

## WEATHER FORECAST

**Thursday:** Partly cloudy, with scattered, mainly mountain showers developing in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 70's to low 80's. Overnight lows in the 40's.

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"VOICE OF THE VALLEY"

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"Bright Eyes," a young, great horned owl, was found last week by residents near the Summit. The bird had a broken wing and Ken Wolff, Swan Valley, is now taking care of it.

## Monster Bull Trout Caught

Bill Koon of Helena caught a 28-1/2 inch, 13 pound bull trout (Dolly Varden) out of Placid Lake on August 24.

Koon caught the bull trout on a Rappala lure. Positive fish identification was made by Jay Haveman, area game warden and Don Malmberg, Parks Supervisor. The fish was weighed on a certified scale by Dan Cainan, Seeley Lake.

According to Cainan, bull trout won't often travel up Owl Creek to Placid Lake from the Clearwater River because of the water fluctuations of the small tributary. The bull trout migrate from the Blackfoot River. However, this year, Cainan has seen a ten, a nine and a five-pound bull trout caught in Placid Lake.

## Trials For Davis and Pike Pending

Roger Davis, Philipsburg, and Dennis Pike, Seeley Lake, have both pled not guilty in District Court to charges of burglary and felony theft, according to Missoula County Attorney Dusty Deschamps.

Davis and Pike were charged with burglaries which occurred in June at several residences on the Double Arrow Ranch south of Seeley Lake. They have also been charged with one count of felony theft for money taken from a vehicle parked in an area campground.

Cases for the two men have been set for trial in October. Davis is in Judge Jack Green's court and Pike is in Judge John Henson's court, according to Deschamps.

## Prognosis for Injured Owl: Excellent

By Suzanne Vernon

Humans are usually an owl's only enemy, but in the case of a five month-old great horned owl found injured last week, a Swan Valley man may have saved its life.

Ken Wolff, who is licensed by federal agencies to care for sick and injured birds, first heard about the owl last Wednesday night (one week ago). Residents of the Summit area had found and caught the young bird which apparently had a broken wing, and contacted Wolff for help.

Great horned owls are protected by federal law and persons deliberately injuring or killing them, if caught, are subject to a \$10,000 fine or 10 years in prison.

Wolff suspects that the young bird he is now caring for crashed into a tree and broke the wrist portion of his wing, possibly dislocating the shoulder as well. Ken pointed out that the bird has probably only been flying "for about four or five weeks."

Once home with the owl, Wolff "pinned" the broken wing by inserting a stainless steel rod into the hollow wrist bone. He also began treating the wrist with an antiseptic and gave the bird antibiotics to fight infection. Ken stayed up most of that first night with the bird, consoling it and tending its wounded pride.

The young bird, which Ken has nicknamed "Bright Eyes," had to be force-fed the first few days. By Saturday, however, Bright Eyes had eaten a squirrel and a robin provided by Ken.

Owls are nocturnal creatures, and getting them to eat during the day is no small trick. Ken has covered the owl's "box" with a towel to darken his "dining area."

Ken Wolff obviously has a special rapport with owls. A few years ago he found one that had been shot three times and left to die. He successfully nursed it

back to health over a period of several months. That owl became part of a breeding program in another state.

Bright Eyes will probably be returned to the wild within three weeks. Ken is concerned about the bird's possible lack of hunting skills, and wants to return him to the wild as soon as possible. "Mama" usually teaches hunting skills to her youngsters during the first summer, Ken explained.

One of the dangers of caring for wild birds, Ken pointed out, is that they become accustomed to humans, and lengthy periods of captivity may interfere with their wilderness lifestyles. Ken is confident the wing will heal, and now he must concentrate on finding enough natural food for the owl to survive.

Bright Eyes, like his relatives, needs fur and bone in his diet. Owls regurgitate waste in dry, membrane-enclosed pellets. These pellets can be found around stumps and other sites in an owl's territory. The young bird will eat four times his weight every day. "Keep in mind that he doesn't weigh very much," Ken added.

Owls eat mostly rabbits and gophers, Ken explained, although they also like skunks and housecats. "House-cats are like ice cream to owls," Ken said.

Ken will begin "exercising" Bright Eyes later this week. The young bird needs to strengthen the injured wing. Ken will tie a leather thong around the bird's foot and attach a 10 or 12-foot string. "We'll practice some 'touch and goes'," he laughed, explaining that the bird must practice landing and taking off with his injured wing.

Bright Eyes is about a foot tall. By next summer he will have doubled in size, and will have a wing span of perhaps five feet. His eyes will change from dark, round pupils to very large, yellow, haunting eyes characteristic of the family. He will also grow the "horns" or ears on his head, from which the bird gets its name.

As Bright Eyes' health improves, Ken says he will consider showing the bird to school children, offering information about the value of birds in our lives and the importance of maintaining a respect for wildlife.

# OPINION

## The Great Divide

History is replete with examples of physical or political barriers which have acted to separate neighboring regions. Some which readily come to mind are the Mason-Dixon Line, the Great Wall of China, and the Berlin Wall. History also teaches us that such barriers are generally not a very healthy state of affairs, inasmuch as they frequently either arise from conflict or lead to conflict.

On a considerably smaller scale, we seem to have our very own "backyard" barrier: known locally as the Summit Divide. Geographically, the Summit is innocuous, serving as the point of demarcation between the Clearwater and Swan drainages. In fact, you hardly even notice it when driving down Highway 83.

