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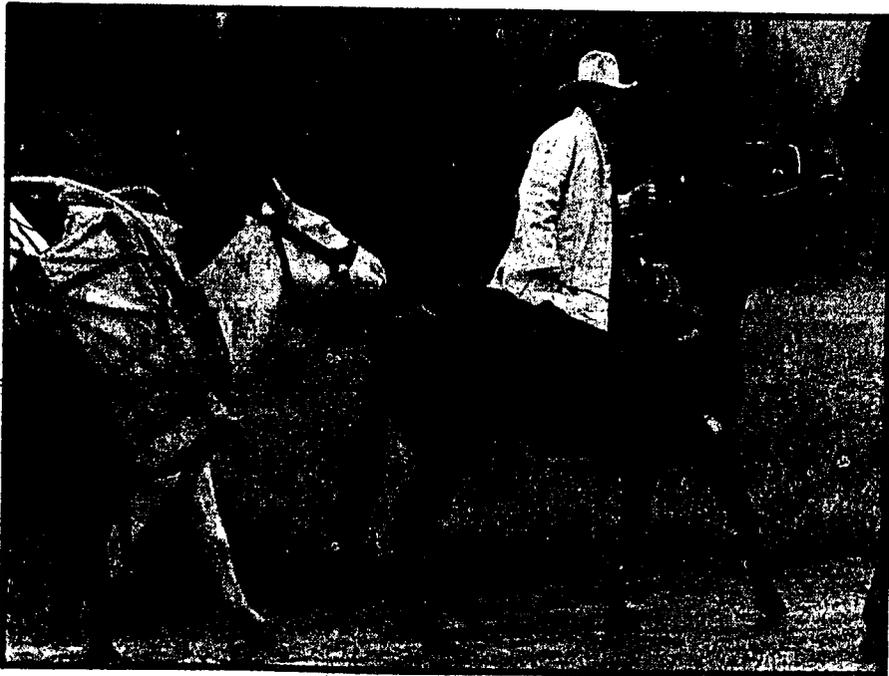
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Area outfitters are busy "packin' in" to the Bob Marshall Wilderness over Holland Pass. The Owl Creek Packer Camp will be crowded with cowboys and pack stock this week, such as this packer from Sun River Outfitters, Swan Valley. The high country hunting season opens Monday, September 15.

## Bob Marshall Opens Monday

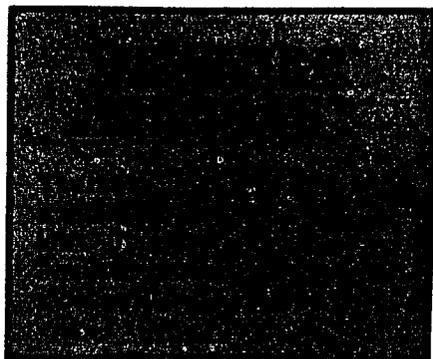
The high country deer and elk seasons open Monday, September 15 in portions of the Bob Marshall, Great Bear and Scapegoat wilderness areas (hunting districts 150, 151, and 280).

In hunting districts 150 and 151 the first 16 days of the elk hunt are open for antlered bulls only; the next 15 days, October 1 through October 15, the season is open for either sex elk; the balance of the general elk season, October 16 through November 30, is again restricted to antlered bulls.

In hunting district 280, the elk hunt is limited to branch-antlered bulls the entire season, September 15 through November 30.

The deer hunt in districts 150 and 151 is as follows: September 15 through September 30, antlered buck either species; October 1 through October 15, either sex, either species; October 16 through November 30,

antlered buck either species. The deer season in district 280 is substantially different: September 15 through October 25, antlered buck, either species; October 26 through November 2 either sex, either species; November 3 through November 30, antlered buck, either species.



## Glacier Down

### Tourism Up - Barely

Tourism was up this summer compared to 1985, but only by a slim 3%, according to figures released Monday by John Wilson, Montana Travel Promotion Bureau.

Wilson's tourist counts included visitors to Montana's main attractions: Glacier Park (down 28%); Yellowstone Park (up 4.6%); Towe Ford in Deer Lodge (up 20%); the Bison Range (up 16%); the Big Hole Battlefield (up 16%); Hungry Horse Dam (down 6%); and Libby Dam (down 21%). These are only a few indicators on a list of about a dozen attractions.

Wilson pointed out that the Canadian exchange rate and economic conditions in Alberta had a very noticeable effect on tourism in the northwest corner of Montana.

Wilson spoke at a meeting of the Governor's Tourism Advisory Council held Monday at Bay Point Estates in Whitefish. The Tourism Advisory Council includes appointed members of the private sector along with representatives of various state agencies. The Council makes recommendations to the Montana Travel Promotion Bureau which, in turn, attempts to promote tourism in the state and respond to visitor inquiries by mailing literature about Montana vacations.

One of the recommendations approved Monday was for Montana to pursue a large-scale (\$180,000) cooperative advertising campaign with Alberta. One Council member pointed out that this would be a major campaign for Montana, but not for Alberta, which spends millions of dollars every year trying to attract visitors to the province. (The Montana Travel Promotion budget last year was about half a million dollars, not including several hundred thousand dollars contributed by private industry.)

Wilson pointed out that cooperative advertising with Alberta would direct Americans through Montana as sort of a "gateway to Alberta." Many Council

members had some reservations about this, but a lengthy discussion on the success of the joint advertising campaign with Wyoming brightened the picture.

As a result of the Montana-Wyoming ad campaign, the Montana Promotion Bureau received more than 100,000 inquiries about the state. Wilson described it as a very "healthy" program, considering that those inquiries accounted for more than half of the total inquiries received by the state so far this year.

The cost per inquiry for the Montana/Wyoming cooperative campaign was only \$1.48, compared to other programs which cost as much as \$6.75 per inquiry. Cooperative programs obviously are more cost effective because the parties involved share the promotion costs, Wilson added.

Other advertising proposals for the 1986-87 fiscal year were discussed Monday, including the Ski Montana program (more than \$130,000); a video project (\$120,000); in-state promotions (\$85,000); super coupon and directory ads in *Family Circle* and *Better Homes and Gardens* magazines (\$56,000); the "Invite a Friend" program (\$12,000) and the Old West Trail Association Vacation Guide and projects (\$25,300).

## Salmon/Eagle Counts Begin

Salmon are beginning to migrate along McDonald Creek in Glacier National Park and the annual salmon and eagle counts are about to begin. These counts will be conducted every other Tuesday through November 18. The first salmon count was scheduled for September 9.

As in the past, the eagle survey will be conducted by Glacier Park Biologist Riley McClelland, and the salmon survey will be under the direction of Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks Biologist Pat Clancey.

The salmon numbers have usually peaked around mid-October, and most of the eagles will have arrived around the end of October or early part of November, according to Fish and Game officials.

# OPINION

## The "Discovery" of the Seeley Swan...

has yet to occur. "Discovery," in this sense, means the discovery of our Valley by major development interests. More specifically, "discovery" denotes developers oriented toward tourism - organizations which invest in things like ski resorts and convention centers. At first glance, this apparent oversight would seem mysterious. After all, there are many major resort areas which are endowed with substantially fewer recreational and scenic resources than we have. Yet, they have been "discovered" and we have not. Sun Valley comes to mind: good skiing in the winter and barren, sagebrushed hills in the summer.

What accounts for this? Well, one would surmise that development projects tend to occur in the most favorable locations first - and that the more challenging areas (ie, those with less infrastructure) are developed last. If we examine ourselves in historical terms, we are clearly in the latter category. The paving of our main thoroughfare was a relatively recent event in history. General availability of telephone service was an astonishingly recent event (given that this is the 20th century). And, during just the last "blink" of history, we acquired a bank, supermarket, and a host of other businesses providing a panoply of essential goods and services. Even a newspaper, for that matter.

In other words, modern civilization is a fairly recent arrival to the Valley.

Our infrastructure still leaves a lot to be desired - the Seeley Lake water system, for example. On the other hand, we may be nearing the "critical mass" required to attract outside development interests. Coupled with this is the indisputable fact that, from a developer's perspective, there is a shortage of developable areas such as ours and, also, an increasing demand for tourist facilities. One might conclude, then, that the "thundering hordes" may not be very far down the road.

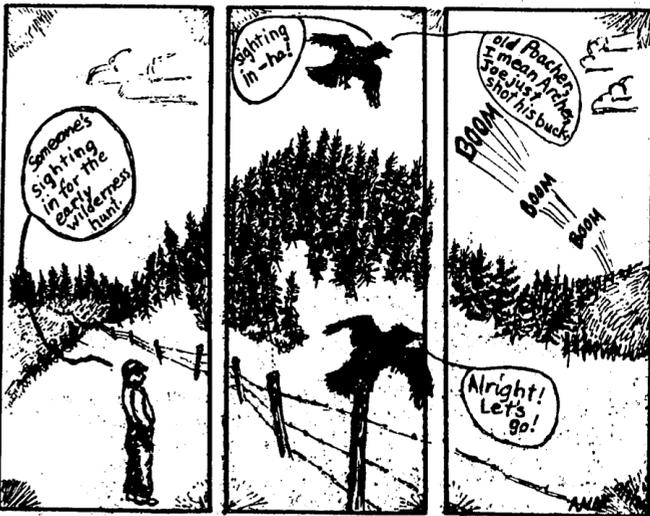
If such came to pass, would it be good or bad for those of us already here? The lifestyle and aesthetics of our Valley would surely undergo an irrevocable transformation. In purely economic terms, it would be arguably good: more jobs and a more balanced economy. It might also provide a healthy counterbalance vis-a-vis the current management of our forests - which are presently operated primarily with timber interests in mind.

For a number of residents, though, such a transformation would be unwelcome. Depending on how things went, their views could have substantial merit. About the only consolation for these individuals would be the skyrocketing of property values which generally accompanies a development boom.

It will be interesting to watch the drama unfold. Let's all hope that, if we are "discovered," the community's interests will be adequately represented.

- Dick Potter

## Natty Bumppo



## Bright Eyes Doesn't Make It

"Bright Eyes," the wounded great horned owl which was the subject of a story in last week's Pathfinder, took a turn for the worse last Friday. According to Ken Wolff, Swan Valley, who had been caring for the owl, it turned out that Bright Eyes had been shot under the wing with a .22-cal. bullet. Deep infection took its toll and Bright Eyes died in Ken's arms last Friday.

## Thanks from the PTA

To the Editor:

Last week the Pathfinder carried a half-page advertisement for the upcoming September 12 "Jim Stoltz Concert" sponsored by the Seeley Lake Elementary PTA. At first glance your readers might have thought our local PTA is a financially fat organization to afford such extensive advertising. Such is not the case. Our financial coffers are minimal - much like other non-profit service organizations in this area.

Once again the success of our efforts is spurred on by the generous financial support of our local businesses. Valley Market; 1st Valley Bank, and Pyramid Mountain Lumber donated that advertisement.

We extend our sincere appreciation to these businesses for their support and community spirit. "Kids are counting on us" ... and together we are coming through for them.

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Jeanne Moon  
Public Relations Chair  
Seeley Lake Elementary PTA

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# COMMUNITY

## Ties That Bind Us

## Quick Response Units

If you were in Seeley Lake very much this past week, you are aware of some of the emergency services available in the Seeley Swan area. The Seeley Lake Quick Response Unit, which is responsible for driving the ambulance and providing emergency care, has been responding to an average of about one call a day, according to one QRU member.

The SOS Health Center technically owns the ambulance but, according to Wilma Nicholson, R.N. at the Center, "the ambulance belongs to the community."

Nicholson recalls that the ambulance service began in 1963 when "donated hearses" were used to transport people in need of emergency medical care. In 1971, Alvin Rovero and Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan reorganized the group of emergency medical personnel and, by 1974, the ambulance service was turned over to the SOS Health Center. At that time, the Center received a grant from the Highway Safety Division and procured the present ambulance.

At one time, according to Nicholson, there were 13 Emergency Medical Technicians providing medical services in the Seeley Lake area. Nicholson, Kim Haines and Martin Cahoon drove the ambulance for several years.

At the present time, there are 10 members of the Seeley Lake QRU. With the ambulance, they cover an area from the top of the Greenough hill, to the Helmville turnoff on Highway 200, and north from Clearwater Junction to the Lake County line.

The QRU members are volunteers. Medical supplies and related items are funded by the Seeley Lake Fire District. In medical emergencies not requiring the ambulance, their territory includes the same area covered by the fire district, although most members indicate that they will respond to any medical emergency for which they are called.

Emergency medical assistance in the Swan Valley is provided by the Swan Valley Quick Response Unit, which covers from the Summit area to the Lake County line, although they will respond to calls as far north as Goat Creek.

The Swan Valley QRU depends entirely on donations to pay for medical supplies and car liability insurance. There is no fire district in the Swan Valley. This past summer, with support of local businesses, the group raised enough money for car liability insurance and some medical supplies. They also desperately need "some sort of hand-held radios," according to one member. They are finding that they are often in a position where even "walkie-talkies" would help improve the emergency services that they provide.

When an ambulance is needed in the Swan, Seeley Lake assists in transporting victims to either Missoula or Bigfork, where the Bigfork ambulance often meets the Seeley Lake ambulance and transports victims to the Bigfork medical center or the Kalispell hospital.

There are presently 12 members of the Swan Valley/Condon QRU. All have completed Advanced First Aid and CPR training.

