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Law Enforcement: More or Less?

The Missoula County Commissioners are currently carving out the county budget for Fiscal Year 1987, according to Janet Stevens, County Commissioner.

In the area of law enforcement, Stevens recently stated in a telephone interview that "there is no request in this year's budget for a deputy in that area (Seeley-Swan-Potomac)."

However, Missoula undersheriff, Greg Hintz, disagrees. He pointed out that the request for another deputy in the Seeley-Swan area was included in the FY87 budget proposal, which outlined a three-year program for hiring more deputies and administrative personnel. He said that last year's request from the Sheriff's Department to the County Commissioners was similar to FY87. "We almost got another deputy up there

last year," he said. But to place another deputy here would require the purchase of an additional four-wheel drive vehicle, Hintz said. Last year the county "moved the morgue," which cost \$20,000 -- money that could have been spent on a vehicle, he said.

Missoula County Freeholders Association recently presented testimony in favor of the Sheriff's Department proposal for FY87, according to Dee Ball, chairman of the Budget Study Committee for the association, which has about 800 members.

"Now is the time to comment on all the budget proposals," Ball said, indicating that budget hearings are now in progress for various departments. The budget hearing for the Sheriff's Department was scheduled for 3:30 on Wednesday, July 30.

Idaho Man Kills Self After High-Speed Chase

An 18-year-old Idaho man committed suicide last week after a high-speed chase in the Potomac area.

Frank Joseph Oria, Fruitland, Idaho, was a suspect in a string of felonies committed in Idaho, including kidnapping, according to Deputy Scott McDonald.

McDonald said that local law enforcement officers had been alerted earlier last week that the suspect might be heading to Canada, possibly via Highway 83. An off-duty officer spotted the suspect vehicle on Highway 200 and notified law enforcement officials.

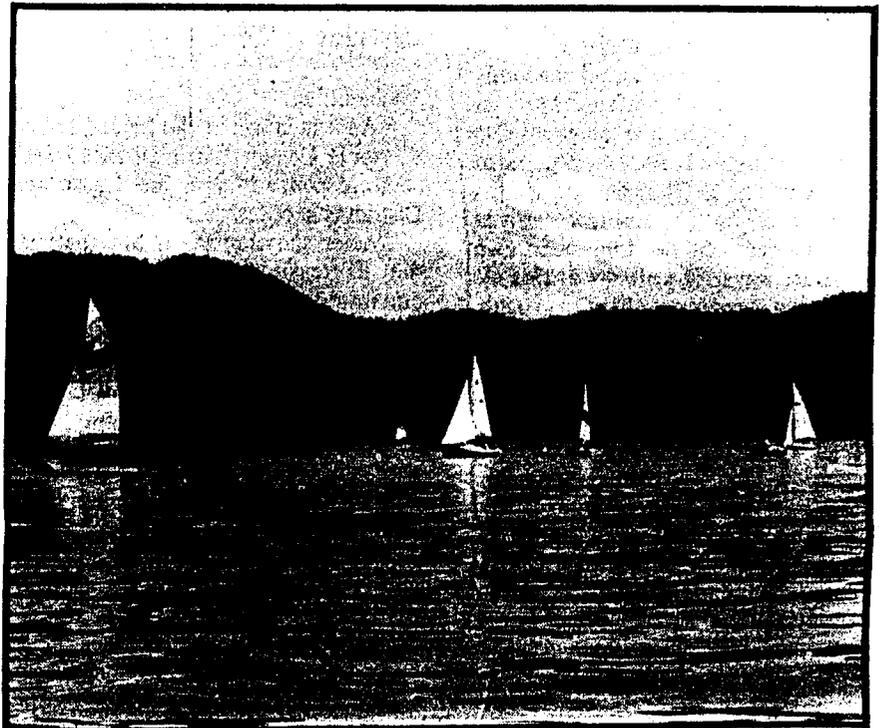
The suspect drove south of Highway 200 in the Morrison Lane/Arkansas Creek areas of Potomac, according to McDonald, and was followed by law enforcement officers. According to information released from the Missoula County Sheriff's Department, Oria shot himself in the head with a pistol.

Rare Guns Stolen

Two shotguns valued at more than \$10,000 were stolen from a vehicle parked at the Holland Lake Trailhead last week, according to Deputy Scott McDonald. Both shotguns are Belgian-made Brownings, owned by Walt Cunningham, Columbia Falls. One shotgun is a "Diana-grade" worth more than \$7,000; the other is a Grade 1. Cunningham is a skeet enthusiast who uses the guns extensively in competition.

Cunningham thinks the more valuable shotgun is the "only one west of the Mississippi," according to McDonald.

Anyone with information about the rare guns should call Crimestoppers at 1-721-4444. Callers do not have to leave their names and may be eligible to receive a reward of up to \$1,000.



Sailboats and catamarans compete in Driftwood Classic.

Sailors Gather At Placid Lake

The 18th Annual Driftwood Classic was held last Saturday at Placid Lake. The gathering is "an annual habit of the Placid Lake sailors," according to Kelly Burgess, Placid Lake.

The event, according to Eileen Watson, Swan Valley, was started by her aunt, Dorothy Burgess Allison, as a way to "keep all of us kids busy during the summertime" on Placid Lake, she laughed.

The driftwood trophies for the Classic are traditionally handmade by Placid Lake youths.

There were three boats 18 years ago in the original event: Allison's, Fulton's and Stadler's. Last weekend about 25 sailboats competed in the event.

The overall "Grand Champ" traveling trophy was awarded to John Masar, age 12, who competed in the wind surfer competition. Due to light breezes Saturday, wind surfers were on the lake for about an hour and forty-five minutes before crossing the finish line.

Miss Congeniality award went to Meg Jones.

Winners in all divisions were as follows:

Large Sailboats:

Gordon Watson, first place; John Madsen, second place; and John Fulton, third.

Small Sailboats:

Bob Heinrich, first place; Brian Fillinger, second place; and Doug Warden, third.

Catamarans:

Brad Kaiser, first place; Rod Tripke, second place; Carol Fulton, third place.

Wind Surfers:

Briar Waterman, first place; and John Masar second place.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday: Partly cloudy and warm with local westerly winds. Overnight lows in the 40's. Daytime high 75-85. Friday-Sunday: Warming trend, with scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms Saturday and Sunday. High temperature Friday in the 80's and warming to 85-95 by Sunday. Overnight lows 45-55.

The Bigfork Behemoth...

at Clearwater Junction is truly a sight to behold - almost a tourist attraction in its own right. Anne Dahl's letter on this page does justice to the subject and aptly mirrors the community's sense of outrage.

One can't help but reflect, though, that a lesson lurks in this affront to our community. At worst, the folks up in Bigfork may not even know we're here. At best, they know we're here, but figure we're not a force to be reckoned with.

