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Chamber votes to reorganize

It was a momentous occasion when the Seeley Condon Chamber of Com merce met last week. There was a big crowd at the Seeley Lake Community Hall, and they were expecting big things. As Roger Johnson, president of the Chamber, put it: "The Chamber has .. reached a transition point."

He was referring to the proposals for restructuring the Chamber which had been developed by the Ad Hoc Business persons Group over the summer. Johnson pointed out that he had been instrumental in launching the Ad Hoc group because he was concerned that the Chamber might not survive unless it changed its style of operation.

Next, Bud Johnson, Ad Hoc spokesman, described in general terms the sentiment of the group: The Chamber needs to become more business-oriented and more responsive to the wishes of the general member ship. He also recounted the events of a meeting two nights earlier between

representatives of the Ad Hoc group and the Chamber. Specific proposals for restructuring the Chamber were discussed at that meeting. Initially there were some misunderstandings, according to Johnson, but ultimately a consensus was reached. In a conciliatory gesture, he told the Chamber gathering that the Ad Hoc group is "not going to take our football home if we don't get our way."

Jeff Macon, Chamber official and also a member of the Ad Hoc group, presented a proposal for revamping the Chamber's structure, which was des igned to accommodate the consensus reached earlier. He displayed an organization chart for a greatly stream lined Chamber. At the top were a president, secretary/treasurer, and execu tive secretary. So that the president is not unreasonably burdened, three addi tional officers would report to the president and coordinate general areas such as business, civic, and admin istrative affairs. Non-business members

would still be welcomed into the Chamber. Macon indicated that the Chamber would be discussing specifics of the new structure with representatives of the Ad Hoc group over the coming weeks.

This led to a general discussion of the mechanics of the new organization. There was considerable support for the idea of introducing projects from the floor at general meetings, polling the membership, and then appointing ad hoc committees for the various projects. Addrien Marx, incoming president of the Chamber, added that restructuring is something of a cosmetic exercise unless there is a substantial degree of com mitment and involvement by business people.

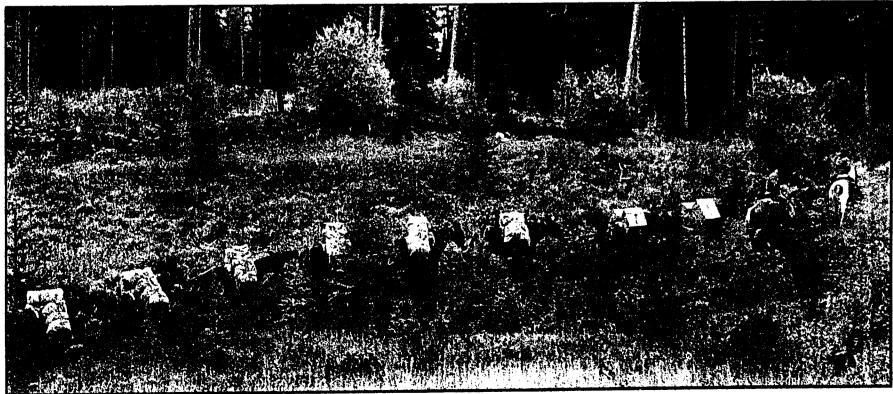
The Chamber members wrapped up the discussion by unanimously adopting a resolution authorizing a restructuring of the organization. The resolution requires the board of directors to draft the necessary changes in the Chamber's bylaws. The proposed changes are to be mailed to the membership prior to the next general meeting in November, at which time they will be voted upon. Roger Johnson summed up the enthusiastic mood of the crowd by observing that he was "encouraged we've gone from 'they' to 'we' tonight."

Bomb drops on junior high plan

Seeley Elementary trustees may have to rethink their game plan for the proposed new middle school, according to Dr. Bill Anderson, Deputy Superintendent of the Office of Public Instruction (OPI), Helena.

Residents have been assured by Sceley Elementary trustees that property taxes would rise only slightly if a middle school is built, because of additional funds from a middle school funding "loophole." However, Anderson confirmed reports Tuesday that OPI may recommend legislation during the next legislative session to eliminate the middle school loophole. Legislation to close the loophole has been discussed for quite some time, according to Anderson.

Voters will be asked to decide on construction of the new school November 4.



Belinda Nelson and Jack Rich lead the matched, black mules toward the Pyramid Mountain trailhead. This packstring has become a trademark of the Double Arrow Outlitters.

Council Footnote

A couple of weeks ago, this column touched upon the idea, put forth by the Ad Hoc Group, of a community council for Seeley Lake. The principal reason for establishing such a body, which would have no taxing authority, would be to get the "ear" of the county commissioners and thereby improve prospects for receiving our fair share of funding. For those who may think the present system is just fine and suspect a council would be of doubtful value, the following (true) tale is presented as a matter of interest:

Back in the early 70's, the developer of the Double Arrow subdivision made a grant of approximately \$20,000 to the community for the establishment of a community park. The funds were eagerly accepted by the county and quickly disappeared down the maw of general revenues. Ten years later, there was still no park. Finally, local concerned citizens demanded "our" money back so that a park could be built. Reluctantly, the bureaucratic maw disgorged the funds. The park was finally built a couple of years ago.

The moral of the tale is that, under the current system with the county, it is almost impossible to obtain funds for something new, even in the rare instance when the funds have already been donated. Imagine how tough it is to obtain new appropriations for other projects of benefit to the community. Which is precisely why we are bereft of such projects.

The Ad Hoc Group, no doubt still heady from its success with the Chamber of Commerce (reported on elsewhere in this issue), is now gearing up to take an in-depth look at the council idea. Presumably, they will do their usual excellent job. Anyone interested in the future of Seeley Lake is encouraged to join in.

Thanks, Dan Cainan. . .

for your gesture at the Chamber meeting last weck. A lot of us were aware that you have harbored some serious reservations about the "old" Chamber and that you were holding on to the remaining treasury funds for the Businessman's Association (the immed iate ancestor of the Chamber) until such time as the Chamber "shaped up." When you offcred to surrender these funds to the Chamber treasury, one couldn't help but believe that the "new" Chamber is off to a good start. Fifty bucks isn't a fortune but, in this case, it sure is symbolic.

- Dick Potter



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Ellen Allen came to Montana on a vacation two or three years ago and fell "head over heels in love" with the country here. Later, the yearning to recombined with her frustrations about city life in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, prompted her to give up a job as clerk in a hospital emergency room, pack her bags, and move to Ovando with her daughter, Susan.

Ellen had never been self-employed before, and when she began restocking the Blackfoot Valley General Store in Ovando last year, which had been closed for several months, there never seemed to be enough hours in the day for her work. Now the store serves as the local meeting place for the "coffee club" each morning. "We solve all the town's problems," she laughed.

The Blackfoot Valley General Store offers a variety of grocery items and produce. Ellen also sells Made In Montana gifts.