## Governor Appoints Macon to Council

Governor Schwinden recently appointed Jeff Macon to the Private Industry Advisory Council, which has been established to provide policy guidance and to exercise oversight for job training programs as a part of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA).

The Council is composed of fifteen individuals from Montana. Eight represent the private sector, two represent community-based organizations, and others represent organized labor, the employment service, rehabilitation, economic development, and education.

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## Business of the Week SEELEY CONDON REALTY



Cindy Lewis (pictured) is just one of several sales people affiliated with Seeley Condon Realty. Cindy frequently "mans the office" which is located on the southern edge of Seeley Lake.

Bud Berckmoes has been the owner/broker at Seeley Condon Realty since 1982. Berckmoes has worked in real estate sales in Seeley Lake for about 12 years, and specializes in recreational property.

Seeley Condon Realty lists property mainly in the Seeley Swan area from Clearwater Junction north to Condon.

Dick Lewis is a broker associate with Seeley Condon Realty. Sales people, in addition to Cindy and Dick Lewis and Bud Berckmoes, are Cheryl Lewis, Aili Quinn and Tammy O'Neal.



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There are three wood preservatives classed as restricted-use chemicals. Most handlers and users must be certified. Regulations, effective November 10, require that anyone who uses, sells or applies pentachlorophenol, creosote and inorganic arsenicals must be licensed as a certified applicator. However, in a few special cases the chemicals will be available without certification, said Dr. Steve Laursen, Extension Service forester based at the University of Montana School of Forestry. Labels, in such cases, will contain new information on mixing and disposal restrictions and warnings on proper use of clothing and respirator equipment.

Farm applicators (persons who apply the chemicals on their own land to items not for sale or distribution) won't need licenses for use of only brush-on inorganic arsenicals.

The three training sessions will be conducted by the Montana Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division of the Department of State Lands, UM School of Forestry and Laursen. The schedule is as follows:

**Sept. 22: Corvallis, REA building, 1-5 p.m.** (No examination).

**Sept. 29-30: Kalispell, Outlaw Inn, 1-5 p.m.** on the first day and 9 a.m. until noon with examination at 1 p.m. on second day.

**October 1-2: Helena, DNRC Building, Glacier Room, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,** with examination first evening or 9 a.m. on October 2.

Licenses can be obtained without training by studying and passing examinations given at Helena and at five Department of Agriculture field offices the first Monday of each month. Manuals will be available for \$2.50 after September 1 from the Department of Agriculture. Laursen said training is highly recommended to increase chances of passing the examination.

Restricted-use wood preservatives will include:

-Any that contain pentachlorophenol or its salts.

-Sapstain control products that contain pentachlorophenol salts.

-Products that contain pentachlorophenol or creosote, including those labeled for home and farm use or groundline treatment of utility poles, or used in non-pressure treatment plants.

-Products for pressure treatment of wood that contain any of the restricted-use compounds.

Information on certification for dealers and commercial and government applicators can be obtained from the Montana Department of Agriculture.

Farmers now certified for general pesticide use will not be required to take the additional training until their current certification expires. Those not certified must take both general use and the special training to use any wood preservative except brush-on, inorganic arsenicals.

They may contact a county Extension Service office to take four hours of training and an ungraded examination, or study the general-use pesticide manual and pass the basic applicator test.

Certified applicators can license operators to assist them, but must provide training to ensure they have adequate knowledge to work safely under supervision.

Licenses from the Montana Department of Agriculture are for individuals, not businesses. Those issued in November and December will be good for 1987. License holders must complete specified hours of training within four years, or pass an exam, to be recertified.

## Livestock Report

The cattle market is a little stronger this week. Last Thursday's livestock report from the Missoula livestock auction is as follows:

**Cattle:** Heiferettes, 38.00 to 52.00; Utility & Commercial Cows, 34.00 to 41.00; Canner & Cutter Cows, 32.00 to 37.00; Bulls 42.00 to 49.00

**Feeders & Stockers:** 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 78.00; 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, 50.00 to 115.00 BTH.

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## Branch-Antlered Elk Regulations

by Terry Lonner, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

When Montana elk hunters take to the meadows and timber with rifles and bows this fall, they'll find some new regulations in effect in some popular hunting areas. Specifically, seven new hunting districts in the 200 and 300 series have been designated as "branch-antlered only bull elk" hunting areas. This brings to 14 the total number of hunting districts so designated in the state. Why the change?

Evidence suggests that a low number of mature bulls in an elk population may reduce calf production and, therefore, the overall population of a herd. Low observed calf/cow ratios in the Gravelly Mountains of southwestern Montana during the winters of 1979-80 and 1980-81 coincided with low numbers of antlered bulls in relation to numbers of cows. During these winters, researchers documented anywhere from 18 to 35 calves per 100 cows in this area. In contrast, during the years 1970 through 1975, calves numbered anywhere from 55 to 65 per 100 cows in the same area. Concern over these low calf/cow ratios resulted in changes in hunting regulations in hunting district 324 for the 1981 season. The early archery season was eliminated and the harvest during the general elk season was limited to branch-antlered bulls. The branch-antlered bull regulation was implemented in several adjacent hunting districts in subsequent years. Five of seven associated hunting districts had such regulations in place during 1984.

Also because of this concern, a long-term study was initiated during the winter of 1983-84 in the Gravellys to assess the role and importance of various hunting strategies, and differing kinds and levels of hunting pressure on elk population characteristics and dynamics. Emphasis is being directed toward breeding biology, reproductive success and calf recruitment (or the number of calves that survive to be one year old). Information on seasonal distribution, movements, and habitat use of all age classes and both sexes of elk also is being collected. This research effort is planned for at least 12 years, with the findings to be incorporated into management plans as they become available.

The study consists of two phases. The first phase consists of acquiring a data base to describe the present situation. This phase will probably end about September 1988. The second phase will involve measuring the response of the elk population to changes in hunting regulations. The first change will be the re-establishment of an early archery season in hunting

district 324 in 1988. Other regulation changes will follow and be implemented in such a way that their effectiveness can be measured.

To date, data have been collected from 230 marked elk. This sample includes elk of both sexes and various age classes, from newborns to 12 year olds. About half of these elk were fitted with radio collars, the remainder with neckbands. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks hopes to mark 500 elk in total and maintain this number of marked animals for the duration of the study. Marked elk are legal to shoot, but it is very important that hunters who shoot a marked elk report the ear tag numbers, a description of the collar and the time and place of the kill to a biologist or game warden. Returning the radio collar to the Department also is important because they are expensive and can be re-used.

The results of this study will help game managers further understand the influence of different types of hunting seasons on numbers of mature bulls and calf survival. All those who enjoy Montana's elk will be the beneficiaries.

## July 4th Traffic Count: 15,934

Over the Fourth of July weekend in Seeley Lake 15,934 vehicles were counted as part of a program instituted by the Seeley Condon Chamber of Commerce to determine the potential tourist market for the area.

With assistance from the Montana Department of Highways, the Publicity and Promotion Committee for the Chamber will repeat the traffic counts (four each year) through 1990. The committee invites suggestions from interested persons or businesses regarding which dates, in addition to the Fourth of July, should be chosen for traffic counts. For more information contact Grace LeFebvre or Toni Hale at 677-2010. Suggestions must be received by September 15.

## Policy Changes at Swan Library

The Swan Valley Community Library near Condon recently announced policy changes, including non-renewal of books, according to Susie Cox, librarian. The library system will also be converted to numbers for reasons of confidentiality, and new cards will be issued within the month. Also, there will be a \$1 fine when a book is four weeks overdue.

New winter hours are Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# CORNUCOPIA

by Michele Potter

Did you know that the low creeping Oregon Grape (otherwise known as *Berberis repens*) is edible? Abundant in late summer, Montana's Indians and pioneers also used the plant (berries, roots and bark) as medicine, drink and dyestuff. Also known as Mahonia, Barberry and Holly-grape, this seemingly all-purpose plant produces delicate clusters of bright yellow flowers in the spring and the holly-like leaves turn a variety of colors come autumn. Look for dusty-blue mini grape clusters now. This is a bumper crop year!

Mary Stein from Helena, a frequent visitor and property owner in Seeley Lake, contributed the following.

"Because I'm from Oregon, I know Oregon Grape. In fact, it's Oregon's State Flower (this is the upright plant).

"In May, my family came to Seeley Lake from Oregon for our Annual Anniversary Celebration. The Oregon Grapes were in full bloom with clusters of yellow flowers. I mentioned I made syrup and jelly out of the grapes. My sister-in-law, born and raised in Oregon, made the comment that the Oregon Grapes were poisonous and should not be eaten. If that were true, my husband and I should be dead!

"Until I moved to Montana, I never used the Oregon Grape. When we found an abundance of them on our property here in Seeley Lake, I decided to try them. The first year I only made two batches. This year I hope to make more in case next year will not be a good year for them. I use frozen apple juice (crab apple juice can be used). Without a recipe, I made up one for them."

## Oregon Grape Syrup or Jelly\*

by Mary Stein  
 "Boil Oregon Grapes; strain the juice into a concentrate and add enough water to equal the apple juice. Add sugar to taste (almost an equal amount). Boil syrup until desired thickness. Pour into pint jars, seal and process for 10 minutes in boiling water bath. We don't like it super sweet, so my recipe isn't always consistent, but it is **always good!**"

\*MSP Note: According to Kim Williams (*Eating Wild Plants, 1977*), apple or crab apple juice adds pectin and dilutes tartness. Also, you can use the Concord Grape jelly recipe (from any of the commercial pectin recipes) to make Oregon Grape jelly.

By the way, Carley Boulé, our local food preservation specialist, provided me with a copy of a recipe pamphlet entitled *Wild Berries* (it has recipes for gooseberries, chokecherries, currants and more). Call me at 677-2022 about that pamphlet and for more Oregon Grape recipes.

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## Swan Valley Elementary

by Suzanne Vernon

Swan Valley Elementary has a new principal and several new teachers this year. The teachers and staff seemed in good spirits last week as they wrapped up the first four days of classes and began organizing schedules and goals for the coming year. There are 63 students enrolled in the Kindergarten through eighth grade program. The lower grades are "combined" classes and the seventh and eighth grades are taught separately in the middle school/multi-purpose building.



Dan White, Principal

Dan White is the new principal of Swan Valley Elementary. This will be the first year that the school has had the benefit of a principal. White, who will also teach fifth and sixth grades, believes that his experience as an administrator will allow the school board to focus on establishing school policy, rather than having to deal with the day-to-day business of running the school.

White has worked for nearly 15 years in private Seventh Day Adventist schools as an administrator. He and his wife Shirlie (who was recently hired as teacher's aid at Swan Elementary) wanted to move to Montana for several reasons. Dan was raised in Missoula and graduated from high school in Bozeman, and although his job took him out of Montana (to as far away as Hawaii), he always wanted to return here. He is also looking forward to spending more time with his family.

Dan was the principal and, also, taught at the Redwood Junior Academy in Santa Rosa, California last year. Keeping track of 230 students in the K-12 school was a busy job. Dan's hectic schedule included dealing with "stacks of paperwork" for the five churches which were affiliated with the school, in addition to teaching, attending meetings "three or four nights a week," and reporting to the 27-member board of trustees for the academy.

Both Dan and Shirlie are looking forward to a little slower pace at Swan Elementary. They especially look forward to more time with their children - Wendi, who is nine, and Brandon, who is six years old.



**First and Second Grade:** Annette Walmsley is beginning her second year at Swan Elementary. She grew up in Billings, and has taught school in "the Yaak" (northwestern Montana), Missoula, and in California. She enjoys working in the Swan Valley and feels that the school is "kind of a happy medium," since she has taught both in smaller and larger schools.



**Third and Fourth Grades:** Diann Ericson is beginning her fifth year at Swan Elementary, making her the senior member of the staff. Her background is in both secondary and elementary education. Some special projects that she has in mind for students will include an in-depth study of natural resources: wood, coal, and water, for example. Diann's husband, Mike Childs, also teaches at Swan Valley Elementary (seventh and eighth grade).



**Kindergarten and Librarian:** Kate Johnson was raised in a small community in northern California and says about Swan Elementary, "This is like coming home. . . I love it." Johnson is a University of Montana graduate and taught at Bonner last year. She says she is "a teacher first, then a librarian." She emphasized that a library/media area should be a vital center for all types of materials that may be used by students and teachers.



**Teacher's Aid:** Shirlie White will assist as the part-time teacher's aid in the fifth and sixth grade classes at Swan Elementary. She has worked in private schools for eleven years, and has taught band, choir, classroom music, typing and P.E.

**Fifth and Sixth Grades:** Dan White, principal, and Shirlie White, teacher's aid, will work with this group of students. Dan and Shirlie have worked together for many years in classroom situations.



**Seventh and Eighth Grades:** Penny Thomas is new to Swan Elementary this year and will be teaching several subjects in seventh grade, in addition to language arts in the eighth grade and music for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth. Thomas taught at Potomac, and also in the Yaak before joining the staff at Swan Elementary. She and her husband, Roger, enjoy the mountains of the Swan Valley. "It's where we have always wanted to be," she said, adding that her husband is an artist and he loves to paint the mountains and the wildlife in the area.



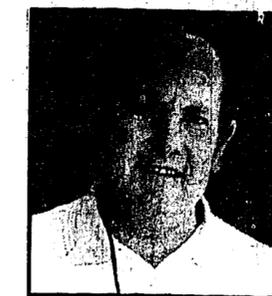
Mike Childs is beginning his third year of teaching at Swan Valley. He works with seventh and eighth grade students in math and science, in addition to teaching art in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Childs believes that students should be exposed to math and science activities, such as "hands on" projects. For example, students are recording weather conditions and making daily observations as part of their math and science projects.



