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Western District Candidate

Don Allen Visits Seeley Lake

It's not often that candidates find time to spend a day in Seeley Lake. But Republican Don Allen, who will face Pat Williams this fall for the Western Congressional seat in Washington, D.C., answered questions, shook hands with senior citizens and probably even kissed a baby or two on his tour through town on Monday.

Montanans, he says, are concerned about jobs more than any other issue. Allen didn't avoid questions, as politicians sometimes do. He attended a recent AFL/CIO convention in Great Falls and repeated the advice that he gave them: Don't wait for everybody else to do the economic development in this state. Go out and do it yourself. "I challenged them to (create) their own task force to find industries or companies who want to locate here," Allen added.

Allen's background is in the petroleum industry and, recently, as a small businessman in Montana. He has a public relations firm and assists businesses and individuals, many of whom employ "a great many people" in Montana. He believes that his expertise in dealing with public lands management, in particular, has given him a special ability to help improve the job situation in Western Montana. He pointed out that over half of the land in the Western District of Montana is public (federal and state). As a small businessman in Montana, he feels he is in touch with the needs of both employers and workers.

He cited statistics from three recent, "reliable" polls which suggest that the majority of Montanans want to see natural resources developed in a selective way, "done right" he said. He favors the development of forest areas outside of established wilderness and park boundaries.

From a revenue standpoint, the counties and state get money back from development on public lands. "It's a real boost to the economy. It could be done in a compatible way (balancing recreation and mining interests, for example), with responsible management," he explained.

Allen was the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor in Montana in 1984 with Pat Goodover.

Dee Ball, Republican candidate for House District 65, was also in Seeley Lake on Monday to show her support for Allen. "I'm not here to campaign," she laughed. However, she agreed with Allen's assessment that people in Montana are concerned about the economic situation. What issues does Ball hear about in her district? "Jobs, jobs, jobs, taxes, taxes, taxes, spending, spending, spending," she said. She also pointed out that, although Allen's statements about improving the economy are certainly steps in the "right direction," the State legislature will have to take a hard look at issues such as the unitary tax if people really want to attract more industry to the state.

Fire Proves Stubborn

The Inez fire "took a run" up the steep slopes of the Swan range, east of Richmond Ridge on Sunday, sending up plumes of smoke visible for miles. Flames shot up to 100 feet in the air at one point as the fire consumed about 10 acres in 10 minutes, according to one unidentified observer.

The stubborn fire continues to burn in steep, rugged terrain. The main problem with the fire is that burning snags fall downhill, sending sparks and coals rolling below the fireline and into heavy lodgepole and windfalls. The fire then breaks out anew below the lines, causing firefighters to return each morning and put out the "hot spots."

According to Dan Bailey, Fire Management Officer for the Seeley Lake Ranger District, the present conditions will probably continue until it rains.



Local residents gathered at the Walters' residence recently to meet Republican candidates. Some of the participants were (left to right): Don Allen, Dee Ball, Midge Walters, Lois Gysler, Bucky Walters, Erv Gysler.

The fire is now close to 100 acres, according to Bailey. About 40 inter-agency firefighters are working to maintain firelines and put out "spots." Strategy for the fire, Bailey said, is to keep it between two large avalanche chutes, and to keep the heavy fuels in the bottom from burning.

Local residents will continue to see a plume of smoke, Bailey said, as the fire continues to make random "runs" up the steep slopes within the area between the fireline and avalanche chutes.

Survey Underway

About 400 residents from the Seeley-Swan-Greenough communities have been surveyed by telephone as part of the community attitude survey.

Part of the water district survey has also been conducted by phone, and there has been some confusion according to Dan Mizner, survey coordinator. The

Seeley Lake Water District is canvassing residents of the district. This survey is separate from the general community attitude survey, part of which is also being done by telephone. Some residents of Seeley Lake may be contacted twice by telephone and may answer questions for both calls because, as Mizner emphasized, the questions on the two surveys are different.

Mail and hand-out questionnaires for the general community attitude survey are being made available this week at local grocery stores. Residents are encouraged to fill out these forms if they did not complete the general community survey by telephone. This survey contains questions about schools, health care, natural resources and fire protection, and includes several questions directed specifically at residents age 65 and older.

Results of the surveys will be published in September or early October.

OPINION

Labor Day...

and the celebration thereof is very much a function of one's state of mind.

Over in Butte, Labor Day is regarded as nothing less than a holy day. Homage is paid to the heroes of the labor movement. Pacans are sung to Samuel Gompers, John L. Lewis and others in the pantheon.

But here in Seeley Lake, as in other communities where organized labor has little presence, Labor Day is viewed primarily as the end of summer. Forget the autumnal equinox. September 22 is not the end of summer - Labor Day is. Indisputable evidence for this is to be found in the fact that many woodstoves are rekindled right around Labor Day weekend, after a long summer's dormancy.

For many local businesses, Labor Day means the end of the peak sales season. For the kids, it means the beginning of another school year. For all of us in the Valley, it means a little more peace and quiet.

Many areas of the country go into hibernation after Labor Day. We're a lot more fortunate; there is merely a shifting of gears as we look forward to the hunting season and the arrival of winter recreation.

One concludes, then, that Labor Day is a good invention. Few days on the calendar serve more purposes. Let's hope they keep it around. There is legitimate cause for concern that they

might not. The labor movement is in a period of decline: 18% of the nation's work force is unionized, which is only half of the post-war peak. And the trend continues. Will they repeal Labor Day if labor unions become a threatened or endangered species?

Let's hope not, Sports Fans. We need a break this time of year. Write your Congressman.

- Dick Potter

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The Water Board Replies

To the Editor:

The Seeley Lake Water District went to the voters on September 10, 1985 with a bond issue of \$425,000. This amount was to come from two sources: \$310,000 from DNRC and \$115,000 from FmHA. These funds were to be supplemental with grants from other sources to meet the cost of the five-year capital improvement program recommended by Sorenson and Company, Inc., Missoula, MT.

The package recommended the development of two deep wells at a cost of \$100,000 each plus a test well program for up to seven test wells at \$11,000 each. Since the funding of the bond issue failed, we have been comparing the well system to the surface water source which we are currently using. We do have an abundant supply that is currently good quality. The problems associated with surface water are the constant threat of contamination, the higher level of silt in spring, and the possibility of state requirement for filtration in the near future. Filtration is a viable option although it is expensive. We can only hope that current research and development will eventually make the cost of a small filter system more affordable.

During the bond issue period the Water Board received criticism for not having and maintaining a fund to cover major repair and maintenance projects, such as the freeze-ups resulting in broken mains in the spring of 1985. To remedy this situation, the board, after considerable discussion and research, instituted a rate increase of 50% and a system entry fee of \$750.00. This increase was established to cover system depreciation, maintenance and repair needed on an aging system. The \$750.00 entry fee to the water system not only covers system depreciation, repair and maintenance, but also allows newcomers to the system to cover their fair share of the original system maintenance and upkeep.

