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Mushers gear up for Seeley 200 next week

Area sled dog enthusiasts are gearing up for the Seeley Lake 200 sled dog race which begins next Thursday morning in Seeley Lake. According to Elinor Williamson, member of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club which is sponsoring the race, between 15 and 20 mushers are expected to compete in the four-day race.

Beginning at 9 a.m. each morning, January 29 through February 1, mushers will leave Seeley Lake at three-minute intervals to race on a 50-mile loop, returning to Seeley Lake later in the day.

A cash drawing will be held each morning after the last musher leaves town, and raffle tickets are available from Seeley Lake merchants.

Other daily events include ice skating, sledding, and dog sled rides.

Competitive events on Saturday include snow softball (Seeley Lake Community Park), and ski joring (being pulled on skis by a dog) at the south end of Seeley Lake. Specific times will be announced next week.

On February 1, beginning at 4 p.m., awards will be given at a musher's banquet at The Saloon in Seeley Lake. One-hundred and twenty-five tickets for that event went on sale earlier this week.



Nearly 400 snowmobiles were counted in the Seeley Lake area last Sunday afternoon. YAMAFEST was reportedly a very successful event.

Guides testify against Wildlife Federation bill

Montana outfitters voiced their opposition to a bill proposing a complete drawing for nonresident hunting licenses last Thursday at a House Fish and Game Committee hearing.

"We can't afford to jeopardize this industry by imposing a lottery . . . That (drawing) system would make it extremely difficult for an outfitter to maintain his present business status if he has to rely on a chance of getting enough hunters to operate in any given year," Smoke Elser, Missoula, testified before the Fish and Game committee last week.

Elser, who is chairman of the legislative committee for the Montana

Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA), pointed out during the hearing that outfitters in Montana contribute more than \$34 million annually to the state's economy.

C.B. Rich, Seeley Lake outfitter and past-president of MOGA, explained that outfitters often book clients years in advance of hunting trips. "Most people don't understand how we book people for hunting trips," Rich said in a conversation last week. He added that a lottery system would be devastating to the outfitting industry. Clients would have no assurance that they could obtain a hunting license and would be reluctant to make deposits for future trips.

A portion of Smoke Elser's

testimony in Helena last Thursday touched on that subject. He explained that guests often plan repeat hunting trips to Montana while they are currently hunting here. More important, they make deposits for those future hunts far in advance of the next planned trip. Money from those deposits is circulated back to local communities during the lean winter months of January, February and March. "Outfitters help spread the tourist dollar over 12 months of the year," Elser said.

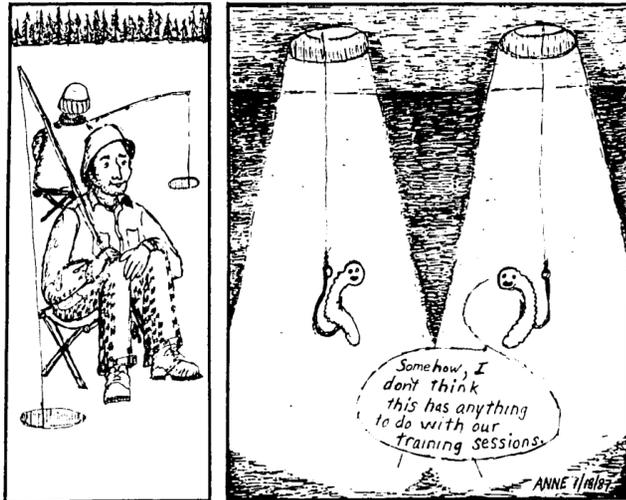
The Fish and Game committee took House Bill 104 (sponsored by Rep. Fred Daily, D-Butte) under advisement last week, but did not act on it.

Meanwhile, Orval Ellison, chairman of the House Fish and Game

committee, is expected to introduce a bill, sometime this week, supported by the outfitters and the fish and game department. That bill requests a "set-aside" for outfitters of up to 50% of the current 17,000 nonresident licenses sold. Also in that bill, resident landowners are given a "set-aside" of up to 50% of the nonresident licenses sold.

In 1986, the state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks set aside 5,600 nonresident licenses for persons who had booked trips with outfitters. That number averages out to about 12 clients per outfitter, based on fish and game data. According to area guides, some good outfitters will be forced out of business if the present system isn't changed during this legislative session.

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Business of the Week
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Norris and Lila Denton have owned Liquid Louie's for five years. The support from the residents of the Valley has been gratifying for them. In return for that show of support, the Dentons run raffles for school athletic programs as well as being the "chief sponsor for the Seeley Swan AAU Wrestling Team," commented Norris.

Liquid Louie's has a roomful of arcade machines. The new "Trivia Whiz" has gotten a lot of attention lately. They offer a selection of short order food items, such as fresh hot popcorn, pizzas, beer sausage, hot dogs and burritos.

More! "There's always something going on" at Liquid Louie's, Lila remarked. Pool tournaments started a few weeks ago and will continue up until March 10. A little later on they'll be hosting potluck dinners. Horseshoe and volleyball tournaments are scheduled during the summer.

After ticking off a list of regular events, Lila remembered, "Super Bowl Sunday is our biggest day of the year! Everybody fixes something to eat - chili, chicken wings, smoked fish, salads - you never know what's going to show up at that potluck. It is the highlight of the year!"

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OPINION

Go get 'em, Don!

The least sought-after reporting assignment for *Pathfinder* is coverage of the water board meetings. This is due partly to the typically "marathon" length of the meetings, and partly to the depression which ensues from observing a mere group of mortals wrestling with the Olympian problems of the water district. Things may be changing.

At the board's last meeting, Don Larson, the newly elected chairman, demonstrated that he is firmly in charge and that he intends to provide some much-needed guidance. The result was that the beginnings of a coherent (and promising) plan surfaced at the meeting. It's way too early to draw any firm conclusions. But, in terms of a positive change in direction and momentum, it was an astonishing meeting. This was accomplished in a fast-paced mere 1-1/2 hours. (Special thanks from the Fourth Estate, guys.)

The fateful first step of the proverbial thousand-mile journey has been taken. Stay the course, Don. The future economic vitality of Seeley Lake hinges, in large part, upon the efforts of you and your colleagues on the board.

- Dick Potter

Give us a break, Jack!

Everybody knows that the state faces a massive fiscal crisis. The issue of the day is how to deal with the budgetary shortfall. Daily reminders of the grim realities are provided by the media. The stories typically divide into two neat categories: proposals for cutting spending and proposals for raising taxes. Under the circumstances, what else could there be?

