Cooney Lookout in the Swan and Morrell Lookout in the Clearwater drainage. A volunteer may be working at Double Arrow Lookout later this summer.

Vehicle patrols are conducted regularly by fire crews, depending on fire danger, according to Paul May.

On the Clearwater unit, initial attack on most fires is done with a four-wheel drive truck with a 200-gallon water tank, manned by seasonal firefighters. In addition to these vehicles and crews, there is a 1200-gallon water tender available at Lincoln, which is manned by Bruce Reid. (The Clearwater Unit added a "satellite" station at Lincoln, and increased their area of coverage by about 100,000 acres, according to Colin Moon, fire management technician. This area had been protected by the Lincoln Ranger District for a time but, because of increasing federal costs, was returned to the State.)

Steve Wallace, Clearwater Unit Manager, and Colin Moon become involved with initial attack on a fire when conditions such as weather, terrain, overall fire danger and location of the fire merit special attention. They also have authority to call in an overhead team on fires where conditions may warrant more manpower.

"Mopping up" is the actual "putting out" of the fire, according to Moon. Firefighters spend many hours working at the dirty, time-consuming job. "It's a very necessary part of fire-fighting," Moon said.

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CALENDAR

June 26 -- Rural Fire District meeting at the Fire Hall next to Barney's. 7:30 p.m. Finalize budget, discuss position of half-time manager and new fire truck.

June 26 -- Alice Dailey at Seeley Swan High School, Food Preservation Workshop all afternoon

June 28 -- Consignment Auction sponsored by Rendezvous, 10:30 a.m. on Barney's Green

July 3 - QRU Barbecue and Dance. Swan Valley Community Hall in Condon

July 4 -- Swan Valley parade 10:00 a.m. O-Mok-See afternoon. Seeley Lake parade 1:00 p.m. Concert, awards following parade.

July 4 & 5 -- Seeley Lake "Sale-bration" all day

July 7 -- Refuse Board 7:30 p.m. REA building.

July 8 -- Swan Valley Elementary School Board

July 10 -- Deadline for preregistration for art classes at Holland Lake Lodge

Senior Nutrition Program, Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday at noon, Seeley Lake Community Hall

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

July 9, Community Survey Committee meeting, REA building, 7:00 p.m.

Dairy Heifers Donated

Heifer Project International, a non-profit church-related development agency, recently announced a plan which will allow farmers to donate dairy cattle which would otherwise be slaughtered under the federal Dairy Termination Program. Under the plan, dairy farmers can donate young heifers to HPI and the cattle will be sent to countries where the milk is needed.

For more information contact HPI, Northwest Regional Office, P.O. Box 126, Ceres, CA 95307, phone (209) 537-8996 or 538-7055. A local contact is volunteer Edward Hanks at Wapato, Washington, (509) 877-6413. Hanks advises people who are interested to contact the Ceres, California address for written information, but he says he can provide brief information about the program over the phone.

Grand Opening At Saloon

June and Dan Savage, owners of the Saloon, were here last week for the Grand Opening of the Saloon. June and Dan operated the Saloon from 1979 to 1984. The Saloon changed hands for a time, but is now operated as Savage Inc. of Seeley Lake, according to June Savage.

New Hospital Program Will Help Senior Citizens With Medical Bills

St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula, is now offering a program where the hospital will pay all or part of the deductible portion of a hospital bill for senior citizens, according to Doug Campbell, board member of the Montana Senior Citizens Association, District 11.

Campbell was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting and potluck for the Sela Senci (Seeley Lake Senior Citizens) group on June 18.

The Senior Services Program will pay all or part of the \$492 deductible of the Medicare Part A co-insurance plan. Percentage paid depends on income. For example, a senior citizen whose income was \$7000 or less would not have to pay the deductible. An individual with an income of \$11,000 and over would receive only a 10% discount in the deductible. The discounts are on a sliding scale depending on income.

Campbell said that the program is new to Western Montana, but that a similar program has been in place in Great Falls for three years. The program not only helps senior citizens, but also boosts hospital admissions. Campbell indicated that some senior citizens are reluctant to seek medical care when they need it because of the high deductible costs.

The Senior Services Program will also offer assistance in processing health care bills, free annual health risk screenings, free quarterly wellness seminars, free educational seminars and materials on Medicare benefits and choosing the right supplemental insurance policies, free transportation to and from St. Patrick Hospital within a 10-mile radius Monday through Friday, and a personal senior services card that will help individuals with admission paperwork at the hospital.

