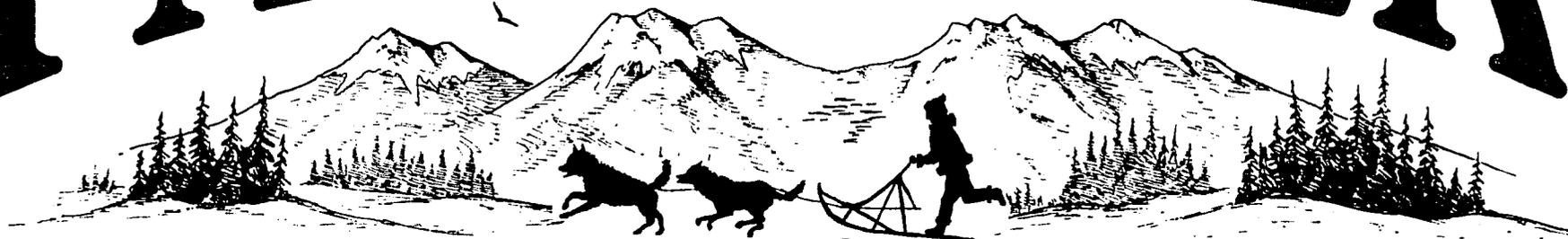


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Powder! Powder! Powder!

The "pros" ski Mount Henry

by Suzanne Vernon

What do you get when you mix backcountry skiers with 18 inches of dry powder on three feet of packed base? You get great skiing, that's what.

The men who skied Mount Henry north of Seeley Lake last week are not only qualified Nordic and downhill skiers, they are professional consultants specializing in ski area management, development and marketing.

They see some tremendous possibilities for our mountain.

"I think you've got a great mountain," John Porterfield said on Saturday. Among his other credentials, Porterfield worked for the Big Mountain Ski Resort last year.

Mount Henry has 2,200 feet of vertical drop and could support downhill runs up to two miles long. That compares favorably with resorts at Big Sky, Big Mountain, Red Lodge and SnowBowl, for example, which all have nearly identical statistics, except that last weekend's preview indicates Mount Henry may have better snow conditions than many other area resorts.

"If you can push the idea that your snow quality is much superior to anywhere else, then you'll have a big marketing advantage," according to Michael Wolfe, who also skied Mount Henry last week. "This mountain has a great potential for a destination resort," he said.

The northeast aspect of most of the "slope" area is a big advantage on Mount Henry. "It extends the season. You can open earlier in the fall, and stay open later in the spring," he said. "You also have a great diversity of terrain."

Variety is one key to success, he explained, and pointed out that the terrain on Mount Henry would provide a good mix of beginner, intermediate and expert runs. In addition to that, the Clearwater Valley has an abundance of the main ingredient—snow.

"You guys are right in the middle of the snow belt. SnowBowl is south of it; Big Mountain is north of it," he explained, holding his arms out wide to



Debbie Ogden, Seeley Lake, recently offered some encouragement to one of her sled dogs. This husky is one of a dozen which will pull together to race for Debbie and her husband, Ron, in the Seeley Lake 200, which begins on Thursday. See pages 10, 11 for winter carnival events.

the dry, powder snow that continued to fall on Saturday at the rate of about two inches an hour.

"Take a look around up here. . . there's 18 inches of dry powder — fantastic ski conditions!" He continued to compare Mount Henry to SnowBowl, which has had little or no powder this year; and Big Mountain, which had about two inches of soft snow on top of a packed base last weekend. Missoula saw nearly a quarter-inch of rain Sunday night while, in Seeley Lake, that ideal, dry powder continued to fall, blanketing the mountains with nearly a foot of new snow.

Porterfield, Wolfe, and Kurt Kleiner, fellow recreation manager, were assisted by Plum Creek employees Pat Caffrey and Ron Johnson last Saturday as they examined the ski area possibilities from the top of Mount Henry.

This isn't the first time that folks have eyed Mount Henry or surrounding mountains as possible ski resort sites.

United Airlines, U.S. Steel, the Forest Service and several private developers have all acknowledged that Seeley Lake is an ideal area for a major ski resort, according to information recently uncovered by members of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce economic task force. "It's not a new idea," according to Dennis Schneider, who is head of the Ad Hoc group which has agreed to organize a meeting regarding Mount Henry for February 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Seeley Swan High School. (See related article.)

February 4 meeting on potential ski resort

Professional recreation managers, Plum Creek officials, local businessmen and members of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce will meet February 4 at the Seeley Swan High School cafeteria to exchange ideas about the possibility of developing a ski resort on Mount Henry, north of Seeley Lake.

Michael Wolfe, Missoula, specializes in ski area management, marketing and development. He will present slides, maps and preliminary ideas for a ski resort on Mount Henry. Wolfe and two other consultants recently skied Mount Henry at the invitation of members of a local economic task force.

The meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m., is open to the public.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday-Saturday: Occasional snow. Highs 25-40. Lows 15-25.

OPINION

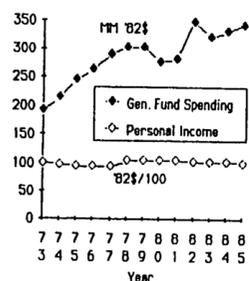
The Big Spenders & Big Taxers. . . .

are hard at work in Helena. No doubt they're gloating after torpedoing the governor's sensible plan to temporarily divert coal tax funds. The particular virtue of the governor's plan was that no tax increases would have been required to balance the state's budget. Lo and behold, the rumblings emanating from the legislature are that now we need a sales tax to balance the budget. Strange — we never hear a word about the consequences of such a tax for our state's economy (and, more particularly, for us taxpayers).

All of which leads one to wonder how we got into this fix in the first place. One indication is seen in the little chart below. Some words of explanation: the time period covered is 1973 to 1985 (the years for which data are available). The bottom-most line (light dots) shows per capita personal income for Montanans; in other words, the average income in dollars for every man, woman, and child in the state. The dollar amounts have been converted to "real" dollars and are expressed in terms of the value of the dollar in 1982. This removes the effects of inflation and allows a comparison of "apples" with "apples." Multiply by 100 to get the actual number.

Voilà. The average income for Montanans is \$10,000 (in 1982 dollars). In fact, it's been \$10,000 for quite a while. This tells us that there hasn't been much prosperity, let alone growth in prosperity — but we already knew that.

The upper line (dark dots) represents general fund expenditures by the state, expressed in millions of 1982-vintage dollars. Note the upward slope, as compared to the other line. What you see here, Sports Fans, is government growth run amok. Since the general fund is funded exclusively by tax collections, you can begin to appreciate why there have been some tax-related pressures on your pocketbook. Economists will tell you that if the upper line was flatter, the lower line would be expected to show substantial growth in income.