The system entry fee, along with 15% of the rate increase is being put into a sinking fund as outlined in Part 23 of the Montana Code, Article 7-13-2301. This section covers the setting of fees and what these fees should cover, i.e., repairs, maintenance and at least

one year's bond payment. The balance of the increase is being used to fund operational costs which have required us to make our first rate increase since 1967. Establishment of the sinking fund has allowed the Water District to rebuild the depleted bond fund and has now allowed us to seek further engineering assistance for repairs to the system, through construction layout of a new storage tank and a main line to the tank. We will also seek engineering assistance for upgrading the pumping facility, a more reliable recording water monitoring system and further study of the possibility of a filtration system.

CONCLUSION: The Seeley Lake Water Board of Directors ask for your support and cooperation as we endeavor to clear up the problems associated with the expansion of our water system. With a strong community effort and cooperation of all water users, we can achieve a viable short term remedy for our current water shortages. Some options are:

- 1) Fewer days and hours for sprinkling, i.e., 7 to 10 evenings or mornings only.
- 2) A neighborhood watch system, self-policing violations of water use.
- 3) A more conservative use of water, compared to the national average. Seeley Lake water use is quite high.
- 4) Elimination of unauthorized use of water, such as the fire hydrants.
- 5) Further restrictions on watering, i.e., hand watering only; one sprinkler limitation and limited sprinkling area.
- 6) An intensive search on both district and private lines to locate leaks.

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Seeley Lake Water District

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OPINION

The Chamber in Transition?

To the Editor:

Prior to the organization of the Seeley-Condon Chamber of Commerce five years ago, there were two organizations in Seeley Lake that were working for the betterment of the community - the Seeley Lake Businessmen's Association and the Seeley Lake Planning Association. The Businessmen's Association promoted activities and events to bring visitors to the area. They also sponsored community events such as Santa Claus for the kids and Annual Appreciation Dinners to express to the community the Businessmen's thanks for their support through the year. The Planning Association held public meetings and served as a liaison between the community and local and county government agencies in the areas of land use planning and capital improvement programs.

Both the Businessmen and the Planning Association did much good work over the years but were unable to gather enough public support to meet the needs of a growing community. In 1981 the members of the Businessmen's Association began discussing the feasibility of starting a Chamber of Commerce. A steering committee was then set up to sample public support and to gather information about how best to organize a Chamber. A cross-section of community leaders was interviewed and most expressed their support for a local Chamber. Organizational information was gathered from local, state, and national Chambers of Commerce.

The decision was made to proceed with organizing a Chamber in our area. The steering committee was broadened to include people other than members of the Businessmen's Association. An organizational meeting was held with participants drawn from Swan Valley-Condon as well as from Seeley Lake. Two basic decisions were made at that meeting. One was to include Swan Valley-Condon as well as Seeley Lake in an effort to increase cooperation between people on both sides of the Summit Divide. The other decision was to structure the Chamber to serve not only business needs but other community needs as well. And because of the lack of any representative community organization to speak for the people as a whole, the Chamber was organized as a quasi-governmental group which attempted to speak at times in behalf of the people.

Since that first organizational meeting, the Chamber has had fairly broad support. Membership has ranged upwards to about 100 with half business and professional people and half from the general public. Like most organizations the Chamber has made some

significant accomplishments, and it has had its share of disappointments.

The purpose of this writing is not to evaluate the Chamber but rather to offer two suggestions for bringing the Chamber more closely in tune with the rapidly changing needs of the community.

1) Some people in the Swan Valley-Condon area have not been enthusiastic about the idea of a Chamber of Commerce, and some have mixed feelings about the name of the Chamber. While the Chamber needs the support of individuals as well as businesses from Swan Valley-Condon, perhaps the name should be changed to Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and hope that people from north of the Summit who wish to participate will continue to do so.

2) Because of the broad scope of its efforts as a quasi-governmental as well as a business-oriented organization, the Chamber has become a somewhat cumbersome organization. So much of its work, as well as meeting time, is taken up by reports of numerous committees that individual members have little opportunity to participate in the business of the Chamber. Perhaps our community has reached a point where the local boards or a town council can assume the quasi-governmental functions that the Chamber spends much of its time on. This would enable the Chamber to streamline its organization, provide more opportunity for individuals to participate in meetings, and focus its energies on those functions more typical of a Chamber of Commerce.

As one of the organizers of the Chamber, I am proud of its accomplishments. We must recognize, however, that the needs of the community have changed in the past five years, and the Chamber should adapt to these changes.

Jeff Macon
Seeley Lake

Fan Letter

To the Editor:

I have read several articles in your paper regarding the water problem in Phase II of the Double Arrow Ranch. I don't know the individual complications of the properties involved, but my wife and I own a home in Phase II and have never had a problem with a shortage of water.

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Ad Hoc Group Addresses More Business Problems

The Ad Hoc Businessperson's Group met last Thursday at Leisure Lodge. Once again, there was an exceptionally good turnout of local businesspeople. The causes for four problems which had been identified at an earlier meeting were addressed. The problems, all affecting local area businesses, are:

- Misdirection of Chamber of Commerce
- Lack of market identification (with emphasis on lack of highway signs)
- Stagnating community development
- Inter-business divisiveness

At the conclusion of the hour and a quarter session, the group divided into four committees. Each committee was asked to explore specific solutions for one of the four problem areas and to report their conclusions at the next meeting. The next meeting is set for 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 4 at Leisure Lodge. Group coordinator, Dennis Schneider, urges all local businessmen to attend and take part.

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Dorothy Pulliam has been operating the Roundup Bar since June when she bought it from Tom and Lydia Kallis. Pulliam's background is in banking and she laughs about not being in the "bar business" before, but she is happy to live in Greenough after 13 years in Missoula.

The Roundup Bar has been open since the 1940's, when the main part of the building (which was a bunkhouse at the ACM camp at Woodworth) was moved to its present location.

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COMMUNITY



Jesse Shoup, daughter of Bill and Lynne Shoup, Condon, enjoys the warm waters of Holland Lake.

Area Students Start School Tuesday

Students head back to school September 2 for a full day of classes in Seeley Lake, Swan Valley, Salmon Prairie, Ovando and Greenough.

The biggest change in any of the schools this year is the size of the Seeley Lake kindergarten. Thirty children are registered and the class will be split into two sessions beginning the second week of school. (Teacher Kathleen Thompson will be assisted by a full-time aid the first week.) Letters explaining the change have been sent to parents who have registered children. Principal John Hebnes pointed out at last week's school board meeting that parents should voluntarily sign up for the afternoon session (those who are able), in an effort to decrease the number of names which will have to be randomly drawn to place children in either the morning or afternoon sessions.

The Seeley Lake Elementary will serve hot lunch beginning September 2. Hebnes encourages parents to provide students with money for lunch on the first day of school, if possible. Hot lunch is 90 cents and milk is 20 cents. There are no lunch tickets since meals are accounted for through specialized computer programs. Reduced milk and meal rates are available to those who qualify (see related article).

Hebnes expects a total of between 170 and 180 students in the elementary school this fall.

School buses will run their normal routes, with the exception of the north route which was extended 7-1/2 miles to drop off children at the Cahoon and Rovero residences in the afternoon.

Principal Dan White, at Swan Valley Elementary, said that their school buses will run normal schedules Tuesday. Kindergarten classes are half-day sessions, as usual. Students may ride the bus to school, and parents can pick them up at noon. There is no hot lunch program at Swan Elementary, but the "free milk" program will continue this year (see related article).