Well, Sports Fans, incredible as it seems, a third category has materialized: a proposal for raising spending. The inventor is none other than our very own state senator: the Honorable Jack Haffey from Anaconda. Senator Haffey plans to introduce a bill that would give state employees a 12% pay boost over the next two years.

Cost? Well, according to the *Great Falls Tribune*, Senator Haffey doesn't know. What the heck, it's only tax dollars. However, the governor's budget director estimates the tab at \$60 million. To put this in perspective, many legislators are tearing their hair at the prospect of paring \$30 million from current spending levels. Paring, not adding, is the logical topic for discussion by our legislators - or, so we all thought.

No doubt the good senator has good intentions. His theory is that, because of staff reductions, state employees are becoming increasingly productive and should be rewarded for their performance. Well, Senator, there are lots of people around the state who have become more productive as a consequence of the hard times we face. Most of them aren't looking at a guaranteed 12% pay raise - quite a few are just looking to survive. We're all in the same soup, much of which was brewed by misguided government policies. Somehow, it doesn't seem appropriate to favor state employees at this juncture in our history.

Apparently, Haffey is responding to pressure from various employee unions. And, make no mistake about it, there is solid political capital to be reaped by introducing a measure of this type. At best, this budget-busting bill will consume precious legislative time.

Senator Haffey, as chairman of the state administration committee, is not a legislative lightweight and is in a position to ensure that his bill receives a full airing - while Rome burns.

Give us a break, Jack. This bill is a genuinely bad idea - the kind that voters tend to remember unkindly - at least those few of us who aren't state employees.

- Dick Potter

Au Revoir

(Editor's Note: Dick and Carole Schaeffer recently sold their interest in Holland Lake Lodge and will be departing our community shortly. We wish them the very best.)

To the Editor:

God created this wonderful world. Some places he added a special touch, like a bit of added whipped cream on a sundae! That special touch is very evident in the Seeley Swan Valley. Then, to make this Valley have a spirit of its own, He brought to this land a special kind of people.

As Dick and our family begin a new segment in our lives, it's with a joyful excitement to start the new adventure - but yet a hint of sadness at leaving a good place, too! We will always have a warm spot in our heart for this community of caring people. To list all the goodness we've felt and special friends we've made would mean an extra edition of the *Pathfinder*. You all know who you are and be assured we count you among our blessings.

Enough sentiment! Now for the facts - so you'll all know. When the opportunity arose for the Uhls to obtain private investors and to purchase our shares of the Lodge, Dick and I felt it was the right decision for all of us. We've purchased a home southwest of Ronan and look forward to being moved in by the 23rd of January.

I'll be working as an RN at St. Luke's in Ronan. Dick's plans are still up in the air at this time. He says I've got so many projects lined up for him, he'll be busy for years.

We aren't saying "goodbye" - but, "til we meet again!" Don't forget we're only on the other side of the mountain. The coffee pot is on and the welcome mat is out - so, do come and visit.

With much affection for the Valley of the Good People,

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Legislature '87

Legislators undecided on budget-balancing issues

by Gordon Gregory
 Helena correspondent

From the onset, it was clear the 50th Legislature was going to be one of difficult choices, and last week the idea of turning some of those choices over to the public in a spring special election surfaced.

Sen. Matt Himsi, for one, believes a special election with one or more tax issues on the ballot would save the legislature days of fruitless debate over which new taxes to create.

Rep. Janet Moore, D-Condon, agrees an election might be needed if the legislature becomes deadlocked on issues such as using the coal severance tax, creating a sales tax or adding an income tax surcharge.

Senate President Bill Norman said there is precedent for such a move. He recalled the 1971 legislature, which also faced a severe budget deficit.

He said lawmakers couldn't collectively decide whether to create a sales tax or to tack a hefty surcharge on the income tax, so they gave the choice to the public, which opted for the surcharge. "That's one of the options that's being discussed," he said.

Moore also said that while she hasn't decided whether Montana should adopt a sales tax, if it does, it should be by a vote of the people.

"I haven't made up my mind, but we need to put that to the people," she said.

Sen. Jack Haffey, D-Anaconda, believes it's up to the lawmakers to decide.

"It's inappropriate for the legislature to pass on these fiscal responsibilities in the form of a referendum," he said.

"It's the politically easy thing to do, but it's not good policy. Nor is it good government," he said.

He agreed, however, that such an election might be the only way to break the stalemate some are predicting.

Talk of a paralyzed session stems largely from the fact that there are strong philosophical and partisan objections to each of the leading proposals for balancing the state's budget, projected to be short \$18 million by July and \$101 million in the red by the middle of 1989.

The governor's budget plan, which avoids a major tax increase, instead relies on the transfer of some \$80 million in coal severance tax money into the general fund.

But that requires the approval of at least three-fourths of the lawmakers in both houses - a difficult, some say impossible, margin.

Haffey and Moore are both opposed to using coal tax money to balance the budget.

A test of the governor's coal tax proposal came in the form of a bill to use the money to erase this year's relatively small deficit. The bill was defeated 10-6 in the House Taxation Committee Friday.

And, while Haffey and others say support for a sales tax is growing in the legislature, many fear a threatened statewide petition drive to overturn it would be successful.

Himsi, R-Kalispell, said the supporters of last year's constitutional amendment to abolish property taxes might reorganize to kill any sales tax measure passed by the legislature.

Sen. Ethel Harding said that paralysis comes partly from the public and that it's therefore only right for them to break it.

"People are telling you 'balance the budget. Don't raise taxes and don't cut schools.' The people are asking us to do something that's almost impossible," she said.

"They can tie your hands. So, I just think they need to decide."

Lawmakers, of course, will be making hundreds of decisions throughout the session. Some of the highlights of last week follow:

- The Senate voted 49-0 to revise the state's nepotism law, which now forbids public officials from appointing relatives to jobs in the official's department or agency. The revision would permit the renewal of contracts of employees hired before their relative became an official.

- A bipartisan Senate subcommittee unanimously recommended a budget that would cut the number of state Supreme Court justices from seven to five.

- The House approved a bill raising the drinking age from 19 to 21. Keeping the drinking age less than 21 would jeopardize some \$10.5 million a year in federal highway funds. The bill would allow Montanans who are currently 19 and 20 to continue drinking legally.