Regrettably, for some residents of the Valley, the Summit takes on more ominous connotations. The "we" of Swan Valley versus the "they" of Seeley Lake (or, vice-versa). To be sure, each of the two communities has distinguishing characteristics and that's well and proper. (This discussion will not degenerate into an exposition as to what those differences may or may not be; as Natty Bumpo says, "Always stick to the high ground.") What we all need to keep in mind is that we all share the same Valley and, consequently, we have many interests in common - not the least of which is that, jointly, we comprise a single economic unit.

The final history lesson for today is that things tend to go better when people work together. The challenges which confront our community will likely be best met if people from both north and south of the Summit make an effort to work together. Let's reflect upon that the next time one of our neighbors starts castigating "those people down (or up) there."

- Dick Potter

## Bob Scott Answers the Water Board

To the Editor:

In reply to Mr. Anders, Chairman of the Board of the Seeley Lake Water District:

With regard to the bond issue: No grant funding had been arranged and no grant money had been committed to the water district. Grant funding is difficult to secure, which could have resulted in the project being started and no funding available to finish it. This indicates fiscal irresponsibility and very poor planning.

The five-year capital improvement program recommended by Sorenson & Company in 1984 may not have been in the best interest of the general water users in the district. It should be pointed out that neither the water board or management had taken the time to read the Sorenson study completely nor did they understand the full impact of the study financially, engineeringwise, or from a standpoint of practicability. It was one big gamble, with the district users footing the bill.

With regard to the filtration issue: The water board has been told filtration is expensive, but they have done nothing on their own to get estimates of costs or information on the different

processes available. I made some inquiries relative to filtration and water treatment facilities. Used, full conventional filtration systems are available on the east coast for 10¢ on the dollar. Jackola Engineering Co. of Kalispell, MT represents Culligan water treatment systems and submitted preliminary information on November 18, 1985. Emery Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio, has an ozone system for water treatment and submitted information on it. I have made copies of all this information available to the water board - which they have not seen fit to pursue even for further informational purposes.

With regard to the rate increase and entry fee: Both of these increases were long overdue. The annual income and expense statement for year-end 1983 shows an operating loss of \$8,222.75; the actual (as adjusted) operating loss was \$19,499.31. The statement for the year 1984 shows an operating gain of

\$32.27; there was actually an adjusted operating loss of \$12,529.29. The reason for these discrepancies was the fact that all bond payments for lots in Phases IA & II (Double Arrow Ranch) were being considered as revenue received from unmetered sales to customers. In fact, these funds are not revenue to the district and income was overstated.

With regard to Mr. Anders' statement that "establishment of the sinking fund has allowed the water district to rebuild the depleted bond fund": This would indicate further that the water district has used Phases IA & II bond payment receipts to cover district operating costs, possibly in violation of the bond agreement, and certainly in violation of Part 23, Montana Code 7-13-2301-outlining the board's responsibilities relative to fees and revenues. This demonstrates a complete lack of financial control on the part of the board and management.

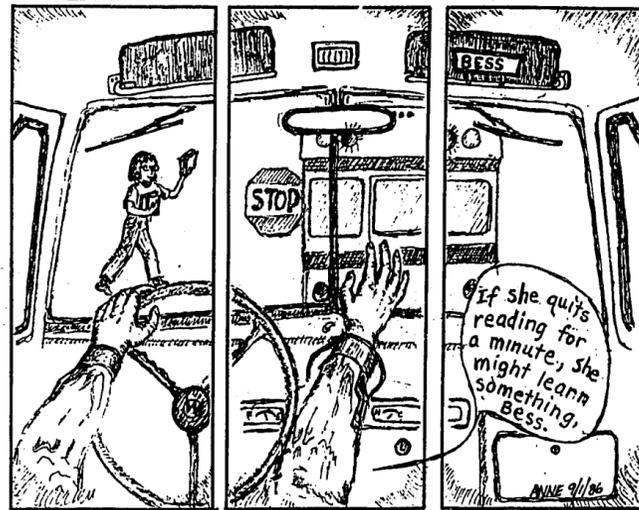
To seek costly engineering assistance, such as in the Sorenson case, without first knowing exactly how much water we pump, and exactly how much we use and who uses it, is a complete waste of the district's money. Until the water board and management determine these basic facts accurately, the engineers have no data base to work with. For the last nine months since November 1985, neither the water board nor management have done anything to gather this data, and have wasted the opportunity one more time to gather data during peak use periods from June through August 1986.

With regard to the conclusions: This is nothing more than "conversation," "crisis management," and "tunnel vision" for a short-term remedy of a long-term problem. It is the same line they have been putting out now for two years. Subparagraphs 1 through 5 are not worth speaking to, as the seasonal peak usage should start to take care of itself in September.

Subparagraph 6, however, is interesting: "An intensive search on both district and private lines to locate leaks." I have been informed by the water district's manager that the system had been checked for leaks and that leaks were not a problem. Management and the board appear obsessed with the mysterious disappearance of water. Although they both know that large volumes of water disappear during the night, they have done little or nothing to determine why. So, with no other explanation, we are back to "leaks."