To their credit, some years ago the 47th Legislature became alarmed about the divergence in these two lines and enacted the "Expenditure Limitation Act." The intent of the act was to keep government expenditures in line with personal income. Alas, the little chart suggests that, somehow, the legislative intent was thwarted. You've read about "bureaucratic cunning" in this column before: the little chart is a "live" demonstration of this phenomenon.

One can't help but remember the four nice old ladies in tennis shoes who started the tax rebellion last summer (the framers of 1-27). Given the shenanigans of the 50th Legislature, tennis shoes are probably destined to become a red-hot retail item in Montana.

A Lookback at Last Week

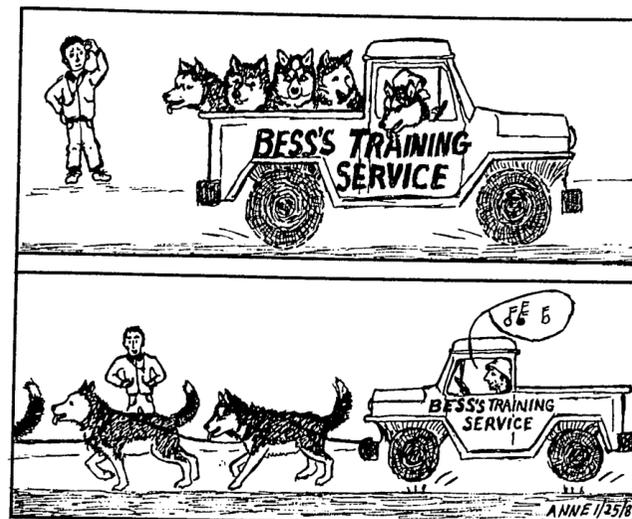
The advertising seminar sponsored by the Chamber was truly well-done. It is unusual to have this caliber of event in a small community. Grace LeFebvre and Toni Hale are to be congratulated for their fine efforts in organizing the seminar. An observation: although the room was full, one couldn't help but note the absence of many "main street" businesses. If you missed the show, eat your hearts out — you missed a good

one. . . . It has been brought to our attention that last week's editorial attempting to encourage Don Larson in his new-found leadership role on the water board may have slighted the other board members. Such was not the intent. Clearly, the fortunes of the water district depend upon all of the board members and we have every expectation they will meet the challenges ahead. So, if there was a misperception, we apologize. . . . Understandably, the other editorial comment last week led to some expressions of concern by state employees. We would point out that state employees were not the target of the editorial. Senator Haffey's plan to create an additional \$60 million in state spending would be viewed (by us, at least) as being fiscally irresponsible, regardless of whether it was intended to increase state pay scales or to build more highways or to buy jelly beans. The senator's response accompanies today's comments and we trust that local state employees (who are, indeed, very hard workers and, undeniably, undervalued) will find solace in his remarks.

— Dick Potter



Natty Bumpo



Support your local Forest Service

The recent flap in the *Missoulian* concerning the thinning of a few spindly trees by mistake, a few feet over the Mission Wilderness boundary, the controversy over Swan Valley road closure gates and their problems, and grizzly and wolf management, further enhances my belief the environmental movement as a whole receives great enjoyment in taking snide jabs at the integrity of the Forest Service or other government agencies whose decisions do not conform entirely to the personal opinions of these individuals.

The thinning incident, which was acknowledged and apologized for, occurred in an area logged prior to the establishment of the Wilderness, and where section-line trees were either cut or timber was too sparse for blazing. These old blaze lines are at best a wavering line, as much as ten or so feet on either side of the true line, making it very easy to wander out of bounds in a thick stand of young trees — when operating a thinning saw is intent on watching for his safety. These areas were logged before most of the complaints were born and have regenerated into an overcrowded stand of young trees. I don't know what punishment this individual expects to confer on the culprits guilty of this dastardly crime, unless it be a public lashing on the courthouse steps at high noon, administered by the discoverer of such high treason.

What is amazing is how readily these people seem to locate and publicize transgressions by the Forest Service, but completely ignore similar or worse transgressions by corporate and private forest ownership in the Mission area. Far too many individuals take for granted that all they see from the Swan highway is federal ownership, and neither take the time nor the initiative to delve into the complex checkerboard ownership involving the Forest Service, Burlington Northern Railroad, State of Montana, and private small holdings common to the Valley bottom areas. Since there are no signs proclaiming who owns what sections, few of these so-called concerned citizens know

exactly whose property they are entering, but INSIST ON venting their wrath on the Forest Service.

Concerning the road closure gates, etc. — again, a majority of the public is unaware of the fact that Burlington Northern, Champion, and other forest owners use exactly the same type gates and road closures. When controversy such as this arises over such things, it is always a government agency that draws the wrath of the environmentalist, regardless of ownership. It is impossible for the Forest Service or anyone else to daily monitor the hundreds of these closures on the forest. I defy anyone to design such an object or a location that cannot be breached by anyone determined enough to outwit the intent of the closure, whether it be cutting trees to bypass it, winching out the structure, using a cutting torch, or some other approach to defeat its purpose. Agreed, the misuse of keys, failure to close behind, etc., occurs or is abused exactly the same as hunters abuse ranch gates and fences.

The grizzly and wolf controversy continues to rear its ugly head by the proponents and opponents. Anyone who thinks they can program either a grizzly or a wolf to stay in reserved territory and not stray out of it, and to avoid any human confrontation is pretty far-fetched to say the least.

The Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, Friends of the Earth, etc. tout in their propaganda all the thrills and excitement of a "Wilderness Experience." They fail to expose the fact that modern people are not oriented to primitive survival and that when they enter the Wilderness they are out of their normal habitat, and entering enemy territory at their own risk.

A hungry bear, upon seeing one of these funny-looking creatures walking upright on a pair of wobbly legs, and wearing silly-looking camouflage clothing with a blaze orange vest, and carrying his worldly possessions on his back, assumes that since it smells like ham, bacon, and sweat it will make a tasty lunch. If such occurs, and he or party members survive the encounter, whom do they scream to for assistance? Certainly not the organizations who lured them into their predicament of a

Outraged in Troutville

To the Editor:
Just what do you get off calling me a "Hot Air" bag of wind? Also, I sure wish I could find a dictionary, so I could look up the word "prevaricator," as I think you shouldn't go around calling people names like that.

When I get back to Troutville, Virginia, I'm calling my lawyer; I know he's got a dictionary lying around somewhere. If he doesn't, he probably has a lawyer friend who has one he can borrow. I may have to bring him out here next January (during YAMAFEST, of course) to get this thing straightened out — whatever it was I was talking about.

Incidentally, I really am from Troutville, but some people don't know where it's at, so I tell them Roanoke, which is fifteen miles away. Everyone knows where Roanoke is, right? That's where the largest man-made star in the world is — 150 feet high-plus sitting on a high mountain. They call Roanoke the Star City of the South. "Who cares," you say! I don't know, I don't!