- A House subcommittee approved a measure increasing tuition at the state's five vocational-technical schools 18%.

- The House also killed a measure to fund the agricultural counseling program established last March. The program would have cost \$600,000.

As of Saturday, 225 House bills had been introduced; 12 had been killed and nine had been sent to the Senate.

There were 113 bills introduced in the Senate as of Saturday. None had been killed and six had been transmitted to the Senate.

To keep track of bills, the legislature has a toll-free number: 1-800-237-5079. Copies of the bills are sent to all county courthouses as they are printed.

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Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 4 pm; call 677-2022 or 754-2365.

Events

Jan 28, Auction of the Musers, 7:30pm, The Filling Station, Seeley Lake.
 Jan 29, 30, 31 & Feb 1, Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race, Seeley Lake.
 Jan 31, Double Elimination Snow Softball Tournament, 9am, Seeley Lake Elementary School, Seeley Lake.
 Feb 6, OSCR Pre-Registration and Slide Show, 6 pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 Feb 7, OSCR Cross Country Ski Race.
 Feb 8-12, Governor's Cup 500 Sled Dog Race, Helena to Seeley Lake to Holland Lake to Helena.
 Bingo, 2nd & 4th Thurs every month, open to public, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

Public Meetings

Jan 22, Seeley Lake Elem School Board mtg, 7:30pm, Elem School Library, Seeley Lake.
 Jan 29, Community Attitude Survey Report, open to public, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 Feb 5, Elk Management, Commissioner Jim Olson, 7pm Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 QRU (Condon), 1st & 3rd Mon every month.
 QRU (Seeley Lake), 1st and 3rd Fri every month, 7:30pm, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.

Rural Fire District, Meetings at Fire Hall, Seeley Lake. 1st Tues. Regular Firefighters bus mtg, 7pm; 2nd Tues, training mtg, 7pm; 3rd Tues, Trustees mtg, 7:30pm.
 SOS Trustees mtg, 2nd Mon every month.
 Water District, 2nd Tues every month, 8pm, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.

Clubs & Organizations

Jan 22, Wilderness Sportsman's Club, mtg, 7:30pm, Leisure Lodge, Seeley Lake.
 Jan 28, Lions Club mtg, 6:30 pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 Feb 5, Tentative Big Game Hunting Regulations for 1987 Season, mtg, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

All the coal deposits in the world were formed by the decay of forests some 300 million years ago. Each foot of thickness in a coal seam represents about 8,000 years of forest growth.

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COMMUNITY

Water district to be metered

Last Tuesday's meeting of the Seeley Lake water board marked the first session with Don Larson, the board's new chairman, at the helm. Larson's first order of business was to have the board establish its goals for 1987.

The board decided that its top priority this year would be to fully meter the district. Although the board has a policy of requiring meters for all new hookups, the vast majority of district water users are as yet unmetered. Larson sees a number of advantages to metering:

- Grant money from the Farm Home Administration (FmHA) appears to be available for the installation of meters. About \$60,000 would be required for metering the Seeley Lake district.

- Agencies such as FmHA will generally not make major funding available to a water district unless it is metered. Therefore, metering is a prerequisite for Seeley Lake's planned expansion of its water storage facilities.

- Metering will provide an incentive for users to conserve water. This, in turn, could reduce the need for expanded storage.

- Metering is an invaluable aid for spotting leaks. This, too, could reduce the need for storage.

The board also established several secondary priorities: more aggressive identification of leaks, continued investigation of a new storage tank, and more precise definition of the district's boundaries.

There were three applicants for the board position recently vacated by Joe Anders. Gary Bender, Seeley Lake resident and employee of Pyramid Mountain Lumber, was selected to fill the vacancy.

Bud Anderson, district manager, reported that he had completed installation of a manifold for the chlorine injection system. This modification had been required by the state and is intended to prevent a recurrence of the system "running out" of chlorine. Anderson also described plans to repaint the district's storage tank in April. This project will provide the opportunity to install a telemetry system in the tank, allowing the district to directly monitor water availability.

Anderson followed up on the board's earlier request to investigate the offer of a "free" used tank, which had been advertised by the Wolf Creek water district. Wolf Creek officials informed Anderson that the ad had been run "accidentally"; the tank had already been reduced to scrap metal.

Doreen Culver, district secretary and bookkeeper, alerted the board that the year-end financial statement would show a loss of about \$2,000. However, she pointed out that two \$13,000 bond payments were made in 1986. If one of the bond payments had been made in 1985, as it should have been, the district would have shown an \$11,000 profit for 1986. According to Culver, the cash balance for the district ended up at \$38,000 in 1986, compared to \$18,000 in 1985.

In other business, Bud Anderson reported that he was progressing in negotiations to provide district water for the site of a proposed new Catholic church. The site lies outside the district's boundaries and would require the installation of a 1000-foot long, 6-inch diameter main.

Normally, an out-of-district hookup would not be approved. However, the board had previously adopted a resolution authorizing the project, on the basis that the church would pay all the costs (approximately \$10,000) and would not be a significant user of water. The board sees an advantage in having the 6-inch main available (which is apparently required by the church for fire protection) since it could form the backbone for increasing water pressure to nearby district users who have marginal pressure during the summer months.

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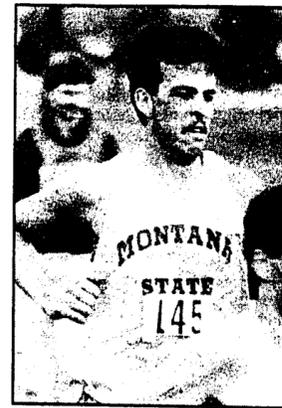
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Roger Miller

Seeley man "outstanding" on MSU cross-country team

When Rob Stark recruited Roger Miller from Seeley Swan High School nearly three years ago, he knew Miller would be valuable to the Bobcat men's track program, but Miller has surprised everybody with his outstanding performance as a member of the Bobcat cross-country team.

"It's really quite a success story," according to Stark, who is Montana State University men's track and cross-country coach. "We just thought he was a good half-miler," Stark continued. Instead, Miller is now one of the top distance runners at MSU.

"I am real pleased... he has been a real boost to our team," Stark continued. The Bobcat team placed sixth overall in the Big Sky Conference this year.

Last year, Miller competed in a five-mile race—the first long-distance race of his life—and "just missed the Stanford trip," Stark said proudly. Since then, Miller has improved in almost every race he has run, including the 10,000 meter (6.2 miles) run.