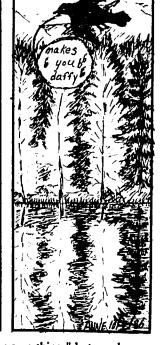
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Strength in Numbers

To the Editor:

On Saturday, September 27th we attended and participated in a Lincoln Valley Chamber of Commerce Benefit which we feel needs to be brought to the attention of the Seeley Lake commun -

The event was based on a Hawaiian Luau theme and included a wonderful Hawaiian buffet dinner, a stage prod uction called "Aloha," and a "raffleauction" to round out the evening's festivities - the grand prize was a 1986 Chevrolet Chevette!

Margaret Stolp and Laura Rogers, two Lincoln Chamber "spark plugs," spent a day in Seeley Lake drumming up support for their "12th Annual Community Benefit" and found that the event conflicted with our own Chamber Box Social held the same evening. They were not discouraged, however, and were successful in selling us a raffle ticket for \$100 and a 1 in 125 chance to win a

"new car." Little did we realize what a treat was in store for us! The 125 tickets sold out at \$100 apiece and entitled the purchaser to two dinners and the festivities of the evening. Local talent provided an exceptional "Aloha" variety show. Music, dancing and merriment abounded for over an hour and more than 250 people rose to their feet for several enthusiastic ovations.

A brief intermission and then "on with the raffle!" A scemingly complex raffle (Chinese Auction) was expertly directed by the M.C., Col. John H. Clemments, and after two hours ticket #118, owned by Don & Emma Roberson of Lincoln, was awarded the keys to a brand new Chevette. Later on. as the Chamber added up the proceeds, smiles of quiet satisfaction appeared - a net profit of several thousand dollars would be used for the development of a

new "Community Civic Center." We met many enthusiastic folks from the Lincoln area and found a genuine willingness to renew and revitalize the relationship between Lincoln and Sceley Lake. It was pointed out repeatedly that we share many similar problems and opportunities. With a natural "trail system" connecting the two towns, winter activities such as snowmobiling, sled dog racing and cross-country skiing are activities we can share to mutual benefit.

Our community as well as our own Chamber of Commerce should look toward such an alliance. Sure, we can

still "do our own thing," but maybe we can "make a bigger pie" by working on key projects with the enthusiastic folks of Lincoln. The "mushing" program planned for this winter already has begun the alliance, but we can do more. We urge the Seeley Lake service clubs. Chamber of Commerce and the Wilder ness Sportsmen to open the lines of communication with Lincoln.

Extend a friendly hand and help to make the winter of 86-87 an exciting. fun, and prosperous one for our community and our friends in Lincoln as

Bruce & Victoria Burns

Congrats on 4-H Club

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Youth of Seeley Lake, the "Founding" Parents. and the Community at large on the formation of your 4-H Club.

As a former 4-H Mom and a former leader, I believe 4-H is one of the finest organizations available. It is for country youth and city youth alike. There are no barriers on social status, wealth, reli gion, or the like.

There are skill-learning projects to satisfy just about anyone's taste - from cooking, sewing, photography, leather-craft, model building, tractor safety, carpentry, to leadership and selfdetermined projects.

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Support 4-H, as the 4-H'ers of today make better tomorrows. Again, congratulations.

Dee Ball Clinton, MT

(Editor's Note: Dee Ball is the Republican candidate for House District 65. In view of this, she expressed concern that her letter might be regarded solely as a political maneuver. Ac cordingly, she preferred to remain anonymous, although the decision was left in our hands. Pathfinder's editorial policy is to publish only signed letters.)

COMMUNITY

OPINION

Response from School Board

To the Editor:

Perhaps the School Board needs to clear up some confusion about the difference between a mill levy and a bond issue.

A mill levy is asked for each year to help support the operation of the school. Included in mill levy expend itures are salaries, supplies, utilities, general maintenance, minor repair work,

A bond issue is a request for funds for building and/or extraordinary expend itures such as extensive remodeling which is paid for over a number of years (similar to a home mortgage).

At no time have the mill levies included funds earmarked for a new gym floor, nor has a bond issue been asked for reconstruction of a new gym floor.

Approximately two years ago \$1,500.00 was used to pay for a study on the control and correction of the seepage problem in the gym floor. Furthermore, the gymnasium has been insulated over a period of several years as funds permitted,

Hopefully this will clear up the issue of the gym floor referred to by Mrs. Bartlett in her letter to the editor.

R. Boyd Gossard Chairman, Board of Trustees (School District #34)

Refuse board approves fees

The Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District trustees Monday night ap proved fee schedules for the coming year and will be preparing material for submission to the county commis sioners later this fall, according to board chairman, Kent Brown.

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Homecoming this weekend

This is Homecoming weekend for the Seeley Swan High School. The football team will play Clark Fork, Idaho here at 1:30 on Saturday. Girls basketball team will play Valley Christian here Saturday night. There will be a dance at the school Saturday night from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. with music by Salt and Pepper.

Homecoming King and Queen will be chosen Friday morning and will be crowned at halftime during the football game on Saturday.

TOPS rally held Saturday

The Western Montana Area TOPS Rally was held at the Sceley Lake Community Hall on Saturday, according to Betty Hayes, spokesperson for the Seeley Lake Chapter. The rally was very well attended. "We didn't expect such a turnout in Seeley Lake," she said. About 85 people came from all over Western Montana to take part in the rally, which featured many recognized speakers from throughout the organization.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a non-profit organization with chap ters in dozens of Western Montana communities and, also, nationwide. Diet philosophy includes good nutrition, exercise and education about staying healthy, Hayes said.

TOPS meets every Thursday morn ing at 10 a.m. at the REA building north of Sceley Lake. Meetings are open to the public.

Story hour for preschoolers

About twenty preschool children and adults attended a Preschool Story Hour earlier this month at Sceley Lake Elementary. The Story Hour program, conducted by Sheila Devins, Sceley Lake, and sponsored by the Seeley Lake PTA, began last summer. Because of the favorable response from the community, it is being continued this fall.

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set for October 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the kindergarten room of the Seeley Lake Elementary school. Parents and their young children are invited to attend.

Swan PTA carnival set

The Swan Valley PTA carnival will be held October 24 in the Swan Valley Elementary gym beginning at 5 p.m. and continuing until 9 p.m., according to Lois Ekstedt, committee chairman.

The Swan Valley PTA has also paid for finishing the gym floor, which is expected to be done by the end of this

This year's carnival will be similar to those held in the past, except that bingo will be held in an area separate from the children's games, and there will be more activities for older students. Some of the games will include

basketball, bowling, golf, cork guns and the fish pond and bean-bag toss for younger children.

Concessions will be set up with popcorn, chili, hot dogs, coffee and pop

Knitting classes start

A five-week Beginning Knitting class starts Tuesday, October 14 at 1:30 p.m. at Artistic Expressions in Seeley Lake. Mary Ann Morin is the instruc tor. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call Artistic Expressions, 677-2188, to register or for information about costs.