Small wonder - given our seeming inability to coalesce as a community and achieve a meaningful identity. Sadly, the only image we seem to have developed is as a place for kids to go berserk on holiday weekends. A principal reason for this is an absence of cohesion within our business community (and a presence of petty bickering). To be sure, lots of worthy projects have been undertaken over the years by segments of the business community. But, in general, these well-intentioned efforts have been conducted randomly without benefit of unified short- or long-term goals (such as an attempt to define and respond to our markets, or to shape our image). The performance has all too often been one of fractiousness and businessmen heading their own disparate ways. The effects of this are becoming apparent: chaotic growth, tarnished reputation, strained infrastructure - and the Behemoth.

Take heart, Sports Fans, there is a glimmer of hope on the horizon. An *ad hoc* group of concerned businessmen has begun to grapple with the problem. They have formed a no-holds-barred group which meets every couple of weeks and addresses issues such as: how to promote more orderly growth in the community, how to enhance our appeal to the tourist trade and, above all, how to foster achievable community business goals.

The group is still in its infancy - and is rapidly acquiring new members. Thirty or forty businesses were represented at the last meeting. Everyone is encouraged to "get it off their chest" - and they do. In the process, some very cogent concerns have been revealed. The reason that these sessions don't degenerate into fistcuffs is the able leadership of Dennis Schneider. Dennis moderates the sessions and diplomatically maintains the proceedings on a positive note. Measurable progress has been made; Dennis deserves a medal. A host of problems and some of their causes have been discussed. Potential solutions will be coming up for discussion. The proceedings are genuinely interesting and thought-provoking, punctuated with good humor. The Behemoth has not escaped their notice.

There is still ample opportunity for new input and fresh ideas. If you are a local businessman and have some concerns about the business climate in the community, you need to get involved with this group. The next meeting is 6 p.m. at Leisure Lodge on Thursday, August 7. Dennis limits the sessions to about one hour. There is no cost and no obligation - and you are invited.

So, the next time you pass by the Behemoth, remember the meeting on August 7. We can respond very effectively to the Behemoths of the world if we all pull together. The ball is now in play... and it's in your court.

- Dick Potter

Natty Bumpo



Unhappy with Water District

To the Editor:

As a member of the Seeley Lake-Missoula County Water District I feel some response to your articles on the District is in order.

After showing the pump chart to the Professional Engineer I have consulted with since starting a manufacturing business in 1959, I have come to the conclusion that 72-75% of the stated 800,000 gallons per day is all that can be pumped in 24 hours (if the pump never shuts off). Engineer's comment: "They're fudging a little." Also, laboratory conditions are not field conditions.

Bond issue for \$300,000.00. That is only part of the issue voted on. It was to be paid back in 20 years. The rest of \$125,000.00 was to be paid back in 40 years. \$425,000.00 altogether and all on the same issue on the ballot.

The downtown district sewage problem is not a problem to the district drinking water. There are several springs in the cove, and the outlet of the lake is 1/2 to 3/4 mile below the intake to the water system, so unless the rivers running into the north end of the lake go completely dry, the water from the cove will not go north of the lake outlet.

About a year ago, at a public meeting on the bond issue at the Community Hall, the sewage system was brought up so I asked some questions. Afterward Dan Cainan said to me, "Would you believe the cost would be 3 million." I replied that I believe 5 million would probably be closer.

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OPINION

Bigfork Billboard

To the Editor:

I first heard about the huge Marina Cay/Sunset Point billboard when I was at Glacier Park last week. Enraged visitors to the area, familiar with, and fond of the Seeley Swan Valley, told us about it.

I saw the sign this week. It is located just north of the Junction of Highways 200 and 83. It takes five posts to support it. Its turquoise-blue background clashes with the sky. You can't miss it.

I realize the importance of advertising to Montana's business community, but in advertising, as in all other activities, there should be a moral line beyond which you don't cross. Directional signs are a necessity. Huge billboards are grossly disrespectful.

The scenic quality of Highway 83 is being threatened. In the competitive atmosphere of business, one billboard leads to another. Such signs must be located on private property with the owner's permission. Let's not allow any more. Instead, let's limit signs to the size necessary for providing information and directions only.

Anne Dahl
Scenic 83



Business of the Week TIMBERLINE BUILDING MATERIALS



Bud and Roger Johnson, and Dave Hallam, started Timberline Building Materials in 1982, selling "lumber and a few nails," according to Bud. Last spring, Bud and Roger acquired Dave's interest in the business when he moved from Seeley Lake.

Bud, who has lived in Seeley Lake, "off and on since 1949," manages the business which has grown considerably in the past four years.

In addition to lumber, Timberline now sells hardware, cement, shecting, plywood, tin and roofing materials, and is "starting to get into paint," Bud said. In the future, he and Roger hope to add plumbing and electrical supplies.

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Forest Service Fire Protection

Forest Service fire protection has "come a long way" recently because of technology, according to Dave Sisk, assistant fire management officer, Seeley Lake Ranger District.

"Radio technology has done things for us that's unbelievable," Sisk said. With the newer portable radios, Forest Service personnel now have the flexibility to talk to any fire agency in Montana and Idaho. The state agencies also have this capability, and local fire departments will soon be getting it, Sisk said.

Computers also are used more and more in firefighting. For example, one program, "BEHAVE," is used to project fire behavior under a given set of variables. On the fire, with the use of a portable hand-held computer and printer, fire personnel can "plug in" weather factors, fuel models (terrain), and other variables to get a mathematical projection of the fire's rate of spread, how far it will spot ahead, and flame intensity. Sisk stressed that computers provide only mathematical models. "We don't take it for gospel," he said, "because there are too many variables in the environment such as weather and wind changes."

The computer helps determine how many firefighters will be necessary to build a certain amount of fire-line using predetermined line-building rates and, also, helps determine whether retardant would be effective in certain situations, among other things.

Firefighting is currently coordinated with the Missoula Ranger District. Local lookouts and crews can talk directly to the Fire Dispatch office in Missoula.

The Seeley Lake Ranger District provides fire protection, through cooperative agreements with state agencies and private landowners, for a large area north of the community of Seeley Lake to the Swan-Clearwater Divide on the Summit. The district also provides protection to the area north of the Cottonwood Lakes Road.

The Seeley District does not use their trained fire crews for daily patrols of the area, except during periods of extreme fire danger. Instead, the fire crews serve as work crews on projects such as tree thinning, building maintenance and sign repair, according to Sisk. Fire crews drive "engines" to work. These vehicles are equipped with appropriate firefighting tools and 200-gallon water storage capacity. The district also has available a 1,000-gallon tanker.

After thunderstorms with "lots of lightning activity" the Lolo National Forest uses air patrols throughout the day to spot "smokes" from lightning-caused fires, Sisk said. Crews are then dispatched to fires.