Miller received the "most improved runner" award two years in a row. In late November, he competed against the best cross-country runners in the United States at the TAC National Cross-Country Championship in San Francisco.

"We competed against world-class athletes there," Roger Miller said in a telephone conversation last week. "They

run the first mile (in a six-mile race) in under 4:40. In high school, you could win the mile with that kind of time."

Miller likes the competition, but admits that it's tough compared to running the half-mile, which he ran in high school. "You have to play games with your mind a lot because of the distance," he said. "I didn't have to do that in high school... You keep asking yourself if you can finish or not, if you're capable of running the race."

Miller has also begun training in the steeplechase, a long-distance race of endurance through "obstacle" courses. "He took to that like a duck to water, because he's so big and strong," Stark said.

On Saturday, Miller won the "straight" 3,000 meter open at MSU's All-Corers event. "They seem to think I can do well at whatever they put me in," Roger laughed.

Miller is the son of Jerry and Carol Miller, Seeley Lake. He was All-American Honorable Mention for high school track in 1984 in the 800 meter run, because he had the fastest time in all Classes that year. He holds the divisional record in the 800-meter run with a time of 155.55 seconds. Miller also played varsity football and basketball at Seeley Swan High School.

Fourth of July events planned

Members of the Condon Community Club agreed to begin planning for an O-Mok-Sec, arts and crafts fair, parade and concession stand for the Fourth of July holiday next summer. Last year the community nearly abandoned the longstanding tradition of celebrating the holiday, but local residents at the last minute organized a parade and O-Mok-Sec.

In other business last Thursday night, Club members briefly discussed the results of the Community Survey, after a presentation by survey committee chairman, Dan Mizner. Mizner agreed to give the Community Club a copy of the cross-tabulations of survey questions.

Senior Nutrition Program

The following noon meals, which are open to the public, will be served next week promptly at noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Seeley Lake Community Hall:

Monday, January 26—Stew and Biscuits
 Tuesday, January 27—Chicken
 Wednesday, January 28—Hot Beef Sandwich

CORNUCOPIA

by Michele Potter



The Seeley Lake Lions Club put on a super pancake feed last Saturday and Sunday during YAMAFEST. If you missed out on the "all-you-can-eat" pancake bonanza, too bad. Not only was the food good, but those guys were efficient and attentive. They deserve a big "thank you" for starting out the snowmobile weekend with a terrific breakfast!

Hmmm, pancakes remind me of sourdough which remind me of Misty Sarvis (Seeley Lake) who taught me all about sourdough cookery. "To further peak your sourdough cookery interest, buy *Sourdough Cookery*" by Rita Davenport - published by HP Books. Misty has three or four sourdough cookbooks, but she thinks Davenport's book is the best. She says when she's introducing someone to sourdough cookery, she usually provides the individual with some of her starter (which is 8-1/2 years old now), and she gives them a copy of Davenport's book.

Thanks, Misty, for preparing this week's *Cornucopia* column. Readers, if you have any questions or comments about sourdough cookery, or if you would like more recipes or tips, write to Misty Sarvis, c/o Pathfinder, Box 702, Seeley Lake, Montana 59868.

"Many have at one time or another tasted sourdough pancakes or French breads that have that unique tang originated from a simple "starter" or "sponge" easily made and maintained. Old-timers knew all about wild airborne yeast which can settle into a partially open crock of 2 cups flour and 2-1/2 cups warm water briefly mixed together. In four or five days this aromatic, bubbling concoction was ready to use. Interestingly enough, a kitchen that has been used to bake breads is loaded with these natural yeasts always present in the air.

"Another method is to begin with any large, non-metallic, scalded container, 2 cups flour with a package of dry yeast mixed in, and enough warm water stirred in to result in a thick, lumpy batter. Cover with a loose-fitting lid and let stand in a warm place for 24 hours.

"Anytime after using a portion, place equal amounts of flour and water back into the original starter to keep it 'fed.' Store in the refrigerator for occasional use or in the freezer for long periods. Bring to room temperature before using.

"No one seems to know where the name 'Herman' came from, but it is recognized by most who have cared for a sourdough starter, passed it along to friends, fed and watered it, or left it forgotten too long and had to throw it out after it turned orange.

"The recipe for Sourdough English Muffins is my own which I have made many times. A variation is to add one cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese. Once you've tried this recipe you'll find out what all the fuss is about:

Sourdough English Muffins

1 package dry yeast dissolved in	1/4 cup cornmeal
3/4 cup warm water containing	1 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 teaspoons sugar	1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup sourdough starter	3/4 cup flour
1/4 cup instant powdered milk	

Blend dry ingredients together; add liquids. Knead 5 minutes; roll out into a square 1/2 inch thick, and cut into ten equal squares. Place on cornmeal-sprinkled wax paper and cover; let rise for one hour. Cook on a hot, dry griddle until lightly browned on each side. Cool, split and toast.

"Tips: The liquid (or hooch) on top of the sourdough starter is a natural occurrence and should simply be stirred in before use.

"A starter "sours" as it ages and is best in breads for that strong flavor. Cake, cookies and quick breads require use of a freshly-fed starter for a delicate flavor.

"In winter, add either a tablespoon of sugar or cider vinegar to the starter for a pick-me-up."

Bud Moore (Condon) tells me he has a sourdough starter from a Canadian family that dates back to 1885. Bud had always kept a starter of his own but, one time when he was in the process of moving, he let his starter go bad. When a new neighbor heard about this, he brought Bud some of his "old" starter which he had gotten while attending a conference up in Canada. The Canadians are famous for giving tokens; this time they gave everyone who attended the conference a bit of sourdough starter as well as the history behind it. "It's an old and treasured starter and very good, I might add," Bud remarked.

As a last note, I have received a couple inquiries about Cajun cooking. Southern cooking seems to be pretty popular around the country these days. At least two people in the Seeley Swan area have promised to send me a few Cajun recipes. The Chicken Smothered with Black-Eyed Peas recipes presented in last week's *Cornucopia* column was from Chef Paul Prudhomme's 30-page booklet, *Authentic Cajun Cooking*. The \$2.50 booklet can be purchased from the McIlhenny Company, Avery Island, LA 70513.