Ovando Elementary School has two teachers this year with nine students tentatively enrolled for grades K-3 and 15 tentatively enrolled for grades 4-8. The Ovando district does not have a milk or hot lunch program, nor do they have school buses.

Sunset School has about 17 to 20 students tentatively enrolled this fall. There are two new teachers at Sunset: Michael and Andrea Greene, husband and wife who moved to the area a few months ago. There is no milk or hot lunch program at Sunset and they do not have school buses.

Salmon Prairie expects 13 students this fall. They do not have a kindergarten program. There is no milk or hot lunch program.

Seeley Swan High School expects about 121 students this fall. "You never know until the first day," Principal Kim Haines said. Buses will be running the same schedule as last year. Breakfast and hot lunch will be served and students are encouraged to bring money for meals and activity cards the first day.

Lindey's to Close for Winter

For the first time in more than 6 years, Lindey's Prime Steak House will close "for the winter" according to Grant Lindemer, manager.

Lindemer has accepted a management position at the St. Paul Lindey's Steak House operation and he and his wife, Cindy, will move there after Labor Day. Why are they moving? "The man who runs (the St. Paul restaurant) had surgery this spring." While he was recuperating "he discovered he'd rather play golf than work," Grant laughed. This left an opening for Grant to fill.

Lindey's in Seeley Lake will reopen next spring, with Grant's help, and will be operated by Michael and Steven Lindemer, Grant's brothers.

Grant and Cindy have enjoyed being in Seeley Lake. They came here because they felt the area had a good potential for growth "and it has fulfilled our expectations," Grant said, adding "It hasn't been boring."

Both Grant and Cindy look forward to a "more normal" work schedule in St. Paul. They have worked six days a week for six years in Seeley Lake.

The Lindemers have one son, Jesse, who is 2-1/2 years old.

Seeley Lake Elementary Has Free Meals Program

Seeley Lake Elementary School announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Program. The school office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Children from families whose income is at or below certain levels are eligible for free or reduced-price meals and/or milk. Application forms are being sent to all homes. To apply for free or reduced meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school.

Wilderness Sportsmen Offer Photo Clinic

Seeley Lake's Wilderness Sportsman Club will be sponsoring an amateur photography clinic on September 13 at 1:00 p.m. at Leisure Lodge. Local professional photographer Roger Wade will host the clinic, which will feature tips on how to improve your basic photography skills. Wade will also present a slide show of some of his own work. Anyone interested in improving his photography skills is invited to attend.

The Wilderness Sportsman Club would like to remind everyone of their upcoming Fall Gun Show. This fall's show will include an amateur photography contest. Participants are encouraged to take advantage of the photography clinic in preparation for that event. There will be a nominal fee for those attending the clinic. For more information contact Bruce Burns at 677-2526 or Gary Lewis at 677-2823.

Shorelines

Suzie Miller, daughter of Jerry and Carol Miller, Seeley Lake, recently returned from Germany after completing the Wheatman in Germany-Austria program. The program allows students to study the German language and culture while completing some of their liberal arts, history and language requirements. Suzie is a sophomore at Wheaton College near Chicago and returned to school last week after a brief visit at home with family and friends.

Greenough

There will be a "new owner" party at the Roundup Bar on August 30, beginning at 4 p.m. with a potluck supper. There will be live music later on in the evening.

Lutheran Women Hold Benefit

The Women In Service of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Seeley Lake will hold a Benefit Rummage Sale and Silent Auction in downtown Seeley Lake from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 30.

All donations to the rummage sale are welcome, according to a church spokesperson.

Target Range School Receives Award

Target Range School, Missoula, has received a \$500 Environmental Education Award from the Missoula County Conservation District to develop an outdoor classroom. Ann Ford, Condon, is principal at the Target Range elementary school.

Students and teachers will contribute to the proposed outdoor classroom by planting trees and shrubs, creating drip irrigation systems, making knapweed study plots, using erosion control techniques (planting new grass cultivars), raising pheasants and creating a nature trail in the area.

Target Range Superintendent Bud Beagle, Ford and several teachers have assisted with the proposal.

CORNUCOPIA by Michele Potter

Chicken has grown to be pretty popular fare these days. In fact, many gourmet restaurants will only order "organically" grown chickens for their diners - and you can bet that they're paying a tidy sum for those specialty birds! For those of us who buy our chicken and turkey at the grocery store, I'm already hearing that poultry prices are going to skyrocket, and soon, because of the drought down South. The one consolation is that even if prices do increase, poultry is still a good buy - comparatively speaking, that is.

I remember when ground beef hit its popularity peak. If you wanted to make some quick money, all you had to do was write a book on 1001 Ways with Burger Meat! Hamburger in any shape or form remains popular. But our tastebuds (and our waistlines) were ready for the rise and current popularity of poultry. The turkey industry is now promoting turkey year-round. Have you noticed the price of turkeys lately? Not bad.

For that last summer salad, here's a Middle Eastern recipe from the Rice Council of America's international collection. The Rice Council people say, "the cuisine from this part of the world continues to grow in popularity" - Saudi Arabia's Sheik's Chicken Salad. What do you think Don and Eileen Schaff?

Sheik's Chicken Salad	
2 cooked chicken breasts, skinned, boned, and cut into strips	2 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
1 cup chopped red or green peppers	1 cup mayonnaise
3 cups cooked rice, cooled	2 teaspoons prepared mustard
1/2 head lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces	1 teaspoon salt, if desired
1/4 cup sliced almonds	1 teaspoon green peppercorns or 1/2 teaspoon seasoned pepper

Combine chicken, red peppers, rice, lettuce, almonds, and eggs. Blend mayonnaise, mustard, and seasonings. Pour over rice mixture; toss lightly. Makes 6 servings.

The National Broiler Council provides us with the following tips and recipe. Chicken is well suited to fast, moist microwave cookery. Ovens vary so follow manufacturer's instructions but, in general, allow 6 minutes per pound on *high* except whole bird which cooks best on *medium*.

For a quick microwaved chicken dinner, dip chicken in melted butter, roll in seasoned crumbs, cover with wax paper and cook as follows: 1 breast half, cook 4-6 minutes *high*; 1 thigh, cook 4-5 minutes *medium-high*; 1 leg-thigh combination, cook 7-9 minutes *medium-high*.

Don't forget about that National Chicken Cooking Contest I talked about earlier this past spring. Call me for more details - 677-2022.

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Shorty Hill shows the form that won the tournament.

Shorty Hill Wins Tourney

The Liquid Louie's Horseshoe Tournament two weeks ago in Condon was won by Nathan Hill, better known as "Shorty." Hill, a long-time resident of the Swan Valley, has been pitching shoes for "seven or eight years." He says he averaged about 30-35% during the tournament. That means three or more shoes out of every ten are ringers.

Hill received a keg of beer and a Liquid Louie's T-shirt. Dick Kiehl, Holland Lake, placed second and received a case of beer and a T-shirt. Jim Craig, Swan Valley, placed third and won a hat and a T-shirt. Twelve horseshoe pitchers competed in the tournament.

According to Shorty Hill, the local community often gets together for horseshoe tournaments, pool tournaments and jam sessions. "We're so far away from town... we gotta make our own entertainment!" he laughed.