**Secretary/Clerk:** Karen (Styler) Anderson is beginning her third year as clerk for the Swan Valley school. This fall she started her first year as full-time secretary. She records the school board minutes and also handles correspondence and day-to-day paperwork at the school.

**Custodians:** Dan and Barbara Frye are the school custodians (photo not available). Dan is also the bus driver on the north route to the Lake County line. They have worked at the school for about five years, according to Dan.

Dave Nebel (photo not available) is the school bus driver for the southern route to the Pete Rovero residence near the Summit.



**P.E. and Counseling:** Neil Eliason, who worked as a track coach for thirty years in Montana school systems, retired from Montana State University in 1985 where he coached the women's track team and was the assistant women's athletic director for four years. He will be directing the P.E. program at Swan Valley three days a week, and will also counsel students. Eliason has a professional diploma in counseling from Columbia University. Eliason's home (for the past eight years) is in Swan Lake, and he is looking forward to working with the Swan Valley students.

**Resource Room/Special Education:** Sharon Lamar works in special ed and the gifted and talented program at Swan Valley Elementary. She and her husband, Steve, have two children, Annie, who is six, and Lucas, who is three years old. Steve works at the Wilderness Treatment Center in Marion where he teaches wilderness survival.

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# OUTDOORS

## Barney's Sponsors Hunting Events

Taxidermy, tents, tree stands, and wildlife films are just a few of the highlights of the Hunter's Weekend sponsored by Barney's Bar and Café, beginning Friday September 12 and continuing through the 14th.

According to Bruce Burns, event organizer, most of the displays, which will be located in the bar, are provided by Montana businesses: taxidermy by Hide and Horn Taxidermy, Seeley Lake; tents, horse-packing gear, and other items from Blue Star Canvas Products, Missoula; tree stands manufactured in Ovando and a backcountry horse care display by the Seeley Veterinary Service. Throughout the weekend Burns will show films about hunting elk, whitetail and mule deer.

Also beginning this weekend is the First Annual Hunter's Sweepstakes sponsored by Barney's. Prizes for the raffle include a 30.06 rifle with scope, 35-mm camera, and binoculars. The raffle-for-profit, a promotional tool to attract new customers, according to Burns, will continue until Saturday, October 18.

Burns has received a gaming permit from the Missoula City/County Gambling Commission, according to chairman and county attorney, Dusty Deschamps. The process for obtaining a permit for a commercial raffle is more elaborate than for non-profit groups, Deschamps said. Money from the sale of tickets goes directly to the business. In addition to offering free tickets with certain meal or beverage purchases, Barney's will be selling the raffle tickets for \$2.00 each. Only 1000 raffle tickets will be available.

"It's treated like poker games and keno," Deschamps explained. "A full-blown 'for profit' raffle is unusual," he said, adding that the commission has had only a few other requests for this type of raffle in the twelve years since gambling was legalized.



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## McBrides Planted

About 100,000 two-inch McBride trout were planted in Seeley Lake on September 8 and 9. Normally, the plant would have been a one-day job. But, according to Bob Scott, Seeley Lake resident who assisted with the operation, there were some difficulties encountered with the use of a new tank truck.

A water pump on the truck, used to supply lakewater for acclimating the fish prior to planting, refused to function properly. As a result, the planting crew ended up using five-gallon buckets to provide water for the fishtank. The delay caused the operation to be extended another day.

The McBrides are from the hatchery at Big Timber. McBrides, which come from Yellowstone Lake originally, are fish-eating fish and will help to clean out the small perch and bluegills in Seeley Lake. Additionally, the McBrides seem to stay in Seeley Lake whereas, according to biologists, rainbow migrate to the Blackfoot River from Seeley Lake.

## Whitetail "B" Tags Available

Hunters can purchase up to three "B" permits for antlerless whitetail in hunting district 170, which is in the heart of the Flathead Valley.

Because of perennial game damage complaints and numerous road-kills, the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is trying to reduce the deer population in this area, according to Mike Aderhold, Kalispell office of the MDFWP.

Hunting is restricted to archery September 6 through October 25; shotgun and archery October 26 through November 30; and archery December 1 through December 31.

More than half of the land in Hunting District 170 is posted or otherwise closed to public hunting, according to Aderhold. Much of the remaining land is restricted to some degree. Hunters must secure landowner permission to hunt big game. The MDFWP has offered to direct hunters to landowners suffering serious game damage.

## Spike Bull Restrictions in Effect

A change in general hunting regulations for all those hunters planning to pursue elk and deer with a bow in several 200 and 300 series hunting districts this fall has made it imperative that these hunters read their current regulations carefully, the state's wildlife manager said last week.

According to Arnold Olsen, Administrator of the Wildlife Division for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Helena, all archers seeking elk in hunting districts 280, 281, 310, 320, 322, 323, 326, 330, 333, 340, 360, 361, 362 and 380 will be confined to taking either a cow elk or a branch-antlered bull. (Districts 280 and 281 are in the Ovando and Lincoln areas.) A branch-antlered bull is any elk having at least one visible tine extending from the main beam of at least one antler, he said.

Similarly, Olsen said, archers pursuing deer in hunting districts 320, 329 and 333 are restricted, for the first time, to taking a mule deer sporting at least four visible points on at least one antler. The brow tine does not count as a point.

"Some sportsmen have assumed that these restrictions will apply only to rifle hunters who pursue deer and elk during the state's general season," he continued. "However, we want to emphasize that they apply to archery hunters during the special archery season as well."

Montana's special archery season opened Saturday, September 6, while the general season for rifle hunters opens Sunday, October 26.

## Grizzly I.D. Tips

With black bear season opening this week, hunters are reminded of the similarities and differences between black bears and grizzlies. The following identification information was provided by the Border Grizzly Project.

**Tracks:** Grizzly feet are large, but remember that a few black bears weigh up to 500 pounds. Most grizzlies weigh 300-500 pounds. The claw marks from grizzlies are way out in front of the toe marks, about two inches to be sure.

**Claw Marks:** Black bear claws are sharp and make deep, narrow scratches on trees. Grizzly claws are dull and the marks may be much wider apart as the claws spread; the scratches look like they were made with the eraser end of a pencil.

**Features:** Grizzlies have the shoulder hump, but so do some large blacks. Grizzly ears are usually shorter and more rounded, but not always. Grizzly claws often can be observed from a long distance. The "sheen" on grizzly coats "flashes" light at you, even on dark days. The grizzly's face is usually shorter-looking, and "dished" in appearance.

**Color:** Black bears may be two-toned, brown, sorrel, blonde, cinnamon, or even white (west-central B.C.); they often have a brown muzzle, even when black; and they usually have a white star on their chest. Grizzlies, too, may be black or blonde. They sometimes have a blonde band behind their shoulders or around their neck, or both.

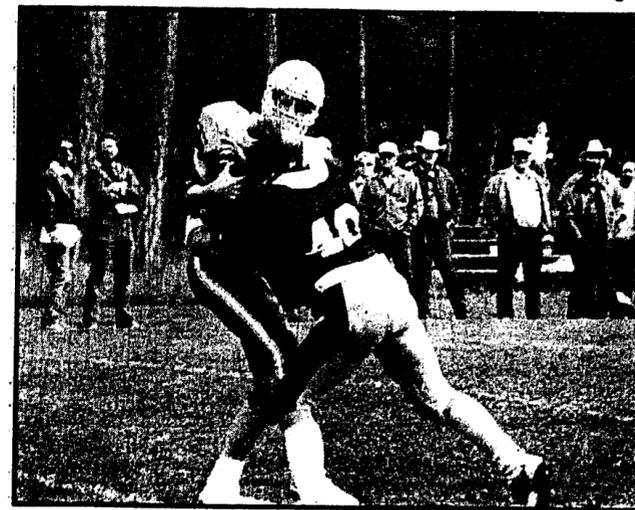
## Researchers Want Bear Teeth

All hunters who plan on pursuing bears during Montana's fall black bear season, which reopened in most areas on Saturday, September 6, must remember that those who are successful in taking a bear must submit the head or skull of their trophy to a Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks employee or agency representative within 10 days, a Department official has warned.

According to Erv Kent, Administrator of the Law Enforcement Division for the Department, the employee or representative contacted will remove a tooth that will be used to age the bear. The regulation was instituted last year to help Department game biologists more effectively manage black bear populations in the state, he said.

Successful hunters can obtain the names of designated Department representatives in their areas by contacting the nearest Fish, Wildlife and Parks office.

The annual black bear season, which opened on April 15 and closed on May 31 in most 100, 200 and 500 series hunting districts, reopened in those same districts on September 6. However, those planning to hunt in the 300 series hunting districts should note that the fall season for black bears doesn't open in most of those districts until October 26. The season for the bears in all 400 series hunting districts has remained open through the summer.



Mike Hallgren sacked the Victor quarterback at the Blackhawk football game on Saturday.

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- Clear a recommended safe area around the barrel.

If your fire escapes, you will be liable for the firefighting costs and damages. For information before burning, contact the fire department, Department of State Lands, or U. S. Forest Service.

**PASSAGES**

Rev. Herb Schiefelbein, Pastor Holy Cross Lutheran/Seeley Lake & Faith Lutheran/Condon

The teacher was leading her class in the study of definitions. She would read the respective words, and the children would give their own definitions - each in his turn. It seemed all the children were well-prepared on this particular morning. One after another gave his own definition of uncle, aunt, cousin, neighbor, much to the delight not only of the teacher but, also, of the whole class, which took pride in their group achievement.

However, when it came to little Jimmy's turn, it looked for a moment as though their splendid record would be broken. Jimmy was the first to hesitate and to fumble. The word which he was to define was the simple word "friend" and, somehow, try as hard as he could, he could think of no way of defining this familiar word. Finally, after desperate mental effort, he blurted out his childlike definition of a friend. "A friend," he said, "is someone who likes us, even though he knows us!"

Perhaps little Jimmy's definition will never be included in any dictionary, yet it contains insights which are not contained in many formal definitions of

**Property Tax Breaks Are For Low Income Owners**

Tax reductions may be available for low income property owners who meet certain criteria according to Lana Howe, appraisal and assessment clerk supervisor for Missoula County.

The 1985 legislature authorized property tax reductions to persons who qualify under the following guidelines:

- total income from all sources, including otherwise tax-exempt income (such as disability) is not more than \$10,000 for a single person or \$12,000 for a married couple.
- the applicant(s) must own or be under contract for deed and actually occupy the home or mobile home for at least 10 months a year as their primary residential dwelling.
- applications must be received in the county assessor's office before March 31, 1987.

Howe suggested that since the applications forms will probably be revised this winter, interested persons should leave their name and address with

this simple word. For is it not a part of the essence of friendship that one person continues to "like" another despite his evident faults and shortcomings? Truly, a friend is a person who likes us, even though he knows us!

How true that is especially of the friendship which exists in the heart of God and which goes out to all His fallen creatures. He knows us for what we are, and yet He loves us. Indeed, no one knows us better and yet loves us more. St. Paul tells us that "God commended His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners; Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). In the very same chapter we are told that Christ died for those whom He knew to be ungodly.

If it is true, as little Jimmy said, that "a friend is someone who likes us, even though he knows us," then what a Friend we have in Jesus! Jesus knows our every weakness - and yet His heart goes out to us in pity, compassion and affection. He who said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13), proved the immeasurableness of His love by going out and dying even for His enemies!

What a Friend!

the assessor's office and appropriate forms will be mailed in January 1987. It is too late to apply for the reduction for 1986.

Howe estimated that there are about 600 people in the county who currently qualify for the tax break under the low income guidelines.

The Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District is looking into the possibility of a reduction of refuse fees for people who qualify under the low income guidelines. Howe said she was not aware of any other boards who have reduced fees based on the new state statute.

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The Seeley Swan Blackhawks stomped the Victor Pirates at the opening football game of the season Saturday in Seeley Lake.

**Johnson Graduates From UM**

Steven Duane Johnson, son of Roger and Rhea Johnson, Seeley Lake, received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Montana in June. Johnson is a 1980 graduate of Seeley Swan High School.

**Open House At Seeley Elementary**

On Monday September 22, the Seeley Lake PTA will host an open house at Seeley Lake Elementary so that parents can come in and meet John Hebnes, the new principal and other teachers at the school, according to Bonell Kopke, president. The regular PTA meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the open house will start at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

**Photo Clinic Saturday**

Roger Wade Photography will demonstrate photography techniques Saturday, September 13 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Leisure Lodge, Seeley Lake. The clinic is sponsored by the Wilderness Sportsman's Club. For more information contact Bruce Burns at 677-2526 or Gary Lewis at 677-2823. There is a fee for the clinic.

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**Blackhawk News**

Retired senior citizens may receive free activity passes for high school functions this year, according to Principal Kim Haines. Activity cards are available at the high school office.

Larry Pagett is organizing band and music groups for the coming year. There appears to be a lack of band instruments. Pagett asks people who have checked out band instruments to return them. People who have instruments they would like to sell or loan to the band program should contact the high school.

The girls and boys basketball tournaments have been tentatively scheduled at Loyola this year, according to Haines.

The October 14 board meeting of the Missoula County High School trustees will be held at Seeley Swan High School at 7:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend, Haines said.