Campbell expressed pride in the Senior Citizens Association which negotiated the agreement with St. Patrick Hospital, and said that the MSCA is a "politically active" group compared to other senior organizations. According to Association literature, "the mission of the MSCA is to empower and organize senior citizens to take control over decisions that affect their lives and to improve the social and economic well-being of Montana's senior citizens."

More information can be obtained by contacting St. Patrick Hospital, or Sam Moore, chairman, Sela Senci in Seeley Lake.

CORNUCOPIA



by Michele Potter

What dairy product is also known as: Dutch cheese, pot cheese, smearkase (or smiercase, Pennsylvania Dutch), New York or country-style cheese, California, Frisco, popcorn, or flake cheese? Cottage Cheese!

Made in home kitchens all over Europe for centuries, the name "cottage" came to be because the housewife made the cheese in her own cottage to utilize the milk remaining after the cream had been skimmed from it for butter-making. And the first cheese made in America was cottage cheese - it was a part of the earliest settlers' diet.

Cottage Cheese provides high percentages of protein, riboflavin (B2) and calcium. A one-half cup serving provides about the same amount of protein as two ounces of cooked, lean meat, fish, or poultry. A one-half cup serving of cottage cheese is about equal in calcium to a one-fourth cup portion of milk.

Cottage Cheese is highly perishable - it should be kept clean, covered and cold. Use it soon after purchase; it may be kept in the refrigerator about a week unless the "use by" date indicates otherwise.

And, Cottage Cheese really is pretty versatile....

Ways with Cottage Cheese

- at breakfast "as is" or topped with fruit . . . spread on breakfast breads plain or with jam or jelly . . . blended into scrambled eggs, muffins, pancakes.
- as an appetizer or relish, a salad component or side dish, as sandwich filling. Flavor it with chopped fresh herbs or tangy vegetables . . . crushed or chopped fruit . . . chopped pickles, olives, nuts, peanuts . . . grated or crumbled cheese . . . cooked meat cubes or bacon bits . . . spices and seasonings.
- blended into potato salad . . . in a cheese-gelatin ring with fruit, vegetables, or seafood . . . on a salad plate with fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, poultry, eggs, nuts, other cheeses.
- in economical main dishes - lasagna . . . manicotti . . . cottage cheese-bacon-onion pie or "quiche" . . . goulash with beef or sliced frankfurters, macaroni, tomatoes, onion . . . in a casserole with cooked, diced meat, noodles, green pepper, and a milk-rich sauce.
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Thanks to the National Dairy Council for the above information.

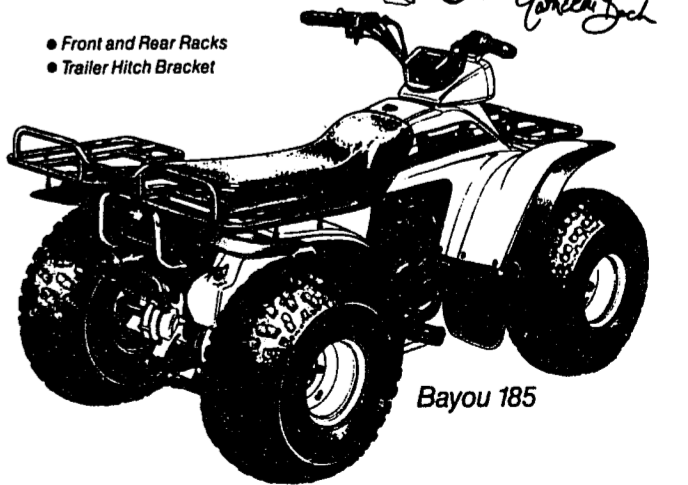
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Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

The beargrass is about done blooming. I'm not real fond of the stuff because it plays heck with my sinuses, but it has been gorgeous this year. We even got national attention. *Time* magazine had beargrass on the front cover two weeks ago. The *Missoulian* even saw fit to put a color photo on the front page last week. Some of the beargrass blooms every year, but most of the plants reach peak blooming in five to seven year cycles.

The summer flowers are everywhere and I couldn't begin to name them all. There is the red-orange Indian paintbrush (my favorite), the violets, lupine, larkspur and clover which are all shades of blue, the yellow "sunflowers"--arrowleaf balsamroot, mules ears, heartleaf amica and common sunflower, and the white flowers including thimbleberry, yarrow, strawberries, daisies, cow parsnip and water hemlock (deadly poisonous). I noticed some of the less desirable flowers this week: knapweed, musk thistle and leafy spurge.