All fires should be reported through the 911 dispatch system when possible, and may be reported at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station when necessary. The emergency dispatch number is "911" for the Seeley Lake area, and "1-728-0911" in the Condon and Clearwater Junction areas.

MPA Admits Pathfinder

The Montana Press Association recently granted associate membership to Pathfinder Press, Inc. Other members of MPA include more than fifty weekly newspapers and various printing establishments in Montana.

One of the qualifications for full membership in the Association is that a newspaper be in print for one year before application. *Pathfinder* will apply for full membership in May 1987. There are two categories under which newspapers may apply for membership to MPA. *Pathfinder* has applied as a weekly newspaper with paid circulation.

MPA offers conventions, workshops, and a statewide advertising service in addition to other services.

Refuse Board Sets Fees

Members of the Seeley Lake Disposal District (refuse board) are currently updating, correcting and revising fee schedules for residential and commercial properties within the refuse district, according to Kent Brown, chairman.

The revised, proposed fee schedule will be published in a local newspaper, after which meeting dates will be established for specific categories of property (restaurants, bars, grocery stores, campgrounds and RV parks, for example). Comments from property owners on the proposed fees will be solicited.

Brown pointed out that the refuse board has two public comment periods during each regular meeting. Property owners are invited to attend and talk about problems they may have with fee schedules. All meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the REA building north of Seeley Lake.

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Survey Nears Approval

Westridge Consultants are in the process of finalizing survey questions to be presented to the Community Survey Committee. The questionnaire will be presented on August 6 for final approval, prior to the beginning of the survey, according to Dan Mizner, committee spokesperson.

If the committee approves the final draft at the August 6 meeting, the survey will be printed and volunteers organized to administer it. The survey will be conducted the latter part of August, Mizner said.

The community survey will be presented in three formats: one canvass will be directed at water district residents to gather information for the water district board; another sampling will be a telephone survey of approximately 400 households in the Seeley Swan area; a third survey will be a combination mail-in, drop-off questionnaire covering the communities of Seeley Lake and Swan Valley.

Data collected from the telephone survey of approximately 400 households will be used as a control method to determine whether or not the rest of the survey is valid, according to Mizner.



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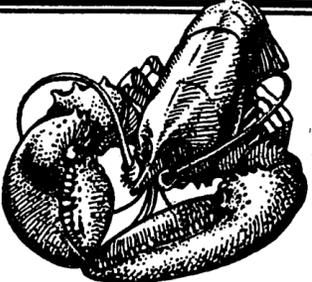
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of pneumonia when Twyla was only six months old. "Daddy just couldn't take care of all of us," she said, talking about the seven children in the family at that time.

Times were hard during those Depression years, and it wasn't uncommon for families to become separated because of financial hardships. What is more uncommon is that Peggy's family found their "baby sister" after 57 years.

"It was a miracle," Peggy said, and she credits her nephew, Rodney Shellhouse, for finding Twyla. "Twyla and I said we'll love him until the day we die," Peggy added. Shellhouse was determined and persistent. He spent hundreds of hours and \$365 in phone calls last spring as part of his search.

Other relatives had tried over the years to find Twyla, but had been unsuccessful because the family who adopted her didn't want her to know she had brothers and sisters. Shellhouse was stumped when he found records indicating that Twyla and her adoptive parents had moved to Mexico from Ohio. He remembered his grandmother telling him that Twyla had been taken to California. At that point he went back and searched property records. He found a family address in Sacramento, but no phone listing since 1955.

So, he went to library officials and found an obituary for Twyla's adoptive father, which said that he had been a member of the Masonic Lodge. The local Masons guided Shellhouse to the cemetery, and there he found that Twyla had picked up her adoptive father's remains in 1985. From there he got a name, an address and phone number. On April 3, 1986 at 11:29 a.m. Shellhouse contacted his aunt in Aptos, California and told her that she had brothers and sisters.

That same day, Shellhouse arranged a conference phone call between all the brothers and sisters, Twyla included, and himself. That phone call, Peggy said, lasted almost two hours.

The similarities between the sisters are to be expected: they not only look alike, they sound alike. They like the same TV shows, and they even "dunk toast in coffee" the same way, Peggy laughed.

Twyla has now returned to California where she makes her home with her "wonderful husband," eight children and five grandchildren. She and her husband, Bob, have been married for 39 years.

The family has been through an emotional reunion, and now the brothers and sisters can finally begin to re-establish family ties that were lost 57 years ago. Jack and Peggy Coverdell look forward to the new relationship. Coverdells have lived in Seeley Lake since 1964, when they moved from Kalispell. They have two children, Kathy and Jack, Jr., who both graduated from Seeley Swan High School. They also have five grandchildren.



This picture, taken in the late 20's, shows Peggy Coverdell, second from left, and her brothers and sisters. Toddler in front is Twyla "Babe" Cryder. This photo was taken shortly before Twyla was adopted out of the family. (See story.)

Sisters Reunited After 57 Years

Reunions are often emotional for families separated for any length of time, but when Peggy Coverdell, Seeley Lake, was recently reunited with her sister, Twyla "Babe" Cryder, neither could hold back the tears. "We cried and cried," Peggy said about the reunion two weeks ago in Seeley Lake. But the tears

were happy tears. Peggy and her brothers and sisters hadn't seen "Babe" since 1927. Peggy is now 63 and her sister Twyla is 59 years old.

On June 29, Twyla joined her brother Marvin Shellhouse, half-brother Bob Young, half-sister Millie Hansen, and sister Helen Shroyer in Brunswick, Ohio. Peggy couldn't join the family there, so Twyla came to Seeley Lake to see her.

Twyla had never known that she had any brothers and sisters. In a recent letter she said, "Thank you, Father, My Cup Runneth Over! I thought I was all alone." In 1927, two-year-old "Babe" (that's what the family had always called her) was adopted out of her natural family. At the time, her brothers and sisters lived in the Coverland Orphanage in Ohio, before they went to live with relatives. "We were so young then," Peggy said. "All we understood was that Twyla had just disappeared."

The family was supported solely by their father, since their mother had died



Peggy and Jack Coverdell, Seeley Lake, pose with photo of Peggy's brothers and sisters. (See story preceding page.)

Community Calendar

Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of meetings and other local events. Submission deadline is Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Public Meetings
 August 4, 1986; Refuse Disposal District Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 p.m., REA building.

August 6, Community Survey Meeting, REA building, 7:00 p.m.
 Rural Fire District, 1st Tuesday, Regular firefighters meeting (business) Plum Creek, 7:00 p.m.; 2nd Tuesday, training meeting, Plum Creek, 7:00 p.m.; 3rd Tuesday, Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 p.m., place to be determined.