**Scoreboard**

Friday, September 5  
Girls' Basketball  
Darby at Seeley Lake  
Varsity:  
Blackhawks 52; Darby 44  
Junior Varsity:  
Blackhawks 31; Darby 23  
Freshmen:  
Darby 15; Seeley Lake 10

Saturday, September 6  
Girls' Basketball  
Seeley Lake at Darby  
Varsity:  
Blackhawks 70; Darby 46  
Junior Varsity:  
Seeley Lake 34; Darby 33  
Freshmen:  
Darby 39; Seeley Lake 30

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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), 7:30 pm, Elementary School Gym, Seeley Lake.  
 Sept 13, Amateur Photography Clinic, 1:00 pm, Leisure Lodge, Seeley Lake.  
 Sept 27, Box Social, 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 18, Ad Hoc Businessperson's Group, 6 pm, Leisure Lodge, 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.  
 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 17, Bookmobile, Potomac School, 10-11:30 am; Sunset School, 12-1 pm; Clearwater Junction, 1:30-2:30 pm.  
 Sept 18, Bookmobile, Seeley Lake Elementary, 9 am-12 pm; Seeley Lake Town, 12:30-2:30 pm.  
 Sept 22, Elementary School Open House, 7:30 pm, Seeley Lake Elementary, Seeley Lake.  
 Swan Valley Community Library, Hours: Wed, 10 am-6 pm; Sat, 10 am-3 pm, Condon.  
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**Fishing Report**

Lake fishing is excellent in Seeley Lake. Two "kids" caught some huge bull trout on nightcrawlers. One weighed 14 pounds, 11 ounces, and the other weighed 12 pounds. The bull trout come up from the Blackfoot River, Salmon Lake and into the Clearwater River and Seeley Lake.

Salmon fishing is picking up now on the lakes. Cowbelles and worms are popular. Bass fishing has slowed a little.

The rivers and creeks are down but there are lots of flies and yellowjackets starting to come out. Fly fishermen are still catching a few by mimicking the swarming bugs.

**Road Closures Begin Next Month**

Beginning October 15 and continuing through December 1, all "open" forest roads in the Swan Valley will be signed with a green marker according to a recent news release. A similar program has existed since 1979. These travel programs are instituted in an attempt to improve the distribution of deer and elk and increase the quality of big game hunting by minimizing the impact of vehicle traffic, reducing disturbance and cutting the migration from roaded areas.

The Flathead National Forest in cooperation with Plum Creek Timber Company, the Montana Department of State Lands and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks has just published a new map explaining the fall road closures in the Swan Valley. On the map, closed areas are shaded in grey and open areas are marked with green.

The new maps are free and will be available from area license agents in Bigfork, Seeley Lake, and the Swan Valley. The maps will also be available at most Kalispell and Missoula Forest Service offices, and the DFWP offices.

**Orange Posts Mean No Trespassing**

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks reminds hunters headed afield to be on the lookout for posts painted orange.

According to Ron Aasheim, Administrator of the Department's Conservation Education Division in Helena, landowners can post their lands either with signs or by marking outer gates and normal access points with 50 square inches of fluorescent orange paint.

Big game hunters are reminded that Montana law requires them to obtain permission before hunting on any private land.

**Caretaker Services End**

Caretaker services in most state-operated campgrounds and recreation areas have ended for the season, according to a recent news release. Many camping areas will remain open for public use free of charge, but the running water will be shut off in preparation for the winter months, and the flush toilet facilities will be closed. Pit toilets will be left open. Firewood and trash collecting services will no longer be provided.

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**Country Journal**

by Suzanne Vernon

Two peregrine falcons passed through the Seeley Swan area last week. Misty Sarvis, who lives on the Double Arrow Ranch, heard a "strange crying sound" early Friday morning, and when she investigated, she found two of the rare birds sitting high atop some trees on the edge of a large opening near her home.

With binoculars in hand, she walked outside and watched the feathered visitors for better than half an hour. The birds stayed in the area for nearly two hours. Misty thinks the falcons, which prey on smaller birds, may have been interested in the large flock of red-shafted flickers and their young which had congregated in the area.

Dr. Hutto, zoology professor at the University of Montana, was surprised to hear about peregrine falcons in the Seeley Lake area. Falcons usually prefer wide-open country over wooded areas, he said, adding that bird-watchers sometimes see peregrine falcons in the Ninepipes area of the Mission Valley this time of year. He explained that the falcons migrate to Mexico every fall.

We had a light frost over the weekend. The rosehips should be prime

for picking now. They can be used in jelly or syrup, or simply dried and added to mint or alfalfa tea. The berries are known for their high vitamin C content, and together with alfalfa (a "blood purifier") make a healthy, and tasty, tonic.

The chokecherries are ripe, and if you want good pickin's you'll have to find a spot where the grosbeaks haven't already eaten their fill. Seems the little feathered friends have now moved in for winter.

The jay birds (Steller's Jay) returned last week. I have never heard for sure where they go each summer, but they come back every year on cue when the first snows begin blowing our way.

A few bear stories this week. One friend happened to see a nice black bear "just standing there" on a logging road while she was giving some visitors a little tour of the Valley. (That happens only once in a lifetime, huh?) Another local resident watched a sow and two cubs scamper across Highway 83 north of the Cold Creek road. He said the bears stopped traffic and the drivers who happened to get a good look were all grinning from ear to ear after the chance encounter with the furry youngsters.

**Crochet Classes Offered**

Beginning crochet classes will start Tuesday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. Two additional classes will be offered September 30 and October 7. Donna Tiffin (Tiffin Yarns & Crafts) will instruct the classes, which will be held at the Artistic Expressions store in Seeley Lake. Pre-registration is required. Call Pam Sikkink at 677-2188 for more information and registration.

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The Missoula Public Library is now closed on Mondays due to budget cuts. Regular hours are now Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Salmon Prairie Preschool**

The Salmon Prairie preschool begins September 16 for children ages two to five. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Swan Valley Baptist Church. There is a fee for the classes. Contact Mrs. James Patterson (Eileen) for more information. Mrs. Patterson will be teaching the class and Delores Freyholtz will be assisting her.

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**4-H News**

**Mount Ovando**

The 12th meeting of the Mount Ovando 4-H Club was called to order by President Marcy Smith on September 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Childers.

Everyone was congratulated on the good job they did at the fair.

There is a Livestock Judging on September 27 in Deer Lodge and one in Missoula on October 11. Both begin at 8:30 a.m. and there is a \$2.00 registration fee.

There is a Council Meeting on September 4 at the Community Center in Deer Lodge.

We received a Thank You from Rex Radke for the Progeny of Dam Trophy.

Roll call for next month will be a goal for the new 4-H year.

The next meeting will be on October 6 at the Ovando Church Building at 7:30 p.m.

DeAna Dreyer Reporter

**Partial Closure of Sheep Season**

The Montana Fish and Game Commission has ordered hunting districts 301 and 302 closed to bighorn sheep hunting. These areas lie west of Yellowstone National Park in portions of Gallatin and Madison counties.

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**Weed Guide Available**

The Montana Weed Seedling Guide is available in limited numbers at the Flathead County Extension Service Office for \$2.50 a copy according to Bruce A. McCallum, Flathead County Extension Agent.

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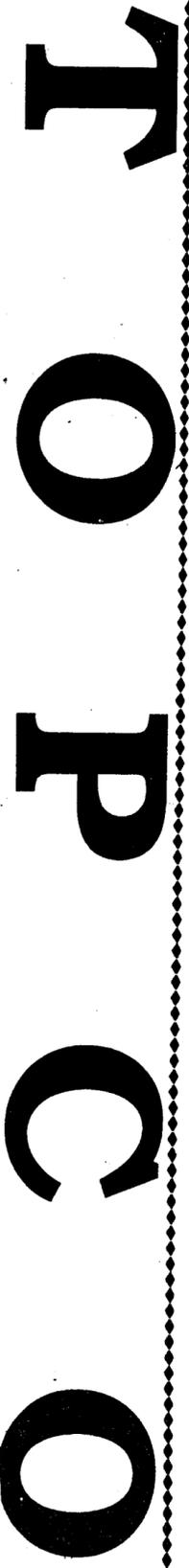
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**Grand Opening Set**

Randy and Missy Lynn, owners and operators of Seeley Lake Auto Parts will host a Grand Opening Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seeley Lake Auto Parts has been open for business on Highway 83 in Seeley Lake for about four months, according to Missy.

The locally-owned, independent auto parts store has a large inventory of parts in addition to oil filters, air filters, bearings and seals, spark plugs, fan belts, hoses, lights and grease and oil. Accessories include hand cleaners, engine cleaners, paint, floor mats and mud flaps, just to name a few.

Normal delivery for any auto part not in stock is 24 hours. Randy and Missy are anxious to meet the needs of

Seeley Swan residents, and will continue to add items to their inventory as customers make requests. For example, they are looking into the possibility of carrying a larger variety of parts (oil and air filters) for trucks and heavy equipment.

Randy and Missy moved to Montana from Texas last year and they have enjoyed the country around Seeley Lake. Randy is a commercial pilot and has hauled freight by plane for several years. The Lynn's have five children: Connie, freshman; Denise, junior high; Nicholas, first grade; three-year-old Clifford, and toddler Jesse.

Seeley Lake Auto Parts, located in the "Pro Performance" building, is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Randy and Missy invite everyone to stop in this Saturday, enjoy some refreshments and take advantage of their special grand opening sale items.

**Assistance to Veterans Offered September 17**

Len Leibinger, Service Officer, Montana Veterans Affairs Division, Missoula, will be in Seeley Lake at the First Valley Bank on September 17 from 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to assist veterans and their dependents.

Leibinger will also be in Lincoln on the 17th (at the Senior Citizen's Center from 10 a.m. to noon) and in Ovando the same day (from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.).

**Fall Horse Racing**

Horse racing will be held September 13 & 14, and September 20 & 21 at the Western Montana Fair grounds in Missoula. Post time is 1:00 p.m. each day. For more information call 721-FAIR.

**Lindey's**

**Going Out in Style**

Nearly forty senior citizens were treated to a free steak dinner at Lindey's steak house last Wednesday night, according to Ella Goodbread, president of the senior citizens group in Seeley Lake.

"Everybody put on their best bib and tucker," she said, and "enjoyed the beautiful dinner, complete with all the trimmings."

Grant Lindemer, manager at Lindey's, closed the steak house "for the season" after Labor Day. He and his wife, Cindy, decided that the senior citizens were "a very deserving group." So, rather than open their doors to the public in an effort to sell their remaining steaks, they decided to volunteer their time and effort to cook free steak dinners (top sirloin), including all the extras and a free glass of wine, for the local senior citizens.

"It was a lot of fun, we really enjoyed it," Grant said. He and Cindy were assisted by Michael Lindemer and Dick and Cindy Lewis.

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## Scott Appears Before Water Board

The star attraction at the most recent meeting of the Seeley Lake water board was Bob Scott. Scott, a former water board member, has been highly critical of the board's performance and has had two recent letters on the subject published in this newspaper.

Scott, obviously well-prepared and armed with a variety of "hand-out" materials, said that he wished to present information and suggestions to the board in several areas. The first area was financial: Scott maintains that the water district employs an accounting method which tends to overstate profitability. Using the district's 1985 financial report, he said that the indicated profit of approximately \$25 was actually a loss in excess of \$21,000. (In a letter published in the September 4 issue of *Pathfinder*, Scott detailed similar findings for the 1983 and 1984 financial statements.)

The point at issue is whether the district should include funds received for bond repayment as part of operating income. Scott also contended that income booked in conjunction with new hookups has not had the cost of materials subtracted out, thereby overstating earnings. He concluded his presentation of the data with the remark that the district is losing money "hand over fist." In subsequent discussion, the board agreed to schedule a meeting with the district's accountant in order to address these matters; Scott agreed to attend the meeting.

Scott presented the board with a copy of an accounting manual for rural water districts and urged them to follow its recommended accounting procedures, including the reporting of income and expense versus budget. Doreen Culver, secretary for the district, indicated that the district has had a copy of the manual on hand for quite some time. Scott also mentioned that the Montana Rural Water Association would provide financial (and engineering) guidance to the district at no cost, if requested to do so. Bud Anderson, manager for the district, indicated that he has had

occasional discussions with the Association, although these discussions have apparently not been in depth.

Scott suggested that, since the Rural Water Association's annual meeting will take place in October, and a financial seminar is scheduled in conjunction with the meeting, it would be appropriate for the board to send a representative. The board subsequently resolved to send both Anderson and Culver to attend various sessions at the meeting. This is apparently the first time that the district will be represented at the annual meeting.

Scott next turned to the matter of water filtration and acquainted the board with the provisions of the Safe Water Drinking Act Amendments of 1986, a federal statute which appears to require the district to have a filtration system in place by January 1988. This requirement is primarily aimed at insuring there are no giardia cysts present in the water supply. Scott pointed out that time is very short and the board needs to begin planning immediately in the event it is required to meet the statutory deadline. He advised that, although the wording of the legislation is not encouraging, the district should nonetheless attempt to obtain a "grandfathered" status in order to avoid the requirement.

He also handed out an article describing how the town of Devon, Montana, built a water treatment plant using "self-help." The town paid \$88,000 and obtained a grant for an additional \$27,000. If the entire job had been contracted out, it would have cost close to \$250,000.

Scott dispensed some advice and comments to the board on several other subjects:

• "I feel that you run too secret an organization. You don't communicate with the public. . . You don't involve the public." (See, also, on this subject a letter to the editor in this issue of *Pathfinder*.)