I am not an engineer and probably

## Natty Bumpo



not very bright, but it doesn't take a genius to figure out that when my water pressure gauge normally reads 75 pounds of pressure, and at approximately 5 a.m. on August 7, 1986 it suddenly drops to 37 pounds and stays at this low pressure for approximately one-half hour, that this ain't a leak and it ain't my neighbor taking a shower, and a helluva lot of gallons are going somewhere.

This is a serious and complicated problem that some community service organization, which is truly interested in the community and the ratepayer, should look into.

Serving on the Seeley Lake water board entails more than just attending a 3 or 4 hour meeting once a month. It carries a financial responsibility to the community which requires lots of hours of homework and a clear understanding of the water system and its operation, and an in-depth understanding of prudent business practices.

The more discussion that takes place, the more it appears the present board and management are not capable of coping with the problem.

Bob Scott  
Seeley Lake

## Business of the Week HUNGRY BEAR STEAK HOUSE



Jack and Laura Bogar bought the Hungry Bear in 1981. Since then, their restaurant has achieved considerable fame for the excellent food which is served. Laura has over twenty years of experience in the restaurant business; Jack has a long background in the grocery business. The Bogars' experience, the warm atmosphere of the log-built, rustic restaurant, and, according to Jack, his vast repertoire of old jokes, have all combined to make the Hungry Bear a favorite haunt of local residents and tourists.

Apart from being justly renowned for their steaks, they have also been running a very popular "Rib Night" on Wednesdays. Other favorites include Laura's "secret recipe" Canadian Cheese Soup and Jack's huckleberry daiquiris. Dinner is served at the Hungry Bear from 5 to 10 p.m. (closed Mondays).



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## Ties That Bind Us Park Board

The Seeley Lake Community Park isn't just an extension of the elementary school grounds. It is open to the public from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. year-round, and is funded by a combination of state, county and school district money.

The park board is actually an advisory committee to the school board, according to park board president, Dan Smith, Seeley Lake. Members of the park board represent various recreational groups in the Seeley Swan community. For instance, Smith represents the Little League. Other members are Leonard Sorenson, Jerry Miller, David Ash, Gwen Schneider, and Anita Richards.

The school board trustees have authority to make decisions about the community park.

The community park was established in 1984 with a \$25,000 grant from the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, in addition to other funds allocated from the state and county. Missoula County Parks Department has some authority regarding events held at the park, but the land is considered school property, according to Dan Smith.

Available to the public at the park are two ballfields, two tennis courts and 16 horseshoe pits. Groups are required to schedule events throughout the summer, but individuals may use the park any time.

Several community service groups contribute toward the improvement of

park facilities. For example, the Lions Club was in charge of constructing sidewalks at the tennis and basketball courts earlier this summer.

School board trustees often solicit suggestions from local residents about improvements at the park. Similar questions were asked on the recent community attitude survey questionnaires.

## Pre-schools Begin This Week

There are three pre-schools in the Seeley Lake area which begin this week.

The Seeley Lake Pre-school is located on the north edge of Seeley Lake. Hours are 8:45 - 11:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for children ages two to five. There is a fee for the school. Interested parents should contact Sandie Baker at 677-2539.

The Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Seeley Lake is offering a pre-school program for children ages four and five.

Classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. until noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 4. Contact Silvia Cassidy, 677-2038, for more information. There is a fee for the program.

The Faith Lutheran Church near Condon is offering a pre-school program, also on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, for children ages four and five. Contact Lee Mason for more information. There is a fee for the program.

## Survey Update

Questionnaires for the Community Attitude Survey are available at area grocery stores and all completed forms will be gathered for final submission to survey consultants early next week, according to Dan Mizner, committee chairman.

After next week, Mizner indicated that more residents of the water district may have to be surveyed in order to "bring the percentage up" for the water district survey. The water board is striving for a 90% response on their questionnaires.

Results of all surveys are expected to be final in late September or early October, according to Mizner.

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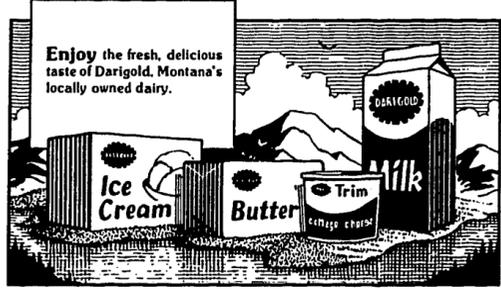
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### Homeschoolers Hit The Books This Week

Area homeschoolers are beginning their studies this week, according to Swan Valley homeschool parent, Danita Hane.

Hane reminds interested parents that the Missoula Homeschooler's Association was formed to provide support and resources for families who are educating their children at home. This group was formed three years ago and schedules meetings and seminars where parents can share information on curriculum, experience, and resource materials. The group also offers monthly field trips and group music classes for homeschool students, according to Hane.

Some expanded goals of the Association in 1986-87 are to provide more social activities and opportunities for display of student projects and accomplishments. Projects planned for this year include holiday socials, a spring projects fair, a newsletter for children's contributions, a Western Montana Fair exhibit and regular field trips. A committee will explore the possibility of offering seminars or classes utilizing talents and skills of group members.

Of special interest to parents this month, according to Hane, is a two and a half hour seminar on September 16 in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, presented by Gregg Harris of Christian Life Workshops. Harris will offer specific ideas on homeschooling curricula and programs.

For more information about the Missoula Homeschooler's Association (membership is \$10/year) or the Christian Life Workshop seminar, contact Danita Hane, 754-2481.