Swan Elementary New Aid Hired

Shirley White has been hired as the new teachers' aid at Swan Valley Elementary. White was one of four "very qualified" candidates who was interviewed for the position at a special board meeting Monday night, according to Billie McDonald, trustee.

White has several years of experience working in elementary schools. She has taught subjects such as typing, and has also assisted in music programs and general secretarial work. White's husband, Dan, is the new principal at Swan. They have worked together several years in school settings.

Shirley will help with the large (25-27 students) 5th and 6th grade class, and will also help out in other areas on a part-time basis.

In other business, the board approved the school disciplinary policy and general school policy. The disciplinary policy was modified slightly to allow teachers more flexibility in dealing with students' misbehavior in school.

Swan Valley School Milk Program

The Swan Valley Elementary School will again offer milk to all children daily for the 1986-87 school year. Price for milk will be ten (10) cents per one-half pint.

The School also has a program for free milk for children unable to pay the full price of milk served under the Special Milk Program. Children from families whose income is at or below certain levels are eligible for free milk. Application forms are being sent to all homes, along with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free milk, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school.

Marriage Announcement

Congratulations to Mike Childs and Diann Ericson on their recent marriage. They will be celebrating with a potluck for friends in the Seeley-Swan community on August 31 beginning at 5:00 p.m. They will furnish the hamburgers, guests should bring their choice of beverage.



Clockwise from left: Suzie Stacks, John Plum, Ray Eaves and Shorty Hill. All contributed to the 4th annual jam session last weekend at Liquid Louie's, Condon.

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Archaeologists Dig Lindbergh

An archaeological site near Lindbergh Lake was surveyed last month to determine the extent of the site and what cultural deposits lay beneath the ground, according to Flathead National Forest Archaeologist Gary Maclean.

The test excavation may have provided evidence that the area should be protected in compliance with federal laws regarding historic sites, according to Maclean. This winter Maclean will apply to the National Registry of Historic Sites. "In my opinion, it is eligible," Maclean said, explaining that there are many factors which could impair admittance to the Registry, including "a lot of previous disturbance of the site."

Maclean pointed out that he only "tested" the site this summer, but that he believes the artifacts may date back about 4,000 years.

The Swan Lake Ranger District has, at times, considered upgrading facilities at the Lindbergh Lake campground. Archaeological reports would have to be considered in any plans the Forest Service might prepare. However, District Ranger Bill Pederson indicated that funding was not available for any improvements or additions at the Lindbergh campground, and that any action soon was unlikely.

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Permits Available To Hunt Whistling Swans

Five hundred permits to hunt whistling (tundra) swans will be issued in Cascade and Teton counties on the Pacific Flyway, according to a recent Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks news release. These permits are valid from October 4 through December 21.

In the Central Flyway, an additional 500 permits will be issued for the season October 4 through January 4.

Written applications for the swan permits must be submitted to Montana DFWP, General Licensing, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620 by September 9 at 5:00 p.m. Applicants may apply for only one swan permit in Montana, in either the Central or Pacific flyways.

McBride Trout

by Bill Pryor, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

(Editor's Note: There have been several recent plantings of McBrides in Seeley Lake.)

Every year around 400 spawning, three-year-old female Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout produce over 2,500 eggs each at the Yellowstone River Trout Hatchery in Big Timber. That amounts to one million eggs annually.

Thurston Dotson is the hatchery manager for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Big Timber, where these Cutthroat Trout are raised from the fertilized egg stage to fish two inches long called "fingerlings" for planting in high mountain lakes in Montana. This planting is a "return to tradition" since the Cutthroat, both Yellowstone and Westslope variety, were once native - in fact, they were present when Lewis and Clark explored Montana in 1805.

"I'd guess I was born 150 years too late," says Dotson. "I'd like to have seen these native trout in their original state." Of course, they've been around much longer than that.

The ancestor of today's Yellowstone Cutthroat resided in the big mountain lake of the same name until a remnant ice jam from the old glacier age broke loose and shot the uncontested trout king of western waters downstream. The Yellowstone Cutthroat pioneered new waters with a headstrong drive, making its home in rivers and tributaries as far east as the Tongue River.

Wagons, man, farming, timbering, sluicing and coloring the water came next and were to the Cutthroat's detriment.

Dotson says, "Considering man's taste for good fish, the Cutthroat was its own worst enemy. It can be overfished in a stream pretty easily. Plus, the Cutthroat didn't compete very well for food and spawning areas against fish that were brought in from other places and dumped into its home. Those strangers were Rainbow Trout from the west coast and Brown Trout from Europe."

Some Cutthroat are being placed in new waters today. The hatchery at Big Timber, Montana, raised the small fish that now have homes in the Beartooth, Absaroka, Gallatin, and Madison ranges; Beaver Creek in the Bearpaw Mountains; several lakes on the Rocky Mountain Front; and Seeley Lake, Lake Inez and the Clearwater River west of the Continental Divide.

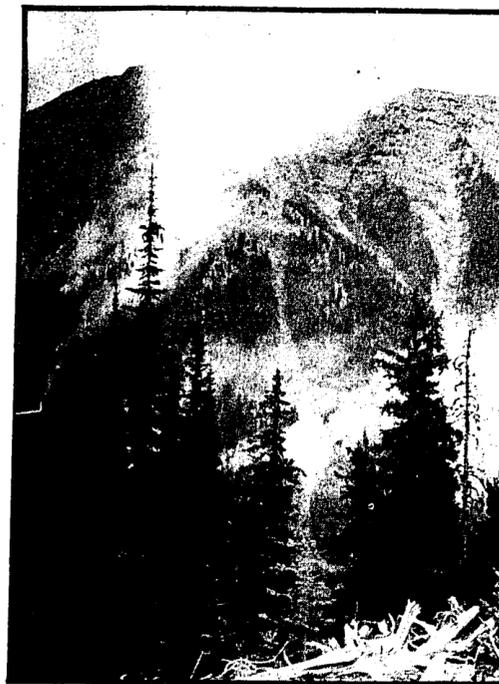
The fish raised in Big Timber is the McBride strain of the Yellowstone Cutthroat which, when habitat is suitable, will grow to trophy size, five to six pounds. Eggs are gathered about every ten years at McBride Lake in Yellowstone National Park with the help of the Park Service and raised to be "new blood" for the hatchery broodstock. These fish are crossed with hatchery brood fish to refurbish the wild genetic character of the broodstock.

"It's a pure strain of Cutthroat, fast growing, a long-lived fish that will establish reproducing populations when habitat is available," says Dotson. "It's a hardy fish that will pioneer. It likes fast, headwater-type streams, intermittent short pools with long riffles and occasional white water rapids in between. It needs clean gravel and really a harsh environment."

The McBride strain of Cutthroat is doing the job. "It's usually a sight feeder," says Dotson, "but it will change its eating habits if need be. It will eat various foods including plankton, shrimp and, when necessary, fish. It's doing well in Hebgen Lake near West Yellowstone where it eats Utah Chubs. The McBrides planted there five years ago now weigh two and one-half to three pounds, and are spawning in some of Hebgen's tributaries."

"A hatchery can't compete with 200-300 miles of good spawning stream," says Dotson. "If we had sufficient spawning streams in the right places to take care of our need for Cutthroat, we could close the hatchery and let nature furnish the Cutthroat."