Now, I can't for the life of me understand why you don't believe my moose story. That moose made national news after I took him to Vermont. I even had a large picture of him and his new love (a Hereford cow) at the community hall, but nobody got to see it. I left it on the fireplace mantel; if you're by there, take a look.

While I'm at it, I would like to congratulate Mr. Kevin Connell for telling such a fine story. That young man will grow up to be a fine, upstanding citizen — probably a politician or a newspaper editor, I would guess. Kevin, I didn't quite understand the correlation between the Packard and the Skidoo, though. I used to own a Packard, and I liked it a lot.

Wilderness Experience. The rescuers invariably will be the agency committed to management of the area involved. These people do not hire an expensive law firm to sue the environmental organization who lured them into their predicament, they invariably sue the government agency involved in the area management.

These wild creatures have a one-track mind that tells them when food is available, be it man, the neighbor's chicken coop, or a rancher's livestock. It is their prerogative to take it regardless of the consequences.

Another long-standing misconception is the continuing myth that game does not utilize clearcut units. A little time and research would refute this idea to a great degree. Virtually the only browse available to wintering game in the area from Beaver Creek north to Bigfork is concentrated in old clearcuts — which are no longer clearcuts since they now have viable stands of regeneration from 1 to 20 feet tall, and contain heavily browsed red stem, Douglas fir seedlings, and river and creek bottom willow. These areas provide plentiful cover, besides food. Virtually no game winters above the immediate Valley bottom west of the Swan River unless logging is in progress which, during heavy winters, is game's only salvation.

I suppose you heard by now that we officially have more snow in Virginia than Montana. I wish we could take one snowcat back with us. Speaking of snowcats, for the longest time I thought y'all were talking about Montana mountain lions. Now, if I can just figure out what snow snakes are.

Let's get serious for a moment. I want all you people here at Seeley Lake, and about, to know that I and my son, Kevin, think you are the greatest. We have been treated very warmly by everyone and, if you will allow it, we will keep coming back again and again. Now that we presently own three snowcats (two female and one male), we have to come back. By the way, we're looking for a rider going east to ride the extra sled back to Virginia. Will share gas expense.

Just wait until you see the new Phazer I ordered. It's slightly modified and has a small V-8 engine — talk about clearing moguls. "You got that right," as Dan (Cainan) would say. See y'all next YAMAFEST.

Cecil E. Bingham
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(Editor's Note: By the time readers wend their way through the above letter, they will have recalled that Cecil Bingham, world-class prevaricator, figured prominently in last week's report on the annual Liar's Contest. It has not escaped our notice, Cecil, that the end of the next to last paragraph constitutes a classified ad. We sure are glad you included your address — the bill is on its way, via the Snowcat Express.)

I have a three-acre lawn which could be described as a clearcut, as it is studded with old larch stumps, and it is used daily by 10 to 25 deer who feed and migrate to the river for water and to bed down and browse.

As a 30-year resident of the Swan Valley, I have seen ups and downs in game populations, drastic change in employment opportunities, and good and bad management practices by both government and private industry. Tourism is not always the clean industry it is touted to be, and is not to be construed as the total answer to our state's problems.

If these same individuals and organizations would expend the same amount of energy in offering constructive criticism, sweat, help and advice to these agencies and, maybe, an occasional pat on the back when warranted, they would enhance their image in the public eye instead of the bickering, derogatory stance they assume.

Probably this approach is about as useless as expecting Bob Marks and John Vincent to cross party lines, shake hands, bury the hatchet, and cooperate to solve the problems of our state — and forget their personal egoism and party affiliations.

Charlie Goff
Swan Valley

Business of the Week

YOUR ADVENTURE TRAVEL



Your Adventure Travel is locally owned and operated by Karen Sheely and has been in Seeley Lake since January 1983. Karen is an outside sales representative associated with the larger Your Adventure Travel service in Helena. And, like the larger travel agency, all of Karen's services are free to her clients.

Karen believes she's "able to offer more personalized services, such as travel advice and trip planning, than the larger, busier firms," while offering many of the same services, such as airline and AMTRAK ticketing, cruises, package tours and group travel. "With each ticket, it's more than just calling one airline. I call all the airlines which service that market to get the best fare and schedule," she explains. Lodging accommodations and car rental are also a part of her service to the traveler.

Karen stays in close contact with the Helena travel service to stay up-to-date. She has available all the current travel planners, as well as a generous supply of brochures for such popular getaways as Hawaii, Florida, Alaska and many others. "Domestic travel is the current trend. There's a lot of interest in this area for Alaskan cruises," she says.



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Jack Haffey replies

To the Editor:

I read with interest your column in the Opinion section of the January 22, 1987 issue of the *Pathfinder*. I appreciate your interest and your perspective, and I know that the pay plan increase bill which is being drafted at my request will receive mixed reviews, at best.

It is important, though, that I provide a general response to your column, both to report to your readers and to explain my perspective on the general fiscal challenge faced by the state legislature — including compensation for the state employees.

State expenditures will indeed be closely scrutinized to ensure that the state only funds programs and services that are needed by citizens and that we must provide, constitutionally and morally. To be sure, some reductions in spending are possible and advisable and I will support such cuts. At the same time, the state must provide certain services, such as education, corrections programs, mental health care and other social services, highway construction and maintenance, and the list goes on.

We have been holding the line in these areas over the last six years as much as possible — and yet demands continue to rise. Two examples are: (1) education, where the Foundation program funding increases have been minimal in the last four years, in part resulting in local school district levy increases (rising property taxes); and (2) corrections, where the Montana State Prison at Deer Lodge has been funded for 800 inmates, while operating with more than 900 inmates in the past year. So, we must provide certain basic funding levels in various areas.

These spending cut desires and services provision obligations are further complicated by the absolute need to provide property tax relief somehow — an objective to which I am firmly committed. Taken together, these fiscal responsibilities, in the face of limited potential, or desire, to increase other taxes, such as the income tax, cause legislators to consider the sales tax option. I am open to that option, as long as it provides a chance for property tax reductions and is made as progressive as possible, so that low and fixed income households are protected.

The bottom line is that we Montanans cannot afford excesses in government, yet we cannot afford to go out of business in the various government services I have mentioned here. Finally, I must tell you that I do not expect much, if any, increase in pay for state employees. However, I firmly believe that state employees, particularly those working in direct service areas like Swan River Youth Camp deserve a living wage, are hard workers and should not be forgotten in hard times. Indeed, their work quality saves us all money in the long run. I submit bills that I think are important to address, and I do not submit bills that flow from pressure — from unions or any other interest group. If a matter deserves attention, I am pleased to introduce it. That is the legislative process.

Thank you for your comments of January 22, 1987.

Senator Jack Haffey
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Legislature '87

Legislators veto governor's coal tax measure

By Gordon Gregory
 Helena correspondent

The talk at the Capitol last week was of setting hundreds of prisoners free and closing a number of correctional facilities and cutting university budgets even more.

Some lawmakers said there was little chance the most drastic measures would be approved.