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contributed \$54 worth of books to the program so far this year and Dianna Plum, area Discovery Toys represent ative, donated an activity tape for use with the program this summer. Goals of the program include the development of

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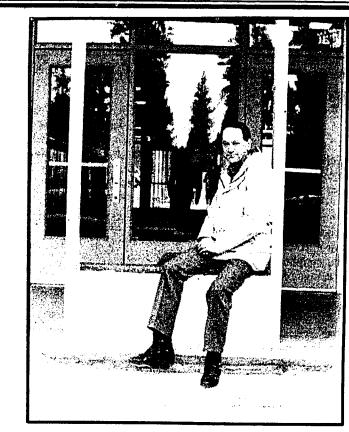
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Kim Haines, Principal at Seeley Swan High School

Seeley Swan High School

The halls of Seeley Swan High School are buzzing this week, with Homecoming activities set for Saturday. There are 119 students attending high school here this year, from Seeley Lake, Swan Valley, Ovando and Greenough.

Kim Haines has been an educator at Seeley Swan since 1964, "before the high school was built." For about three months that fall, students attended classes held in the elementary building on a split-shift schedule, while the

existing high school was completed.

Seeley Swan High School is funded through the Missoula County High School budget, which also funds Sen tinel, Hellgate and Big Sky high schools. Being a part of the Missoula County High School system has meant more funding in some areas, and expansion of some programs.

The high school library is one example. Librarian Loretta Cooper says there are thousands of books now available in the school library, which also boasts one of the area's most complete collections of periodicals.

In the Foreign Language depart ment, Larry Foust teaches Russian to interested students, a language rarely taught at the high school level. (Most curriculums include Spanish or French.) Russian, Foust believes, is a language that a student can use in any field, especially military intelligence. Speak ing Russian is a skill that can open doors for young adults, Foust said, adding that people who can speak Russian or Chinese are in demand by international employers and the U.S. government. One of his former students is now completing his education and working in the Soviet Union.

Russian students who leave Seeley Swan and go on to college, are years ahead of other graduates in the state, he believes. For example, a freshman in college, enrolling in Russian, will begin with simple alphabets. Graduates from Seeley Swan Russian classes will have already learned the basics of reading, writing and speaking the

And then there's sports. Seeley Swan High School has some of the most outstanding athletes in the state, much to the credit of Les Gordon (cleven of his twelve years here he has been nominated as coach of the year) and principal Kim Haines. Haines feels that students who are active in extracurricular activities are also the ones who are outstanding academically. He has aca demic records that support his beliefs.

There is a keen sense of unity among teachers at the school. Many have been there almost since the school was built, as can be seen by the following profiles.

Kim Haines holds a bachelor of science in science and math and a master's degree in microbiology. He has been an educator and principal at Seeley Swan High School since 1964. He coaches boys basketball and assists with girls track. He and his wife Zelda, who teaches at the Seeley Lake Elementary school, have three children, two of them Seeley Swan graduates, and one who is a senior at Seeley Swan.



Rose Baier has begun her 18th year at Seeley Swan High School. If you call the high school any day of the week, summer or winter, most likely it's Rose's voice you'll hear on the other end of the line. She is the receptionist, clerk, bookkeeper and secretary. She and her husband, Norm, have lived in Seeley Lake since 1958. They have three children, all grown. A daughter lives in Missoula and their two sons live in Seeley Lake and operate the 1-Stop convenience store.



Dale Conley has driven the school bus from Swan Valley to Seeley Lake for 23 years. For the past 16 years he has also worked as an instructional aid at the high school. He is also the "hall monitor" and study hall aid. "They just shuffle me around where they need me," he chuckles. Dale and his wife, Karen, run cattle on their ranch at Salmon Prairie. They also have the bus contract for the Swan Valley grade school bus route. Currently, on the high school route there are 39 students eligible to ride the bus from Swan Valley to Seeley Swan. Dale adds that there have been as many as 70 riding the bus in past years.



Martin Cahoon is the one and only head engineer for the school and is in charge of maintenance on all the buildings and the school grounds. He and his family, who now live at Placid Lake, are long-time residents of the area, having lived here 36 years. Martin and his wife, Vera, have five children: three in high school, one in grade school and one pre-schooler at home.

Cahoon's owned Rovero's store in Seeley Lake up until about three years ago. Martin has been employed at the high school for about a year.



Ethel Hoehn started the breakfast and lunch program in 1974 and is now the head cook for the school. She and her husband. Donald, who is one of the principals in Pyramid Lumber, Inc., are long-time residents of Seeley Lake. Ethel moved to Seeley Lake as a young child with her parents, Alan and Mildred Chaffin. Ethel and Don have four children, all graduates of Seeley Swan High School.

WEDNESDAY NITE IS RIB NITE! HUNGRY BEAR



Esther Farra began working as assistant cook at the high school in 1978. She and her husband Jim, who works in the woods, moved to Secley Lake in 1959. They also have four children, all graduates of Seeley Swan High School.



Dan Baretta teaches government, U.S. history and P.E. at the high school and is also a counselor. This is his 17th year at the school. He also coaches boys cross-country and boys track. He has three children, two of them grown and one in high school here.



Loretta Cooper teaches reading in the library. She began at Seeley Swan in 1975, later took a year off to complete her Master of Education degree with emphasis on library resources, and returned to teach here in 1983. Seeley Swan is participating in a curriculum study of the Missoula County library system, results of which will be made public when they are available.



Larry Foust has been teaching at Seeley Swan for eleven years. In spite of commuting daily now from Missoula (he and his wife, Anh, moved from Seeley to Missoula four years ago), he still enjoys the atmosphere at Secley Swan and the variety of classes he teaches. He is certified to teach social studies, foreign languages (he speaks fluent Russian and Vietnamese) and English. Currently he teaches two world history classes, U.S. history, Senior English and Russian. He is a Vietnam veteran (he also served as an advisor there) and a Montana native, born in Laurel. He and his wife have two sons, who are both in the Army.



CORNUCOPIA

Magic Bars are making the rounds lately. Sandy Anderson (Dr. Doug Hadnot's employee) provided a plateful of these goodies and the recipe at the dental clinic open house in mid-August. At the chamber meeting last Wednesday, I understand Elinor Beckman's home-baked donation was a big hit. It was a Magic Bar recipe with a twist - Elinor uses butterscotch chips (4 ounces) and chocolate chips (6 ounces) and she calls them Wonder Bars or Seven Layer Bars. Whatever you call them, they're good and easy to make!

> Magic Bars by Sandy Anderson 1-1/4 cups chocolate chips

1/2 cup margarine (or butter) 1-1/3 cups graham cracker crumbs 1 cup nuts

1 cup coconut

1 14-oz, can sweetened condensed

Melt margarine or butter in small rectangular cake pan. Press graham cracker crumbs in bottom of pan. Layer nuts, chocolate chips (butterscotch chips are a nice addition) and coconut. Top with sweetened condensed milk. Bake at 325 degrees for approximately 25-30 minutes or until browned.

Speaking of Elinor Beckman - just a couple of weeks ago, she mentioned that she was in the middle of making crab apple jelly. While at the Condon Trap Club Turkey Shoot she discovered a crab apple tree. "We picked the crab apples the middle of September and the jelly is great. Here's my recipe."