And so, every year a million new eggs are provided by 400 three-year-old females, so the line can go on at the hatchery to supply fish for lakes with no natural trout reproduction and expand into new waters.



The Inez Fire as it looked from Richmond Ridge on Sunday.

Grouse, Dove and Archery Seasons Open

General archery, grouse and mourning dove seasons open Saturday, September 6.

The archery season for deer, elk and antelope will generally continue through October 11; however, there are several exceptions and hunters are advised to check regulations. Archery hunters need a license for the game they are hunting along with a \$6.00 archery stamp.

The mountain grouse season opens one-half hour before sunrise September 6 and the limit is four birds per person in combination or single species. Blue, ruffed, and Franklin's grouse may be taken with a shotgun, bow, rifle or handgun.

Sharp-tailed grouse and sage grouse hunting seasons also open next Saturday in central and eastern Montana. Hunters should check the regulations for their favorite hunting area.

Mourning doves will be fair game for shotguns from September 6 through October 12. Other means of taking doves are prohibited. Shooting from roads or vehicles or at doves on utility lines or poles is illegal and shotguns must be plugged to hold no more than three shells. Dove limits are 15 per day and 30 in possession. A duck stamp is not required to hunt mourning doves.

Warm Water Fish Plan Available

A draft of Montana's first statewide management plan for warm water fish, which include walleye, bass, crappie and northern pike, among other species, is now available for public review. Comments on the plan will be received through September 22.

Copies of the plan can be obtained by writing:
 Warm Water Fish Plan
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Dorothy Richards executes doublehanded backhand.



Black Bear Season Opens Next Week

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Tennis Tourney Draws 30 Players

Local tennis instructor, Anita Richards, organized a tennis tournament last week that drew 30 players from the Seeley Swan community. These players formed 15 teams which were split into two doubles divisions, beginner and advanced beginner. Frank and Geri Netherton won the Beginner Championship game Thursday night, while Al and Dorothy Richards took second. Paul Relf and Janet Faller won the Advanced Beginner Championship, with George Wolfe and Jan Tanner placing second. Winners received Seeley Lake Tennis Tournament T-shirts. Richards is proud of the progress made by tennis players in the Seeley Lake community. The courts were built just three years ago. They were completed late in the summer the first season, Richards said, so she didn't begin tennis classes until last summer. She taught again this season. Richards says she loves the game and has been playing for about ten years. Matches were scored as follows:

- Match 1 (advanced)**
 Lisa & Bill Pena 1-2
 Paul Relf & Janet Faller 6-6
- Match 2 (advanced)**
 Jeff Richards & Mary Ann Morin Bye-
- Match 3 (beginner)**
 David & Debbie Ash 6-6
 Rett and Charlee Parker 4-4
- Match 4 (beginner)**
 Geri & Frank Netherton 6-6
 Larry & Penny Pagett 2-3
- Match 5 (advanced)**
 Jeff Richards & Mary Ann Morin 1-2
 Paul Relf & Janet Faller 6-6
- Match 6 (beginner)**
 Rett & Charlee Parker 6-6
 Larry & Penny Pagett 2-3
- Match 7 (advanced)**
 George Wolfe & Jan Tanner 6-6
 Kaye Aumaugher & Jim Richards 4-0
- Match 8 (advanced)**
 Robin Williams & Jeremy Aumaugher 2-6-6
 Ron & Anita Richards 6-3-1
- Match 9 (advanced)**
 George Wolfe & Jan Tanner 6-6
 Robin Williams & Jeremy Aumaugher 4-0
- Match 10 (advanced)**
 Ron & Anita Richards 6-6-7
 Kaye Aumaugher & Jim Richards 4-6-1
- Match 11 (beginner)**
 Al & Dorothy Richards 4-6-6
 Mary & Roger Marshall 6-2-1
- Match 12 (beginner)**
 Geri & Frank Netherton 6-5-6
 Debbie & David Ash 4-7-2
- Match 13 (advanced)**
 Ron & Anita Richards 2-2
 Bill & Lisa Pena 6-6
- Match 14 (beginner)**
 Rett & Charlee Parker 6-6-6
 Roger & Mary Marshall 6-0-6
 (Two tie breakers, one Marshall, one Parker)
- Match 15 (beginner)**
 Frank & Geri Netherton 6-6
 Al & Dorothy Richards 2-3
- Match 16 (advanced)**
 George Wolfe & Jan Tanner 4-4
 Paul Relf & Janet Faller 6-6

Seeley Trustees Approve Bus Route Extension

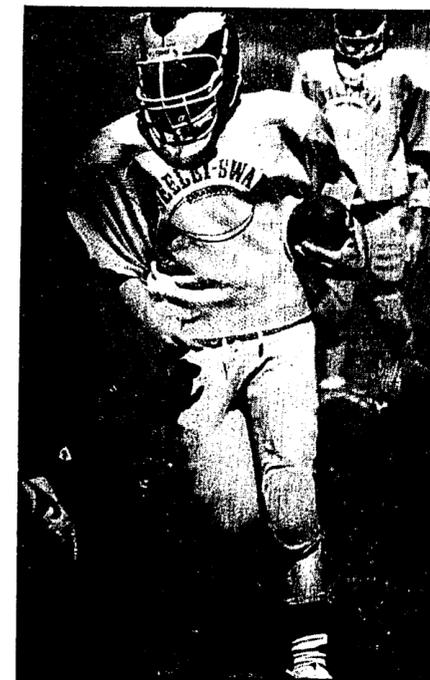
The Seeley Lake Elementary School bus route was extended north to Pete Rovero's at last week's board meeting. Trustees agreed to let the Rovero and Cahoon children board the high school bus in the morning and to transport the students home in the afternoon on the Elementary bus. Trustees also approved a commitment to continue the extension of the route until "there is no longer a need," according to Larry Marx, trustee. In other business, trustees agreed that the school should request a "bus stop" sign from the Montana Department of Highways to be placed near the Tamaracks stop. Trustees also agreed to split the kindergarten class (see related school story this issue).

Grade School Basketball Begins

The first basketball practice for girls in grades 5-8 will begin after school Wednesday, September 3, according to coach, Marilyn Kuch. Practices will last until 5:00 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday. Physicals, available through the SOS Health Center, are required for all girls interested in participating.

Archers May Purchase "B" Tags For Deer

Deer "B" tags are now available for archery hunting in district #290, near Ovando, and district #260, along the Bitterroot and Clark Fork river bottoms, the Missoula office of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks recently announced. Only archers may hunt deer in these districts. The "B" licenses are good for either-sex deer in district #290 (Ovando) and antlerless whitetail in #260. Licenses are \$6.00 and are available at the Missoula DFWP. The archery season in district #290 near Ovando runs from September 6 through October 11 and from October 26 through November 30. The Bitterroot-Clark Fork district is open September 6 through January 4, 1987. Hunters must obtain permission before hunting on private land.



Blackhawks mobilize for the upcoming football season.