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### Homeschools Should Notify County

Rachel Vielleux, Missoula County Superintendent of Schools, said last week in a telephone interview that homeschool parents should notify her office in writing that they are educating their children at home.

"I will turn them in truant... without written notice," Vielleux said. She explained that the written notice is for the protection of the homeschool family as well as for the benefit of the county office. She believes that notification by phone may not be reliable, since she would have no way to verify the caller's identity.

Many homeschoolers do not agree with the "written notice" requirement. However, the legal adviser for many area homeschoolers could not be reached for comment last week.

Homeschools are also required to keep attendance records, Vielleux said, but other information, about curriculum, for example, is not required by the county.

In related matters, public schools have sent out letters to homeschool parents notifying them that they may sign up for federally funded "Chapter I and Chapter II" programs. Chapter I money is used to fund remedial reading, math and language arts programs. Homeschoolers may participate in these programs in a "non-religious" setting, according to Vielleux, because of a recent Supreme Court case clarifying laws about the separation of church and state.

Chapter II money is spent on supplementary materials such as books or equipment. This amounts to about \$10 per student per year, Vielleux said. Homeschoolers, or other private school students, may use these funds to order materials through the public school system.

Vielleux added that once parents sign the form requesting participation in federally funded programs, they are subject to federal civil rights and Title IX guidelines, among others.

Dan White, principal at Swan Valley Elementary, has worked in private schools for several years. He believes that most private schools decline federally funded programs because there is an implication that, by accepting the funds, they must adhere to other federal regulations regarding education.

In order for public schools to receive Chapter II funding, the district must first notify and obtain signatures from all private school representatives in the district, according to Vielleux.

### Seeley Lake Elementary

By Suzanne Vernon

(Editor's note: This week Pathfinder begins a series of brief profiles about the teachers in our local schools.)

Continuity is a key element in the long-term success of any school program, according to one of the Seeley Lake Elementary teachers. The following outline of teachers illustrates a very low turnover rate at Seeley Lake Elementary which, according to staff members, has contributed to the stability of programs and high academic achievements of students.



**Principal/Superintendent John Hebnes.** Hebnes was hired this summer to replace former principal Bob Aumaugher who, after seven years at Seeley Lake, accepted a position in the Kalispell school system at Evergreen. Hebnes comes to Seeley Lake from Brady, Montana, where he has worked as superintendent since 1979. In addition to his duties as superintendent at Seeley Lake Elementary, Hebnes will also teach fifth and sixth grade math. He feels that teaching is perhaps the most enjoyable part of his job. He is looking forward to meeting parents and students as the new school year begins.

Hebnes' and his wife, Fran, will soon be moving into town (near the grade school - they are presently renting a place north of town). They have three children: Tomanic, second grade, Jeremy, sixth grade, and Britnic, freshman at Seeley Swan High School.



**First Grade: Zelda Haines** has taught for fifteen years in the Seeley Lake Elementary school system. In addition to first grade, she has taught kindergarten and upper grades. Her husband, Kim, is principal at Seeley Swan High School. They have three children; the youngest will be a senior at Seeley Swan High School.



**Second Grade: Debbie Ash** has been working at Seeley Elementary for the past four years. She worked in special ed before teaching second grade here. She and her husband, David, have three young children.

**Third Grade: Kathy Davis** (photo not available) will be starting her 11th year at Seeley Lake Elementary. In addition to third grade, she has also worked in special ed. She has one daughter, Patty, who is a junior in college.



**Kindergarten: Kathleen Thompson** is beginning her ninth year as a teacher at Seeley Lake Elementary. She and her husband Stephen, who works for the Forest Service, have two grade school-age children.

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### CORNUCOPIA by Michele Potter

Many of you have already put up much of that summer harvest. Carley Boulé of Seeley Lake says there's still plenty to keep us going for a few more weeks - peaches, pears, apricots, beans, peas, corn and squash. Carley has a wealth of experience in the way of food preservation. And, last year she completed a master food preserver course which was offered through the Missoula County Extension office. After putting up a variety of food products utilizing many different and new techniques over the years, Carley was especially curious about the dehydrating process. "Doesn't apricot leather or grape leather sound good!"

The course stressed the latest techniques for preserving foods safely. Carley reminds us, "If you're using a pressure cooker, have it pressure tested in Missoula at the extension office." Pounds of pressure (pp) to use for Montana altitudes are as follows: 12pp at 2000-4000 feet; 13pp at 4000-6000 feet; 14pp at 6000-8000 feet.

Carley is available at 677-2562 to answer your questions about food preservation. She has a library of resource information available, not to mention her own special collection of recipes - all of which she's willing to share.

I admire Carley's skills - she's always in the kitchen whipping up something whenever I drop in to visit. And boy can she cook! It's no wonder Carley always has a houseful of guests. Call and ask Carley for her pear butter recipe; you're sure to be pleased.

The following recipe is from the Extension Service's Home and Garden Bulletin Number 56.

Tutti Frutti Jam	
3 cups chopped or ground pears (about 2 pounds pears)	3/4 cup drained crushed pineapple
1 large orange	1/4 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup chopped maraschino cherries (3-ounce bottle)	1 package powdered pectin 5 cups sugar

To prepare fruit. Sort and wash ripe pears; pare and core. Chop or grind the pears. Peel orange, remove seeds, and chop or grind pulp.