Condon QRU, First and third Monday of the month.
 Seeley Lake QRU, 1st and 3rd Fridays, REA Building, 7:30 p.m.

Clubs and Organizations

August 7-10, Blackfoot Bible Camp, Owl Creek, South of Seeley Lake.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday night, 7:30 p.m., Swan Valley Elementary School.

AARP, first Monday of the month, Swan Valley Community Hall, Condon
 SeLa SenCi, third Wednesday every month, potluck and meeting, Seeley Lake Community hall.
 Senior Nutrition Program, Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday at noon, Seeley Lake Community Hall. Open to the public.

SHORELINES

Congratulations to Kent and Laurie Hane. New baby boy, Tyler Branson, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born July 24 at 6:45 a.m. Tyler joins his proud parents and big sister, Leslie, at their home in Seeley Lake.

Carey Wins TV

Brenda Carey, Seeley Lake, won a TV by playing "Movie Mania" at the Good Times General Store in Seeley Lake. The odds of winning the prize were one in 30,000.

Senior Citizens Elect Officers

Seeley Lake Senior Citizens (SeLa SenCi) elected Ella Goodbread as president of the organization for the coming year at last Wednesday's meeting and potluck.

Al Chaffin was elected vice president and Marge Flere was elected secretary/treasurer.

Sam Moore will continue to be the Bingo chairman, with assistance from Lu Heinzmann and Lucille Johnson.

Goodbread reminds members who haven't paid their dues that they may do so at the August meeting. Meetings and the monthly potluck are held the third Wednesday of the month at the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

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CORNUCOPIA by Michele Potter

Included in a recipe collection from the U.S. Trout Farmers Association were some helpful tips. For best cooking results: (1) Do not scale trout - removal of the tiny scales also removes the thin coat of natural jelly around the scales that allows the trout to be breaded without using any type of liquid; (2) Be careful of frying fats - off-flavors in fats can be transferred to the taste of the trout. Best fats include butter, hydrogenated shortening, peanut or corn oils; (3) Watch temperatures - trout fried at a low temperature absorbs too much fat. The best temperature is 325 to 350 degrees F; and (4) Don't overcook - trout should be moist and fork-tender. Overcooking dries out and toughens the fish. Trout is done when it flakes easily when probed with a fork. Here are two more trout recipes from the USTFA Trout recipe collection:

Trout with Captain's Stuffing

6 trout, fresh or frozen (8 oz.)	1 teaspoon dill weed
1 cup minced celery	4 cups day-old bread crumbs
3 tablespoons minced onion	1/2 pound sliced mushrooms OR
6 tablespoons butter	1/4 cup chopped cucumber
1/2 cup water	Salt
1 teaspoon dried sage	Pepper

Cook celery and onion in butter and water until slightly soft. Stir in sage and dill and pour over bread, mixing lightly. Fold in mushrooms or cucumber and season to taste with salt and pepper. Thaw trout if necessary. Fill fish with stuffing and wrap each in aluminum foil. Bake at 375 degrees F for 25 to 30 minutes. Serves 6.

Zippy Broiled Trout

6 boned or dressed trout, about 5 oz each	1/8 teaspoon pepper
2/3 cup salad oil	1 clove garlic, crushed
1/3 cup wine vinegar	Pinch each oregano, thyme, basil, rosemary and sage
1 teaspoon salt	

Marinate trout in remaining ingredients at least 30 minutes. Broil about 4 inches from heat for 4 minutes. Brush with marinade; turn and brush with marinade. Broil 4 minutes longer or until fish flakes when tested with fork. Note: Trout may be marinated in bottled Italian dressing. Or brush inside of trout with lemon juice, sprinkle with salt and pepper and brush with Italian dressing before and during broiling. Serves 6.

Call me if you'd like more trout recipes or write: USTFA, P.O. Box 171, Lake Ozark, MO 65049.

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"The Ranger Lady"
Recreation Is Her Job

Ramona DeGeorgio-Venegas laughs when kids call her "the Ranger Lady" while she makes her rounds through the Seeley Lake campgrounds. "I usually don't have time to explain to kids that there is really only one ranger (Dennis Johnson) on the Seeley Lake Ranger District," she laughed, adding that some kids think all people in Forest Service uniforms are rangers.

Ramona's job is recreation. She works in the campgrounds organizing Campground Hosts, collecting fees, or giving warnings about minor violations or campground rules. She also provides visitors with information about the local area, and informs them about Forest Service recreation programs and policies, and often gives "Woody the Owl" talks to youth groups in the area. She also tabulates visitor use data in the fall.

This year, there are about 18 area Campground Hosts. According to Ramona, these volunteers have done a super job and have really helped to keep the campgrounds operable. For example, in the Seeley Lake Campground over the Fourth of July holiday, Hosts guided visitors "right to the open sites" as soon as they became available. These courtesies, she said, are invaluable to visitors. Hosts have also helped with painting and general maintenance of facilities.

Ramona talks to visitors often and listens to their complaints. One of the most common concerns of visitors, she



Ramona DeGeorgio-Venegas working at River Point Campground.

said, is that there's "not enough fish! People are always asking about the fishing," she said.

Other things visitors ask about include RV dump stations, electrical hookups, availability of showers, and where to get firewood. People inquire about hiking areas and are "concerned about the mosquitoes," she said.

Ramona thinks there are a few more visitors in the campgrounds this year, compared to 1985. One recent Sunday afternoon she counted visitors on the local beaches: 259 at the Seeley Lake beach; 123 at Big Larch; 30 at River Point, and 57 at Lake Alva.

During the Fourth of July holiday, all the campgrounds were full. As a minimum during the rest of the season (Memorial Day through Labor Day), campground occupancy looks like this: Seeley Lake is usually full until the end of August; Big Larch is half-full from the Fourth on; River Point and Alva are about one-third full all the time. "Last weekend they were all full, except Lake Alva which was about three-quarters full," she said.

There are 147 developed (fee) recreation sites: Seeley Lake, River Point, Big Larch and Lake Alva. These sites have developed water systems. Seeley Lake has flush toilets, others have vault toilets.

In the fee areas she said campers pay at fee stations. Forest Service employees don't go around to individual campers and collect fees from them, she said.

Free-use camping areas are located at Lake Inez, Rainy Lake, "old" Alva, Monture and Coopers Lake.

The only camping spot on the District that can be reserved (up to a year ahead of time) is at Lake Alva.

There are two group camping sites which can accommodate 7 or 8 vehicles per unit. The charge is \$25 per night.

Most campground users are from Montana: Missoula, Great Falls, Helena, Hamilton and Kalispell, she said. People from California and Washington top the list for out-of-state visitors, although she says there are "lots of people from Alberta" and some from Idaho, Utah, Arizona and Oregon.