Crab Apple Jelly by Elinor Beckman

5 pounds crab apples (washed, stemmed 5 cups water and quartered - do not core)

Boil crab apples ten minutes; remove from heat and mash. Gently boil another five minutes. Put 2 thicknesses of cheesecloth over a large pan, pour contents onto the cheesecloth and let drain. You can help it drain by working it down or let it drain for 3-4 hours (my last batch drained overnight). Juice should be very thick and clear.

Stage 2

2 cups crab apple juice

2-1/2 cups sugar

Stir juice constantly (I use a long wooden spoon) until it comes to a boil that you can't stir down. Add sugar all at once and continue stirring until it comes to a second boil that you can't stir down. (I use no pectin, as crab apples have so much 'good-for-you' pectin of their own.) Boil one more minute, but do not stir as jelly will be rubbery. Immediately pour into sterilized fars and seal properly.

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Becky Gehrke (photo not available) now teaches keyboarding and typing. She recently had a baby and will return to teaching later this quarter. Her husband, Curt, works at Pyramid Lum ber. Becky taught at the elementary school for four years, and this is her first year at the high school.



Larry Pagett is beginning his 18th year at the high school. He teaches art and music, clerical practice and accounting. He directs the outstanding Black Tie Affair choir. He and his wife Karen, who works at Seeley Lake Elementary, have two daughters, both graduates of Seeley Swan High School.

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Les Gordon has taught English at Seeley Swan for 12 years. He also teaches journalism and coordinates reporting from the school for Pathfinder. He coaches girls basketball, girls track, cross-country, assists with boys basket ball and directs intramural (community) sports activities.

Les's wife, Gayle, teaches at the elementary school. They have three children: Dustin (sophomore); J.D., fourth grade; and Ladd, pre-schooler.



Art Sikkink teaches biology, computer science, physical science, earth science and chemistry. Sikkink also coaches girls freshman and J.V. basketball, and assists with varsity. He and his wife, Pam, who operates Artistic Expressions in Seeley Lake, have lived here for about six years.



Carolyn Jette has taught at Seeley Swan since 1970. She teaches Home Economics, P.E., and Health and Drugs. A Montana native, Jette was educated at the University of Montana. graduating in 1966. She is the assistant coach for girls track, Montana Teenage Institute advisor and the cheerleading advisor. She has three children: Jeff, Christian and Kia.



Terry Williams is beginning his third year at Secley Swan. He taught at Bigfork and Whitefish before moving here. He teaches math to all freshman and sophomore students. He and his wife, Sally, have two children attending colleges in Montana.



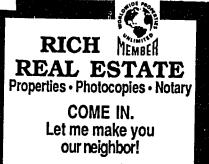
Mark Darrow is the industrial arts instructor at the school. He teaches woodworking, carpentry, mechanical drawing, architectural drawing, welding, small engines and leatherwork. He also assists with coaching of boys football (he predicts a Blackhawk victory this weekend: 48-8) and track. He and his wife, Laurie, have lived in Seeley Lake for five years.



Dennis Schneiter is beginning his fifth year at Seeley Swan High School. He is the resource room teacher, specializing in math and English. His degree is in history and political science. with a minor in special education. Schneiter was raised in Missoula. He has one child who attends school in Helena, and he and his wife, Gwen, have two children enrolled in Seeley Lake elementary. Schneiter coaches Black hawk football and assists with



Sue Stone taught at Swan Valley Elementary for two years before joining the staff at Seeley Swan High School this year. She teaches here part-time: 10th and 11th grade English classes. She is also helping students with the High School Annual this year. She "filled in" for librarian Loretta Cooper a few years ago when Loretta was on leave to attend college. She and her husband. Dan. who works at Pyramid Lumber, moved to Montana from



UPCOMING GAMES (School Sports)

Seeley Swan High School Football

10-11 Clark Fork, ID at Seeley Swan 10-15 Hot Springs at Seeley Swan

Seeley Swan High School J.V. Football

10-13 Charlo at Seeley Swan

Seeley Swan High School

10-10 Seeley Swan at Lincoln 10-11 Valley Christian at Seeley Swan 10-14 Seeley Swan at Heligate (Fr & So)

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10-10 Seeley at Drummond

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Girls Basketball Hawks bury the Golds by Colleen McNally

The lady Hawks had an easy win against Philipsburg on Friday night. They racked up an impressive score of 69-23. Teresa Frye and Alvina Vannoy

led Seeley with 14 points each, while Misty Dillree canned a three-pointer to end the first half. The Golds' leading scorer was Adel Johnson with 14

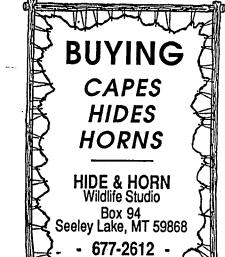
Seeley outjousts the Trojans

by Shauna Haines

Last Saturday night in the Drummond gym before a capacity crowd, the Blackhawks defeated the Trojans 59-42. The Trojans nearly caught the Hawks before halftime, when the score was Seeley 26, Drummond 25, but the Blackhawks remained in the lead throughout the second half.

Colleen McNally led the team with 22 points, while Laurie Schaffer led the Trojans with 18. Sceley had seven people on the scoreboard and Drummond only had four. Turnovers were at a minimum for both teams: 10 (Hawks), and 12 (Trojans). Drummond had a better freethrow percentage, hitting 16 for 21 opposed to Seeley's 3 for 8.

The Seeley-Swan Blackhawks now have a record of nine wins and no



The Seeley Swan Blackhawks met the Philipsburg Granite Prospectors in a game that would clinch a playoff berth for the winner. The Blackhawks got off to a good start, working their way down the field on short runs. Then, Sceley quarterback Randy Johnson scored on a 30-yard bootleg, putting the Blackhawks up 6-0.

them 9-0 for the season.

Showdown in

Prospector

territory

by Frank DeLeo

Football

After a certain change of events (who knows what these were), Seeley was behind at the half, 20-26. The Blackhawks came out fired-up in the third quarter. But, a stubborn Philips burg defense wouldn't allow them to score. The Prospectors continued to use their running and passing attack, along with a little luck, to score.

In the fourth quarter, the Blackhawks punched in another solid drive. leading to a score on a 1-yard run by quarterback Johnson. The ease with which this drive was made showed some of their awesome potential. But, mistakes, penalties, and a tiring Blackhawk defense made way for a Philipsburg win. The final score was Sceley 26, Philipsburg 56. The teams are 3-2 and 4-1, respectively.

JV Scoreboard

Shauna Haines battles for two against players from Philipsburg

Friday night. The Hawks won both games this weekend, making

Girls' basketball: Seeley 33; Philipsburg 16 (S. DeLeo and B. Hebnes top scorers) Seeley 41; Drummond 26 (S. DeLeo and D. Johnson top scorers)

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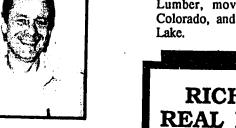
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Double Arrow Outfitters

In Cowboy Style

By Suzanne Vernon

A dozen matched, black mules and scattered pintos anchored the hitching rails around the Double Arrow corrals near the Pyramid trailhead last week, while C.B. Rich and his son, Jack, deposited packsaddles on the ground beside each animal. The men worked in unison with other family members, their guides and hunters, while snow floated gently on the peaks above them.