Seeley-Swan High School

Girls' Basketball

Sept. 5	Darby	Here	6:15
Sept. 6	Darby	There	6:15
Sept. 12	Noxon	There	6:15
Sept. 13	Hot Springs	There	6:15
Sept. 20	Arlee	Here	6:15
Sept. 26	Charlo	Here	6:15
Sept. 27	Victor	There	6:15

Football

Sept. 6	Victor	Here	1:30
Sept. 13	Charlo	Here	1:30
Sept. 20	Drummond	There	1:30
Sept. 27	Arlee	Here	1:30

Crissy Mills: Possible Olympic High Jumper

Fourteen year-old Crissy Mills, daughter of Wally and Sandy Mills, seasonal residents on the Double Arrow Ranch, is being pegged by some sports forecasters as a future Olympic high jumper. Crissy set a national age group record in the high jump at The Athletic Congress district track meet in Irvine, California by clearing 5 feet 8-1/2 inches. Mills attends school in Tarzana, California, and plays high school volleyball, basketball and softball.

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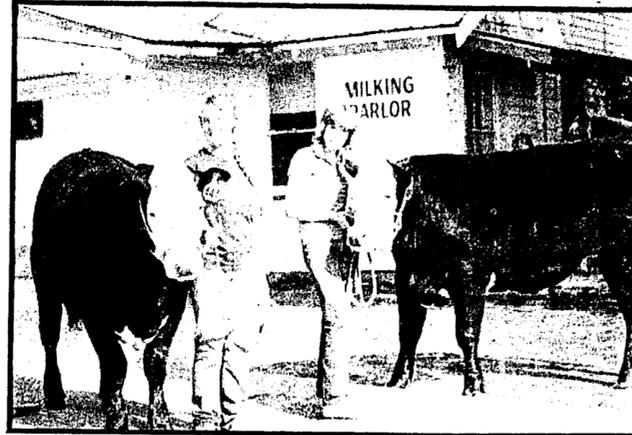
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Heather Wills, left, and Crystal Bush, Potomac Valley 4-H members, show off their steers prior to livestock judging Saturday at Missoula's Western Montana Fair.

4-H & The County Fair

If you attended the 4-H Fat Stock Sale Saturday at the Western Montana Fair, nobody had to tell you that country kids come out on top for the time and effort they devote to their steers, sheep and hogs. The top steer sold for more than \$5.00 a pound; the going market rate is less than 60 cents a pound. Hogs went for up to \$11.25 a pound and the top sheep sold for \$12 a pound. All of the 4-H livestock sold above current market prices.

When most people think of 4-H, the steers and hogs and goats quickly come to mind. But, according to Charlene Kubichek, Missoula County Extension Office, woodworking and photography are rapidly gaining in popularity.

The woodworking displays were breathtaking. Purple and blue ribbon winners included an heirloom oak highchair, an octagonal picnic table with built-on benches, and a smooth as glass oak cabinet painstakingly finished with smooth, rounded corners.

4-H members "learn by doing," Kubichek said. They not only learn citizenship and parliamentary procedure at their regular meetings, but they learn how to cook meals, sew their own sportswear, perform minor veterinary chores with their livestock, build practical items from wood, and in photography, they might shoot a family portrait and then develop the print as well.

Livestock isn't the only money-making game in 4-H. Many corporations and organizations around the United States offer valuable scholarships to 4-H members who excel. For example, the Montana Wheat Growers Association recently awarded two \$500 college scholarships to seniors who baked the best loaf of bread from Montana wheat. The Woolgrowers Association annually offers competition with valuable prizes for fashions created in wool.

The International 4-H program has a few basic rules that members abide by, but local clubs are free to develop programs that suit their needs. Montana's 4-H program is guided by the Montana State University Extension Service in cooperation with the counties and the United States Department of Agriculture. Each county program is carried on through the county extension office (Charlene Kubichek in the Missoula office). Local 4-H work is directed by volunteer leaders in cooperation with the members, their parents and interested citizens in the community. 4-H centers on the family. Many projects are conducted in the home with either parents or neighbors supervising, Kubichek said.

Kubichek believes that 4-H fills a need in rural communities. Membership allows kids to try different things that might not be available at school, and to emphasize family and community involvement in projects. "Each kid has a different need," she said, "and 4-H can fill that need."

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The catalog listings are printed as they were received from other universities, agencies, user groups or individuals. Most of the fees listed are nominal, to cover materials and distribution costs.

Software may be listed under more than one category in the index. The catalog includes nearly 200 software programs. It was designed for a three-ring binder and easy updating.

Orders sent to MSU must be accompanied by a signed agreement, order numbers and payment. Spreadsheet template orders can be included.

The *Agricultural Software Catalog* was prepared by Duane Griffith, Extension farm management specialist; Laurie Werle, extension assistant, and Tim Cutler, Extension computer programmer analyst.



The north end of Boy Scout Road will be closed until the evening of Thursday, August 28. The county is applying a cold mix overlay along a distance of approximately 0.7 mile.

Livestock Report

Last Thursday's livestock report from the Missoula livestock auction is as follows:

Cattle: Steady to \$1 lower. Heiferettes, 38.00 to 50.00; Utility & Commercial Cows, 33.00 to 40.00; Canner & Cutter Cows, 31.00 to 36.00; Bulls 41.00 to 50.00.

Feeders & Stockers: Steady. Good to choice steers, 55.00 to 65.00; Medium to Good Steers, 50.00 to 57.00; Good to Choice Heifers, 54.00 to 60.00; Medium to Good Heifers, 48.00 to 55.00; Good to Choice Steer Cfs, 64.00 to 80.00; Common & Med. Steer Cfs, 60.00 to 67.00; Good to Choice Heifer Calves, 55.00 to 67.00; Common to Med. Heifer Cfs, 54.00 to 58.00; Holstein Steers, 43.00 to 52.00; Dairy Type Calves, 40.00 to 95.00 BTH.

SCS, FHA Offices Move

Several public service agencies in Missoula are in the process of moving to the old Missoula Ranger District location near the Fairgrounds, according to a recent press release.

The Missoula County Conservation District, the Soil Conservation Service, The Farmers Home Administration, and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, are all moving to the same location. Phone numbers will remain the same.

Dying Knapweed May Be Valuable

Researchers from Bozeman and Missoula will pay up to \$50 for diseased or dying spotted knapweed if the disease is one they don't know about. A diseased plant would have a black or shredding stem or, possibly, white mold near the plant's base or on its roots.

Persons who think they have seen plants that qualify should call Roxa French, Missoula County Extension Office or Greg Kennett, Missoula County Conservation District.



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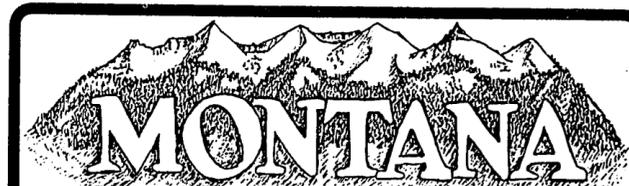
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TREASURES, park to park

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GARDINER: Only all-season entrance to Yellowstone Park

The Arch, a huge rock and mortar gate which opens upon Yellowstone National Park was dedicated at Gardiner in 1903 by Teddy Roosevelt. At that time horse-drawn buggies and a few touring cars passed under her strut.

Mountain Man Johnson Gardiner, a historically elusive and legendary figure, was the area's earliest pioneer visitor and left his name to this mining and tourist town.