Ramona was raised in Great Falls and Missoula. She received a Bachelors Degree in Resource Management and Outdoor Recreation from UM. She says she "likes people and likes to see them have fun." Her service in the Peace Corps in Chile attests to that statement. She ran a summer camp there for children in 1979 through 1981 and returned for a brief time in 1983. She also taught environmental education to grades four through eight in after-school science clubs.

"I wanted to (be in the Peace Corps) since I was a little girl," she said. She always wanted to travel, not as a tourist, but "to live there," and she added that she always wanted to learn another language. Ramona speaks fluent Spanish and is now working toward a degree in elementary education at UM. She hopes "someday" to teach bilingual children in the Southwestern United States during the winter months, and to work in the campgrounds in the summer.

Ramona lives in Seeley Lake with her husband, Felipe Venegas, who is a former air traffic controller from Chile. They have two children, two-year-old Gabriel and baby Christopher (three months old.)

FARM & RANCH

Elk and Cattle Can Mix After All

by Michael Frisina and Craig Jourdonnais
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Through the years, some of those who cast a watchful eye toward wildlife management matters have professed that elk and cattle, like oil and water, don't mix, especially when it comes to sharing the forage produced on a given piece of real estate. Their common belief: the forage available on a site traditionally used by elk should be reserved for the elk.

However, two ongoing research studies in Montana are now showing that the practice of allowing cattle to graze on public lands used by elk, particularly winter range, may not be as questionable as it is sometimes said to be. In fact, these studies indicate that livestock grazing in elk habitat may actually be beneficial for elk if it is managed effectively.

In an effort to demonstrate a practical approach for settling the issue, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks established a controlled grazing program for the state-owned Mt. Haggin Wildlife Management Area near Anaconda. This program, designed with the assistance of renowned range scientist Gus Hormay, incorporates a three-pasture rest-rotation grazing system implemented on approximately 20,000 acres of high-quality spring, summer, and fall habitat used by both elk and cattle. The three pastures are similar in size, are approximately equal in their livestock grazing capacity, and are individually fenced. The fencing arrangement allows livestock grazing to be controlled while permitting the area's free-roaming elk to use the pastures as well.

Under the terms of the current grazing agreement with a local rancher, 4,000 Animal Unit Months of cattle grazing are permitted annually. In other words, if the rancher opts to graze 1,000 cattle on those tracts designated for grazing, he can only graze them for four months each year. One pasture is grazed from June 15 through the time when seeds become ripe, which is usually around mid-August. The cattle then are moved to the second pasture, which is grazed from seed-ripe time until about October 15. The third pasture is unused, or "rested," for the entire grazing season. The cattle are rotated from pasture to pasture so that over a three-year period, each receives all three grazing treatments - grazing before seeds ripen, grazing after seeds ripen, and rest. This grazing system allows for the maintenance of

healthy, diverse, and vigorous rangeland vegetation.

The habitat requirements of elk have been carefully incorporated into the design of this system. Because cattle aren't moved into the second pasture until seed-ripe time, when elk traditionally abandon the quickly drying meadow grasses in favor of the greener vegetation found on timbered slopes, two-thirds of the area is available to elk at a time when they prefer habitats not occupied by cattle. Nevertheless, the system still allows two-thirds of the area to be grazed by cattle during the livestock grazing season.

Researchers at the Mt. Haggin area have discovered through studies associated with the grazing program that, during spring, elk show a strong preference for those pastures grazed by cattle the previous summer. To take this discovery one step further, we might conclude that grazing cattle on a site one year can create preferred spring habitat for elk the next. In this particular case, the grazing program creates a complementary, rather than negative, relationship between elk and cattle using the same piece of rangeland. As a result of this relationship, intensive cattle grazing has now become an integral part of the wildlife management program at Mt. Haggin.

Another research study, centered on the Sun River Wildlife Management Area (game range) southwest of Choteau, has similarly shown that controlled grazing as well as controlled burning can benefit elk.

Grasslands on the area provide winter range for over 2,000 elk annually. The majority of these grasslands receive heavy use by elk during the winter and early spring. Grasses represent a major component of the winter diet of Sun River elk.

The distribution of elk on the management area is closely related to security and the availability of forage. Those areas offering the most security and the greatest amounts of food are used the most. Such selective grazing leaves certain areas along the boundary of the management area only lightly grazed.

Little or no grazing or an absence of fire over a period of time allows grasses to accumulate dried plant material or "litter," thus decreasing the area's attractiveness to elk. Elk tend to avoid grazing on grasses that retain large

accumulations of litter. Rough fescue, a perennial bunchgrass highly preferred by elk in winter and spring, dominates most of these lightly used areas.

To determine if removing the accumulated litter in these lightly used areas might increase their forage value and use by elk, researchers established individual study plots on which they would remove the litter through controlled cattle grazing and controlled burning. They also established untreated, or "control," plots on which neither grazing nor burning would take place. An electric fence was erected to confine the cattle to the grazing plots and prevent them from entering the burn and control plots.

On-site inspections during the first growing season following treatment showed that grazing and burning had not only achieved the desired goal of removing accumulated litter from the treated plots but, also, had reduced the overall amount of forage available for elk when compared to the untreated plots. However, inspections during the second growing season following grazing and burning revealed the true value of these treatments - plant growth on the treated plots had returned to the production level of the control plots, the nutrient content of the plants on the grazed or burned plots was significantly higher than on the control plots, and the use of grazed and burned plots by elk had increased dramatically over use of the control plots. Studies during the winter of 1984-85 showed that elk use of rough fescue, measured as the average percentage of material grazed from each plant, was 86 percent on the burned plots, 65 percent on the grazed plots, and 24 percent on the control plots.

These results indicate that grazing and, especially, controlled burning can improve forage conditions for elk. Such a realization may give wildlife managers some new tools for redistributing elk on heavily used portions of wintering areas, to the benefit of both the forage and the elk. But perhaps as importantly, it almost certainly dispels the belief that domestic livestock grazing and fire are totally unacceptable on elk winter range. Indeed, when properly implemented, both livestock grazing and prescribed fire can play important roles and be valuable tools in the effective management of elk.

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Local boxing trainer Eddie Coyle has been working with LeCoure for the past two summers, recently "to help develop his right hand," according to Coyle. "We are trying to train him to be more of a stand-up boxer," Coyle said.

Coyle, a former boxer in the Northwest, has trained many young people in Seeley Lake. In the 1960s, Seeley Lake had "quite a boxing club" according to Coyle. Since that time the high school was built and other athletics have become more popular, he said.

Local boys Eddie and Scott Jungers sparred with LeCoure this summer, with training supervision from Coyle.