To make jam. Measure chopped pears into a kettle. Add orange, cherries, pineapple and lemon juice. Stir in pectin. Place on high heat and, stirring constantly, bring quickly to a full boil with bubbles over the entire surface.

Add sugar, continue stirring, and heat again to a full bubbling boil. Boil hard for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; skim.

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**Seeley Lake Elementary**



**Fourth Grade:** Gayle Gordon will be starting her tenth year here. She taught second grade for seven years. She and her husband, Les, who teaches at Seeley Swan High School, have three children.



**Seventh Grade:** Cliff Nelson is starting his 13th year as a teacher at Seeley Lake. Cliff is a former recipient of the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award for the state of Montana. He teaches reading, language arts, drama and also coaches the future problem solving team and boys basketball. He worked at the Custer Battlefield Park this past summer as a ranger.



**Fifth Grade:** Lisa Peña begins her fourth year at Seeley Elementary. She also teaches subjects in sixth and eighth grades and counsels grade school students. Her husband, Bill, manages Legendary Lodge on Salmon Lake. They have two children.



**Eighth Grade:** Ellen Cook is starting her third year at Seeley Lake. She also assists with the gifted and talented "Focus" program. Cook has returned to teaching after "raising" her family. She and her husband, Dwight, used to live at Condon and returned to this area several years ago.



**Sixth Grade:** Kris Johnson teaches sixth grade and is also the librarian for the grade school. She is starting her fourth year of teaching here. Her husband, Bud, operates Timberline Building Materials in Seeley Lake.



**Music/Science:** Kaye Aumaugh will begin her eighth year at Seeley Lake Elementary. She teaches 5th through 8th grade science, and K-8 music. She and her husband, Bob, have two children.

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**P.E. Health and Typing:** Marilyn Kuch (Pronounced "Keek") is starting her fourth year at Seeley Lake Elementary. She also coaches girls basketball and track.



**Hearing/Speech Therapist:** Steve Thompson is beginning his 11th year as speech pathologist at Seeley. He works here and at five other schools conducting hearing and speech tests and working with students on improving their skills. He and his wife, Cheryl, own the Gas Haus in Seeley Lake.



**Resource Room:** Sharon (Sher-) Foti is beginning her third year as the resource room teacher.



**Chapter I Aide:** Anita Richards has worked with Chapter I remedial reading, math, and language arts for five years. She and her husband, Ron, have lived in Seeley Lake for 23 years.



**Special Ed Aide:** Bonnell Kopke assists Sharon Foti in the Resource Room. Kopke worked half of last year as an aide. She is also president of the PTA. She and her husband, Ken, have two children.



**Teacher's Aide:** Cydney (Cyd) Kats was recently hired to assist with the kindergarten class along with other teacher's aid duties. She has worked as a volunteer in this school system for the past two years. She and her husband, Will, live near Kozy Korner. They have two children.

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**Cook:** Marlene Wilkie has worked in the kitchen at the grade school since 1980 and has been head cook since 1984.

**Secretary:** Karen Pagett has worked as secretary for the grade school since 1979. Her husband, Larry, teaches at Seeley Swan High School.

**Clerk:** Kathy Manos works in the year-round position of clerk. She began her job in January of this year. In addition to working at the school, Manos attends all school board meetings and records the minutes, assisting with administrative filing, bookkeeping and clerical duties.

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Betty Lee Welch was recently promoted to office manager at Glacier Electric in Cutbank.

**Welch Is New Manager At Glacier Electric**

Betty Lee Welch, daughter of George and Betty Welch, Seeley Lake, was recently promoted to office manager at Glacier Electric Cooperative in Cutbank. At 25, Welch may be the youngest employee in the state to be promoted to the high-paying position of office manager.

Welch has replaced Warren "Hoot" Evers who retired earlier this month after nearly 40 years of service with the Co-op.

The Glacier Electric Cooperative serves about 6,000 electric consumers in an area that stretches from East Glacier north to the Canadian border, including Cutbank and Browning.

In her new job she supervises five employees in the Cutbank office, completes quarterly tax reports for employees, and keeps up with her accounting duties and a bundle of other chores, which include "a lot of computer time."

Co-workers at Glacier Electric "have been really great" about her promotion, and there haven't been any problems so far, Welch said, even though she supervises people who have worked for the company considerably longer than she has.

Welch, a 1979 graduate of Seeley Swan High School (where she maintained a near-perfect grade point), has worked at Glacier Electric since July of 1984. She graduated from the University of Montana with high honors and a degree in accounting in 1983. She is also a certified public accountant.

According to a friend, Betty Lee enjoys her work, but misses the country around Seeley Lake. "She's a mountain girl living in the flatland," her friend chuckled, explaining that Betty Lee still spends some of her days off in the Seeley Swan area. Betty Lee agrees, adding that someday she would like to locate west of the Continental Divide, and maybe open her own business here.

**Magnuson Retires**

Former Seeley Lake District Ranger William Magnuson retired September 3 after 33 years of federal service. He was Forester with the USDA Forest Service Northern Region Cooperative Forestry and Pest Management Staff at the time of his retirement.

Magnuson was district ranger at Seeley Lake from 1968 through 1972.