"I just call it posturing. I don't think you can take that seriously," House Minority Leader John Vincent said of some of the proposals to cut state spending.

Rep. Ron Miller, chairman of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Institutions, raised the issue of releasing prisoners up to three years early to save money.

The Great Falls Republican called it a serious consideration in the wake of the House's defeat of a measure to use \$25 million of the coal severance tax to balance state spending this year. He projected the total savings at about \$6.5 million.

Miller also said the legislature should consider closing the five pre-release centers and the Swan River Forest Camp.

But Vincent said those ideas are irresponsible.

"If we do something like that, we ought to replace them (the prisoners) with us," he said.

Sen. Jack Haffey, D-Anaconda, said lawmakers shouldn't panic and that there are other options to make up this year's deficit, as well as the \$101 million shortfall projected for the 1988-89 biennium.

Some of that panic was probably generated Monday when the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services announced that its expected budget shortage for this year had grown from \$8.7 million to \$15.8 million.

SRS director Dave Lewis said the increase was caused by unexpectedly large caseloads and high medical payments.

Rep. Janet Moore, D-Condon, said defeat of the coal tax measure was not an absolute rejection of the idea of using coal taxes to help fund state government.

Moore, who voted against the coal tax bill, said she might reconsider her vote later in the session after other alternatives are studied.

"If everything else fails, I may vote for it," she said. "We're going to do something to clean up the \$25 million by the end of the year."

Many legislators called the coal tax vote a test of the governor's proposal to use some \$80 million in coal tax money to help balance the budget in the 1988-89 biennium.

Moore disagrees. She said she would not agree to the governor's plan, because there are other tax options that could erase the 1989 deficit.

Among those taxes, she said, are increasing the tax on cigarettes, gas and diesel and adding a new tax on chewing tobacco and soft drinks.

Vincent said House Democrats are working on a package of new taxes, but he wouldn't say what might be included in the package.

Lawmakers did act on a number of budget-cutting bills last week:

- The House gave preliminary approval Friday to a bill to freeze the pay for state workers for the next two years. House Bill 233 would affect about 9,000 state employees.

Haffey has yet to introduce his bill to increase pay to state workers. He concedes timing is bad for the measure. He said, however, that the bill is proper because state employees, who must do more work as state jobs are eliminated, deserve the pay increase.

Asked if the measure had a chance of passing, he said, "the chances aren't great, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try. I think there is a chance."

A joint appropriations subcommittee voted to cut funding for the state's business assistance program, a move that would save \$2.6 million in state and federal funds over the next two years.

The program is an integral part of the Build Montana program, which aids private business ventures and promotes Montana products for export.

The State Administration Committee unanimously voted to abolish the Department of Institutions. The bill, introduced by Rep. Bud Campbell, R-Deer Lodge, would cut 36 of the department's 170 full-time jobs.

Under the bill, opposed by Governor Ted Schwinden, many administrative functions would pass from the department heads to the directors of the state's institutions.

In other actions:

- After approving the measure on Monday, the House voted down a bill to call English the official language of Montana. Debate on the bill ranged from the comical — at least five lawmakers argued their points in foreign languages — to the accusatory.

"There is mischief in this bill," said Francis Barदानou, D-Harlem.

"It is a racial, somehow, movement that you can't quite put your hand on."

The Senate gave preliminary approval to a bill capping the number of days, at 180, for which schools can receive state funds.

About 65 of the state's 550 school districts hold class more than 180 days, which costs the state about \$1.4 million.

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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Volunteer Fire Chief, Colin Moon, examines the remaining structure that used to be Hide and Horn Taxidermy in Seeley Lake.

Hide and Horn Studio Fire destroys local business

Wayne and Maryanna Herron's Hide and Horn taxidermy studio, located behind the Tall Timber building in Seeley Lake, was totally destroyed by a fire about 2:45 a.m. last Friday morning. The blaze started because of an electrical short circuit, according to Volunteer Fire Chief, Colin Moon.

"It was fully involved when we got there," Moon said, adding that about 10 volunteer firefighters showed up to fight the blaze. The fire was contained to the shop building. Two storage sheds adjacent to the shop were saved.

Firefighting efforts were hampered by cold weather, Moon said. Pumps on the fire truck began to freeze up after the main blaze had been put out.

The building and its contents were not insured, according to Maryanna Herron. "We lost everything," she said Monday. But that doesn't mean Hide and Horn Studio is out of business.

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Pike sentenced for burglary, theft

Dennis Vincent Pike, 22, Seeley Lake, was sentenced in District Court last week to five years in prison on each of four counts of felony burglary and felony theft for incidents which occurred on the Double Arrow Ranch and at River Bend Campground last summer. The sentences were suspended on the condition that Pike spend 60 days in jail upon loss of employment, with credit for two days already spent.

Pike was also ordered to make a personal apology to Andy Wirth, one of the victims; pay nearly \$300 for county expenses, public defense and fines; and to submit to polygraph tests and personal searches anytime that his probation officer has reasonable grounds to do so. One condition of the sentencing was that Pike not associate with Roger Neil Davis, who was sentenced December 18 for similar counts of felony burglary and theft.

Davis and Pike are equally liable for making restitution in the amount of \$1,504.24.

CORNUCOPIA by Michele Potter

Dieters who cross meat off their list just to reduce fat intake are also crossing off lots of needed nutrients, says a nutritionist at Montana State University. Instead, they should cook the fat out of the meat, suggests Andrea Pagenkopf, Cooperative Extension Service food and nutrition specialist. She says, "Meat fits nicely with current diet trends of moderating fat and cholesterol," she says. "Plus, it has lots of nutrients that we can't get as easily from other foods. But don't let the meat cook in its fat because it will absorb that fat. Instead, broil or bake the meat on a rack so that the fat drips off."

This beef rib-eye roast from the Montana Beef Council served with Winter Vegetable Medley makes for a meal with eye-appeal!

Beef Rib-Eye Roast
 4-6 pound beef rib-eye roast 1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper
 1 teaspoon salt
 Combine salt and pepper; rub evenly over surface of beef rib-eye roast. Place roast, fat side up, on rack in open roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer so bulb is centered in the thickest part, but not resting in fat. Do not add water. Do not cover. Roast in 350 degree Fahrenheit (moderate) oven to desired degree of doneness. Allow approximately 18 to 24 minutes per pound. Remove roast when the meat thermometer registers 135 degrees F for rare; 155 degrees F for medium; 165 degrees for well done. Allow roast to "stand" 15 to 20 minutes in a warm place before carving.

Winter Vegetable Medley
 2 medium carrots 1 red pepper
 2 parsnips, pared 2 tablespoons butter
 2 stalks celery 1/2 cup dry white wine
 1 small turnip, pared Salt and pepper, if desired
 Cut all vegetables into julienne strips. Heat butter in large frying pan over medium heat. Add carrots, parsnips, celery and turnip; cook and stir 5 minutes. Stir in red pepper and continue cooking 1 minute. Add white wine, cover tightly and cook 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, if desired.