Gardiner, located next door to Mammoth Hot Springs in Yellowstone, is in the center of some of the most wild and scenic country in the West, including the Park south of town, Electric Peak and the Gallatin National Forest to the west and the Absaroka Primitive Area, which lies to the east.

Gardiner is also a main gateway to Montana from Wyoming (Highway 89 north to Livingston).

Mining, tourism, hunting and Yellowstone Park all contribute to the economy of this small town. The area is rich in history. One of the historic buildings in the town is Cecil's Restaurant & Cafe, which was formerly the W. A. Hall store. The building still has the aura of the "old days." Call Ken Dixon at Cecil's, 848-7561.

Of interest to visitors is the gold mine at Jardine. There are also ghost towns and mines at Aldridge and Electric. Rockhounds will enjoy searching the area for garnets, jasper, agates, and geodes.

The Yellowstone River cuts a beautiful gorge through town and this blue-ribbon river is loaded with trout. Brown, rainbows and cutthroat weighing eight pounds are not uncommon, with 32-1/2 pounds being the record for this portion of the river. Call Dick Parks at Parks Fly Shop for fishing/floating information, 848-7314.

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"How would you change," our Sunday school teacher asked, "if you knew Christ was coming next year?"

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Then a wave of despair hit me. Take more time to be good? I was going just as hard as I could and having trouble being adequate.

A psychiatrist once stated that people striving for perfection - our ultimate goal - constantly feel guilty, since they never seem to measure up. Time often limits us to a choice between two worthy efforts, and either choice leaves us feeling guilty because we neglect the other.

What is the answer then? Should we lower our goals? Should we demand less of ourselves? Todd Britsch wrote:

With my short arms, it would be mad to reach out for a star. But who, after seeing one clear

night, could satisfy himself with paper lanterns?
 Is it possible to reach for the stars and not feel guilty for not reaching them immediately? How can we lengthen our stride without running faster than we have strength?

1. Believe you can. Often children complain, "But, Mom, it's hard." When a mother I admire hears this she says, "Yes, it is hard. But you can do hard things." They believe they can, and they do.

2. Start with small steps. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philip. 4:13) Our Heavenly Father and his Son support our efforts to improve ourselves and to increase our abilities no matter how small they may initially be. Try being the person you want to be for one hour each day. Slowly, one step at a time, we can become the person we really want to be.

3. Look at your past. Often, we look at ourselves and feel we are lacking. But through the years we have grown and progressed, and we need to remind ourselves of that periodically. It's more important to dwell on our strengths than our frailties. Looking back helps us do that.

4. Don't compare yourself to others. This is not a gospel of comparisons. We don't know another's situation, their past, or their advantages. While we are envying them, they may be admiring us. The only person we can compare ourselves to is the person we were and the person we want to become.

5. Realize there is a time for all things. Each period of your life offers different opportunities. We have a lifetime to do all that we should. It doesn't all have to happen next week.

6. Build faith and testimony. Getting closer to God will allow His spirit to guide us to the proper priorities for our time and efforts. As we draw closer to Him, we will be doing things, day by day, that will help us return to our Heavenly Father. When we are spiritually in tune we know what the Lord wants us to do right now in our lives. With His help, we can do more than we believed possible.

King Benjamin told his people that they did not have to run faster than they had strength. (See *Mosiah 4:27*.) But he did not say they should stop moving. Neither can we, for as we diligently stretch and reach and try, as we seek the Lord's Spirit and grace, we will become who we want to be.

Amy's Trip To China

It's A Small World, After All

When Amy Hahn left for China last month to compete with 150 other American track stars against some of China's best athletes, she didn't expect to see a neighbor from the Swan Valley. But on one leg of her flight home (from Hong Kong to Seoul, Korea), she thought she recognized the pilot's voice on the intercom of the Northwest 747. Sure enough, after asking the stewardess who the pilot was, her suspicions were confirmed: Grover Ligon was flying that plane. Ligon and his family raise llamas in the Swan Valley not far from the Hahn residence.

Amy asked the stewardess to relay a message to the pilot, "Amy Hahn from Condon, Montana, says 'Hi!' Ligon was equally surprised to have a neighbor on board and invited her for a private "tour" of the cockpit, adding a special memory to Amy's trip.

At the track competition in Canton, the Chinese students excelled. According to Amy, many of them were past and future Olympic competitors. The American high school students, coached by Ron Jones from Missoula, put on a good show. Hahn said, in spite of the 95-degree heat, the 95% humidity and the jet lag from the trip.

The group left Missoula by bus and traveled to Spokane, where they flew to Seattle and on to Seoul, Korea. From there they flew to Hong Kong, where they spent two days recuperating and sightseeing. The group traveled from Hong Kong to Canton by hydrofoil, which is a high-speed river boat. Canton seemed remote to Amy. The river trip took about two hours.

Amy indicated that the city of Canton is a world away from America. There are no cars, except for a few government vehicles and public buses. Most of the people travel by bicycle. She didn't notice any stereos or television sets, scenes that Americans take for granted. Amy thought that the people appeared to be poor in the "Red-Chinese" city. She was told that the factory workers make about \$30 a month in American money.

The U.S. athletes toured a jade factory and a porcelain factory "where they handpainted everything," Amy said.

Many of the American athletes lost weight on the trip. Hahn, and others, agreed that some of the food in Canton was not very appetizing. She was told they had been served frog legs, turtle, squid and lots of pork, but some of the foods were not identified.

They were once served a 14-course meal. "They brought us one dish at a time. . . Rice one time, then clear all the dishes, then they'd bring soup," she said. However, when the group stayed in Hong Kong, which is like a U.S. city when compared to Canton, students were allowed to eat out at "American" restaurants where they enjoyed the more familiar foods.

The athletes were cautioned not to drink the water and consequently drank "tons of pop," according to Amy. They bought bottled water to drink at the track meet. (She pointed out that the hotel water in Canton was okay to drink, though.)

Shopping in Hong Kong was the most enjoyable part of the trip for the U.S. group. "Everybody had to buy another suitcase for the trip home," she laughed. Several of the students bought stereos. Amy brought home a tea set for her mother, a camera for herself and lots of smaller souvenirs. She didn't feel that the "jet lag" affected her too much, though she said they left Hong Kong at 10 a.m. on a Thursday, and got to Seattle at 9:45 a.m. - fifteen minutes earlier than when they had left Hong Kong!

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Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

The signs of fall surround us this week. Saw a nice mule deer buck near the springs yesterday. Haven't seen a mule here since May. Squirrels are busy cutting cones, and the darn chipmunks are trying to steal the dogfood again! (And then pack it up to our attic for winter storage!) I already miss the hummingbirds. They have barely been gone a week now. I imagine the "jay birds" are back in the Valley, though I haven't seen one yet.

There are, of course, some "human" signs of fall. Seems to be a lot of firewood going by on the highway, and considerably fewer Winnebagos. The popular beaches are quiet except for mid-afternoon. The cool nights prompted me to gather wool blankets for the beds.

We don't have much time to finish the work of summer: "put up" the remaining peaches, pears and tomatoes, pick the rest of the raspberries for jam, and maybe squeeze in one more dip in the warm lake water - before it snows!