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**Big Mamma's Weight Revealed**

Big Mamma's weight, as it was in 1805, was finally revealed by Dan Cainan in Seeley Lake on Labor Day. Big Mamma weighed a hefty 636 pounds and 3 ounces, thereby solving some of the mystery of the biggest fish story in Seeley Lake this year.

Boyd Gossard came the closest to guessing "Big Mamma's" weight (he guessed 634 pounds) and won \$200 in the contest, which was designed to raise money for fireworks for the 1987 Fourth of July celebration. Gossard was contacted for his reaction to the prize, and said that he was thrilled, but that most of the money would go to his son, Ron, who actually guessed the winning weight.

Meanwhile, the Chamber of Commerce and Dan Cainan succeeded in raising several hundred dollars. Cainan pointed out that although the amount raised will help, it will not completely cover the cost of a good fireworks display. Residents of Seeley Lake, be warned! You might want to ready your pitchforks and scoop shovels for the next round of storytelling in Seeley Lake!

**Hunters: Remember Safety First**

Montana's 1986 upland game bird season as well as the archery seasons for deer, elk and antelope open on Saturday, September 6, and if statistics from past years are any indication, close to 100,000 Montana sportsmen will head for the hills in pursuit of the game of their choice, according to a recent fish and game report.

According to Tim Pool, hunter education coordinator for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Helena, on opening day, or shortly thereafter, many hunters will be picking up shot-guns, rifles and archery equipment for the first time since last season and the potential for accidents occurring may be higher than it would be later in the season.

Some basic hunter's safety tips are:  
 -Be sure of your target and what is around it before you shoot  
 -Make sure there is a safe backstop for your shot  
 -Always be aware of the direction your firearm or arrow is pointed  
 -Always treat a firearm as if it were loaded.

Pool encourages all hunters who haven't already done so, to get out for some practice with their firearms or archery equipment at least a few days before the season begins.



"Poker in Seeley Lake" was one of several performances last weekend by the Wilderness Renegade Gunfighters.

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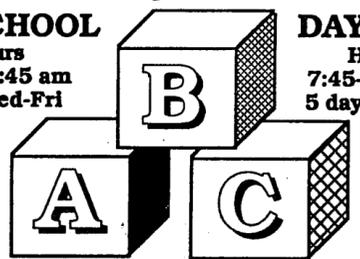
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Carol Combs  
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"But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." *Matthew 5:44*

Mature Christianity will touch the heart of God; it will also touch the heart of the world. But a lukewarm form of godliness will touch no one. So many love only the lovely; they love those who only love them. This is Publican love and shows the littleness of soul.

The gifts of the Spirit are arms of love reaching out for the perfection of the saints. In *1 Cor. 14:1* we are told to follow after charity (the Great Love).

This Great Love does not always come to the saved automatically; some Christian virtues are given only on conditions. They must be desired, sought for and often prayed for. True, when you are saved you love God and you love the Brethren. But unless God gives you this special love, there are characters in this world you will never love. This does not mean that you should love their sins or their ways -

even God doesn't do that. But those people must see the reality of Christ in someone. Why not us?

The prayer of the church should be, "God, give me the great perfect love; so I don't think as a child, speak as a child and act as a child." There are those who preach self-love. We need to forget Number One (ourselves) and follow after charity.

The Great Love is a seeing love. It sees the prejudice and pride. Those who have this love see the need of humility and will even pray for it. They see the need of faith and of a knowledge of God's Word.

The Great Love is a thinking love. It no longer thinks as a child; it has its priorities straight. It thinks in the terms and values of God's Kingdom.

The Great Love is a speaking love. It knows what to say in order to minister grace unto the hearers. It knows what to say when standing by the brokenhearted. It also knows how to say "I'm sorry" and "You're forgiven."

We see the great possibilities of ministering in this Great Love and the dangers of operating without it. No wonder there are so many ministries which are nothing more than sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.

## SWAN SONGS

**Leo Larson**  
Leo Larson, 68, Seeley Lake, was found dead near his home August 19 of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

He was born in Glasgow, a son of Hasken and Alma Larson. He served 3-1/2 years in the Air Force and had lived most of his life in Glasgow, where he worked in construction and was a mechanic at the air base and elsewhere.

In 1945 he married Catherine Hession, and they had a son. He was preceded in death by his wife, their son, his parents, and a sister and brother.

In 1974 he married Ruth Douglass, and in 1977 the couple moved to Seeley Lake.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, Seeley Lake; two brothers, Robert Larson, Hamilton, and Glen Larson, Martinez, California; four stepchildren, Diane Heinrich, Burlington, Iowa; Donna Schuitzer, Fort Walton Beach, Florida; Terry Douglass, Havre, and Tracy Willan, Kalispell; and 11 step-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Jewell Funeral Home in Deer Lodge.

**Steven L. Mickelson**  
Former Missoula resident Steven L. Mickelson, 28, died August 24 in a pickup truck accident.

Born February 27, 1958 in Hot Springs, he grew up there and in Seeley Lake, Missoula, Clinton and Wallace, Idaho. He graduated from high school in Mullan, Idaho, in 1976.

He was employed in Washington and in the Van Nuys, California area where he began operating heavy construction equipment. He had lived in Montana's Sheridan County since 1980.

An avid outdoorsman, Steve enjoyed hunting, fishing, doing leather-work and "cowboying."