Nearly thirty years ago, five-yearold Jack Rich made his first trip with C.B. into the Bob Marshall. Guests on that trip included a writer from Life magazine and a photographer from Look. The romance of the outfitting business drew national attention then and, over the years, the Rich family has kept that wilderness dream alive. Jack guided a hunter to a goat when he was 12 years old. He has been a licensed guide since 1974, and a licensed outfitter since 1979. In recent years he has "taken over" the business begun by his father. "It's quite a thing to have your son grow up and share your life with you," C.B. said. Both names are included on the outfitter/guide permits. (Double Arrow Outfitters has no direct affiliation with Double Arrow Ranch or Lodge, except that the Rich's lease certain facilities.)

Jack is the only son in a family of five children. The daughters in the family (Sharon Pohlman, Maryanna Herron, Peggy Cahoon, Betty Bergland)

are still in love with the mountains and can no doubt shoot straight and pack mules as well.

C.B. Rich began outfitting fifty years ago in southeastern Montana, along the Yellowstone National Park border. "I took my first pack trip in 1935," he recalls. C.B. continued to pack for the Forest Service and, later, the U.S. Bureau of Mines and Reclamation until 1942, when he left Montana to serve in the Air Force in World War II.

In 1945, he returned to work with horses and packstock near Absaroka, Montana. "You couldn't buy a job then," he remembers. He worked until 1957 in that Yellowstone country, which was "full of grizzlies" then.

"A grizzly tore up the neighbor's camp. One of our hunters finally killed that grizzly, in the moonlight, seventyfive feet from the cook tent - two shots through the shoulders," he recalls. They had no cameras, but C.B. vividly remembers the bear's vital statistics: nine inches between the eyes, and fourteen inches measured between the



C.B. Rich

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> TIMBERLINE Later that winter, C.B. and his wife, Helen, figured they'd had enough **BUILDING MATERIALS** of the blizzards and howling winds which are trademarks of eastern Montana LUMBER and decided to move here, where "the snow sits atop the fenceposts all **PLYWOOD** winter.'

METAL ROOFING In 1958, C.B. began packing into the Young's Creek camp, three miles CEMENT PRODUCTS below Young's Lake, near a meadow GENERAL BUILDING SUPPLIES called Leota Park in the Bob Marshall.

This is the first season in twentyeight years that C.B. has not been in that hunting camp on opening day, and the misty look in his eyes shows better than words how badly he misses the backcountry. C.B. has emphysema and that, combined with a bad cold, has prevented him from packing in this fall. "I've come out of camp three times with pneumonia," he said, indicating it's an experience he does not want to repeat at 67 years of age.

C.B.'s wife, Helen, did go into camp to cook this fall, as she has done seasonally since they began outfitting here. "A lot of our hunters come back just because of her cooking," C.B. bragged, adding that many of the thousands of guests they have accom -

That's not to suggest that life in camp is a party, either. On the contrary, "We always kind of frowned on drinking in our camps," C.B. said, adding that loaded guns and alcohol are not a safe

The camp routine begins about 3:00 a.m. for Helen, who prepares breakfasts and lunches, then rouses the hunters about 4 a.m. Once fed, the guests are guided to their respective areas and will continue hunting until dark, if necessary. This has been a good season. Hunters last week brought out nice bulls.

The fame of the Bob Marshall has brought many people to Montana, where the best outfitters in the country are based, C.B. believes. He sees some rough times ahead for outfitters, though, because of increasing government regulations. And C.B. isn't the type to sit, idly watching his heritage fall prey to bureaucracy. C.B. is president of the North American Outfitters and a vice president of the National Forest Rec reation Association. For the NFRA, he is in charge of the Packer Outfitter Division and serves on the long-range planning committee. (See related article about upcoming meetings.)

C.B. believes that, in the future, the outfitting business will have to adjust to changes, and packers will have to "roll with the punches." In the meantime, though, he is pursuing whatever is politically possible, to preserve the wilderness experience which has become a part of his life. Last winter, he and other outfitters met with the Chief of the Forest Service in Washington, D.C., where the Western ers presented a grand dinner of wild game and all the "trimmin's" to Forest Service officials. According to C.B., the Chief had tears in his eyes after the following toast was given during the banquet by C.B., who is known far and wide for his recitals of cowboy poetry:

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cowboy style, and let the rest of the world go hang.

The Mules

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Anyone familiar with the Seeley Lake area knows the pinto of Double Arrow Outfitters, but few are fortunate enough to see the gentle bunch of black, matched mules that serve as the packstock on all the fall and summer pack trips.

When C.B. Rich first bought a few black mules, it was a lean year for the outfit. He had only enough money for one mule, but he had to buy four. You can now guess how mules who still serve in the

OUTDOORS

Grizzly trapped & relocated

The Jack Taylor family thought they had a problem black bear helping himself to oats in their horse barn last week but, upon further investigation, they discovered the bruin was a sow

The Taylors live near the Swan River at the north end of the Swan Valley. The sow had apparently been in the area for several days before fish and game officials were notified and sub sequently trapped and tranquilized the

The female grizzly had been trapped three years earlier at a West Glacier dump and transplanted to the South Fork of the Flathead, in the Bob Mar shall Wilderness. According to Guy Shank, game warden for the Swan Valley, the sow was not an aggressive bear, although she apparently was not afraid of people, either.

Fish and game officials again relocated the bear into the South Fork of the Flathead last week.

Outfitter group seeks input

Local outfitters, guides and packers have an opportunity to express their opinions to the National Forest Rec reation Association this week by contacting C.B. Rich, Sceley Lake, who is the vice president of the Packer Outfitter Division of the Association, and also serves on the long-range planning committee.

Rich is seeking opinions from outfitters and others involved with forest recreation because of meetings scheduled October 12 through 15 in Mesa, Arizona. The meetings will be attended by representatives of outfitter groups, the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Park Service.

For more information about the meeting, or if you would like to comment on particular issues or prob lems, contact C.B. Rich, 677-2467, or 677-2411.





Rob Henrekin and Jack Rich finish packing while C.B. Rich, daughter Sharon Pohlman, and Jack's girl, Shannon, pamper the mule with pellets.

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

The larch trees turned gold overnight and the coyote pelts are prime, according to a local, veteran trapper. The sun has finally come out, if only long enough for us to linger a moment and enjoy the brilliant yellow needles against that deep blue sky.

This is the weather that keeps me clinging to the hope for Indian Summer. Mother Nature likes to tease us with a few golden needles amid the snowflakes as we hustle to cut firewood, dig the potatoes and mulch the roses before

Last week the shaggy manes were popping up all over. I should have mentioned that Michele Potter, Seeley Lake, recommends freezing extra mush rooms. Just clean them well with ice cold water (remove stems and any pink or black spots), drain them briefly and freeze them in a zip-lock bag. Since these mushrooms are so fragile, she thaws them out quickly in a microwave before sautéeing.