If you don't believe that snow is just around the corner, the next time you see one of those cute, wild bunnies, take a good look at his feet. They are beginning to turn white already. Last year our first snow ("Just enough for a rabbit track," as my grandpa used to say) occurred on September 23. Old-timers tell me it's not uncommon to see snow the first week of September here, especially dusting the peaks of the Swan Range and the Missions.

The elk will soon be bugling in the Bob. No doubt, some have started already. The salmon will start to spawn, and the yearly gathering of eagles will begin in Glacier Park. We always get a few eagles along the Swan and Clearwater rivers here. They don't like the crowds at Glacier, I guess. Last year's salmon run in Glacier started early in October, but each year it varies slightly depending on the weather.

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Aug 31, The Wilderness Renegade Gunfighters, Gunfight: "The Shooting of Billie The Kid," 7 pm, Barney's Green, Seeley Lake.

Sept 1, The Wilderness Renegade Gunfighters, Gunfight: "Shotgun Slade," 2 pm, Barney's Green, Seeley Lake.

Bingo, 2nd & 4th Thurs each month, 7 pm. Open to the public. Seeley Lake Comm Hall.

Public Meetings

Sept 4, Ad Hoc Businessperson's Group, 6 pm, Leisure Lodge, Seeley Lake.

Sept 8, Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District Board mtg, 7:30 pm, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.

Condon QRU, 1st & 3rd Mon each month.

Seeley Lake QRU, 1st and 3rd Fri each month, 7:30 pm, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.

Rural Fire District, 1st Tues, Regular Firefighters business mtg, Plum Creek, 7 pm; 2nd Tues, training mtg, Plum Creek, 7 pm; 3rd Tues, Bd of Trustees mtg, 7:30 pm, Seeley Lake.

SOS Trustees mtg, 2nd Mon each month.

Swan School Board mtg, 2nd Tues each month.

Water District, 2nd Tues each month, 8 pm, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.

Seeley Lake Elementary School Board, mtg, 3rd Thurs each month, school library, Seeley Lake.

Clubs & Organizations

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (Seeley Lake), every Sun, 7 pm, basement of Mill; every Weds, 7 pm, Community Church, Seeley Lake.

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

AARP, 1st Mon each month, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.

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

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

Other

Sept 2, Seeley Swan High School, school starts.

Sept 2, Elementary School, school starts.

Sept 3-4, Bookmobile, Sept 3: Potomac School, 10-11:30 am; Sunset School, 12-1 pm; Clearwater Junction, 1:30-2:30 pm; Seeley Lake Town, 3-5:30 pm; Sept 4: Seeley Lake Elementary 9 am-12 pm; Seeley Lake Town, 12:30-2:30 pm.

Sept 8, QRU Advanced First Aid Classes, beginning of 9-week classes, Seeley Lake.

Seeley Swan High School Football, Practice, Mon thru Fri (weekly), 8:30-10 am & 12:30-2 pm, high school, Seeley Lake.

Swan Valley Library, Summer Hours: Wed, 10 am-6 pm; Fri, 10 am-3 pm, Condon.

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The salmon fishing is improving. Most people are using spinners and lures. Bass fishing has slackened off some, and they seem to be taking bait over plugs.

Fly fishing is good again, especially in the late afternoons and evenings. Smaller flies are better now, unless you have one that looks like a small Montana hopper. Those native trout don't seem to know the grasshoppers have invaded east of the divide, and they want all they can get.

Creek fishing is excellent. The small brookies are biting like mad, if you can find a hole that hasn't been cleaned out!

Camping

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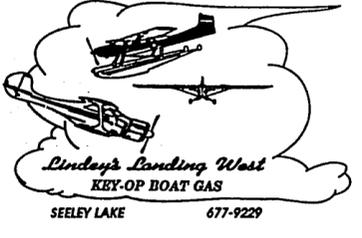
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Artist Ron Ukrainetz

Scratching The Surface

Artist Ron Ukrainetz has been drawing and painting for twenty years, but his work in scratchboard has opened a new world for him. Ukrainetz loves to project detail in his work, and scratchboard has allowed him to build on that obsession.

Ron's work is currently on display at Tall Timber and Artistic Expressions in Seeley Lake. He creates traditional and color (painted) scratchboard. He uses color to achieve a natural effect in the feathers and fur of the animals he draws.

Ron, who was born and raised in Great Falls, is a "year-round, part-time resident" of Lindbergh Lake.

When he was about 14 years old, a commercial artist and close friend of the family told him "Your pen and inks show too much detail. . . Loosen up." What he then considered a problem, he now uses to his benefit. The feathers of a Cooper's hawk or the fur of a wild ferret offer challenges which Ron accepts with open arms and scratchboard.

The unique medium requires an artist to view his world with a perspective different from other painting methods. Ron, who previously painted black on white, said "you don't look for the dark areas (in scratchboard), you are looking for highlights." When this realization hit him "It was like walking from a closed closet into a bright room," he said.

"From that point on, I turned out about 10 or 12 pieces that 'clicked.' They worked for me," he said, realizing then that he had "hit home" with scratchboard.

The Western Heritage Show and Art Auction in Great Falls confirmed his feelings. "That show was a real shot in the arm. I didn't have a direction until I went to that show. . . now, it's clear to me."

In June, the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls featured Ron's work, and he has received many requests for commissioned paintings as a result of that show.

Ukrainetz received the second place award for Artists' Choice at the Lincoln Art In The Park earlier this month, but he is humble about his accomplishments.

"My main objective is to help people feel what I feel in each piece," he explained. "If they understand the feeling

of the piece. . . the delicacy of the birds, the subtleties of cats, fawns and puppies. . . then I've accomplished something."

Creating and selling a painting is like wanting to give away a puppy, he laughed. "You want to see it go to a good home. . . someone who will look at the piece and appreciate it, not put it in the closet."

Ron's childhood was spent enjoying the outdoors. He remembers fishing with his dad, when frogs were so captivating that he nearly drowned in swift water; and times when he missed dinner because he was intently watching field mice scurry through their tunnels.

His father, Bill, is an "idea man" for a major distillery whose job is to dream up scenes for artists to paint (on items such as collector's decanters). Because of his dad's friendship with these artists, Ron was honored to have some of "the masters" critique his work at an early age.

John Segesman, illustrator, once told Ron "It's the little things that count the most." And in Ron's mind, that statement has applied repeatedly to his use of detail.

Ron's philosophy is simple: Don't give up before you start. He visualizes an entire piece before he begins, then mentally takes it apart and works on one section at a time. When he gets "stuck," he takes "creative breaks" to reinforce the feeling he wants to project in a given piece.

Ron hasn't always been a full-time artist. Not long ago, he worked in the National Guard as an aircraft electrician, but a serious injury, which left one leg nearly paralyzed, put an end to his civil service. Art has been good therapy for him, "almost an obsession," he admits. He now spends nearly all of his time drawing and observing the animals and scenes that he loves the most.

In the near future, he hopes to build a studio on Lindbergh Lake, "with lots of windows facing the water."

"The Bob Marshall is beautiful, but it's off-limits to building," he laughed, "So this is the next best place."



Ron Ukrainetz near his Lindbergh Lake home.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday: Sunny and warm. Daytime highs from the upper 80's to the mid-90's. Overnight lows from 40 to 50.

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