Saw a nesting pair of mountain bluebirds at Double Diamond Guest Ranch last week. Several pairs are also nesting in the Clearwater Junction area.

The whitetail fawns are about ten days old now. Paul Morton's "pet" doe came in the yard the other day, stomped her feet and snorted to get his attention. She had her new baby with her and wanted to show him off!

My husband, Sheldon, had to stop the pickup in the middle of the road the other morning to let a whitetail doe coax her new baby across the pavement. The fawns are a beautiful sorrel-red now, with white spots all over their backs.

The Kearneys and the Laufers, who live on the Summit, were surprised one afternoon last week by a cinnamon bear which was being chased through the timber by the family dog.

The huckleberries are looking good. Plenty of green berries; now, if the good Lord would be kind enough to send some rain, we will be picking buckets of the purple fruit by mid-July.



Gretchen Merrill is congratulated after finishing the bicycle portion of the Prairie To Peaks Triathlon in Seeley Lake on Saturday.

Cheetah Herders/Chamber Sponsor Successful Triathlon

Entries for the 1986 Prairie to Peaks Triathlon doubled this year compared to 1985, according to Gwen Schneider, secretary for the Seeley Condon Chamber of Commerce. There were 21 teams competing. Race chairmen were Grant Lindemer and Pat Caffrey, Seeley Lake.

The event began near Trixie's Saloon in Ovando with runners who ran 4.5 miles to the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, where paddlers navigated canoes downriver to the Scotty Brown fishing access site. Then there was the "pass run" of 1.5 miles to the Highway 200 junction. There the cyclists took over and raced to the finish line at Lindey's parking lot in Seeley Lake.

Winning teams were as follows: Windbag Saloon, racing division, men.

Three Blind Mice, racing division, women.

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Hypothermic Aardvarks, standard division, mixed.

Dick Idol Company, standard division women (three members from Seeley Lake)

Jim Buckley, solo division, men.

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Swan Lake Boasts Pike, Salmon Fisheries

Swan Lake is popular this time of year for northern pike and, later in the summer, for kokanee salmon, according to Scott Rumsey, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Kalispell office.

"I've seen pike up to 25 pounds come out of Swan Lake," he said. The pike spawn in the spring at the south end of the lake in the shallow areas near the inlets of the wildfowl protection area.

A Bonneville Power Administration study of the feasibility of hydro electric sites in the Swan Valley in 1983-84 cited harvest numbers of specific game fish species. During that time, 1,238 northern pike were caught with an average length of 24.1 inches. This compares with 14,400 kokanee salmon that averaged 9.4 inches long.

Of course, pike and salmon aren't the only game fish in the lake. The greatest numbers of fish caught in gill net surveys in April 1984 were (in order of catch numbers) bull trout, rainbow trout, and mountain whitefish. The numbers would differ depending on the season, Rumsey said.

Other game fish introduced to the lake since 1950 are largemouth bass and brook trout. West slope cutthroat, bull trout and mountain whitefish are native to the drainage, he said.

The Kalispell office of MFWP has received many requests over the years to improve the rainbow trout fishery in Swan Lake. MFWP is trying to maintain genetic diversity of the west slope cutthroat population in the lake and is currently looking at planting sterile trout in the lake, which will grow faster than the Arlee hatchery rainbows and will not interbreed with the native cutthroat. Some hatcheries sterilize rainbow and cutthroat eggs during the incubation process, Rumsey pointed out.

MFWP plants about 50,000 small (2-4 inch) west slope cutthroat annually in Swan Lake. Between 1930 and 1982, 350,000 rainbow trout and over three million west slope cutthroat were planted in the lake.

In the BPA survey, mentioned previously, there were 284 rainbow trout caught that averaged 11.5 inches in length. Two hundred and thirty eight cutthroat were caught in that same period and averaged 11.6 inches long.

Rainbow and cutthroat eat plankton and insects during the summer months. Bull trout feed on plankton until they reach about 12 inches long, when they start eating other fish. Northern pike are fish eaters, and "will eat almost any other fish species in the lake," according to Rumsey. And, as any seasoned angler knows, pike love diversity in their menu. Small frogs used as bait will draw the big ones at the right time of year. Smelt are also common bait for the larger "fish-eating" fish, such as bull trout.