• It "seems impossible to go into any type of improvement program. . . until you know how much water is pumped and how much is used in the



Kevin Domes, Arlee, recently completed a trip into the Bob Marshall. Llamas are becoming popular pack animals in Montana. (See story page 9.)

community." This was in reference to the limited metering and instrumentation for the water system. Bud Anderson subsequently pointed out that he had recently calibrated the pumps and that the true pumping rate appears close to the estimates which have been used.

• There was also a discussion concerning unexplained middle-of-the-night decreases in water pressure. Joe Anders, chairman of the board, indicated that the problem was probably attributable to Pyramid Lumber when filling their fire pond with district water. He stated that Pyramid abandoned this method of filling the fire pond as soon as it became apparent that the water system was being overly stressed.

• Scott expressed sympathy for the fact that board members don't have unlimited amounts of time to spend on district matters. He suggested hiring a full-time manager "to assess problems and make recommendations. . . The board should only establish policy." He also stressed the need for community support: "I consider (the situation at Seeley Lake) to be critical. Those clamoring for growth should be helping you to get help. . . The community has to very definitely become involved."

At the conclusion of Scott's remarks, Joe Anders expressed the thanks of the board for "your input and your suggestions." Turning to other business, Anders announced that Roger Johnson, board member for 10 years, had tendered his resignation for "business and personal" reasons. The board accepted Johnson's resignation with obvious reluctance. (See this week's opinion page for a letter from the board on this matter.)

The board also reviewed several bids which had been received for the proposed new storage tank.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday: Showers. Highs mid-50's to low 60's; lows upper 30's.  
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# OPINION

## The Only Problem with Initiative 27..

is that it doesn't go far enough. I-27, you'll recall, is the constitutional initiative that would abolish property taxes. Taken at face value, the effect of its passage would be to abolish public schools, sheriff's departments, county highway departments, and the like. Accordingly, to capture its true spirit, I-27 should be reworded to delete the "smokescreen" of property tax and should simply provide for the abolition of all appurtenances of local government. The framers of I-27 should be ashamed; nothing should be done in half-measure.

Of course, it is unlikely that we are expected to take I-27 at face value. One surmises that the real agenda is to force a governmental crisis which will bring about an instant overhaul of Montana's tax system. Apart from the fact that instant overhauls are fraught with peril, supporters of I-27 might wish to consider a few elemental truths:

- The system of taxes on real and personal property has withstood the test of time. It's a system which has fueled much of the growth and prosperity of every state in the union.

- While there may be inequities in the current administration of property taxes, there is ample opportunity for legislative remedy. "Tuning" of the existing system, if necessary, would seem more sensible than starting from

scratch. Don't "throw out the baby with the bath water."

- Don't underestimate the fiscal creativity of bureaucrats. Abolish property tax and you'll get a value-added tax - or some other taxing device carrying uncertain economic consequences.

- It is doubtful that the courts would permit the voters of the state to commit economic suicide.

- The best and easiest route to tax relief is always the cutting of waste and excess from government. Although progress appears to have been made in this area, it is a safe bet that more remains. (Refer to bureaucratic cunning, set forth above.)

There is one redeeming feature of I-27: it proscribes enactment of a sales tax or increases in personal income tax, except by voter referendum. That's worth thinking about.

- Dick Potter


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## Business of the Week

### THE LADIE DI



Diana Done refers to her salon, The Ladie Di, as the "family hair style center" and her first summer season has been a busy one. Diana is a native of the Seelye Swan area and opened her business, located north of the Seelye Lake Community Hall, last spring. Diana is a graduate of Modern Beauty School in Missoula and she also has completed book-keeping courses at Missoula

Vocational Technical Center.

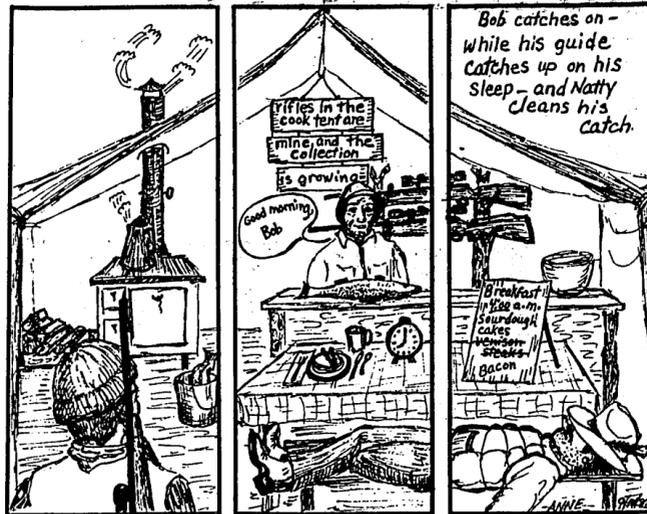
The Ladie Di offers perms, styles, coloring and highlighting, and sells a number of hair care products including Lamaur and Nexus shampoos. Diana also sells fashion accessories such as earrings, necklaces and rings. The Ladie Di is open every day, except Sunday and Monday.



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## Plea for Water Hearings

(Editor's Note: The following letter was recently submitted to the Seelye Lake Water District and is reprinted here at the request of the author.)

Gentlemen:

The manager and members of the Water District have been taking their lumps of late. While some of the criticism may well be deserved, criticism alone will not solve our community's rather serious water problems. May I offer a suggestion that might result in more light than heat being shed on the subject?

The public needs a better understanding of the problems of the District as well as how the Board proposes to solve them. Why not hold a series of public hearings at which the problems as well as possible solutions can be thoroughly examined? The members of the Board, the manager, and the consultant should attend these meetings and be prepared to present information as well as answer questions from the public. The Board can select a non-partisan chairperson to moderate the hearings and to see that orderly parliamentary procedures are followed.

A series of properly conducted public hearings should result in a much better public understanding of the problems of the District. At the conclusion of the hearings you might even consider setting up a citizen's committee to assist you in coming up with a plan that the community and the ratepayers will support.

Jeff Macon  
Seeley Lake

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## Appreciation for Johnson

To the Editor:

The Seelye Lake Water District Board of Directors would like to express their gratitude to Roger Johnson for his service as a Water District Board member. Roger submitted his resignation from the Water Board effective September 1, 1986 after serving the District for approximately 10 years. His presence, valuable insight and knowledge will be missed by all.

Business and personal interests contributed to Roger's decision to step down from the Board. Roger felt that his other interests were in conflict with his ability to devote the time necessary to address all the problems and needs of the District, and that his vacancy would create an opportunity to gain an individual with fresh ideas and time to devote to the special needs of the District.

The Water Board is now soliciting names of individuals interested in serving on the Water Board. Names should be submitted to the Water District Board at P.O. Box 503, Seelye Lake, Montana. The successful applicant will be appointed to fill the vacancy by the remaining Board members in the near future.

Joe Anders, Chairman  
Seeley Lake Water District

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# COMMUNITY

## Seeley Lake Elementary A New Junior High

Trustees for the Seelye Lake Elementary School will vote Thursday night to place a bond resolution on the November ballot for funding of a proposed new middle school. Thursday night's meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Elementary library.

Trustees have been busy the past two weeks making presentations to local organizations. The total proposed project includes about \$290,000 for improvements on the existing building. Another \$530,000 will go toward the construction of a new middle school building for seventh and eighth grade students.

According to John Hebnes, the school has "been written up" by the Department of Health and State "visitation team" for substandard facilities in the existing building. The gym floor, for example, is "oozing" and cracking in several places. The crowded locker rooms have only four shower heads for 20 students to use in five minutes of "changing" time between P.E. classes. There is inadequate ventilation in the classrooms. Additionally, a state inspection report dated October 12, 1982 requested that the library and office functions be separated. Currently, the library and two clerks share the same room.

According to Mary Ann Morin, trustee, the "foundation program" funding will cover the cost of the new middle school, consisting of two general classrooms, a science lab, a computer lab, and a multi-purpose room.

"We don't try to understand the reasoning (behind the state "foundation" funding); we just accept it," she said, explaining that the state pays more per student to educate smaller numbers of students. For example, if the seventh and eighth grades are taught in a separate middle school building, then the building would be considered a separate school, and increased state funding to the district would be about \$70,000 per year. The state would fund the 40 seventh and eighth graders in the new building separate from the remaining 140 students in grades K-6. Funding would also increase for grades K-6 since the number of students in that building would decrease.

The projected debt service attributable to the middle school is about \$57,000 (at 8.75%), according to figures prepared by D.A. Davidson, Missoula. The operating expense of the school is projected to be \$14,500 per year, which leaves \$1500 to come from "net taxpayer support," or increased taxes.

The improvements on the existing building, together with the above-mentioned costs, work out to a net increase in annual operating costs of about \$52,000, or a tax increase of about \$21 per year on property valued at \$30,000, or \$49 per year on property valued at \$70,000 (based on an 8.75%

annual interest rate), the D.A. Davidson report shows.

Morin pointed out that over the last 10 years the number of students at Seelye Lake Elementary has remained fairly stable, but the services required by the state have increased substantially. The music classes are sometimes held in the hall, as are Chapter One programs, and computer equipment is also stored in the hallways. Chapter One shares some space with the P.E. instructor, and there are dozens of other examples of cramped space in the existing building, Morin said.

The existing building was built in the 1950's and there have been two additions, Morin said.

If the trustees decide to place the bond resolution on the ballot and voters approve the sale of bonds, construction work could begin next spring, depending on when the bonds are actually sold, according to Hebnes. However, he said, if something unforeseen were to happen after voter approval, such as a dramatic decrease in state funding, the trustees are not "locked into" the sale of the bonds.

## Commissioners Reviewing Condon Plan

Encouragement of cottage industry, protection of fish and wildlife populations and natural resources are some of the goals of the Swan Valley-Condon community plan which the Missoula County Commissioners are beginning to review this week.

The plan, which was submitted earlier this summer by Swan Valley-Condon residents, was reviewed by the Office of Community Development with suggested changes incorporated before it was given to the commissioners. After the commissioners review the document, John DeVore, General Services Director for Missoula County, suggests that commissioners prepare to meet with area residents regarding changes.

The Swan Valley-Condon plan is the first rural plan to be submitted by any of the unincorporated communities in Missoula County. DeVore said that it is possible that this plan, and others to follow, will become "a chapter" in an overall Missoula County comprehensive plan. (The commissioners adopted a comprehensive plan in 1975. Whether they will revise that plan or write a new one has not yet been decided, according to DeVore.)

It is important, DeVore emphasized, that rural areas "not lose their identity" in the county planning process, adding that communities should continue to communicate with the commissioners.

For example, he pointed out that the Seelye Lake business community (which has not submitted a comprehensive plan) has indicated to the commissioners that they would like to see a more aggressive approach toward development, with emphasis on improved municipal water and sewer facilities being a key to that development.

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On the other hand, Swan Valley-Condon residents would prefer to see things "stay quiet," DeVore said, and have drawn up this document, or rural plan, which emphasizes traditional, "cottage" industry, tourism and development of goods and services necessary to accommodate the local population.

One problem not yet addressed by the commissioners regarding rural plans, is what happens after the plan is submitted to the county, according to a recent memo from DeVore to the commissioners.

According to Mike Sehestedt, Missoula County Attorney's Office, the commissioners are authorized by state law to establish rural, or community, councils either by appointing members or by creating an elected council to advise the commissioners.

Sehestedt indicated on Monday that no rural councils have yet been established in Missoula County, although there was apparently some hope several years ago that community clubs, such as the one at Condon, would help improve communications between rural residents and county commissioners. Sehestedt added that incorporation of a community is not necessary in order for an advisory council to be established.

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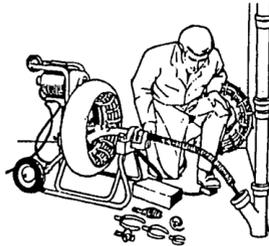
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# COMMUNITY

## Ad Hoc Group Readies Recommendations

Those who attended the September 4 meeting of the Ad Hoc Business-person's Group were presented with proposed solutions for several problems confronting the business community. A number of other problems had been identified and discussed earlier in the summer; this session was held to discuss the remaining four problems. Four committee reports were presented, each dealing with a separate issue:

**"Misdirection"** of the Chamber of Commerce - It was suggested that the Chamber needs to reorganize and become more business-oriented. Meetings should be revamped to increase participation by the membership, with less reliance on committee reports. The Chamber should strive to represent the majority view of the membership on specific issues and should make these positions known. There should be no attempt to speak for the Valley - just for the membership. Businesses should be surveyed to establish the most convenient meeting time.

**Lack of Highway Signs/Need to Identify Market** - With respect to highway signs, most of the suggestions centered on acquiring more information:

determining state requirements, identifying private landowners (to identify potential lease sites for signs), studying the Forest Service corridor management plan for Highway 83, and determining a business consensus for sign locations and styles. With respect to market identification, it was suggested that a market survey be undertaken, possibly by the University of Montana. Efforts could be mounted to aid such a survey, such as cataloging local "assets" and measuring traffic volumes.

**Stagnating Community Development** - The main proposal was for the establishment of a local governing body. A number of other specific proposals were made, but virtually all depended upon the prior establishment of such a governing body (eg, development of a master plan and pursuit of development grants).

**Intr-Business Divisiveness** - It was felt that this problem could be resolved largely by a re-direction of the Chamber of Commerce, tied in with some educational efforts.