SEELEY LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MENU - WEEK OF JANUARY 26

Monday, January 26 Sloppy Joes
 Tuesday, January 27 Pork with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
 Wednesday, January 28 Ham Sandwich with Vegetable Soup
 Thursday, January 29 Beef Ole
 Friday, January 30 Beef Stew

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 Ugly Snowmobile Suit Contest Winner: Curt Friede

Swan Valley

Decision Pending on Lindbergh Lake Zoning

Lindbergh Lake property owners from all corners of the state crowded into the county commissioners' hearing room last week to air their views on proposed zoning regulations. The proposed regulations are amendments to existing zoning requirements for District 25-A, comprising the Lindbergh and Cygnet Lake areas. The intent of the amendments is to generally discourage commercial activity in the district and to foster quiet, residential living.

A year ago, it became apparent to the commissioners, as a result of the turmoil caused by a variance request from a Lindbergh property owner, that it was time to update the regulations for 25-A. This led to preparation of amendments by the Lindbergh Lake Homeowners Association. With the approval of 65% of the affected property owners, including those belonging to two other homeowner's associations in the district, the amendments were submitted to the county last fall.

Since then, the Office of Community Development, spearheaded by John Torma, has reviewed the amendments and recommended certain changes. The report issued by Torma noted that District 25-A is unusual in that it is "citizen-initiated," rather than being a standard county zoning district which is subject to a county comprehensive plan. The report states that the policy with respect to citizen-initiated districts is to develop zoning regulations "which suit their (the landowners') wishes as closely as possible."

According to Duane Wright, chief spokesman at the hearing for the Lindbergh Lake homeowners, there are at least two issues where the Office of Community Development hasn't suited their wishes as closely as desired. The homeowners wanted to totally ban shooting within the district, and had

also proposed substantial limitations on tree-cutting. Torma's group proposes deleting these provisions because of doubts about the county's jurisdiction in these matters.

Joan Newman, a county attorney representing the commissioners, concurred with Torma and raised some additional concerns, including the effect of the amendments, whether intended or not, on limiting the use of the home for church gatherings and on prohibiting nursing homes. Newman felt that these restrictions would be illegal.

Most of the landowners attending the hearing favored adoption of the amendments as originally submitted, but a few were concerned about being able to effectively manage their forestland because of the restrictions proposed for tree-cutting. One homeowner, Richard Bardo, a year-round resident with a commercial vegetable-raising and greenhouse operation on his land, was afraid that the zoning requirements would force him out of business. However, he was assured by both Newman and David Downey, president of the Lindbergh Lake Homeowners Association, that he had nothing to worry about.

There was considerable discussion on certain "grandfathering" provisions which are intended to allow the continuation of existing non-conforming uses of the land. In their present form, the amendments present obstacles to exercising the grandfather privilege. All sides seemed to agree, however, on the intent of the provisions and indicated that further changes in wording would resolve the problem.

These changes, as well as the need to accommodate the various legal concerns raised at the hearing, made it apparent to the commissioners that they would have to defer their final decision on the amendments. The decision date has now been set for the commissioners' public meeting on January 29.

Libraries serve hundreds here weekly

Next time you notice the Bookmobile parked in front of Dan's Discount in Seeley Lake, be reminded that more than 200 local residents make use of that library service every two weeks.

And, if you live in Condon, you might be interested in knowing that Swan Valley Community Library serves nearly 200 people each week.

Residents still read fiction and non-fiction for pleasure, according to Swan Valley branch librarian Susan Cox, but more and more, librarians are beefing up their collections with research tables and reference materials.

"One of the biggest services is references... finding things for people," according to Sherri Lee, Bookmobile librarian for the past eight years.

Lee has good reference materials on board, including microfiche, amongst the 2,000-3,000 books she brings to Seeley Lake via the "library on wheels" that she drives here from Missoula every other week. The Bookmobile is a branch of the Missoula City-County Library.

At the Swan Valley Library near Condon, Susan Cox says that "how-to" books are extremely popular now. "They are popular year round... how to build a house is a big one up here, and then how to wire it!" she laughed.

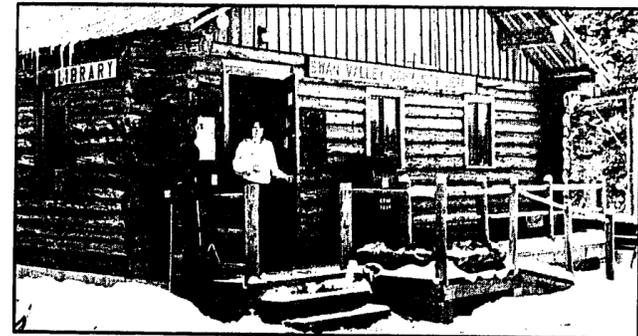
Both Lee and Cox have seen an increase in the variety of subjects local residents inquire about, and each welcomes the opportunity to help people locate special books.

Through the use of computers, microfiche and interlibrary loans, these enterprising librarians can attempt to obtain just about any book in print. Once, they even obtained a book from the Soviet Union.

"We welcome inquiries about special books, or even telephone requests about certain subjects... howellia (a rare plant recently found in the Swan Valley), for example," Cox said.

Susan Cox has been working at the Swan Valley Library since 1979, when volunteers established the community library, which is also a branch of the Missoula City-County Library. The building, attached to the Swan Valley Community Hall, now houses a rotating collection of about 5,000 books, 700 paperbacks, several periodicals, "a real good reference section" including books on identifying wild flowers, mushrooms and birds, and a Montana authors and history collection.

Romances are the most popular books among many adult readers. Books in the Montana collection "are always checked out, though" Cox said, adding that the Lewis and Clark books, and any



Susan Cox, Swan Valley librarian.

new books on Montana continue to be popular. "We've had several requests for *Fool's Crow* (by Montana author James Welch) since it came out," she added.

Many factors enter into an adult's reading habits. "I check out a lot of 'large print' books," Sherri Lee said. "People aren't afraid to check them out now. It's just a boon to people who have eyesight problems."

Both library facilities offer talking book services for blind and physically handicapped people. The program is funded by the state. Anyone who is blind or too ill to read is eligible for the free service. Books are recorded on records or cassette tapes.

Not surprisingly, many adults prefer to read books in bed, and Cox believes that accounts for the increasing popularity of paperbacks.

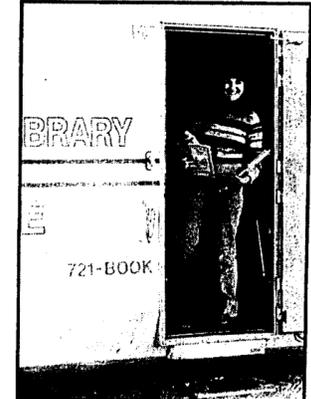
"Paperbacks are easier to hold... and they don't wake you up if you fall asleep reading and they land in your face!" she laughed.