Mike Nicholls, Helena, is visiting Seeley Lake and the Swan Valley for a couple of weeks, before heading to the west coast. Mike began his journey last week in Helena, and is "more or less looking for work." He figures that traveling the country by horseback is a good, economical way to enjoy the outdoors. He is riding Bonnie whose colt, "Zion," is traveling with the group, which includes "Clyde," the fifteen-year old buckskin packhorse, and "Soldier," Mike's German Shepherd.

More McBrides Planted in Seeley Lake Last Week

About 250 two- and three-pound McBride Cutthroat were planted in two batches last week in Seeley Lake near the Big Larch Campground.

The temperature of the lake water was about 70 degrees, much warmer than the temperature of the holding tank, which was in the low 50's (the temperature which the fish are accustomed to). Consequently, considerable time was spent "tempering" the water in the holding tank before planting the fish. The tempering helps to prevent transplanting shock.

The McBrides were retired brood stock from the Yellowstone River Trout Hatchery. These fish marked the completion of the mature McBride plants scheduled for Seeley this year.

FISHING REPORT

Jim West, Seeley Lake, caught a 7-1/2 pound rainbow out of Seeley Lake last week. He was using "hardware" but wouldn't give out any details!

Several species of fish are spawning now that the water has warmed up. The small sunfish and the bass were laying eggs and "nesting" around Lindey's dock last week.

Salmon fishing has picked up considerably, and so has the bass fishing. Trout are still elusive in the lakes--you just have to find the right lure or bait combination to get their attention. Triple teasers and cowbells are favorites.

A few people are catching the nice McBride cutthroat planted in Seeley Lake and Lake Inez the past couple of weeks. They are about two to three pounds in size.

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Submitted by Mark E. Meissner, President Seeley Lake LDS

(Note: The following is an edited text of an address given by President Thomas S. Monson of the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at the 12 January 1986 Churchwide "Family Fireside.")

We are often reminded by song and the spoken word that the home is the basis of a righteous life, and no other instrumentality can take its place nor fulfill its essential functions.

Actually, a home is much more than a house. A house is built of lumber, brick, and stone. A home is made of respect, love, and sacrifice. A house can be a home, and a home can be a heaven when it shelters a family. Like the structures in which it dwells, the family may be large or small. It may be old or young. It may be in excellent condition, or it may show signs of wear, of neglect, of deterioration.

Some families consist of mother, father, sons, and daughters all at home, while others have witnessed the tender departure of one, then another, then

another of its members. Occasionally, only one member remains. The family, however, continues - for families are forever.

Whether we are preparing to establish our own family or simply considering how to bring heaven closer to our present home, we can learn from the Lord. He is the master architect. He has taught us how we must build.

When Jesus walked the dusty pathways of towns and villages that we now reverently call the Holy Land and taught His disciples by beautiful Galilee, He often spoke in parables, in language the people often remembered best. Frequently, He referred to home building in relationship to the lives of those who listened.

He declared, "Every...house divided against itself shall not stand." (Matt. 12:25) Later, He cautioned, "Behold, mine house is a house of order...and not a house of confusion." (D&C 132:8)

In a revelation given through the Prophet Joseph Smith at Kirtland, Ohio, 27 December 1832, the Master counseled, "Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing; and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of

order, a house of God." (D&C 88:119) Where could any of us locate a more suitable blueprint whereby he could wisely and properly build? Such a house would meet the building code outlined in Matthew, even a house built "upon a rock," a house capable of withstanding the rains of adversity, the floods of opposition, and the winds of doubt everywhere present in our challenging world.

Some might question, "But that revelation was to provide guidance for the construction of a temple. Is it relevant today?" I would respond, "Did not the Apostle Paul declare, 'Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?' (1 Cor. 3:16)

Let the Lord be the General Contractor for the family - even the home - we build. Then each of us can be subcontractors responsible for a vital segment of the whole project. All of us are thereby builders. Let us build with skill, take no shortcuts, and follow His blueprint. Then the Lord, ever our building inspector, may say to us as He said when He appeared to Solomon, a builder of another day: "I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there forever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. (1 Kings 9:3) We will then have heavenly homes and forever families. I pray most humbly and sincerely that this blessing may come to each of us.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