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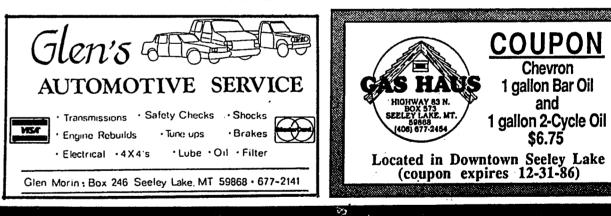
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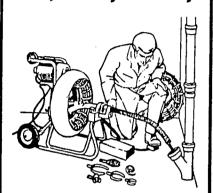
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Pastors and other concerned citizens will be able to discuss the possibility of a weekly church or "family" night at the October 14 high school board meeting, which will be held in Seeley Lake in the high school cafeteria starting at 7:30

The Missoula County High School Board only meets in Seeley Lake once each fall, and it is a golden opportunity for Seeley Swan residents to meet the trustees and discuss problems, according to high school prinicpal Kim Haines. The meeting is open to the public, and trustees will be available not only during the formal part of the meeting but, also, after adjournment to listen to concerns from local residents. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

The agenda for the meeting is short, and trustees have set aside time early in the meeting for discussions with concerned parents and other residents. Any problems or subjects may be discussed



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Teens need support

Some 80 people were in attendance this past Sunday evening for the new Dobson film series Turn Your Heart Toward Home. Sunday's episode Power in Parenting: The Adolescent, dealt with the important and wise decision of allowing children to grow as individ uals. Basic to raising children is that "desire for power," which shows itself dramatically in the teen years; however, when you couple that with "the need for independence," the years can be extremely emotional and tempestuous. According to Rev. Herb Schiefelbein, discussion leader, "being an adult and/or parent in close relation with a teen-ager is really a tough thing." But he also stated that "being a teenager is also tough; think of what they have to contend with in terms of our society, their peer groups, their own family, and in themselves."

The film focused on three basic ideas: (1) much adolescent behavior is related to the desire for power and to the hormonal changes that a young person experiences in the normal course of development; (2) parenting during adolescence involves "letting go," so there is a gradual transfer of power to the child; (3) a parent cannot assume total responsibility for the outcome of a child and need not carry through life an unneeded load of guilt. Dr. Dobson's advice was very simple, but not easy. "My advice in raising adolescents is to get them through it! Hold your breath, grit your teeth, and get them through it." Dobson said.

Last Sunday's movie was hosted by Faith Lutheran Church of Condon.

The film for this Sunday, The Family Under Fire, looks at the effects of governmental interference, abortion, and pornography. Due to some candid discussion and reports on pornography, this movie is suggested for mature

These films are being shown each Sunday evening at the Seeley Lake Elementary School gym, beginning at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge, but



Swan Valley School Gym

PASSAGES

Pastor Robert Morris Community Bible Church Seeley Lake

Most of us at some time in our lives have taken comfort in the fact that. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Psalm 23 talks about the Good Shepherd Who leads us to green pastures and still waters and protects and cares for us with His rod and staff, even through the valley of the shadow of death.

However, one consideration that needs to be thought of is, are we the sheep of His fold? In John 10, we have Christ teaching the parable of the Good Shepherd and He describes His sheep: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John

First of all, have we heard His voice? "Come unto Me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give thee rest" (Matthew 11:28). "But as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12). "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me (John 14:6).

If Christ were to see you today would you be personally acquainted with Him and Him with you? He wants to know you personally and help you if you but receive Him and His Word.

How about following Him? Are we continually seeking His way through His Word and prayer, or do we expect Him to follow our schedule and plans?

If we meet these three qualifications then we can truly take comfort and hope in our Good Shepherd. "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand" (John 10:28). Now that's real comfort!

Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Program offers the following noon meals next week at the Seeley Lake Community

Monday, Oct. 13 -- Holiday (no meal) Tuesday Oct. 14--Stew and Biscuits Wednesday Oct. 15 -- Chicken

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Boulé completes training

Duane Boulé, who was recently hired as the halftime manager for the Seeley Lake Rural Fire District, has completed training in Whitefish for Instructor Techniques. This initial course is designed to train people to be instructors for firefighters.

Boulé has been in the salaried management position for the fire district for a few weeks now, and has been helping to implement activities such as the new addition on the fire hall. Construction will begin this weekend on the new conference room and office. "Three-quarters of the materials have been donated," Boulé said, who added that all the work so far has been done by

Boulé was chosen to fill the newly created position of fire district manager by the fire district board. About 20 qualified individuals applied according to Boulé's acting supervisor, Colin Moon, board member and Fire Chief for the volunteer fire department.

Duane and his wife, Carla, moved to Secley Lake in 1983. He retired from Mountain Bell after 30 years of service. He has been active in the fire department as Equipment Officer since 1983.

What to do in case of a chimney fire

Red stovepipe, roaring, rumbling, sucking sounds, shaking stovepipes and flames out the top of the chimney are all indications of a chimney fire. Close the air intakes on the stove. Call 911 (in Seeley Lake) and say "I want to report a chimney fire in Seeley Lake." Stay on the line and give the dispatcher your specific location, etc. Make sure everyone leaves the house until the fire department arrives. Practice this procedure with every member of your

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Heating with wood stoves

(Editor's Note: The following informa tion has been contributed by the Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department. This week is National Fire Prevention

Woodstove and chimney fires are increasing in dwellings all over the nation. In 1985 they accounted for twothirds of house fires in Seeley Lake. Wood stoves require extra care in installing, operating and maintaining, as compared to gas, oil or electric heat. Each type and brand of wood stove is different. Read, follow and save the instructions provided with the stove.

The wood stove you purchase should be Listed by an approved laboratory, such as Underwriters Lab (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM). Suffi cient clearances around your wood stove and piping are vital because wood stoves produce large amounts of radiant heat. Federal law requires all wood stoves produced since 1979 to be labeled. The label includes the manufacturer's recom mended clearances. If the stove has been Listed, these clearances have been thoroughly tested and are considered safe. If you are in doubt, do not locate the stove less than 36 inches from an unprotected wall, or locate stovepipe less than 18 inches from an unprotected

Place the wood stove on a fireproof base of 24-gauge sheet metal. When there is less than 6 inches of open air space below the stove, the floor should be protected with 4-inch thick hollow masonry bricks and arranged with the holes inter-connecting and open for ventilation. Then cover the masonry with 24-gauge sheet metal. The floor shield must extend at least 18 inches out from the front, back and sides of the stove. If the stove has less than two inches of open air space underneath, then it must be placed only on a noncombustible floor. Stovepipe should run as straight

and be as short as possible. Avoid 90 degree angles by using two gentle 45 degree turns. The horizontal portion should slant upwards toward the chimney with a slope of at least 1/4 inch per foot. If you must route your stove pipe through a wall use a Listed device, made for that purpose. Passing through a wall to connect to an external masonry chimney requires a special connector. So-called "thimbles," which have been on the market for many years, are hazards unless they provide 18 inches of clearance on all sides of the pipe. For 6-inch stovepipe this means a thimble at least 42-inches in diameter. Never use triple-wall or solid-packed metal chimney pipe to pass through a wall except as part of an entirely

Seeley Lake, Montana

accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

A safely operating chimney will provide a good draft and draw smoke up and out. All masonry chimneys should have fire-clay liners. All manufactured metal chimneys should be Listed and matched to the wood stove manufac turer's recommendation. It is dangerous to vent more than one stove into a single-flue chimney. The chimney should extend at least 3 feet through the roof and 2 feet above any portion of a building within 10 horizontal feet of the

It is important to inspect your stove, chimney and stove pipe at regular intervals (every few weeks at first, until you become familiar with your wood heating system). Hire a professional chimney sweep to remove the accum ulated creosote deposits. If you wish to do it yourself and you don't own the proper brushes, the Sceley Lake Vol unteer Fire Department has brushes to loan. Contact firefighter Dan Cainan at Dan's Discount to borrow these brushes.