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Carol and Tom Mickelson, Clinton; his father, Lelan Mickelson, Ronan; a brother, Don, Clinton; two sisters, Shelly Jo Peterson, Clinton, and Connie Harrison, Plentywood; and his paternal grandfather in Seeley Lake.

Memorial services were held last week at the Fulkerson Funeral Home in Plentywood.

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## SHORELINES

The Campground Hosts, volunteers who have become a part of the Seeley Lake community this summer, will be leaving this week to return to their various winter homes. About half of these volunteers for the Forest Service will be back next summer to help with chores and visitors in local camp-grounds, according to Ramona D. Venegas, Forest Service technician who assisted the Hosts with their duties this summer.

### Seeley Elementary Bus Schedules

The following is an estimated time of arrival of the school bus for the morning pick-up of elementary children for Seeley Lake.

**Airport Route**

Lutheran Church.....	7:52
All other stops.....	8:00
Riverview "Dogtown" Route	
All stops.....	8:10
<b>North Route and Double Arrow</b>	
Boy Scout Road:	
Taylor.....	7:30
Leisure Lodge.....	7:35
Herbert.....	7:40
Park Lumber.....	7:40
Lewis.....	7:45
Malone.....	7:45
Deer Creek Road.....	7:45
Herron.....	7:45
Aamol.....	7:45

Gray's Mill.....	7:55
White Tail Cabins.....	8:00
Bourne.....	8:00
Thompson, Anders,	
Larson, D'Angelo.....	8:00
Tamarack's.....	8:05
Elk Horn.....	8:05
Hemlock Lane.....	8:05
REA Building.....	8:05
Ladie Di.....	8:05
SOS Road.....	8:05
Double Arrow.....	8:10

Placid Lake.....	7:30
Flats.....	7:40



### Engagement Announced

Jerry and Carol Miller, Seeley Lake, recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Suzie, to Dan Smith, Seeley Lake.

Suzie attended grade school in Seeley Lake and is a 1985 graduate of Seeley Swan High School. She is currently a sophomore at Wheaton College, a private liberal arts school near Chicago. Suzie is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education.

Dan is the son of LeRoy and Marge Smith, Seeley Lake, and is a 1975 graduate of Kiona-Benton High in Benton City, Washington. He completed a

bachelor of arts degree in Christian education (camp administration) at Wheaton College in 1980. He currently works for LeMar Computerized Book-keeping Service as a computer programmer. He has lived in Seeley Lake since 1984.

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

### Events

Sept 12, Walkin' Jim Stoltz (A Journey in Story and Song), sponsored by Seeley Lake Elementary School PTA, 7:30 pm, Seeley Lake Elementary School Gym, Seeley Lake.  
 Sept 27, Box Social, sponsored by Chamber of Commerce, 6:30 pm, Comm Hall, 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.  
 Seeley Lake Elementary School Board, mtg, 3rd Thurs each month, school library, Seeley Lake.  
 Water District, 2nd Tues each month, 8 pm, REA bldg, 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.  
 Alanan, 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 4, Bookmobile, 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.  
 Swan Valley Community Library, Hours: Wed, 10 am-6 pm; Sat, 10 am-3 pm, Condon.  
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# Recreation Guide

## Fishing Report

Bass fishing continues to be good, with anglers having luck on Rappalas and black worms.

Kokanee are starting to hit pretty good in Seeley Lake. Cowbelles and worms, with a 30-foot leader and leaded line, are doing the trick for most fishermen.

Cutthroat and rainbow are biting early in the morning. If you're lake fishing use lures, or maybe a night-crawler and a marshmallow.

Fishing has been good at Salmon Lake for both Kokanee and trout.

Creek fishing is still good. The higher mountain lakes are reported excellent for native cutthroat right now.

The barometer has been "jumping" lately (fluctuating up and down) and, according to old-timers, that's when the fishing really gets good.

## Blackfoot Recreation Corridor

Landowners in the Blackfoot Valley have created a special recreation corridor along the Blackfoot River. Their cooperative agreement allows public access to designated areas along the river and a corridor on both sides of the river fifty feet from the normal high water mark. The recreational corridor begins at Johnsrud Park at the southeast end of the Blackfoot Valley and continues upstream to the Missoula-Powell county line west of Sperry Grade.

There are several state-operated fishing access sites and camping areas along the river corridor. Many are located along the gravel road north of highway 200 from Johnsrud Park to the Roundup Bar. There is a fishing access site and campground where the Clearwater River crosses highway 200 and, also, at Russ Gates Memorial Park near the Missoula-Powell county line. West of the county line is the Scotty Brown Bridge fishing access site. This gravelled road will lead you around the south side of the river, where there are other camping and fishing areas. Fish, Wildlife and Parks officials suggest that visitors obtain a map of the area before deciding where to camp or fish. Maps are available at the Seeley-Condon Chamber of Commerce, the Seeley Lake Ranger Station and at many area businesses.

## Firewood Permits Available

Firewood permits are available from the Seeley Lake Ranger District and the Condon Work Center during regular office hours Monday through Friday. Firewood is \$2.50 per cord this year with no senior citizen discounts.

Burlington Northern and Champion Timberlands also charge for firewood permits. BN permits are available at the office north of Seeley Lake. Champion permits are available at the Wild West Café near Clearwater Junction.

Permits may also be purchased at out-of-area Forest Service, BN and Champion offices.