According to the Beef Industry Council, for successful microwaved beef roasts — such as rib-eye, boneless top round, top loin, tip (cap off), rump, cross rib, and rib roast cut from the small end — use the following techniques: (1) limit roast size to four pounds; (2) place beef, fat side down, on rack in microwave-safe dish; (3) microwave at medium low (200 watts or 30 percent power, based on a 650 watt oven); (4) allow 18 to 22 minutes per pound for rare to medium; (5) rotate dish 1/4 turn every 20 minutes; (6) invert roast to fat side up midway through cooking; (7) cook until 5 degrees below desired doneness. To determine doneness of beef roasts, use the oven's temperature probe or a meat thermometer after roasts are removed from the oven; (8) remove from oven; tent with foil; let stand 15 to 20 minutes.

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Friday, February 6	Beef Noodle Hot Dish

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 29, 30, 31 & Feb 1, Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race & Winter Carnival, Beginning 9am, Seeley Lake.
 Feb 6, OSCR Pre-Registration and Slide Show, 6 pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 Feb 7, OSCR Cross-Country Ski Race, Seeley Lake.
 Feb 8-12, Governor's Cup 500 Sled Dog Race, Helena-Seeley Lake-Holland Lake-Helena.
 Bingo, 2nd & 4th Thurs every month, open to public, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
Public Meetings
 Jan 29, Community Attitude Survey Report, open to public, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 Feb 4, Mt. Henry Ski Resort Project, Ad Hoc Committee Mtg, open to public, 6:30pm, Seeley Swan High School cafeteria, Seeley Lake.
 Feb 5, Elk Management, Commissioner Jim Olson, 7pm Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 Feb 10, Missoula Co High School Board mtg, 7:30pm, Sentinel High School, Missoula.
 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
 Feb 5, Tentative Big Game Hunting Regulations for 1987 Season, mtg, open to public, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 Feb 19, Wilderness Sportsman's Club, gen mtg, 7pm, Leisure Lodge, Seeley Lake.
 AARP, 1st Mon every month, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.
 Alanon, Mon, 7pm, Lutheran Church, Seeley Lake.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (Condon), Thurs, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (Seeley Lake), Sun, 7pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake; Weds, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.
 Booster Club, 4th Tues every month, 8 pm, Seeley Swan High School Gym, Seeley Lake.
 Driftriders Snowmobile Club mtg, 2nd Mon every month, 7:30pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 Seeley Lake Women's Club, Tues, 1pm, Comm Hall.
 SeLa SenCi mtg and potluck, 3rd Wed every month, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 Senior Nutrition Program, Mon-Tues-Weds, noon. Open to public. Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 Swan Valley Post No. 63 mtg, 2nd Fri every month, 7pm, Comm Hall, Condon.
 TOPS, Thurs, 10am, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.
 Veteran's Coffee Group, Sat, 11am, Swan Valley Centre, Condon.
Other
 Feb 4 (Weds), Bookmobile, Potomac School, 10am-12pm; Sunset School, 12:30-1:30pm; Clearwater Junction, 2-3pm; Seeley Lake town, 3:30-5:30pm.
 Feb 5 (Thurs), Bookmobile, Seeley Lake Elem School, 9am-12pm; Seeley Lake town, 12:30-2:30pm.
 Feb 2, Advanced First-Aid Classes begin, 7-10pm, Steve Thompson's house, Seeley Lake.
 Adult Volleyball, Weds, 7-9:15pm, Elem School Gym, Seeley Lake.
 Men's Basketball League, Mon, 7-9pm, Elem School Gym, Seeley Lake.
 Refuse Disposal Site, Winter Hours (October 1 thru April 30): Wed & Sat, 10am-4pm.
 Swan Valley Community Library, Weds, 10am-6pm; Sat, 10am-3pm, Condon.
 EMERGENCY: 911 (Seeley Lake or Condon); 1-728-0911 (Greenough or Ovando).

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Swan Valley

Roger Wade Photography polishes slide presentation

Governor to present Arts Awards Friday night

Norman Maclean, author of *A River Runs Through It* and *Other Stories*, will be presented with the Governor's Award for the Arts, Friday, January 30 in Helena.

But he's not the only local resident to have a major role in the Governor's awards ceremony Friday night. Roger Wade Photography, Swan Valley, is putting together a two-projector "dis-solve" slide presentation about the six Montana artists and art organizations being honored at the ceremony.

Roger Wade's slide presentation will be shown throughout the hour-long ceremony, and viewed on a 15-foot screen in the Helena Civic Center by hundreds of people attending the event. Wade has been working for the past two months on the presentation, which depicts the lives and work of the recipients of the 1987 Governor's Awards for the Arts.

Governor Ted Schwinden will narrate the show, pausing to present awards to Norman Maclean, literature; Missoula Children's Theatre, theatre; Christopher Parkening, Bozeman, music; Dana Boussard, Arlee, visual arts; Ray Campeau, Bozeman, service to the arts; and Kevin Shannon, Butte, folk arts.

Roller skating to continue

School trustees at the Swan Valley Elementary School approved roller skating in the gymnasium earlier this year, and the PTA has now scheduled roller skating for several days during the coming months.

On the afternoons of February 7 and 21, March 7 and 21 and April 10 and 25, children, high school students and adults may skate in the gym from 1 to 3 p.m. Adults and high school students are asked to pay \$1 each for use of the gym.

Only skates with urethane wheels are allowed on the gym floor.

Norman Maclean joins writers A.B. Guthrie, Dorothy Johnson, James Welch and William Kittredge in receiving the Governor's Award. He has been a summer/seasonal resident of Seelye Lake for more than 60 years.

Norman Maclean was born December 23, 1902. He grew up the son of a Presbyterian minister in Missoula. He studied at Dartmouth College and at the University of Chicago, where he received his Ph.D. In recent years he has been awarded honorary doctoral degrees from both Montana State University and the University of Montana. Although Maclean has spent much of his time during the last 50 years in Chicago, he feels strongly that Montana is his "inner" home state. He spends several months here each year, living in Seelye Lake at the cabin he and his father built.

In 1976, Maclean's first work of fiction, *A River Runs Through It*, was published by the University of Chicago Press. It contains three stories, all set in Montana. The title story is about fly fishing on the Blackfoot River during Maclean's youth. More than that, it is a moving story about family relationships and personal tragedy.

Maclean is currently working on a movie script for *A River Runs Through It*, as well as a book about 13 smokejumper who died in the 1949 Mann Gulch Fire north of Helena.

A River Runs Through It was chosen as the best work of 1976 by the Pulitzer Prize jury. Maclean says he is equally honored to have received the Dan and Helch Bailey Award for carrying on the ideals of those two fly-tiers and fishers.

Story hour begins at library

A preschool story hour will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at Swan Valley Community Library, according to librarian Susan Cox. The story hour will begin at 10:30 and last about 45 minutes.