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- Follow the owner's manual installation instructions.
- Use only seasoned wood.
- Check the damper to be sure it is open.
- · Burn small, hot fires.
- · Keep furniture, drapes and other flammables at a safe distance. · Clean the chimney often.

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Lions take to llamas

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In one incident in the Swan Valley, two baby llamas were killed by a lion. Fish and game officials, assisted by local houndsmen, were able to locate the lion, but were unsuccessful at tranquil izing attempts. After being discovered by people, however, that cat seems to have left the area for friendlier territory, according to Shank.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

School Gym, Condon.

month, 7 pm. Open to the public. Lake. Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

Public Meetings

Oct 14, Missoula County High School, Board of Trustees mtg, 7:30 pm, Sceley Swan High School, Sceley 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 Tucs, 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, Seelcy Lake.

SOS Trustees mtg, 2nd Mon each Oct 15, Bookmobile, Potomac month.

Tues each month.

Seeley Lake Elementary Town, 3-5:30 pm. School Board mtg, 3rd Thurs each Oct 16, Bookmobile, Sceley month, school library, Sceley Lake. Water District, 2nd Tues each Seeley Lake Town, 12:30-2:30 pm. month, 8 pm, REA bldg, Scoley Men's Basketball League,

Clubs & Organizations Ocy 8, Ad Hoc Businesspersons Group, 6 pm, Leisure Lodge, Sceley Lake.

Oct 9, Ducks Unlimited Banquet, 6:30 pm, Filling Station, Sceley Lake.

Oct 16, Wilderness Sportsman's Club, 7:30 pm, Leisure Lodge, Secley Lake.

Alcoholics Anonymous (Condon), every Thurs, 7:30 pm, Swan

Oct 24, Swan Valley PTA Alcoholics Anonymous (See-Carnival, 5-9 pm, Swan Valley ley Lake), every Sun, 7 pm, basement of Mill; every Weds, 7 Bingo, 2nd & 4th Thurs each pm, Community Church, Seeley

> Alanon, every Mon, 7 pm, Lutheran Church, Seeley Lake. AARP, 1st Mon cach month, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon. Driftriders Snowmobile Club. every 2nd Mon of month, starting

Oct. 13 through March. SeLa SenCi, 3rd Wcd every month, potluck and mtg, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

Seeley Lake Women's Club, every Tues, 1 pm, Comm Hall,

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

<u>Other</u>

School, 10-11:30 am; Sunset Swan School Board mtg, 2nd School, 12-1 pm; Clearwater Junction. 1:30-2:30 pm; Seeley Lake

Lake Elementary, 9 am-12 pm; Mondays, 7-9 pm, Seeley Lake

Elementary School Gym. Swan Valley Community Library, Hours: Wed, 10 am-6 pm; Sat, 10 am-3 pm, Condon. Refuse Disposal Site, Winter Hours (October 1 thru April 30): Wed & Sat, 10 am - 4 pm.

EMERGENCY: 911 (Seeley Lake); 1-728-0911 (Condon or Clearwater Junction).

Fishing Report

The word for the week is twelvepounders! One fella caught a 12-pound German Brown in Seeley Lake and another caught a 12-pound bull trout. Both folks were still-fishing with bait.

The bull trout are moving into the lakes again. Some reports from the Swan Valley indicate "small" bulls of about 3 to 4 pounds.

Fishing should be good this week through the fifteenth, if you fish by the moon. The Indian Summer weather should make things more pleasant than they were in September. Trolling has improved in the larger lakes now that the wind has let up a bit.

Salmon are getting redder every day, but not quite spawning yet. Another couple of weeks and they'll be active, though. Let's hope the weather holds out until November.

Coyote trappers active

Coyote trapping has begun in the Seeley Swan area. Hunters and other recreationists are reminded to be on the lookout for traps. Licensed trappers may legally make "sets" on public land or, with permission, on private land.

Butch Harmon, president of the Montana Trapper's Association, said last week that dogs often get caught in coyote traps. He offers these suggest ions for releasing a dog from a trap.

Since a front foot is usually caught, Harmon advises people to approach the dog cautiously, and try to calm the animal. Then take a belt, rope or leash and wrap it around the dog's neck to hold its head so it won't try to pull out of the trap. By stepping on the springs on either side of the "jaws" of a trap, you can release the animal. Harmon warns people not to try and push the springs by hand.

If a person comes upon a trap with a coyote caught in it, Harmon advises staying clear of the animal, and adds that responsible trappers will check their traps often for furs.

According to state law, it is illegal for a person to disturb a legally set trap on public land (or private land where permission to trap has been granted). Legally set traps must have the licensed trapper's name tag attached. Harmon advises those who have witnessed illegal trapping, or removal of furs from legal sets, to contact local game wardens or

Report poachers: 1-800-847-6668

Recreation Guide

Sportsmen and recreationists can help fish and game officials apprehend poachers by calling the Department's tollfree number, 1-800-847-6668 or, locally, by calling deputies (through 911) Lloyd Hallgren, Seeley Lake and Scott McDonald, Swan Valley. Alternatively, game wardens Jay Haveman, Sceley Lake (677-2638) or Guy Shank, Bigfork (837-6932) can be called, according to Shank, who recently discussed the value of the Turn In Poachers (TIP) program, which has now been in effect for one year.

Shank was assisted by two bow hunters last weekend in successfully apprehending some rifle hunters who had illegally shot a whitetail buck. The rifle hunters apparently thought the area in which they were hunting (west side of the Swan Valley) was part of the Bob Marshall hunting area and open for rifle season. Shank discussed the area boundaries with the hunters, took possession of the deer, and issued citations. "People like those two bow hunters are a real help," Shank said, adding that most of the citations issued last year were the result of "tips" received from responsible sportsmen and rec-

Poaching hurts the wildlife popula tions. Shank pointed out. If hunters want to be able to see game next year, they can help manage the wildlife resource by reporting game violations, he explained.

Officials will enforce green dot system

The green dot system of designating open and closed roads during the general hunting season will be strictly enforced, according to Region 1 game warden for the Swan Valley area, Guy Shank.