Cox recently began a story hour for preschool children. (The first session was Wednesday, January 7, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.) She finds that preschoolers benefit from an early introduction to classic children's stories and general library services.

Both Cox and Lee serve area schools. "Children read a lot of non-fiction... it's surprising. They check out sports, science, and animal books—horse books are always popular. More and more kids are interested in computers," Lee pointed out. She serves elementary schools at Potomac, Sunset, and Seeley Lake with the Bookmobile. The Swan Valley library serves Salmon Prairie elementary and area home schools.

This month, statewide library federations are kicking off a public awareness campaign. Libraries have been hard hit with recent state and local budget cuts, and the campaign just might help lawmakers in Helena remember the importance of libraries as they struggle with budget problems this winter. The slogan for the campaign is "Mind Flight Departures Daily."

Pathfinder publishes the Bookmobile and Swan Valley library schedules in the Community Calendar section of the paper.



Sherri Lee with the Missoula Bookmobile.

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Sunseekers Paradise



Dennis Stanhope, Sula, Montana, gives some last-minute encouragement to his son, Jason, before the Snoedo competition Saturday. Jason won his age class for polebending.

YAMAFEST organizers pleased with turnout

Nearly 400 snowmobiles were counted in the Seeley Lake area last Sunday afternoon, as people who traveled from as far away as Washington, Idaho and Eastern Montana came to enjoy the snow and groomed trails in the Seeley Swan area.

"It was really surprising," Addrien Marx commented Monday night. "We saw a lot of people from Eastern Montana."

Marx, newly elected Chamber of Commerce president, is encouraged about the enthusiasm shown for winter recreation here.

"People outside of this area are coming here to enjoy winter sports," she said. "Area businesspeople that I talked to compared this past weekend to the Fourth of July."

Howard Uhl, Holland Lake Lodge, commented that between 85 and 100 snowmobilers also toured the south end of the Swan Valley and visited the Lodge.

Several encouraging things happened as a result of YAMAFEST, according to Marx. "This community worked together... people enjoyed the event, and each other."

She complimented all the Yamaha dealers who contributed to the event, adding, "Two people who really are Mr. and Mrs. YAMAFEST" are Mike and Betty Tingley. They organized it and helped the other dealers put these events together."

Mike and Betty Tingley are Yamaha dealers from Missoula. Other dealers supporting the event were the Cycle Center, Missoula; Ronan Sport Cycle, Ronan; Fun Unlimited, Columbia Falls; and Al's Cycle Center, Hamilton.

There are a few minor changes, so far, being suggested for the 1988 YAMAFEST: a spaghetti dinner might be served instead of chili; and trails for riding in the residential areas could be better marked and patrolled.

There was one serious snowmobile-related injury late Sunday afternoon, although it apparently was not connected to YAMAFEST scheduled events. Details of the accident were not available as of Monday night.

Ski-jouring "dog pulls" set

Being pulled by a dog when you're on skis is an old-time favorite winter sport in many areas, and a fun pull is scheduled for Seeley Lake on January 31 in the area in front of the Seeley Lake Motel.

According to Jenni Todd, organizer of the event, registration can be completed up until 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Competition begins at noon.

The one-mile race track on the lake will be open all morning Saturday for practice.

One, two and three-dog classes are scheduled, with ribbons to be awarded to first through third places. Forty-pound sacks of dog food, donated by the Rendezvous, will be given to winners.

For more information call 677-2168 or write P.O. Box 632, Seeley Lake, MT 59868.

Photo by Ovando girl displayed in Washington, D.C.

A colorful scenic photo of the Blackfoot River Valley, taken from Sperry Grade by DeAnna Dreyer, Ovando, is now on display in the office of Senator Max Baucus in Washington, D.C.

DeAnna's photo was chosen, along with 13 others by Montana 4-H members, and will hang in the Hart Senate Office Building for the next six months in recognition of photography projects by Montana 4-H club members.

Although DeAnna is excited about being recognized for her photographic skills, she had some bad news to report last week. "They lost the negative, somehow," she said, explaining that she now only has one copy of her "Autumn on the Blackfoot" photo, plus the enlargement which was sent to Washington. *Pathfinder* offered to reproduce her photo in this week's paper but, understandably, DeAnna did not want to part with her one and only picture until the negative is found.

DeAnna is working on her second year in photography as a member of the Mount Ovando 4-H Club. She is the daughter of Denny and Martha Dreyer, and is an eighth grader at Ovando elementary school.



DeAnna Dreyer, Mount Ovando 4-H Club, was recently recognized for her photographic skills.



Jim Betson and son, Jimmer, both enjoyed YAMAFEST last weekend. What did Jimmer like best? "Riding!" His dad commented, "It's all been good. People really worked hard to organize this."

50-kilometer Nordic race set for February 7

The Fifth Annual Ovando-Seeley Citizens Race will be held February 7 at Seeley Lake. The 50-kilometer cross-country ski course will begin at the Seeley Lake Airport and end at the Seeley Swan High School.

The OSCR race route is across the scenic foothills of the southern Swan Range. The course is not difficult, but racers must be in very good physical condition and be proficient skiers.

T-Shirts and an awards banquet will be provided for all participants. Check-in time is 7:30 - 9 a.m. at Seeley Swan High School. The race will begin at 10 a.m.

A 10-kilometer race will be held at the high school grounds beginning at 11 a.m. That course is not difficult, although skiers are advised that the last quarter-mile of the course is downhill and will be extremely fast if conditions are icy.

Anne Dahl, Swan Valley, will also be teaching a mini-ski clinic on the high school football field during the other races.

Fishing Report

Fishing is fair to good this week for trout in Seeley Lake. Salmon Lake has seen some action early in the morning near the state recreation-use areas.

Salmon fishing is beginning to pick up at the outlet of Swan Lake, but unpredictable ice conditions exist there.

Fluctuating weather temperatures have created hazardous ice conditions in many areas. Use caution on all lakes when ice fishing.

Whitfishing is fair on the Black-foot River where the slush ice is flowing.