At the conclusion of the discussion, group coordinator Dennis Schneider indicated that it would be appropriate to assign a smaller group to sift through the extensive compilation of ideas which had been generated during the summer meetings. Each person who had served as a committee chairman was asked to serve on this new committee, with Bud Johnson as chair.

The Johnson committee has since met twice. "Organize" and "prioritize" were the watchwords for these meetings. Their detailed recommendations will be presented to the general Ad Hoc group tonight (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at Leisure Lodge. Ken Weaver, one of the consultants utilized for the recent community survey, is also scheduled to address the group and will comment specifically on the committee's recommendations. This meeting could play a substantial role in charting the future course of the area's business community, and Dennis Schneider stresses that all interested parties should attend.

### Ties That Bind Us

## The Assessor's Office

A trip to the assessor's office in the Missoula County Courthouse is quite possibly the most frustrating experience that any of us undertake at tax time. The process of collecting property taxes is confusing to nearly everybody. Even the clerks in the office are sometimes surprised by quirks in the system.

The people who work in the assessor's office are state employees. According to Jim Fairbanks, Missoula County Assessor, Montana is one of only a few states that operate this way. Most states handle property taxes with county employees, and through local governing agencies. The state-run system has been in effect for the last 20 years, and it attempts to equalize market values across the state.

This year, the state implemented a property reappraisal, which is done every five years. Fairbanks pointed out that there has been an increase of about 220% in property values since the 1977 appraisal. Last spring, property owners across the state were notified of the increased market values and, at that time, had the right to appeal any appraisal made by the assessor's office.

However, lawmakers at the special session of the legislature in June passed Senate Bill 19 requesting the State Department of Revenue, property assessment division, to once again notify property owners who had substantial increases in their market values. As a result, during the past two weeks property owners whose market values increased by 180% (multiplier of 2.8) or more have been notified and have been given another opportunity to appeal. Friday, September 19 is the deadline for appeals only for the people notified within the last two weeks, Fairbanks explained.

The Board of Appeals is a three-member, county appointed panel. "They will listen and if the house (property) is valued too high, they'll lower it," Fairbanks said.

According to one of the clerks in the office, it is wise to double-check assessments each spring, especially if it appears there have been changes made. "Computers make mistakes," she said.

Tax bills are scheduled to come out "about November 1" Fairbanks said. The assessor's office does not yet have the final mill values for the 1986 tax year, and so cannot determine exactly what somebody's taxes will be. The mill values in Missoula County have decreased though, according to one of the clerks, so many people will see only slight tax increases, if any.

Property taxes defray the cost of county government and schools. According to John Hebnes, Seeley Lake Elementary school principal, 40% of the general operating costs of that school are paid by property taxes.

## "Box Social" Set for September 27

Back in the "good old days" before mass media communication and freeway travel, people enjoyed fun and fellowship by getting together for a "Box Social." On Saturday, September 27th, the Seeley Congdon Chamber of Commerce will re-create the "good old days" at an old-fashioned Box Social which promises to be fun for the entire family.

Chamber of Commerce members organizing the event suggest that folks bring a meal for two people, including plates and utensils. "You can even get fancy and include a tablecloth, candles, or whatever you want to dress up your meal. Bring your meal in a decorated box. Before you come to the Box Social, cover your box with newspaper or some other covering, so no one will see it," advises a news release. The box dinners will be auctioned off, and the winner of the box dinner will dine with the person who prepared it. A prize will be awarded for Best Decorated Box.

In keeping with traditional Box Social events, participants will vote for the Loveliest Lady present, as well as the most Unusual Man's Hat, events which should provide plenty of laughs as the gentlemen and ladies take turns buying votes for the nominees of their choice.

After dinner, the old-fashioned fun will continue with a presentation by "Marge's Barstool Four" barbershop quartet, followed by a sing-a-long led by members of Sela Senci, the Seeley Lake senior citizens group.

The Box Social will begin at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, September 27 at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. For more information call the Chamber at 677-2880.

## Lang Resigns from Swan Valley School Board

Michael Lang, Swan Valley, notified Swan Elementary school district trustees of his resignation last week. Lang and his family are moving to Portland this fall to pursue employment and educational interests.

Lang was appointed to the Swan Elementary school board earlier this summer after trustee Ken Wolff resigned.

Trustees must now appoint someone to serve on the board until school elections in April, according to board member Billie McDonald. Trustees will discuss Lang's resignation at their October 14 meeting.

## SOS Votes for New Sign

The SOS Health Center may soon have a new sign on highway 83 to help direct people to the clinic. Trustees voted to obtain a new sign at the September 8 meeting in Seeley Lake.

Trustees also voted against renewing a home health care agreement with Mountain West Home Health Service Inc. of Missoula. Discussion centered around the idea that the SOS staff has adequately provided home health care in the past to residents of the Seeley Swan community, and that they could continue the home health care services without renewing the contract, which expired in June.

In other business, Dr. Schreiber is now back to his "regular" schedule in the office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

The SOS Health Center staff saw nearly 300 people during the month of August. Last year, the clinic averaged about 115 patients each month. Wilma Nicholson, R.N., indicated that the recent flu outbreak accounted for much of the increase.

## Lutheran Benefit Successful

A benefit held August 30 by the Women in Service of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Seeley Lake was very successful, according to Secretary-Treasurer Bernice Buehler. The flea market, rummage sale and silent auction raised several hundred dollars which was "matched" with funds from the Aid Association for Lutherans, Buehler said.

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# CORNUCOPIA

by Michele Potter

"Real Food for Real People" - that's the beef industry's 1987 theme. That, combined with The Nutri-Facts program (developed by the National Livestock and Meat Board in May 1985) are sure to get your attention. Just what is the NLSMB up to? Red meat consumption has spiraled downward over the past decade, while chicken and fish consumption has steadily risen. So, the NLSMB is fighting back with their Nutri-Facts program to expand the consumer's awareness of red meat and its benefits.

In a September 1 Supermarket News article, mention was made of the Beef Industry Council's 1987 advertising campaign, "which aims to show that beef can be low in calories, convenient and capable of fitting into reduced-fat diets." Nutrition information, as well as selection, preparation and serving ideas will become more readily available to the consumer.

Admittedly, I was wary. Was the NLSMB just passing along some hype? I thought I knew everything about red meat, until I got a letter from Rosetta Kamrowsky, Beef Promotion Coordinator, for the Montana Beef Council. She said, "The Nutri-Facts Program...is the hottest thing the Beef Industry has going for it." To prove it, she included several pamphlets explaining the program, along with numerous recipes. The program deserves an A+!

"Preparation" is the key. With a less expensive chuck steak, the outside layer of fat is trimmed - and notice the use of the herbs in this week's recipe. A big "thank you" to the Montana Beef Council for providing the update and the following recipe. More new recipes from the MBC in future columns...

### Lemon-Marinated Chuck Steak

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| 1-1/2 pounds bone-in beef chuck steak    | 1 teaspoon EACH celery seed,    |
| 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice (ca. 3 lemons) | thyme, oregano & rosemary       |
| 1-1/2 tablespoons grated lemon peel      | leaves                          |
| 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped          | 1/4 teaspoon EACH salt & pepper |

Trim outside layer of fat from steak. Place steak in glass dish. Mix remaining ingredients; pour marinade over steak and cover. Refrigerate, turning steak occasionally, at least 24 hours, no longer than 48 hours. Cook steak on barbecue grill 4 inches from medium-hot coals 8 to 10 minutes per side for rare, or until desired doneness. Baste with marinade during cooking. Serves 4. Calories: 228; Total fat: 9 g; Cholesterol: 72 mg; Sodium: 196 mg

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# FARM & RANCH

## Country Journal

### 4-H Club Begins in Seeley Lake

by Suzanne Vernon

The pouring rain and cold northern winds have reminded all of us that snow isn't far away, although we probably still have several weeks of Indian Summer to look forward to. (I know, I'm being pretty optimistic!)

Mother nature's light show has been on display this past week. Anne Dahl told us about the northern lights last Thursday night. The Kalispell radio station said the display became more brilliant and continued into the early morning hours.

Jack Frost has begun to paint "leaves to flame" in portions of the Valley. The willows and poplars in particular seem to be turning color after a hard frost Saturday night. We woke up to a white frosted lawn Sunday morning.

Several hikers who came out of the Bob on Saturday said they were snowed out in the high country.

The whitetail bucks are beginning to think about the rutting season. I nearly ran over one the other night, with his nose to the ground crossing the highway. He didn't even know I was there. The older bucks have polished their horns, and all of the deer are turning their winter shade of grey. It makes them hard to spot in the lodgepole.

Seeley Swan youth will have the opportunity to join a new 4-H Club in Seeley Lake on Thursday September 25, according to club leader, Nanci Marx. 4-H is new to Seeley Swan, although the neighboring communities of Ovando and Greenough have had clubs for several years. Marx and other parents active in the organization of the club believe that youth in the area would benefit from the "learn by doing" philosophy for which 4-H is famous. Marx indicated that youngsters who wish to participate should be at least nine years old during the 4-H year in which they join. (In this case, a child whose ninth birthday falls between October 1, 1986 and September 30, 1987 would be eligible.) Youth may continue to be actively involved in projects until they are 21 years old, and 4-H offers many scholarship programs for high school students.

Marx commented that the club has six or eight members so far, although the first organizational meeting is September 25. "Kids will vote on a name for the club at this meeting," she added. Projects on tap for this first year already include home economics, a new wildlife project, and some livestock programs.

Marx pointed out that Swan Valley youth are encouraged to attend this meeting and join the Seeley Lake club. She added that if there is enough interest for a separate club in the Swan Valley, county extension staff will help parents organize another club.

For more information about the club contact Nanci Marx, 677-2778, or Julie Aamot, 677-2171, Seeley Lake.

### Livestock Report

The cattle market is stronger this week. Last Thursday's livestock report from the Missoula livestock auction is as follows:

**Cattle:** Heiferettes, 40.00 to 54.00; Utility & Commercial Cows, 36.00 to 42.00; Canner & Cutter Cows, 33.00 to 38.00; Bulls 44.00 to 51.00

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## Greenough Sunset Elementary

by Suzanne Vernon

Michael and Andrea Greene are not strangers to the country school style of education familiar to families in the Greenough community. They taught in a country school near Cutbank which had 24 children in grades K-8.

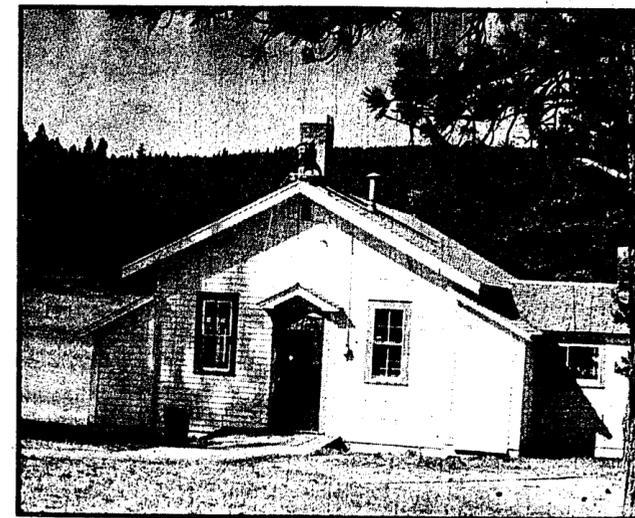
Sunset School houses kindergarten through eighth grade with a total of 18 students. Andrea teaches the kindergarten through fourth grade, and Michael teaches the fifth through eighth grades.

Both teachers enjoy the arrangement and feel that they "get to know the kids a little better" than would be possible in a larger elementary school system.

Multi-graded teaching is a challenge, though, as Michael pointed out: "There's no time for looking at teacher's manuals," he said, referring to the hectic math schedule. For example, most mornings between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. he has taught math to four different grades. "I only teach 10 students... but it's seven curriculums times four," he explained, adding that having four grades in one room stimulates creative teaching methods.

Andrea agrees that the pace is hectic at times, but she and Michael both like the country school arrangement, which they feel benefits the students in many ways.

"There is a lot of interchange between age groups... they learn to share better," Andrea commented as she and Michael supervised a recess game of touch football outside the small, white-sided school.



Betty Mier, special ed teacher who has worked at the school for the last five years and lived in the area since 1974, feels that the students become "just like children in a large family. There's never a dull moment," she laughed. She agreed that the close relationships between the older and younger children really do help them learn to share and grow emotionally. Peer pressure still exists, but on a smaller scale than in large schools, Andrea pointed out.

The Greene's commute to Sunset from Missoula. They have a son who is a junior in high school, and a daughter who started college this fall. The Greene's have lived in Montana "this last time" for about ten years. Before that, they spent several years working out of state.

Sunset School is located a short distance from Highway 200 on the Sunset Hill Road, just a "country mile" from the former Lindbergh ranchhouse, south of the Roundup Bar.



### Class Notes

Parents picking up or unloading grade school children at Seeley Lake Elementary between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. or 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. should park on the west side of the building, according to principal John Hebnes. The south side of the building will be used just for bus loading and unloading, he said.

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Top: Sunset School; teachers Michael and Andrea Greene. Bottom left: Betty Mier, special ed teacher.

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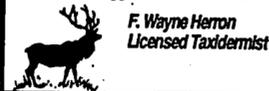
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Dick Schaeffer, outfitter from Holland Lake Lodge, entertained "dudes" with hunting stories on Sunday.