Green dots on white markers posted beside a road, indicate that road is open. Roads not marked with green dots are closed to motorized vehicles. Maps describing the closures are available at the Condon Work Center, Swan Valley, or the Swan Lake Ranger District in Bigfork.

The Kalispell Department of Fish. Wildlife and Parks has begun training extra personnel who will be working in the Swan Valley to enforce the road closure system.

The green dot system is part of a region-wide effort to protect walk-in hunting areas. In the past, signs, kelly humps and gates have been used to close

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Gun Show winners

The annual fall Outdoor Sports and Gun Show, sponsored by the Wilderness Sportsman's Club, was a success this past weekend. Although Saturday was a slow day, Sunday was extremely busy and participants and visitors alike enjoyed the event.

About 300 people viewed the array of gun collections, handmade knives, elkhorn and ivory carvings, taxidermy, handmade leather vests, Blue Star canvas products, taxidermy and ammo collec -

Many people enjoyed the wildlife films and clips from the NBC coverage of the 1986 Governor's Cup Sled Dog

Proceeds from the event will go toward the shooting range planned for construction near Seeley Lake.

Gayle Gordon won the Montana Centennial Rifle in the raffle sponsored by the Wilderness Sportsman's Club. Other winners were: 7 MM Rifle-F.D. Boulé

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There was a hanging in Seeley Lake last weekend as the Renegade Gunfighters staged several performances during the Outdoor Sports and Gun Show. Dominic Casano was the Sheriff and Kevin Kelly the unfortunate crim-

Gunfighters to build "town"

The Renegade Gunfighters, a group of local men and women who have performed "old time" gunfights and western shows for Seeley Lake residents this past year, are planning to build a frontier "town" next to the Rendezvous building. The six buildings now being planned will serve as the staging area for their shows, and will also be available for local vendors who wish to sell arts and crafts, for example, during the summer months.

The Renegade Gunfighters are sell ing sidewalk "boards" for \$5 each to businesses and persons interested in supporting the project. Signs to be placed along a jackleg fence surrounding the "town" will also be offered to advertisers for a fee. Pyramid Lumber and Timberline Building Materials have donated lumber and supplies for the

Frank Wolfram, spokesman for the group, hopes that the buildings will be constructed before Memorial Day, when the Gunfighters will begin their next season of performances.

For more information contact Wolf ram at The Rendezvous in Seeley Lake or leave a message at Dominic's Pizza.



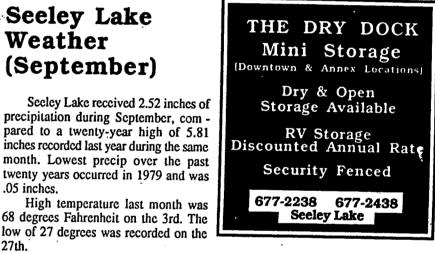
Orville Overman was presented with this fancy cribbage board at the gun show last weekend in Seeley Lake. Overman sold the most tickets for the raitle.

Seeley Lake Weather (September)

Seeley Lake received 2.52 inches of precipitation during September, com pared to a twenty-year high of 5.81 month. Lowest precip over the past twenty years occurred in 1979 and was .05 inches.

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Mountain **States Cycle** celebrates anniversary

Clarence "Clare" Herman, owneroperator of Mountain States Cycle, located in the Rendezvous building, is pleased with the growth of his business in Seeley Lake during this past year. "It's been good, and I enjoy it," he said last week.

Clare worked in the fire alarm and security system business in Missoula for many years, and also worked with motorcycles before coming to Seelcy

Herman now repairs motorcycles, lawn mowers, bicycles and snowmo biles, in addition to selling satellite

Clare and his wife, Barbara, moved to Seeley Lake from Missoula in September of 1985. One of their daugh ters, Debbie Ogden, operates The Ren dezvous store with her husband Ron.

Mountain States Cycle is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to

Trapper training held

The first of a series of trapper training sessions was held last weekend at the Kalispell Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. According to the president of the Montana Trapper's Association, Butch Harmon, Swan Valley, the session addressed subjects such as trapping ethics, location of traps, avoidance of trapping unwanted animals, and respecting landowner rights.

The MTA is working on a 120page instruction manual for beginning trappers which will be used in future training sessions. The first training session was "sort of a pilot program," according to Harmon.

For more information about the Montana Trapper's Association, contact Butch Harmon at 754-2556. Individual membership in the Association is \$18 per year, which includes a subscription to the national publication, Trapper.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday: Areas of night and morning valley fog; mostly sunny. Highs in 60's; lows in 30's. Friday-Sunday: Scattered show ers and cool Friday; dry and mild over the weekend. Highs 50-65; lows 25-40.



Sted dog news

Seeley 200 could be sanctioned

The Iditarod Trail Committee, Inc., organizers of the famous 1,100-mile sled dog race in Alaska, recently informed the Wilderness Sportsman's Club at Seeley Lake that the Seeley Lake 200 could be considered as a qualifying race for the Iditarod. In order to be considered, the race would have to be run as a continuous 200-mile race. rather than 50 miles a day for four days, as is now planned.

All mushers who enter the Iditarod must have completed an approved 200mile race, according to the letter. There are only two such races held in the "lower 48" according to the committee: the 500-mile Governor's Cup, sheduled from Helena to Seeley Lake in Feb ruary, and the 350-mile Beargrease race held in Minnesota each year.

According to one representative of the Sportsman's Club, the information received from the Iditarod committee will be considered in the near future.

HYDRAULIC HOSE & FITTINGS

Lady musher enters "500"

Laurie Beckstrom, Kalispell, is the first female musher to enter the Governor's Cup 500 Sled Dog Race. As reported earlier, the "500" is scheduled to begin in Helena February 8 and continue on to Sceley Lake and the Swan Valley.

Laurie and her husband, Jack, have been actively involved in sled dog racing for many years. Jack was the musher last year, and their team placed fifth in the 1986 Governor's Cup 500.

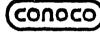
Beckstrom's team is sponsored by High Mountain Distributing of Missou la, distributors of pet supplies and Iams dog food; and Adanac Sleds and Equip ment, the Beckstrom family business.

The 1987 Governor's Cup 500 Race has a purse of \$25,000, largely spon sored by lams. This is the longest sled dog race in the lower 48 states and has been described as an "endurance contest." The race route crosses the Continental Divide six times. Ron Ogden, Seeley Lake, is Race Marshal for this year's event.

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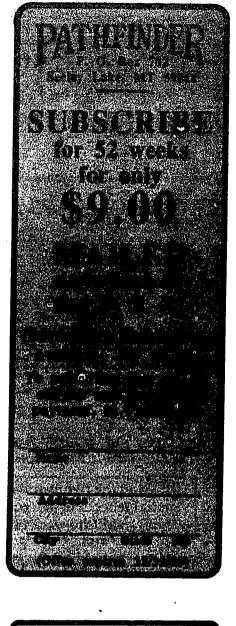
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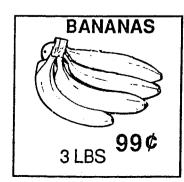
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