<p>Condon Community Church Pastor Jeff Crippen Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 am Sunday Worship Service, 10:45-11:45 am Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting, 6:30 pm Wed. Bible Study, 7 pm Condon Community Hall</p> <p>Blackfoot Presbyterian Church Pastor Christopher Williams, 677-2649 Sunday Service, Seeley Lake 11:30 Bible Study, Mon. 8:00 pm Potomac Worship 8:30 am Bible Study, Tues. 8:00 pm Ovando Worship 10:00 am</p> <p>Fundamental Baptist Church 677-2268 Sun. School, 9:45 am Sun. Services, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm Wed. Eve. Bible Study, 7:30 pm Swan Valley Baptist Church Salmon Prairie Road Pastor Jim Patterson, 754-2509 Sunday Service, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm Sunday School, 9:45 am Bible Study & Prayer, Wed. 7:30 pm Community Bible Church, Seeley Pastor Rob Morris, 677-2837 Sunday School, 10:00 am Sunday Worship, 11:00 am Swan Valley Catholic Community Father D. A. Okom, 754-2429 Sunday Mass, 8:45 am (Faith Lutheran, Condon)</p>	<p>Living Water Catholic Community Father D.A. Okom, 754-2429 Sunday Mass, 11:30 am (Holy Cross Lutheran, Seeley Lake) Daily Mass, 5:00 pm Sycamore Tree, Piper Creek Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Mark Meissner, 677-2575 Sunday School, 11:45 am Sunday Service, 10:00 am</p> <p>Faith Lutheran Church - Condon Pastor Herbert Schiefelbein, 677-2281 Sunday Family Worship, 11:00 am Special Voters' Meeting after Church Holy Cross Lutheran - Seeley Pastor Herbert Schiefelbein, 677-2281 Sunday Family Worship, 9:00 am Special Voters' Meeting, 10:00 am Faith Chapel - A Spirit Filled Fellowship Pastor Roger Combs, 677-2220 Sunday School, 9:45 am Worship, 11:00 am & 6:30 pm Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 pm St. Joseph's Church Legendary Lodge, Salmon Lake 677-2211 Saturday Mass, 4:30 pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day) Outdoor Worship Services Pastor Rod Kvamme, 677-2017 Saturday Evening Service, 7:00 pm Big Larch Campground, Seeley Lake</p>
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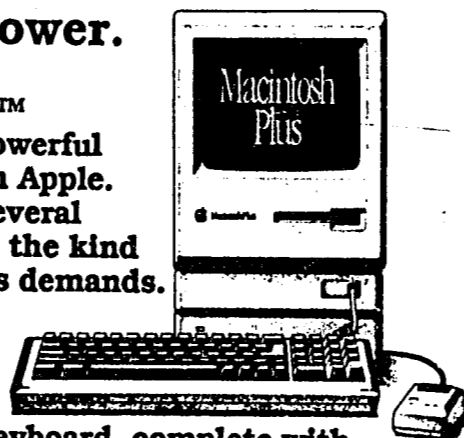
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Diving Accident Victim Remains In Critical Condition

Twenty-three year old Dean Philips, Missoula, was reported to be in critical condition in Community Hospital after an accident at Big Larch campground near Seeley Lake on Sunday, June 22.

Philips received severe neck and spinal injuries after he dove into shallow water near the swimming area at the campground. The water was 8 to 10 inches deep where he dove in, according to Deputy Lloyd Hallgren, Seeley Lake.

Mrs. Peach Asbridge, Dean's mother, said that he was conscious, but in critical condition Monday night. She said that he had a broken neck and would have surgery as soon as possible.

"Dean is a firm believer," his mother said, adding that he had attended "a little church" in Seeley Lake on Sunday morning. "We believe that he'll be walking again. He will be a miracle," she said. Friends and church members from as far away as Alaska are offering prayers and spiritual support for the family.

Robert V. Philips, Dean's father from Missoula, said that they don't know the full extent of the injuries yet, but that he was encouraged because Dean was regaining feeling in his toes. "It looks real hopeful," he said.

The Seeley Lake Quick Response Unit responded to the accident. The Alert helicopter from Kalispell transported Philips to Missoula because Life Flight was not immediately available. It was about forty minutes from the time of the accident until the Alert helicopter arrived. QRU members stabilized Philips - a critical process when serious neck injuries are involved - before moving him to the parking lot at Barney's where the Alert crew landed.

Local law enforcement officers and QRU members also responded to a motorcycle/car accident in Holland Lake Campground. One person received a broken leg in the accident. Also on Sunday, the QRU responded when a young Seeley Lake girl fell from a ladder and broke her wrist.

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The following Fire Regulations issued by the Montana State Forester, Gary Brown, and the Forest Service Regional Forester, James C. Overbay, are now in effect on all forested lands in Montana.