"Children who are read to also are more avid readers," Cox explained. Books about reading aloud to children are also available now at the library.



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Either-sex deer season may be extended in Swan Valley

Hunting of either-sex deer may be extended from one week to two for the 1987 general season in Region 1, which includes the Swan Valley. The tentative proposal was one of several approved by the Montana Fish and Game Commission January 16 in Helena.

The decision to extend the either-sex deer season in Region One was based on data suggesting that the area has had a growing deer population since 1975, and herds have not suffered significant winter deer mortality since the winter of 1978/79. Region One deer populations now appear to be at a 20-year high, according to Mike Aderhold, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Kalispell.

Region One wildlife biologists are receiving continuing reports of deer damage, and are afraid when we do get a hard winter it will kill an unacceptable number of animals. A longer doe season may take some pressure off the bucks, which will hopefully improve the post-season buck-doe ratio, and the percent of mature bucks.

These tentative proposals are now out for 42 days of public review. Over the next five weeks, regional wildlife managers and area biologists will explain proposed changes at public meetings across Montana. (See related article.)

The Commission will hold their traditional public hearing in Helena on Saturday, February 28, at Jorgenson's Restaurant at 9 a.m. The 1987 big game season will be finalized March 5 and 6 in Helena.

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Swan River, others, closed to salmon fishing

Flathead Lake is now closed to the taking of Kokanee salmon from January 23 through May 1, 1987. The Flathead River, the north, south and middle forks of the Flathead, the Swan, Stillwater and Whitefish rivers and their tributaries will be closed to salmon fishing August 15 through October 15, 1987.

These closures, implemented by the Montana Fish and Game Commission and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council, are aimed at increasing the 1987 spawning population and the 1991-year class of mature salmon in Flathead Lake.

Swan Lake bull trout limit clarified

Fish and game officials are striving to clarify some confusing language in the 1986-88 fishing regulations.

No more than one bull trout (also called Dolly Varden) of any size may be included in a daily catch in the Swan River above and below Swan Lake and, also, in Swan Lake. Current regulations under both the Flathead Lake and Flathead River state the above, but Swan Lake is not mentioned by name. The intent was to include both Swan Lake and Swan River.

The object of the regulations is to maintain bull trout as a trophy fishery in the Flathead system. Bull trout are a slow-growing fish, and a more liberal season would reduce the average size of the fish caught.



Reader's Corner

Al Cluck, Montana Info, caught up on the local news recently while on a business trip to the Anaheim RV and Travel Show in Southern California. This photo was taken on Newport Beach, with Pacific Ocean breakers in the background.

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Commissioner to present elk management proposals

Jim Olson, Fish and Game Commissioner representing Western Montana will be in Seeley Lake with officials of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks the evening of February 5 to discuss tentative big game hunting regulations for the 1987 season.

Officials will also present some proposed alternatives to current elk management plans which may improve the size and number of bulls in a given herd, according to Olson.

The Fish and Game Commission approved tentative big game hunting regulations at a meeting in Helena last week. Officials of the MFWP are attending meetings sponsored by area sportsman's clubs to discuss these hunting regulations - which affect hunters of elk, deer, black bear, and sheep in western Montana and, also, special permit regulations.

The February 5 meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Community Hall north of Seeley Lake on Highway 83.

Grizzly damage season proposed

Controlled hunting may be used next year, when appropriate, to resolve nuisance grizzly bear problems along the Rocky Mountain Front Bear Management Area, if tentative proposals made earlier this month by the Fish and Game Commission are finalized.

This proposed season would be operated similar to the buffalo season, with a roster and highly controlled hunt. The fall season will be the same as in 1986.



EA released on Circle Arrow Hydro Project

The Environmental Assessment for the Circle Arrow Hydro Project proposed for the Clearwater River north of Seeley Lake was recently released by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Applicants for the proposed project are Keith and Marilyn Peterson, who own the property north of Seeley Lake near the outlet of Lake Inez. The application requests a permit to build a small hydroelectric plant, which would provide an estimated average of 775,000 kilowatt hours of electrical energy per year to a utility in the region.

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and others, requested specific information from the applicants and filed as intervenors in the project during the public comment period which closed nearly one year ago.

According to Dennis Workman, fisheries biologist with the MFWP in Missoula, the environmental assessment does not appear to address any of the questions filed by the Department, or those filed by the Seeley Lake Water District. Their concerns centered around the stability of the existing dam structure at the site, the effects on water quality downstream if the dam should give way and, also, the effect of the changing water level on existing wetlands and waterfowl habitat.

Before the Petersons can begin construction on the project, they must obtain a signed agreement from the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Workman pointed out last week that no agreement has yet been signed with the Petersons.

Snow Joke Marathon set for February 28

The Eighth Annual Snow Joke Half-Marathon, sponsored by the Cheetah Herders Athletic Club, will start at 11 a.m. February 28 at the Seeley Lake Elementary School Gym. Registration for the footrace around Seeley Lake begins at 9:30 a.m. race day.

Last year 66 persons completed the run, including one wheelchair racer and four local residents.

For more information, contact Pat Caffrey, race director, Seeley Lake.

Winter Calendar

- February**
- 7 OSCR 50-kilometer Nordic ski race
 - 8-12 Governor's Cup 500 Sled Dog Race (Helena to Holland Lake and return)
 - 14-16 Snowmobillious
 - 21 Snow Joke Marathon

- March**
- 7-8 Maggot Race

Winter Recreation Guide

Seeley 200, Winter Carnival this week

Seeley Lake is busy this week with winter sports activities, as local residents and businessmen join hands in sponsoring the Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race and Winter Carnival.

On Thursday, January 29, starting at 9 a.m., nearly two dozen professional mushers will begin four days of hard racing. Racers will leave at three-minute intervals, heading north up the main street of Seeley Lake to compete in the 50-mile first leg of the Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race. This race, sponsored by the Wilderness Sportsman's Club, is the oldest long-distance sled dog race in Montana.

In conjunction with the race, organizers are sponsoring a drawing for \$50 cash after the last team leaves each morning of the Seeley 200 race. Tickets are available through local merchants.

Television crews will be in town on Friday to film the sled dog race. Many family events are scheduled for Saturday (see page 10), including a dog ski pull on Seeley Lake. For more information or to register for events such as the dog ski pull, contact the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, 677-2880.

Snow Sculpture Playday set for Saturday

So your kids think they know how to build a good snowman, do they? Or, maybe dad is the one who really understands snow sculpture?

The Seeley Lake PTA invites adults and children to join in the fun of a Snow Sculpture Playday, January 31, 2 p.m. in the lot next to the Chamber of Commerce building in Seeley Lake.

Participants are asked to bring "tools and toys... buckets, food coloring... and let their creative ideas flow," according to PTA member, Jeanne Moon.

The event is being organized in conjunction with other Winter Carnival events this week. Refreshments will be provided.