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### Holland Lake Lodge Headin' for the Bob

by Suzanne Vernon

Snow dusted the Swan Front, the mist settled low in the valley and ice trimmed the edge of Holland Lake on Sunday morning, while dozens of outfitters, guides, hunters and "dudes" prepared to head for the high country. Monday was opening day of hunting season for elk and deer in areas 150, 151 and 280: the Bob Marshall Wilderness complex.

For years, Holland Lake Lodge has played a key role in the annual hunting and outfitting rituals in the Bob Marshall. This year the Lodge is preparing meals and providing lodging for about eight area outfitters. In addition to that service, Holland Lake Lodge has had a permitted hunting camp in the Bob since the 1920s, according to Carole Schaeffer, one of the owner/operators of the lodge. Seven years ago, Carole, her husband Dick, and partners Howard and Loris Uhl began actively operating the dining, lodging and outfitting business.

Holland Lake Lodge holds one of 35 Forest Service permits for camps in the Bob Marshall complex. Each outfitter has a designated area to camp, and hunting areas have been established by "gentlemen's agreement" according to Dick Schaeffer. Each outfitter hunts in an area roughly fifty square miles in size.

Each of the partners at Holland Lake makes his or her own unique contribution to the business, and it is Dick Schaeffer who ramrods the back-country outfit. He wrangles horses, packs mules and guides hunters in the rugged country around the Gordon Creek Camp, 21 miles from the Lodge corral. Dick packed 16 mules Sunday and headed in for a 10-day hunt with several guests.

People come "from all over" to hunt for trophy elk, mule deer and black bears, according to Schaeffer. Many come from the midwestern and southern states. Most hunters, or "dudes," as Dick and other outfitters call them, come to Montana for a unique vacation and to escape the hustle of city life, jobs, telephones and wives.

Dick believes that most of the hunters are "pretty nice guys," but chuckles over memories of the occasion

al dude who isn't prepared to "rough it" in the woods. "There aren't any street lights out there at night," he said. The sports magazines, he says, paint a glamorous picture about wilderness hunting, but mother nature doesn't always cooperate.

"When you have to plow through mud and snow up to your butt, the glamor disappears in a hurry," he laughed. He was referring to a trip several years ago when the snow was about four feet deep along the steep climb up and over the Swan Range through Gordon Pass. That was an exceptional year, he added.

During a normal season, the hunting camp isn't "pulled out" because of snow until the first of November. Montana's "Indian Summers" often last several weeks in September and October, allowing visitors and photographers to see the Bob Marshall country before snow blankets the wilderness.

One of this season's guests, a journalist from Washington state, said he enjoys "shooting" with his camera almost as much as hunting with a gun. Schaeffer indicated that the Lodge increasingly sees more photographers wanting to travel the backcountry, although the lure of a bugling bull elk is still the main attraction.

"We've taken quite a few big six-by-six bulls, and one . . . seven-by-seven," he said, referring to the antler points on each side of the animal's rack.

Holland Lake Lodge is a traditional log lodge, with a rustic appeal for many people. In the outfitting business, repeat clientele is the key to success. According to Carole Schaeffer, over 80% of the guests at Holland Lake yearn for another vacation or hunting trip out of the lodge. That fact is reflected in their bookings, including summer family reunions and vacations. "We have made reservations for people up to twenty years in advance," she said. Carole pointed out that the clientele changes with the seasons: families with kids in the summer, hunters in the fall and cross-country skiers in the winter and early spring. "Every season has its own flavor," she said.

The fall season offers a crisp and varied menu both for the guests and the outfitting-guides who entertain them in the heart of the wildlands. There, the dark, stary nights surround their stories and the whiskey warms their spirits, making memories to carry with them back home.



## OUTDOORS

### Gun Show October 4-5

Antique and collectible guns, archery equipment and buckskinner displays are just a few of the dozens of attractions scheduled for the upcoming Outdoor Sports and Gun Show set for October 4 and 5.

The Wilderness Sportsman's Club of Seeley Lake has coordinated two successful sports shows in the past year and this show promises to be another crowd-pleaser, according to club president Ron Ogden.

The Wilderness Sportsman's Club has about 150 members and has been in existence for a little over a year. Money raised by the club's various functions will go toward the establishment of a rifle/shooting range in the Seeley Swan area, according to range committee chairman Merle Gansch. "We are presently looking to secure land for a range. . . It is the most important thing we are dealing with at this time," he said.

The Sportsman's Club assists with several major outdoor events in the Seeley Lake area, including the Seeley Lake 200 Dog Sled Race, the Governor's Cup "500" Mile Sled Dog Race, "Fishing at the Pothole" (a kid's fishing derby), and the outdoor sports and gun shows held each spring and fall.

For more information about the Outdoor Sports and Gun Show contact Roger Selner, committee chairman, 677-2181 or, for table registration, contact Debbie Ogden at 677-2842.

### Harmon Named President of Montana Trappers

Wayne "Butch" Harmon, Swan Valley, was elected last Saturday as the new president for the Montana Trappers Association at the annual Trapper's Rendezvous held in Lewistown, Montana. Harmon replaces Jim Cochrane, former president. This year's secretary is Judy Swick, from Lewistown. Shirley Con, Libby, is vice president West, and Fuller Laugeman is vice president East. Ruth Laugeman was again elected as membership secretary.

The Association currently has about 600 members, according to Harmon. The group's main goal is furbearer management and marketing. "We help trappers find the best markets for their furs," Harmon said. The Association plans to hold educational sessions for trappers in Montana, and also publishes a newsletter every three months.

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### Llama's an Unexpected Sight

When a group of hikers leading four llamas came out of the Bob Marshall Wilderness at Holland Lake Lodge last Saturday, some of the visiting dudes got a little excited. One gentleman, who commented that the only llama he'd ever seen was in the Bronx Zoo, joked to his friend "maybe we ended up a little farther West than we thought!"

Kevin Domes, Arlee, caretakes llamas for Don Winston. Domes and friends Bob Wohlsen, Sarah Smith and Dan Mazur from Missoula, completed a 14-day backcountry trip that began at Gibson Reservoir on the East Front of the Bob Marshall not far from Augusta.

The four llamas packed food and supplies so the hikers would not have to carry backpacks. Each llama also carried his own food (approximately a half pound of grain per day per animal), although Domes said next time he would figure on packing more feed.

Llamas are sure-footed, deerlike creatures known for their agility in steep, high mountain terrain. They are becoming more and more popular as pack animals throughout the northern hemisphere.

Domes said that there weren't any problems when they encountered horses on the trail, although they had heard that horses and llamas don't always mix. "The llamas just stepped off the trail and let the horses go by," he said.

The group averaged about 12 miles a day on the 14-day trip. Several times they "laid over for a day" to let the llamas browse in areas where feed was plentiful. Domes estimated that they walked a total distance of 70 or 80 miles across the middle of the Bob Marshall.

### Grizzly Season Approved

The 1986 grizzly hunting season will tentatively open on October 1, according to Bill Thomas, information officer for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Missoula. The MDFWP Helena office received word this week from the director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that approval had been granted for the grizzly season tentatively scheduled to open October 1.

Montana has little authority to manage grizzlies because they are a threatened species, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has the final say in whether any hunting season will be held. However, according to Thomas, the grizzly season "could close before it ever opens." There is a nine-bear quota allowed in the Bob Marshall ecosystem, with a sub-quota of two females. If, for some reason, that quota is reached before opening day, the season would be closed.

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## In Our Churches

### From Under the Liberty Tree

by Jack Hane, President  
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September 17, 1986 marked the 199th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America. Next year will be the bicentennial celebration and much preparation and effort will be made for the occasion. I would like to submit to you something about our Constitution that will probably receive little recognition during that celebration.

I propose to you that the Constitution of the United States of America has its source and origin based on Biblical principles. Its worth, its stability, its effectiveness are only because of this source and origin. For the first time it was America, through the application of God's Word, that men were to be trusted and responsible for their own government.

It was the great English preacher, John Wycliffe, who first uttered the words, "of the people, by the people, and for the people" in 1382. In 1639, under the direction of an American preacher, Rev. Thomas Hooker, this principle was set forth in the first written constitution in our history that created civil government: The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut. The Constitution of the United States is, in lineal descent, more closely related to this document and its philosophy than any other document of the thirteen colonies.

The uniqueness of our Constitution rests upon three great principles: representative government, separation of powers, and the dual form of government (federalism). The Biblical principle for representative government is found both in *Exodus 18:21* and *Deuteronomy 1:13*. These passages say, "Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you..." Historically, we are a representative republic whereby every "freeman" (eligible voter) has the same right, same privilege, same responsibility and same power as any other "freeman." This principle echoes loudly the phrase "that all men are created equal..."

Secondly, the principle of separation of power is Biblically documented in *Isaiah 33:22*: "For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King." This explicitly outlines our branches of government: judicial, legislative, and executive. Historically, Montesquieu set forth the same idea in his "The Spirit of the Laws" - but it was in America that the application was made, resulting in a government of balanced powers.

The third mighty pillar of our Constitution is that of dual form (federalism). This pillar is illustrated in the Bible in *Matthew 22:37-40*: "Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment, and the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Historically, the illustration is ours - first as Americans, then as Montanans. Our first allegiance is to our nation, then to our state. The better an American I am, the better a Montanan I will be - no conflicts, no divided allegiance, no disunity. This principle is actively accomplished in America today because of our Constitution.

In summary, those who signed the Constitution of the United States of America recognized the sacred, and made it very practical concerning civil government. It is certainly a privilege to be an American. But, could I indulge to inform you that there is a dual-citizenship set forth in the Word of God that invites each of us to become citizens of heaven? You do this simply by trusting in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. And again, as a heavenly citizen, one becomes a better citizen of America and, thus, of Montana - no conflicts, no divided allegiance, no disunity. What an earthly privilege we have in being Americans; what a heavenly privilege we have in being Christians!

(Editor's Note: Our regular column, "Passages," will resume next week.)

### Dobson Film Series Begins Sunday

Dr. James Dobson's "Turn Your Heart Toward Home" film series, which gives encouragement to parents about ways to strengthen family relationships, will be shown in six consecutive Sunday evening sessions, beginning September 21 at the Seeley Lake Elementary gym at 7:00 p.m. Seeley Swan area churches are sponsoring the film series, which begins with a discussion-provoking film, *A Father Looks Back*.

Over 50 million parents have been inspired by Dr. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" film series, according to a recent news release. The "Turn Your Heart Toward Home" series has built upon that original concept. Dobson brings his vast experience to bear on one of society's most pressing challenges: protecting and strengthening family relationships.

Dr. Dobson portrays the pressures faced by today's parents. He also reminds them of society's slide toward humanism and the undermining influences of radio, television, films and the press, which can only be counter-balanced by a loving home where Christian values are instilled from an early age.

Dr. Dobson and Shirley Dobson urge individuals to get involved and return to the traditional values which help nurture family relationships. Child care will be provided at the Community Bible Church. For more information contact Christopher Williams at 677-2649.

### Missionaries to Visit Swan Valley Baptist Church

Jeannie Lockerbie and Becky Davey, veteran missionaries to Bangladesh, will share their ministry with interested residents at the Swan Valley Baptist Church September 23, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Jeannie is involved in a translation and literature ministry in the city of Chittagong. Becky serves as a Registered Nurse at Memorial Christian Hospital in the Mahlumghat area, according to Rev. Jim Patterson, Swan Valley Baptist Church. Both missionaries are actively involved in the Church Planting Ministry as well.

Jeannie has shared her ministry with area residents in the past, and Rev. Patterson is looking forward to her presentation about this recent experience. Rev. Patterson added that the fellowship is open to the public, and guests would be welcome to attend.

# SPORTS

### Blackhawk Basketball

## Seeley Overruns Noxon

The Seeley Swan Blackhawks scored a 56-32 victory over the Noxon Red Devils in Noxon on Friday night.

Teresa Frye led the Hawks in scoring and rebounding with 24 points and 12 rebounds. Alvina Vannoy contributed 10 points in the victory. Colleen McNally scored 8 points, while dishing off 10 assists.

The Blackhawks jumped to an 18-5 lead in the first eight minutes of play. By halftime the hawks led by 28-18. In the third quarter the local girls erupted for 20 points, while holding the Red Devils to 6.

"The girls played extremely well in the first and third quarters," said head coach Les Gordon. "We seemed to have some dead spots where our production falls off. The team needs to concentrate on a sustained effort. We need to eliminate those times when the offense or defense weakens."

"Overall, however, the progress of the team's play is right on schedule," added Gordon.

## Seeley Routs Hot Springs

The Seeley-Swan girls basketball team, led by four girls scoring in double figures, resoundingly defeated the Hot Springs Savages 67-34 Saturday night in Hot Springs. The Blackhawks scoring leaders were Alvina Vannoy with 17 and Teresa Frye with 16. Shauna Haines and Heidi Olson contributed 11 and 10, respectively.

Colleen McNally dazzled the crowd for the second night in a row with her superb passing. She tallied 9 assists in the game.

Frye and Vannoy led all rebounders, as Seeley controlled the boards throughout the contest.

"We played much better tonight than on Friday. Our shooting consistency was much better and our defense is improving," stated Seeley head coach Les Gordon.

The Blackhawks are now 4-0 for the season. The Hawks play Arlee here Saturday night.

### Football

## Seeley Defeats Charlo

The Seeley Swan Blackhawks defeated Charlo 40-16 last Saturday at Seeley Lake. Blackhawk Richard Klebe now had 44 of Seeley's 107 rushing yards. Passing success was better than 50%, with Seeley hitting 10 of 16 passes for 153 yards. Seeley intercepted the ball three times, two of which resulted in touchdowns.