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He was born June 17, 1910, in Biggs, Oklahoma, to Edgar and Eula Channel. He attended grade school and high school in Colorado and served with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Colorado.

In 1936 he moved to Island Park, Idaho, where he began logging in West Yellowstone and worked at a mill in Rexburg, Idaho. He built Lions Head Ski Hill near West Yellowstone in 1947. He moved to the Missoula area in 1951 where he worked in the woods until his retirement in 1972.

He was an avid skier, hunter and sportsman. He often talked about the overwhelming beauty of the giant trees that used to grace the Swan Valley before it was extensively logged in the fifties and sixties.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred, Lewiston; four daughters, Connie Lough and Pamela Crites, both of Lewiston; Kathryn Kinzy, Lander, Wyoming, and Janet Preator, Phoenix; two sons, Doug Channel, Bellingham, Washington and Gene Channel, Missoula; and 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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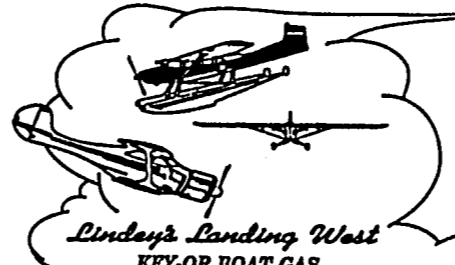
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Front Row: Tracey Terrillion, Gary Styler. Back Left to Right: Pam Styler, Jeff Fitzgerald, Bridget Kennedy and Russell Squillante.

Young People Receive Job Training At Condon Work Center

Six Swan Valley youths have been hired at the Condon Work Center under the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). The federally funded program is coordinated through the Human Resources Office in Missoula in accordance with the Job Training Partnership Act, according to Carrie Doran, Youth Counselor for SYEP.

Doran visits the Work Center weekly to check in on the youth employees. The six working at Condon this summer are Bridget Kennedy, Tracey Terrillion, Pam Styler, Russell Squillante, Gary Styler, and Jeff Fitzgerald.

The program for youths age 14 to 21 is organized with agencies like the Forest Service to provide job training at minimum wage to people who meet certain income guidelines and qualifications. The program at the Work Center has been successful over the years largely because of the support

from Ranger Bill Pederson, who has "gone out of his way to employ kids" at the Center, according to Boyd Kessler, management assistant at the Work Center.

Kessler sees many benefits for the young people who work during the summer for the Forest Service.

"They learn how to put up with old men like me," he laughed. On a more serious note, he stressed that the employees learn that they have to work to get a paycheck. "They learn how to accept the outside world," he said. Kessler said that this, and similar programs such as CETA and YACC, have been instituted every summer for about 15 years at Condon.

The SYEP employees learn how to mark timber, and meet the public in an office setting. Many learn how to type and organize their work in the office and, outside, they mow lawns and help in the cookhouse.

The Seeley Lake Ranger District also has a similar youth employment program and will tentatively employ one or two local young people this summer.

Applications for the program will be accepted throughout the summer at the Missoula Human Resources Office.

Art Classes at Holland Lake

Lynne Tuft, an artist/educator on the faculty of Flathead Valley Community College Art Department, will present a drawing workshop at Holland Lake Lodge July 24, 25, 29 and 30. The class will be directed at individuals who have little or no drawing experience. Two college credits will be given for the workshop which costs \$39.00 or \$8.00 for senior citizens (materials provided).

Students will learn the tools of drawing, use of value, form, composition, line and perspective as well as explore right-brain drawing exercises.

Preregistration is required by July 10, with a minimum of eight students needed in order for the workshop to be held.

For more information, call Lynne Tuft, 837-4217 or Carole Schaeffer at Holland Lake Lodge. Registrations may be mailed to F.V.C.C., #1 First Street East, Kalispell, MT 59901. Please include your social security number.

If this workshop is successful, Lynne Tuft will organize more workshops in September and October.

White Accepts Job As Principal

Dan White, Fulton, California, has accepted the position of principal at Swan Valley Elementary for the 1986-87 school year. White was born and raised in Western Montana, but has recently worked in California. He is also scheduled to teach fifth and sixth grades.

Neil Eliason has accepted the position of counselor and physical education instructor for all grades. Carol Eliason, however, returned her contract unsigned, declining the position of librarian with the school.

Annette Walmsley has accepted the position to teach first and second grade next year. Diann Weisner, Mike Childs, and Penny Thomas have not responded to the offered contracts for their positions at the school. According to Dwayne Forder, school district trustee, they have until the first part of July to respond.

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