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This group of Seeley Lake skiers was recently spotted while they were getting ready for the upcoming OSCR race. Left to right: Jim Blackburn, Geanette Cebulski, Ernie Lundberg, Renee Lundberg, Jim de Herrera, and Jim Jaimes.

Softball in the snow cures cabin fever

Die-hard softball enthusiasts will have a chance to limber up for the annual Snow Joke Softball Tournament in Missoula by entering the 1st Annual Seeley Lake Snow Ball Softball Tournament, Saturday, January 31, at 9 a.m. at the Seeley Lake Community Park.

The event will be a double elimination tournament for co-ed teams, balanced at five men and five women players. First prize will be a paid entry to the Missoula Parks and Recreation Snow Joke Tournament February 14 and 15 in Missoula, according to organizer Don Larson, Seeley Lake.

"We will also throw a feed and have plenty of beer for the players," Larson said.

The tournament will be held to coincide with other activities in Seeley Lake this weekend. The Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race and Winter Carnival begins Thursday, January 29 and continues through Sunday, February 1. Other events include sledding adjacent to the ball diamond, cross-country skiing, ice skating and snowmobile rides. (See related articles.)

Ice Skating

Figure skating is popular now on many of the frozen lakes. Holland Lake Lodge has cleared a nice area for skating, and has also installed lights for night skating.

Seeley Lake area volunteers have worked to form a skating rink near the center of town, and it should be ready for skaters this week.



John Porterfield, Missoula, found some good skiing conditions on Mount Henry last weekend.

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- Tuesday - Cribbage
- Wednesday
- Import Beer & Margarita Specials
- Thursday - Nine Ball Tournament
- Friday - Live Poker
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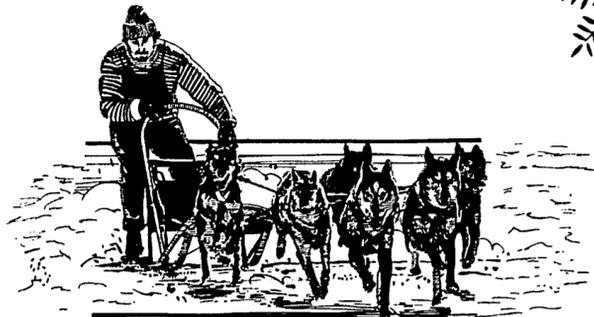
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Thank you, Wilderness Sportsman's Club

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1987 SEELEY LAKE 200 SLED DOG RACE

January 29, 30, 31 & February 1



ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 28

7:30 pm "Meet the Mushers Night" at the Filling Station. Come choose your team!

Thursday, January 29

9 am THE SEELEY LAKE "200" SLED DOG RACE BEGINS! Every 3 minutes a team will leave - heading north up the main street of Seeley Lake (Highway 83). There will be a cash drawing after the last team leaves. Shop your local merchants for tickets (you must be present to win). Watch for local business specials.

Friday, January 30

9 am SECOND DAY OF THE "200"! Smile - the television cameras will be there and hope to see you, too. And, yes, there will be a second cash drawing after the last team is out (tickets available from local merchants - you must be present to win). Be there and WIN!

Saturday, January 31

All Day Warming Fires behind the Filling Station!

9 am THIRD DAY OF THE "200"! Who's in first place? Be there to see! You might get lucky and win money in the third cash drawing! Someone will, but you must be present to win - tickets available from local merchants. Keep a sharp eye out for merchants' specials today.

9 am First Annual Seeley Lake Snow Ball Softball Tournament at the Seeley Lake Community Park (next to Seeley Lake Elementary School). Dig out your gloves and get a team together or just come and watch. Call 677-2570 or 677-2080 for more information. Entry is \$70.00 per team, with first prize being paid entry to Missoula's Snow Joke Tournament, February 14 and 15. Prizes and awards at the Filling Station after the games.

10 am-1 pm Sled Dog Rides at Barney's Green. Ride on a real dog sled!

10 am-10 pm Ice Skating Rink at Barney's Green. Yes, there's an ice skating rink in Seeley Lake!

11 am-6 pm Sledding Hill southeast of the Seeley Lake Elementary School adjacent to the Seeley Lake Community Park. Bring your sled to the Hill and have some fun! The Hill will be manned from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.



ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE (continued)

11 am Registration for Kiddle Dog Weight Pull at The Rendezvous. For kids 15 and under. Bring your dog to The Rendezvous.

Noon Kiddle Dog Weight Pull. See who can pull the most weight! Prizes awarded after the Pull.

Noon Dog Ski Pull (otherwise known as Ski-Jouring). Open to all ages. Bring your dog and your skis to Barney's to register before 11:30 am - registration fee is only \$1.00, and there will be prizes at the end of the Pull! For more information, call 677-2168. Even if you've never done it before, come and let your dog pull you on skis on the 1-mile track at the south end of Seeley Lake by the Seeley Lake Motel (track will be open all morning for practice). Great fun!

2 pm Snow Sculpture Playday at the lot next to the Chamber of Commerce building, Seeley Lake. Open to children and adults. Participants are asked to bring their own tools, toys and IMAGINATION to build a snow creation! Refreshments will be provided.

Sunday, February 1

All Day Warming Fires behind the Filling Station!