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| 3   | 5    | Five and Five   |
| 0   | 8    | Chicken Hawks   |

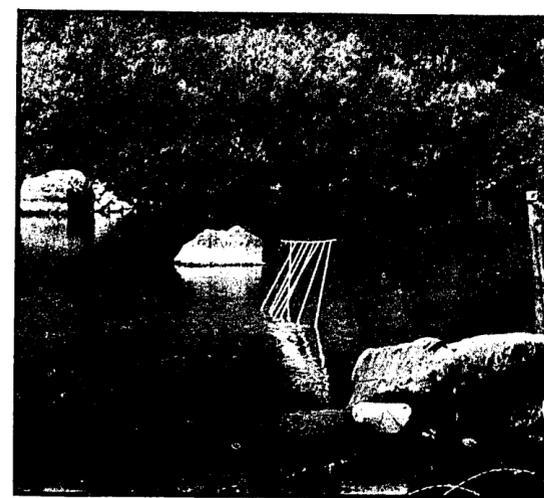
**Five Grizzlies Killed So Far This Year**

Five grizzlies (four females and one male) have been killed by human activity so far this year, according to a recent Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MDFWP) news release.

A fall grizzly season may or may not be held depending on the number of man-caused mortalities that occur. A female subquota of six bears was proposed for hunting seasons in three management areas: three for the East Front; two for the Bob Marshall country and other portions of the Flathead Forest; and one for the Scapegoat Area. Two of the females already killed were in the East Front area; the other two were on the Flathead Reservation.

Those interested in the possibility of hunting grizzlies this fall should send their name and address to MDFWP, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620, the news release said.

August 6 is the end of a 20-day public comment period opened by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which shares jurisdiction of grizzlies with MDFWP. After August 6, the Fish and Wildlife Service will review the comments it receives and make a final determination. Once final, the MDFWP can finalize the fall season.



**Clearwater Float Gates Repaired**

Fish and game employees repaired several float gates across the Clearwater River between Highway 200 and the Blackfoot River on Friday. Float gates were installed last year through a cooperative effort by Greenough land-owners and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, according to Don Malmberg, parks operations supervisor for the Blackfoot-Clearwater areas.

The 1985 Stream Access Law gives recreationists access to navigable streams year-round within the high water marks, Malmberg said. That law allows fences to be constructed across rivers, but "public use must be accommodated," he said.

Ranchers Bill Potter and Land Lindbergh have several cross-fences on the Clearwater River to keep cattle within property boundaries, he said. Last year, the landowners brought a backhoe and worked to construct four new float gates, which allow rafters and boaters to float through a "curtain" of swinging PVC pipe. (See photo.)

This year, Malmberg, assisted by Coy Kline and Ed Uhlig, installed new sections of PVC pipe, widened the curtain to twenty feet and replaced barbed wire with smooth wire on each side of the curtain. "Floaters and barbed wire don't mix," Malmberg said. He added that the curtains were widened because some floaters "hit the gate sideways."

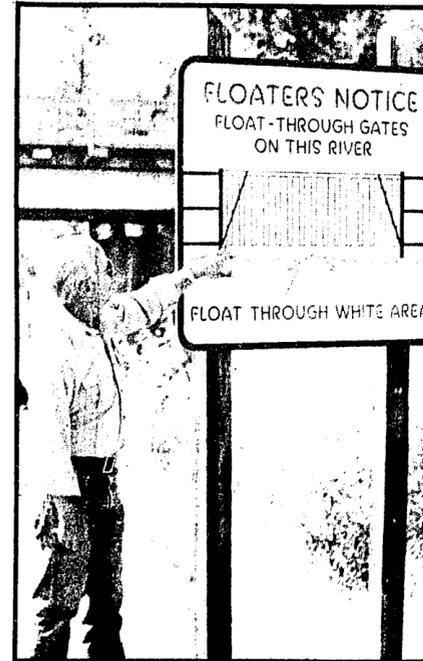
A new sign, informing floaters of the gates, was also installed near the Clearwater Bridge on Highway 200 west of Clearwater Junction. Most floaters "put in" at that access point, according to Malmberg. The stretch of river from Highway 200 to the Blackfoot is popular for fishermen in the late summer and for sport rafting and floating in the spring and early summer, he said.

Malmberg thinks the float gates have worked well. He pointed out that on the Smith River in Central Montana, ice tore out float gates during spring breakup.

So far, cattle have not crossed through the barriers.

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Don Malmberg, area parks supervisor, explains new float gate on the Clearwater River (top right). Top left photo shows one gate prior to adding four strands of wire on each side of the float-through curtain.



**Waterfowl Stamp Contest Closes October 15**

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**Firewood Area Reopened**

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# PASSAGES

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While at work the other night, I saw a late 4th of July display put on by God. The heat lightning was flashing on three sides of our beautiful valley, silhouetting the mountain peaks all around me. It was such a beautiful display of God's glory, power and majesty that I could do little but watch in awe and wonder.

After watching this for a few minutes I thought to myself, "How could anyone living in this valley be so foolish as to reject God's existence?!" With all the beauty and majesty of our little valley, we of all people should be drawn to worship and praise our glorious Creator, God.

However, being a pastor in the valley has brought me to the realization that there are people in our communities who reject not only God as our Creator, but also Jesus Christ, God's Son, as Savior and Lord. I am reminded of

Romans 1:21-22 where we read that man has refused to acknowledge, honor, and give thanks to God, and in so doing "professing themselves to be wise they became fools."

We have nature around us and God's Word in front of us. Let's not reject Him and the salvation He has provided. Romans 1:16 says: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

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## MTI Camp Underway

The Montana Teenage Institute on Substance Abuse began earlier this month at a camp on the Boulder River 40 miles from Big Timber in the Absaroka Mountains, according to Carolyn Jette, counselor for the program and Home Ec teacher at Seeley Swan High School.

This year Matt Cooper, Randy Johnson, and Carolyn Jette will all attend the camp as counselors. Other students attending this year's camp include Peter Timpano, Ron Gossard, Terry Bartlett, all freshmen from Seeley Lake, and Racene Friede, junior from Ovando.

Lisa Peña, Seeley Lake elementary counselor and teacher, will also attend this year's camp. The third week of the camp is the "TIPS" program for junior-high age students.

Students at the camp learn how to go back to their communities and establish their own programs. "Rainbow Connection" at Seeley Swan High School is one such program. Students learn basics of communication, wellness techniques, how to avoid stressful situations, how to deal with stress without using drugs, how to deal with peer pressure and other related teenage issues.

There are about 20 students active in the program at Seeley Swan, according to Jette. "Kids involved in the program try to help other students by providing alternatives to chemical

abuse," Jette said. "It's the most wonderful thing I have ever been involved with," Jette said. She has been a counselor with the program since 1984, when the Rainbow Connection was established at Seeley Swan High School.

That year, she said, four students went to camp. According to Jette, the communities of Seeley Lake and Swan Valley totally supported the kids and paid for their summer trip to camp.