## Campground Fees End This Month

Fee systems in local campgrounds will "go off" this week according to Ramona D. Venegas, recreation technician at the Seeley Lake Ranger District. The water must be shut off because of approaching cold weather and fees can no longer be charged in River Point, Seeley Lake, Big Larch and Lake Alva campgrounds.

River Point and Seeley Lake campgrounds will be closed after September 15. Big Larch will remain open all winter, and Lake Alva will be open until it snows. There are non-freeze water hydrants at the entrances to these two campgrounds.

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## Bird Hunting Outlook

by Dave Books, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Montana's bird hunters can expect some good news and some bad news when they uncase their smoothbores on September 6. The good news is that bird populations this fall will be generally better statewide than they were last year. The bad news is that last year's populations for most species were dismally low - in some cases, the lowest populations on record. What this means is that even though nesting and survival success this summer were good, there weren't many breeders to begin with, and overall populations remain somewhat depressed.

Mountain grouse have the brightest outlook, with ruffs and blues, especially, on the upswing. The daily bag limit is four with 16 in possession. West of the Continental Divide, hunters can expect some good hunting, as populations continue to recover from the historic lows of 1981 and 1982. Nesting conditions were favorable for the second year in a row, and all signs point to some fast action in the grouse thickets, especially for ruffs.

East of the Divide, mountain grouse numbers also appear to be rising, with the same pattern evident as in the west: ruffed grouse look best, with blues next, and spruce (Franklin's) still lagging behind.

The outlook for prairie grouse is not as promising, although the moisture situation on the plains this summer was much improved, and hunters should find some good-sized broods where nesting conditions were favorable. Biologists feel that it will take at least another year for prairie grouse populations to return to pre-drought levels. Sage and sharp-tailed grouse limits have been set at three daily with 12 in possession. Prairie grouse bag limits in recent years traditionally have varied from three to six birds per day, with three felt to be a point below which there would be little incentive to go hunting.

Sage grouse hunting will probably be better than sharptail hunting this year over much of eastern Montana. Sharptail numbers on the spring breeding grounds in many survey areas were at an all-time low, and it will take some time for them to rebuild.

Hungarian partridge numbers are predicted to be good this fall in prime habitat (agricultural land) but spotty in rangeland habitat. The daily bag limit has been set at six with 24 in possession. Hunters should note that Ravalli County is closed in its entirety, as are portions of Beaverhead and Madison Counties (consult the official regulations for details).

Statewide, the outlook for pheasants is fair at best, although hunting the long-tailed birds should be more productive than last year. Habitat is much improved, and brood survival should be enhanced. The pheasant opener is October 18 statewide this year, and the bag limit has been set at three daily with 12 in possession. Hunters with dogs should be able to roust out enough ringnecks to take home a limit, but those without canine help may find the going more difficult.

Mourning dove limits have been tentatively set at 15 daily and 30 in possession. Good numbers of birds are present in the state now, but hunting success will depend on continued warm weather between now and opening day. An early fall cold snap will send most of Montana's mourning doves winging for warmer climes. Dove shooters should remember that although they don't need a federal or state duck stamp, they do need to plug their guns so that they will hold no more than three shells.

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## Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

With the deluge of rain this past weekend, and then the sunny afternoons, seems like the fall mushrooms should be out. Although I don't eat wild mushrooms, except the morels in the spring, there is some ritual associated with spotting the first "shaggy manes" in the fall, and wondering over the rest of the interesting fungal fruits.

I had an interesting tip from a friend concerning the orange fungus on the serviceberries. She thought that maybe Basic-H diluted and sprayed on the bushes during rainy weather might inhibit the release (and spread) of spores. I think I'll try it. Anything beats spraying commercial fungicides.

Noticed the squirrels packing a few dried goodies into their caches, along with the green cones of ponderosa pine and Doug fir.

The local outfitters have confirmed that the elk are bugling in the high country. Should warm the hearts of the archery hunters this weekend.

Black bear season opens this week - end, so I'm a little reluctant to tell my "bear of the week" story. From now on, specific locations will be purposely omitted!

Seems a young black bear has been frequenting an area campground for about three weeks now. Several campers have gotten pictures of him rummaging through the garbage containers, but he hasn't offered to harm anyone. The caretaker at the campground thinks the bear is about two years old. Since Labor Day usually marks the end of the camping season, the bear may go searching for something more interesting to do this week - like maybe raid a nearby apple orchard!

There are a few hummingbirds left in the valley. According to Ken Wolff, local bird watcher, the adults have left but some of the adolescents are still here. He suspects they won't all survive the migration south at this late date.

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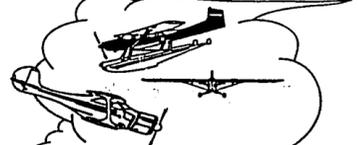
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Walkin' Jim gets his name from nearly 15,000 miles he has walked over the past twelve years through the backcountry of North America. Picking up songs and stories amidst his travels, and taking pictures along the way, his show combines poetry, music, and fantastic dual-image slides to express a great sympathy and love for the Earth and the wild places he knows so well.

Playing guitar and harmonica, Jim is known for his powerful baritone and emotion-packed vocals. In his fourteen years of performing, Jim has toured throughout the country and has been described by PM Magazine as "a folk-singer in the grand tradition set by Woody Guthrie."

Jim's album, Spirit Is Still On The Run, a collection of songs written out on the trail, will be on sale at the event.

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