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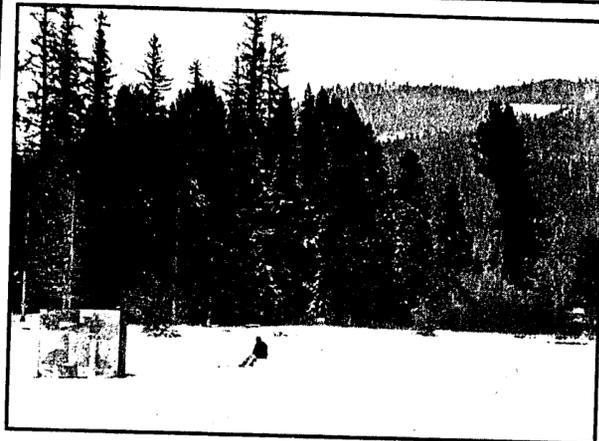
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These unidentified snowmobilers enjoyed the "riding" during YAMAFEST on Saturday.

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

Lots of comments this week on the "open winter." Although the temperature dipped to eleven below here two nights last week, that appears to be the worst of it for awhile. Not bad, considering most of us have seen the mercury bottom out at about 40 below a few times in the past five years. It even warmed here to above freezing one afternoon last week. It must be the January thaw.

Charlie Goff, Swan Valley, saw an immature bald eagle feeding on carrion near Highway 83 two weeks ago. There are apparently a few of the eagles wintering here. We saw a mature bald eagle last week flying over the Holland Lake road. His white head really stood out against the dark treetops. Morris Brakeman, who lives near the Glacier Creek Road, observed a pair of eagles in the riverbottom area several weeks ago.

Most of us enjoy watching the smaller, friendly birds at our feeders. But it turns out they aren't all so friendly. Pastor Rod Kvamme and his wife, Pauline, watched their feeder in frustration earlier this month as a Clark's Nutcracker fought with, and quickly killed, a small chickadee which had been feeding on suet. I didn't realize they would attack the smaller birds, either.



Jason Zearth, son of Dan and Paula Zearth, Seeley Lake, was awarded a new Yamaha jacket because of his outstandingly UGLY snowmobile suit. Although only one winner was supposed to be chosen in the Ugly Snowmobile Suit Competition, the "judges of ugly" felt that Jason deserved special recognition.

FRESHNESS



MONTANA QUALITY!



Larry Marx (right) pointed out the real meaning of UGLY to Curt Friede (left), winner of the Ugly Snowmobile Suit Contest held in conjunction with YAMAFEST last weekend. Friede was awarded a new snowmobile suit from Yamaha.



Joy Eckley and daughters Shana (right) and Brandy (left) helped the Ronan snowmobile club organize a poker run on Sunday. They enjoyed YAMAFEST and got in plenty of "riding" during the weekend, including a trip around the frozen waters of Seeley Lake.

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There was quite a crowd on hand for the annual Liar's Contest at YAMA-FEST. Accomplished liars from all over the country were on hand to beguile the audience with their unlikely tales — including last year's champion prevari-cator, Cecil Bingham from Troutville, Virginia. (Actually, Cecil introduces himself as being from Roanoke, but you can't believe a word he says.) Cecil continued the yarn he started last year, involving the unlikely combination of mooses, moguls, and "Butt," Montana. This year's adventures were purported to occur while Cecil was riding his hot, new sled — equipped with a rear-window defroster.

There should have been an award for the shortest, but most outrageous story. Deputy Lloyd Hallgren would have been a shoo-in with his bald-faced assertion that "I promise I won't write a ticket this weekend."

The most accomplished liar of them all, though, turned out to be young Kevin Connell from Missoula. The gist of Kevin's tale was that, while out on a snowmobile excursion a few years ago up "Fish Creek" way, he came across a mysterious black object buried in the snow. Some judicious excavation revealed an old, abandoned 1958 Packard. Kevin did his best to get it going, including changing the spark plugs, but to no avail. He gave it up, but returned the following winter (on his new Yamaha Phazer), when he and his dad managed to tow the old wreck into Missoula. They did considerable work on the car to get it running. When they finally succeeded, Kevin claims to have completed the job by affixing a sticker to the side emblazoned with the word "Skidoo." (Aficionados of snow-mobiling will instantly recognize Skidoo as the brand name of a snowmobile not made by Yamaha. Such persons will also appreciate the deep symbolism inherent in this story.)

Kevin will receive a Yamaha jacket for his efforts and his lie, which was taped, will be entered in the national contest sponsored by Yamaha. If he wins, he'll be the proud owner of yet another Phazer.

Meanwhile, Cecil plans to return to Troutville (or Roanoke) and hatch a new story in an attempt to regain his crown at next year's YAMAFEST. He says he'll return to Virginia via snowmobile — the one equipped with the air-bag. (Hot air, perhaps?) Some guys never quit.



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Seeley Swan High School
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Jan 30 Lincoln at Seeley Swan
Jan 31 Seeley Swan at Drummond

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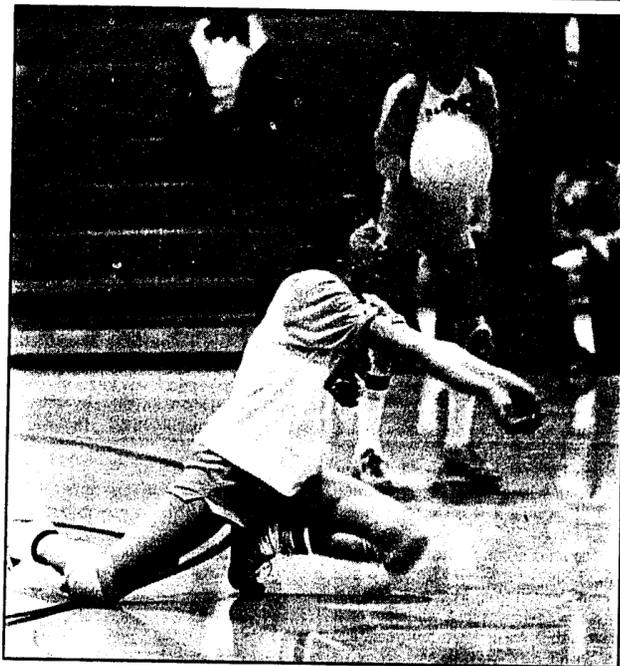
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Kristen Dahl made a desperate save during the volleyball games against Hot Springs held in Seeley Lake last weekend.

Blackhawks Ravage Savages

by Brittany Pedersen

Saturday afternoon the Blackhawk volleyball team played two matches against the Hot Springs Savages. Varsity scores were 15-10 and 15-9 in the first match and 15-12 and 15-9 in the second. Sandy Prazak led the team in serves with five aces.