The Blackhawks are now 2-0 for the season. Their next game is Saturday afternoon at Drummond.

### Grade School Football

The first Seeley Lake Elementary football game, against Arlee, will be held on the high school football field in Seeley Lake Saturday, September 21, according to principal John Hebnes. The game is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

### Mens Basketball Set

Practice sessions for the men's fall basketball league will be held every Monday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Seeley Lake Elementary gym, beginning October 6. Men 18 and over interested in participating should contact Mike Biggins, Seeley Lake, 677-2166.

### Community Volleyball Underway

Adult volleyball for persons 19 years of age and older will begin next Wednesday and continue every week from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Elementary Gym. For more information, contact Sue Carlson, 677-2242.

### Camp Fire Groups Organize

Parents and other community members interested in Camp Fire groups are invited to a meeting September 23 at 3:30 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Elementary School, according to Shari Pierce, area coordinator for Seeley Lake Camp Fire. Pierce said the meeting will give people an idea of "what Camp Fire is all about" and will serve to begin coordination of youth groups for the year.

The Camp Fire organization includes three groups: Sparks for kindergartners; Blue Birds for first, second and third grade boys and girls; and Adventure for fourth through eighth grade boys and girls. Camp Fire projects help children develop skills in citizenship, business, creative arts, outdoors, music, home, science, sports, decision-making, planning and much more, according to Pierce.

Residents of the Seeley Lake and Swan Valley areas interested in becoming leaders or participating in the youth groups should call Shari Pierce, 677-2567, for more information.

### Swan Valley

### August Weather Summary

The highest temperature recorded last month was 89 degrees Fahrenheit on August 28. The low for the month was 43 degrees on August 20 and 22. Average high for August is 80.5 degrees. Average low is 49.5 degrees.

Precipitation for August was 1.59 inches, with 1.05 inches occurring on the 31st. This compares with a high rainfall of 3.03 inches in August 1975, and a low of .04 in 1967.

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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 4:00 pm.

- Events**  
Sept 27, Box Social, 6:30 pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.  
Oct 4-5, Outdoor Sports & Gun Show, Seeley Lake Elementary School Gym.  
Bingo, 2nd & 4th Thurs each month, 7 pm. Open to the public. Seeley Lake Comm Hall.  
**Public Meetings**  
Sept 18, Ad Hoc Businessperson's Group, 6 pm, Leisure Lodge, 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**  
Sept 23, Booster Club mtg, 8:00 pm, Seeley Swan High School.  
Sept 24, Camp Fire mtg, 3:30 pm, Kindergarten Room, Seeley Lake Elementary School.  
Oct 9, Ducks Unlimited Banquet, 6:30 pm, Filling Station, Seeley Lake.
- 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 18, Bookmobile, Seeley Lake Elementary, 9 am-12 pm; Seeley Lake Town, 12:30-2:30 pm.  
Sept 22, Seeley Lake PTA mtg, 6:30 pm, Seeley Lake Elementary School.  
Sept 22, Elementary School Open House, 7:30 pm, Seeley Lake Elementary School.  
Men's Basketball League, Mondays, 7-9 pm, Seeley Lake Elementary School Gym.  
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# Recreation Guide

## Fishing Report

There weren't many fishermen braving the cold weather this past week, but a few old-timers know how to fish in the wind. "You start at the other end of the lake and drift. Drift fishing is pretty good."

Haven't been any big fish this week, although the creek fishing is fair. Snagging season is open now, but won't really get good until the Kokanee start to change colors in mid-October.

Trout fishing should improve at the end of the month in area lakes, as the weather begins to change to Indian Summer.

## Glacier Facilities Close

Glacier Park visitor facilities such as the Lake McDonald Lodge, Many Glacier Hotel and Glacier Park Lodge have all closed for the season according to Michelle Rotter, Park Information Officer. However, Apgar Visitor Center will remain open throughout the fall because of the many visitors who come to view the large congregation of bald eagles along McDonald Creek.

Most hiking trails remain open in the Park throughout the fall, and there are several designated cross-country ski trails for winter use. Some trails are closed due to bears and, recently, snow. Visitors are urged to check with Park Headquarters before beginning any back-packing trips in the Park.

Many auto campgrounds are closed. Those remaining open are Kintla Lake, Logging Creek, Rising Sun, St. Mary and Two Medicine.

Fees will continue to be collected at the West Entrance and St. Mary, on each end of the Going-to-the-Sun Road, until September 28.

## Information

Seeley Lake is located in the scenic Clearwater drainage. From this recreational community visitors have access to dozens of mountain lakes, the Clearwater and Blackfoot rivers, numerous hiking areas, and, of course, the Bob Marshall, Scapegoat and Mission Mountains wilderness areas.

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

## Waterfowl Season Opens October 4

Duck seasons and limits have been changed significantly this year, and with opening day of the waterfowl season only a couple of weeks away (the season runs from October 4 through December 21, 1986), the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks has issued the following reminders.

A limit of five ducks can be taken daily, but that limit is restricted to:

- No more than four mallards, but only one hen mallard
- No more than four pintails, but only one hen pintail
- No more than two redheads or two canvasbacks, or one of each

These new restrictions have been imposed because of depressed duck populations caused by extensive drought conditions in nesting areas. Mallard populations are down 46 percent from the long-term average, according to Bill Thomas, information officer, MDFWP, Missoula.

In-state goose production was similar to 1985, but fall flights of white geese will be down significantly. Pacific Flyway goose limits are:

- West of the Continental Divide, two Canada geese; three white geese;
- East of the Continental Divide, three Canada geese; three white geese.

Goose season in the Pacific Flyway runs through January 4, 1987.

MDFWP officials remind waterfowl hunters that, in addition to license requirements (see related article), shotguns must be plugged to hold no more than three shells and that shooting hours end at sunset each day. Steel shot ammunition is required for all waterfowl hunting in Lake, Sanders, Flathead, Lewis and Clark and Yellowstone counties and Benton Lake and Red Rocks refuges.

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## Waterfowl License Requirements

Montana waterfowl hunters 16 to 62 years of age will need to buy four pieces of paper to legally hunt this fall, according to a recent news release from the Kalispell Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

First, you must have a \$2.00 Conservation License or the \$36.00 Montana Sportsman's License, which includes a Conservation License.

Second, you must purchase a \$4.00 Resident Bird License which is also required to hunt grouse, pheasants, partridge, and doves and is a prerequisite for a turkey tag.

Third, you must buy a \$7.50 Federal Migratory Bird Stamp which is available at Post Offices and at a few large sporting goods stores.

Last, you must now have a new \$5.00 Montana Waterfowl Stamp.

The bird license and the federal and state stamps must all be affixed to your Conservation License. The hunter must sign across the face of both stamps and have the licenses in his or her possession when hunting waterfowl.

The total bill for a resident is \$18.50. The Federal Migratory Bird Stamp, the Montana Waterfowl Stamp and the Conservation License are the same price for a non-resident, but the Non-Resident Bird License costs \$30.00.

The license and stamp requirements are a little confusing for resident hunters younger than 16 or older than 62.

Montana youth 12 through 14 need only a Conservation License to hunt waterfowl. Resident youth 15 years old need a Conservation License and a Montana Bird License.

Residents 62 years and older and holders of a Disabled Conservation License need only a Conservation License and a federal stamp.

Where does all this money go? Revenue from the federal waterfowl stamp goes into the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund and is used by the Fish and Wildlife Service to purchase and protect waterfowl habitat. Since 1934, over 88 million duck stamp sales have yielded over \$285 million and have

been used to purchase more than 3.6 million acres.

Monies from the sale of the new Montana Waterfowl Stamp have been earmarked to develop and protect habitat to benefit waterfowl. The 1985 legislature and sportsmen of Montana supported the creation of this stamp to meet an offer by Ducks Unlimited to grant up to \$30,000 a year for Montana Waterfowl development if the state would match the offer dollar for dollar.

The funds from Upland Bird Licenses support the management program for Montana's 35+ game birds. Some groups have expressed interest in going to the 1987 Montana legislature and asking that this license be dropped as a requirement for waterfowl hunters.

The Conservation License revenues go toward the general fish and wildlife law enforcement, research and management programs.

The Conservation License is the basic prerequisite license that is required by every individual buying a Montana hunting or fishing license. The number of these licenses sold is the figure used when Montana applies for its share of the federal excise taxes paid on sporting goods. These monies are allotted back to the various states by a formula that takes into account the size of the state and the number of license buyers.

## Montana Outdoors Wins Second

Montana Outdoors magazine, official publication of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, has been selected as one of North America's top conservation magazines by the Association for Conservation Information, Inc.

The magazine, published in Helena, was awarded second place, based on writing and graphic presentation, in competition with 22 other state conservation magazines. First place was awarded to Wyoming Wildlife, official magazine of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

## Transplanted Geese Get Protection

An area around Brown's and Kleinschmidt lakes will be closed to Canada goose hunting for the 1986 season in order to protect a flock of Canada geese which has been transplanted to the area, according to Bill Thomas, information officer for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Missoula.

The area is open to all other waterfowl hunting starting October 4 and running through December 21, 1986.

Wildlife biologists with the MDFWP are hopeful that the transplant, along with some habitat enhancement and the closure, will mean a resident population of geese will become established on a self-sustaining basis. The closure will be evaluated annually to determine its effectiveness.

The area closed to goose hunting is described as:

Beginning at Helmsville, thence northerly along State Highway 271 to the intersection of Highway 200, thence northwesterly along Highway 200 to the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, thence southwesterly along the north Fork of the Blackfoot River to the Ovando-Helmsville county road, thence southeasterly along the Ovando-Helmsville road to Helmsville, the point of beginning.

## Ducks Unlimited Fundraiser

The Seeley Lake Chapter of Ducks Unlimited has announced that this year's banquet will be held October 9 at the Filling Station in Seeley Lake. The fundraiser includes a raffle for several prizes, including a Dr. J.B. Arts Memorial Rifle (Winchester Model 94 30-30), several art prints, and prizes donated by local merchants.

The goal of the Seeley Lake group for this year is to increase their membership by 10. Last year there were 34 members in the local club.

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**Walkin' Jim Stoltz**

**Earthly Delights**

Mountain songs and high country tales blew into Seeley Lake Friday night as Big Sky's Walkin' Jim Stoltz inspired his audience to dream and to walk, and to sing.

His powerful, baritone voice, echoed by his guitar, rose like a mist in the Seeley Lake Elementary gym and settled on the folks who came to listen. His sister, Susan Grace, balanced the show with country eyes and a banjo. Together, they invited their audience to walk the mountains, the rivers and the cottonwood bottomlands of the great American outdoors.

The show was a gentle mix of multi-image slides and songs, all interwoven with a familiar ecological theme.

*All God's critters have a place in the choir,*

*Some sing lower, and some sing higher."*

The poetry of his songs encourages people to explore the world beyond television and interstate highways. Walkin' Jim has hiked more than 13,000 miles of trails, from Appalachia to the Grand Canyon to Montana's Great Divide. These words are from The Rainbow Trail (a ballad written about a relatively new hiking trail from Mexico to Canada):

*"I've been followin' the Rainbow Trail,*

*It led me to the mountains, in the snow I froze my feet,*

*It dropped me to the desert, I nearly died from the heat,*

*It led me through the canyons, only one they call "The Grand,"*

*It made me feel so small, but I came out a bigger man."*

Montana is his favorite place, "Of course," he says. "I've seen enough of the country to realize that Montana has a lot to offer." Walkin' Jim lives at Big Sky, Montana where he works and plays and sings when he's not on the road spreading his conservation message. This week he and Susan begin a 14-state tour of the mid-west and east coast, playing at coffee houses, colleges and small community gatherings. The show in Seeley Lake was their premiere performance together in Montana. Susan lives and performs folksongs in Alaska when she isn't touring the lower 48 states.

Walkin' Jim released one album in 1984, *Spirit is Still on the Run*, on Lone Coyote Records. A second album, *Forever Wild*, will be released in December and is being produced in Montana (with "a little production work" in Detroit, he said).

The Seeley Lake PTA sponsored Walkin' Jim's performance on Friday and members are satisfied that they brought first-rate, cultural entertainment to the Seeley Lake Community. The show was paid for out of the PTA's Cultural Arts Fund, which is intended to encourage entertainment that the school systems cannot afford.

Walkin' Jim performed Friday afternoon for Seeley Lake and Swan Valley elementary students, and presented an adult show (with new songs,

Walkin' Jim Stoltz and his sister Susan Grace sang Friday night in Seeley Lake.



ballads and slides) on Friday night. Several students returned to see his show in the evening. Many people requested autographs after the performance.

Susan Van Rooy, PTA member who helped organize the event, was particularly inspired by the conservation message that is woven into Walkin' Jim's show. "He's saying what I'd like to say," she said. "He speaks for a lot of people."

**Yellowstone Grizzly Sightings Increase**

At least 22 different sow grizzlies with cubs have been observed in the Yellowstone Park area this summer, according to Dick Knight, leader of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team in Bozeman. That's the greatest number of sow grizzlies with cubs ever observed and recorded in and around the Park at one time, he said. The previous high was 17 in both 1976 and 1984.

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks also has observed an increase in bear-related problems, according to Arnold Olsen, administrator of the MDFWP Wildlife Division in Helena. During the month of August, Department biologists and game wardens trapped and relocated 19 individual grizzlies a total of 28 times in the area around the Park. Fourteen of those trappings took place during the last week of August alone.

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