Students who attended last year's camp are Amy Hahn, Swan Valley; Colleen McNally, Ovando; and Jeff Jette, Seeley Lake.

Rainbow Connection activities include an annual taco party, cross-age activities, and special projects such as last year's six-week long TALK project.

Rainbow Connection "is not a rehabilitation program," Jette pointed out. It is an awareness program to teach kids how to deal with stress without turning to drugs. Students who aren't "users" feel that they have support through Rainbow Connection. Those who have "used" are offered alternative activities to using chemicals, according to Jette.

Another example of the emphasis on communication between students is cross-age tutoring, where high school students do group work and activities with fifth grade through eighth grade students. According to Jette, kids look up to teenagers. "If they have something good to look up to - maybe they'll fashion their lives after that good example," Jette said.

# Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

On our trip two weeks ago to Morrell Lookout, we saw several deer. Cathy Walston, one of the Forest Service lookouts, said that she doesn't see much wildlife, except bugs! The flying ants are swarming on the lookout and are really obnoxious.

Walston said that this really isn't a good time of year to visit the Morrell Lookout - September would be better. She gave two reasons for her observation: number one, the bugs are awful (And I agree.) The swarming ants won't leave you alone and it is impossible to relax and enjoy the view, or ask questions about the business of being a fire lookout. The second reason she gave, discouraging visitors, is the heavy thunderstorm activity this time of year. The lookouts don't want to see anybody get fried on top of Morrell because of intense lightning activity there. Lookouts are protected inside buildings with special "hot seats" where they sit during thunderstorms.

If you are interested in lookouts, check with the Seeley Lake Ranger

District. They can help direct you to Double Arrow, for example, which is easier to find than Morrell and not quite as exposed to lightning activity. (That is, you can escape an approaching thunderstorm a little faster there!) Double Arrow is also a more scenic lookout than Morrell, according to Walston. Double Arrow is manned by volunteers during the height of the fire season, according to Forest Service officials.

The hummingbirds are really active now. Elinor Beckman wrote in with the following newsworthy account:

"If people think the hummingbirds are drinking more lately, it may not be the hummingbirds that are doing all the drinking.

"I have a squirrel which holds on to the tree with his hind feet and reaches out with his front feet, and grabs my hummingbird feeder, tips it, holds his mouth over the hole and drains it. I took two pictures through my window. Hope they turn out!"

I hope they turn out, too - catch that culprit in the act.

## CHURCH SCHEDULE

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| <b>Condon Community Church</b><br>Pastor Jeff Crippen<br>Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 am<br>Sunday Worship Service, 10:45-11:45 am<br>Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting, 6:30 pm<br>Wed. Bible Study, 7 pm<br>Condon Community Hall                                                                            | <b>Living Water Catholic Community</b><br>Father D.A. Okorn, 754-2429<br>Sunday Mass, 11:30 am<br>(Holy Cross Lutheran, Seeley Lake)<br>Daily Mass, 5:00 pm<br>Sycamore Tree, Piper Creek Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints<br>Mark Meissner, 677-2575<br>Sunday School, 11:45 am<br>Sunday Service, 10:00 am                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Blackfoot Presbyterian Church</b><br>Pastor Christopher Williams, 677-2649<br>Sunday Service, Seeley Lake 11:30<br>Bible Study, Mon. 8:00 pm<br>Potomac Worship 8:30 am<br>Bible Study, Tues. 8:00 pm<br>Ovando Worship 10:00 am                                                                | <b>Faith Lutheran Church - Condon</b><br>Rev. Herb Schiefelbein, Pastor 677-2281<br>Sunday Family Worship, 11:15 am<br>Holy Cross Lutheran - Seeley<br>Rev. Herb Schiefelbein, Pastor 677-2281<br>Sunday Family Worship, 8:30 am<br>Faith Chapel -<br>A Spirit Filled Fellowship<br>Pastor Roger Combs, 677-2220<br>Sunday School, 9:45 am<br>Worship, 11:00 am & 6:30 pm<br>Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 pm<br>St. Joseph's Church<br>Legendary Lodge, Salmon Lake 677-2211 |
| <b>Fundamental Baptist Church</b><br>677-2268<br>Sun. School, 9:45 am<br>Sun. Services, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm<br>Wed. Eve. Bible Study, 7:30pm<br>Swan Valley Baptist Church<br>Salmon Prairie Road<br>Pastor Jim Patterson, 754-2509<br>Sunday Service, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm<br>Sunday School, 9:45 am | <b>Community Bible Church, Seeley</b><br>Pastor Rob Morris, 677-2837<br>Sunday School, 10:00 am<br>Sunday Worship, 11:00 am<br><b>Swan Valley Catholic Community</b><br>Father D. A. Okorn, 754-2429<br>Sunday Mass, 8:45 am<br>(Faith Lutheran, Condon)                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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## Seeley Elementary Approves 86-87 Budget

The Seeley Lake Elementary School Trustees approved a final budget of \$487,383 at a special meeting Monday night. Of that final budget, the amount paid by school district residents through property tax levies is \$91,728.90. The district has an authorized levy of \$99,500, but Monday night trustees agreed not to increase the budget even though they had the authority to do so.

Last year's Elementary budget was \$456,619, with a voted levy of \$80,500. State funding dropped by more than \$10,000 this year because of a decrease in the number of students. (The Elementary had 181 students last year and will have 176 students, so far, for 1986-87.)

In other business, the trustees discussed the possibility of extending the bus route from Grey's Mill north to Pete Rovero's, at the request of the Cahoon family residing near Rainy Lake. Pete Rovero's residence would be the logical "turnaround" according to Boyd Gossard, board chairman. Trustees agreed to invite interested parents to the next regular meeting and to also discuss the possibility with the bus contractor.

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The Clearwater and Swan drainages are separated by the "Summit" approximately 15 miles north of Seeley Lake. South of this line, visitors are in the Lolo National Forest. Visitors north of the Summit will be in the Flathead National Forest.

For more information about these areas visitors are encouraged to talk to local merchants familiar with the areas, or contact:

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Many local businesses, the Chamber and Forest Service have a variety of maps available. Topo maps are available at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station.

## Fishing Report

Fishing is pretty good this week in the lakes and rivers. Fly fishing is popular now, with the grasshoppers and horseflies active.

Joe's Hopper is a good fly, so are peacock bodies, with either a grey or brown hackle. Royal Coachman and mosquitoes are good now, or try black ants for the big ones.

Creek fishing is still good. Avoid the holes near the main road for successful bait fishing.

People are still catching the McBrides that were planted in Seeley Lake. Some folks wonder if there will be any left over to feed on the perch at the end of the summer.