After this weekend's victories, the team is 5-0 in the Conference, and rated fifth in the state. However, earlier in the season, Seeley Swan beat Drummond, the first-ranked team.

Seeley Swan will play Victor in the home court at 6:30 this Friday.

Lady Hawks host Eagles

by Jackie Gossard

Thursday night the Seeley Swan Blackhawks girls volleyball team hosted the Big Sky Eagles on the Blackhawks' home floor. The Blackhawks played three good games but lost the match 6-15, 15-10 and 8-15.

Tammy Pohlman led the Hawks with four aces and one kill, followed by Melissa Abreo with two aces and Sandy Prazak with five kills.

The Eagles were led by Cathy Devlin with four aces and Kendra Harrell with two aces. The lady Hawks felt they played well even without starter Teresa Mahaffey, who was ill that evening.

The Blackhawks' record is 3-0 in Conference play and 3-2 in non-Conference play.

Hawks make awesome comeback

by Colleen McNally

The Hawks boys basketball team proved they had guts Friday night against the Philipsburg Prospectors. In front of an excited crowd, Seeley came back from a 47-61 third quarter deficit to win 85 to 84 in overtime. A combination of Seeley's tight defense and hot outside shooting paid off in the end.

All five starters were in double figures. Craig Tanner and Randy Johnson led with 26 and 23 points, respectively. Sonny Sorensen burned up the nets with an incredible 31 points.

The benches for both teams saw a lot of action in the end due to the fact that the Prospectors had four starters fouled out and the Hawks had three on the bench.

Next weekend the basketball team travels to Victor and, then, to Valley Christian.

In Our Churches

PASSAGES

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

A scoffing soldier was one day making fun of his buddy who was a sincere believer in Christ. "The trouble with you Christians," said the scoffer, "is that you think you are better than the rest of us."

"Not better," replied the Christian young man, "just better off."

How true! The person who has been brought into a right relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ, the Savior, is indeed better off than the person who has not. Anyone who has

become a "new man" in Christ, and who in the power of the risen Christ leads a Christian life, is much better off than the person who turns his back on the Gospel offer and determines to "go it on his own." You see, the Bible tells us: "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come" (1 Tim. 4:8). The godly person need not wait until heaven to be better off - he or she is better off here and now!

The godly person's rewards may not be those of financial success and social standing. Perhaps no one at the local bank would ever rate the Christian better off than hundreds of depositors whose monthly balances are ten times greater. Nowhere has God told us that godliness holds promise of material success. But

He has told us that, unfailingly, the rewards of humble trust in Christ and His Gospel are: peace, joy, assurance, the victorious inner life and, finally, eternal life with Him in heaven.

To know every morning that we have a Savior who has promised to be with us "always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20), and to know every evening, when we invite sweet sleep to erase the scars of another day, that we have a Savior who has died to restore us to sonship with His Father - such knowledge is indeed a blessing for which we have no measurement. Our daily sins may convince us that we are no better than our fellow men; but God's daily grace will convince us, beyond all doubt, that we are better off!

Large 1st grade on agenda for board meeting

Seeley Lake Elementary trustees will be discussing how to handle the large first grade class next fall at their regular meeting this week. There are currently 31 youngsters enrolled in kindergarten at Seeley Lake, and that class has been organized into two separate "shifts" - morning and afternoon.

Parents of children who may be enrolled in kindergarten next year have been asked to pre-register their children before the end of this month. Preliminary registrations, though, indicate a much smaller kindergarten class for next year.

Also on the agenda for the Thursday night meeting, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Elementary School library, is a report from the committee appointed last month to review the career guidance curriculum at the school.



Steve Gossard and Debbie Opie

Engagement Announcement

Jim and Carol Opie of Butte recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Debbie, to Steve Gossard of Seeley Lake.

Debbie is a 1984 graduate of Butte High School. She is a student at Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology in Butte, where she is pursuing a degree in Business Administration.

Steve is the son of Boyd and Pat Gossard of Seeley Lake. He is a 1982 graduate of Seeley Swan High School. He attends Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology at Butte, where he received his associate degree in Engineering Science in 1985 and will be completing his bachelor's degree in Computer Science this year.

The wedding will take place on June 20 at St. Ann's Church in Butte.

Swan Valley Legion sets special meeting

A special meeting of Swan Valley Post No. 63 has been called for 7 p.m. on Friday, January 23 at the Swan Valley Community Hall in Condon. According to Ken Wolff, Post Commander, the meeting has been called in order to plan February activities, work on long-range goals, and appoint various committee heads. Wolff encourages members to bring along prospective new members.

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New youth group begins this week

"Gems," a new children's activity group, began Wednesday, January 21, at the Swan Valley Community Hall. Children in grades kindergarten to sixth are invited to attend future sessions.

The program, sponsored by Condon Community Church, includes refreshments, recreation, and storytime. Students wishing to attend future sessions need to provide the school (or bus driver) with a one-time permission note so they can get off the school bus at the Community Hall after school. Parents also need to arrange transportation home after the program ends at 5 p.m.

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Community Survey results to be presented next week

Members of the Community Attitude Survey committee will be discussing the final results of the survey with local residents on Thursday, January 29, 7 p.m., at the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

Missoula Electric Cooperative and Blackfoot Telephone will provide food and beverages at the meeting. The public is invited to come and share ideas and ask questions about the survey.

Residents of Seeley Lake, Swan Valley, Greenough and surrounding areas were surveyed in August 1986 to provide information to local boards. Board members and other organizations in the community will now be able to use information gained in the survey as an aid in their decisionmaking processes.

The Seeley Lake Water District, Refuse Disposal District, SOS Hospital District, area elementary schools and Seeley Swan High School, MEC and Blackfoot Telephone all contributed questions to the survey.



Business Briefs

New insurance agent in Seeley Swan

Fran Hebnes, Seeley Lake, is now offering health and life insurance to Seeley Swan residents. Hebnes is working for general agent, Ron Iverson, Helena.

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Hebnes is pursuing the possibility of offering property and casualty insurance to area residents, too. She sees a need for a local insurance agent in Seeley Lake.

Fran completed insurance training under the guidance of Ron Iverson, and recently received her state license.

Hebnes moved from Brady, Montana, to Seeley Lake with her family in August 1986. Her husband, John, is principal at Seeley Lake Elementary School.



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