Don't forget Big Mamma - the biggest fish story of the summer. For \$5.00 you get five guesses on her weight. Winner gets \$200 this fall. Big Mamma's weight was supposedly found in 1942, written on a piece of paper stuffed in a mayonnaise jar floating in the Columbia River. (And, if you believe that, we know what kind of fishing you've been doing lately!) The jar will be opened after Labor Day to determine the winner. Proceeds of the contest go toward the purchase of community fireworks for the 1987 Fourth of July celebration. Contact the Seeley-Condon Chamber of Commerce for more information.

## Fishing Access Sites

There are numerous fishing access sites on the Big Blackfoot River and the Clearwater River south of Seeley Lake, including the following:

Clearwater Crossing, west of Clearwater Junction off Highway 200; Russ Gates Memorial Park, near Sperry Grade on the Blackfoot River; Scotty Brown Bridge, Blackfoot River; Johnsrud Park, Blackfoot River.

## State Campgrounds

Salmon Lake: Developed campground, \$5.00 per night. 20 units.

Placid Lake: Developed site. \$5.00 per night. 42 units.

Harper's Lake: Undeveloped site near Clearwater Junction.

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August 9 & 10, Team Roping Clinic, Condon

August 12-17, Northwestern Montana Fair, Kalispell.

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August 16-17, Annual Horseshow Tournament, Seeley Lake.

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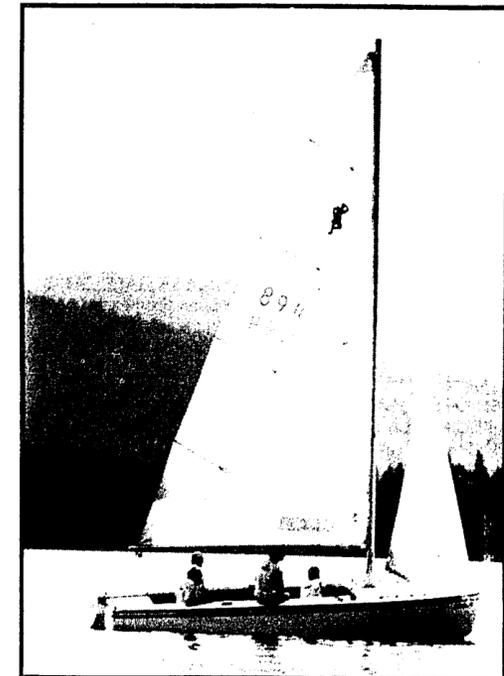
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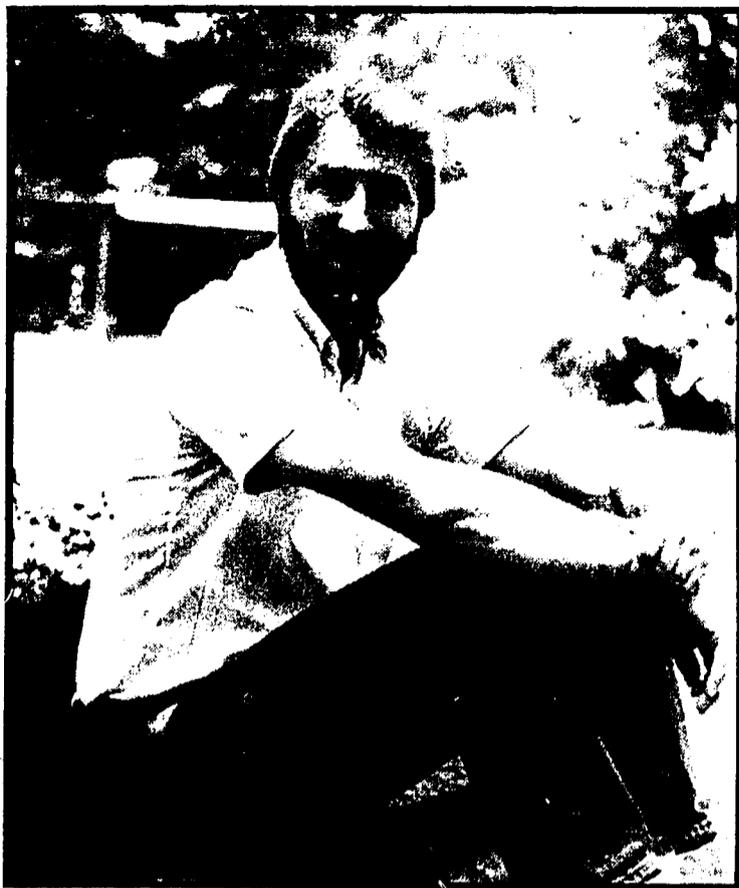
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## Larry Pagett: Art and Music

Art and music "just kind of go together," according to artist/teacher Larry Pagett.

Pagett has been involved with art and music all his life. "It's something I've just grown up with," he said. He teaches music and business classes at Seeley Swan High School. He has assisted as the accompanist for singing groups and worked with The Black Tie Affair, which won awards in area music competition this past year.

This year, the school will also offer an art elective during the activity period and Pagett will be the instructor.

Although he started painting with oils and acrylics, Pagett enjoys watercolor and has been painting in that medium for "10 or 12 years," he said. For a short time he used a watercolor technique with acrylics, but then switched to watercolor paints after fellow artists convinced him it was easier.

Pagett is colorblind to certain shades and hues but, to the observer, it doesn't appear to affect his painting. "I paint what I see - and the colors that I see," he said, adding that he has learned to mix colors - purple for example - so that "roses look like roses" to people who see his work.

Pagett has some favorite subjects. "I do more aspen trees than anything else," he said. He sells a lot of them, too. "I have even sold them off the wall of the living room," he laughed.

Pagett's paintings are in demand, but he says he paints in "stages." Recently he has been inspired to paint wildflowers. (Several of these are on display at Artistic Expressions, Seeley Lake.) He also enjoys painting fall scenes, old buildings and still life such as wagon wheels.

In the past his work has been displayed at several area galleries, including Marie's and Magic Mushroom, in Missoula; Town and Country Gallery, Dillon; Village Square Gallery, Bigfork; and Reader's Alley, Helena.

Pagett paints "to keep busy," he said. "It's a therapy thing. I'm never really bored."

Painting is only one of his "hobbies." He also works with stained glass and, occasionally, does custom work.

He recently started making baskets as an extension of his interest in arts and crafts. Larry's wife, Karen (who works at Seeley Lake Elementary), is a collector of handmade baskets, and that's how Larry became interested in basketry. Each basket carries a special significance, he said. "There is something special about watching something being made," he said, referring to the fact that basket makers often demonstrate their craft at shows where they also sell their basketry.

Larry and Karen Pagett live in Seeley Lake and have two daughters. Lesley is teaching and coaching in White Sulphur Springs. Penny will be a junior, transferring from the University of Montana to Western Montana College this fall.



## TREASURES, park to park

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