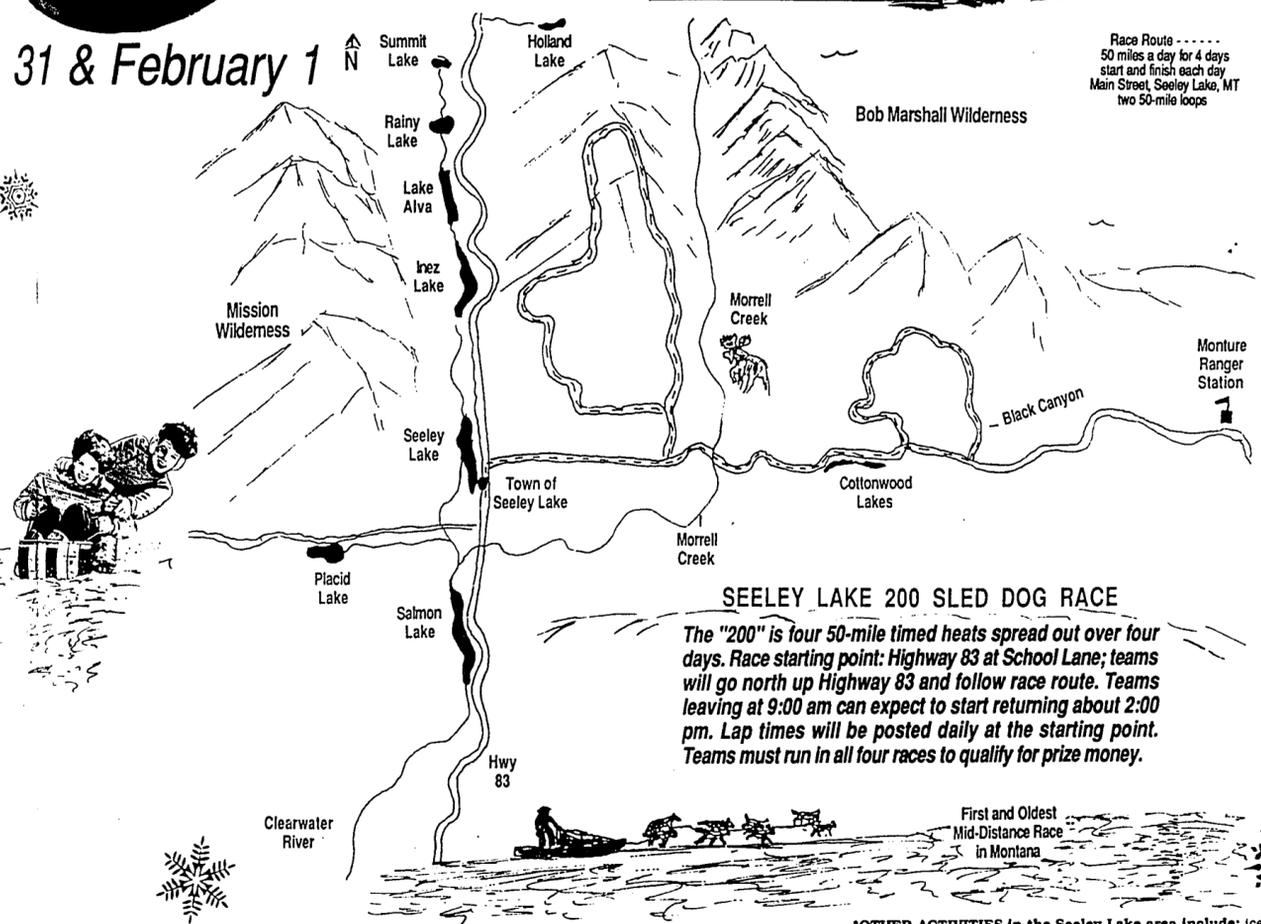
9 am FOURTH AND FINAL DAY OF THE "200"! Who's it going to be? Be there to see, and get in on the last cash drawing (you must be present to win) - tickets available at local merchants.

10 am-1 pm Sled Dog Rides at Barney's Green. Dog sled rides for all!

10 am-10 pm Ice Skating Rink at Barney's Green. Enjoy ice skating right here in Seeley Lake!

11 am-6 pm Sledding Hill southeast of the Seeley Lake Elementary School adjacent to the Seeley Lake Community Park. Bring your sled to the Hill for a full day of fun! The Hill will be manned from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.

5-9 pm MUSHER'S AWARDS BANQUET at The Saloon. Purchase Banquet tickets by January 29. Hurry, limited number of tickets available at The Saloon. Door prizes and lots of fun. Meal served at 6:00 pm by Seeley Lake senior citizens. Awards presentation following dinner. Call 677-9634 for more information. KECI-TV will be there - you be there, too!



SEELEY LAKE 200 SLED DOG RACE

The "200" is four 50-mile timed heats spread out over four days. Race starting point: Highway 83 at School Lane; teams will go north up Highway 83 and follow race route. Teams leaving at 9:00 am can expect to start returning about 2:00 pm. Lap times will be posted daily at the starting point. Teams must run in all four races to qualify for prize money.

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*OTHER ACTIVITIES in the Seeley Lake area include: ice fishing (on the lakes), snowmobiling on groomed trails (trail maps available from Chamber office) and cross-country skiing on groomed trails (starting behind the Community Hall or across from the Elk Horn Cafe).

For more information, call:
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Wilderness Sportsman's Club, 677-2842

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Common sense on the ice

Outdoor enthusiasts are on thin ice if they fail to understand hazards and use common sense when venturing on rivers, ponds or lakes, whether on foot or in a vehicle during the winter.

Many factors influence safety of frozen water, said Roy Linn, Extension Service farm safety specialist at Montana State University.

A partial thaw may leave ice honeycombed and dangerous. A drop in the water level creates a potential hazard. The ice on lakes generally is about 15 percent stronger or safer than that of moving streams.

Currents at the mouths of rivers are dangerous, because the current can undermine ice in a lake. Ice surrounding open water can be dangerous, because water forced under the ice by winds can rot the ice, leaving it shallow or porous. Late-season ice rots faster, due to sun, wind and currents. Slush and snow provide insulation that can create treacherous ice.

As a general rule, ice should be at least two inches thick for even one person proceeding cautiously, Linn said.

Groups should stay spread out on ice three inches thick (10 yards between ice fishermen recommended). General foot traffic usually is safe with four inches. Single snowmobiles might be quite safe alone on ice five inches thick. It should be at least 10 inches thick for small cars, 12 inches for light trucks, 15 inches for a medium-weight truck or 20 inches for heavy (eight ton) trucks, Linn said.

Old ice becomes less resilient, so shock waves set up by vehicle movement can crack it more readily.

Linn noted that mishaps occur on ice every winter and already have cost a life in Montana this season. He offered

tips for avoiding accidents and for possible rescue of victims.

—Never assume that previous travel, or good support in one area, means the ice is safe.

—Keep car or truck speeds slow—less than 10 miles per hour, and keep vehicles well separated to diminish shock wave effects.

—Move parked vehicles occasionally to avoid ice fatigue.

—Travel without seat belts fastened, windows open and possibly with door ajar for quick bailout onto safe ice if the vehicle begins to break through.

—Provide emergency equipment, such as an inflatable life preserver, at least 25 feet of nylon rope, and sharp objects that a partially submerged victim can use to pull himself onto the ice (large nails, a screwdriver or even car keys may work). A plastic or styrofoam bucket used for bait or seat could support a fully-clothed angler as a makeshift life preserver until help arrives.

—Plan a "buddy system," walking at least 10 yards apart to be ready to aid one who breaks through the ice.

—If ice breaks, attempt to enter the water feet first so air is trapped in clothing. Keep clothing zipped tightly. Keep arms low if help is imminent, rather than trying to remain high in the water.

—A victim who falls through and is alone should break away crumbly ice before using a sharp object to attempt to inch out of the water and roll away from the hole.

—A rescuer should keep the victim from panicking and use a rope, branch, jacket or other long object as a lifeline. Lie down, with legs spread apart, to inch within reach—sliding back to pull the victim, who should hold tight and flutter kick while thrusting legs and lower body onto the ice.

Linn urged anyone who plans to venture onto ice to keep in mind the hazards — and assess conditions carefully from shore and on the ice to prevent the experience from becoming a tragedy.

Recreation



Roger Selner of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club, presented this Browning .45/70 Montana 1889 Centennial Commemorative rifle to Gayle Gordon, Seeley Lake. Gordon won the rifle during a drawing held last fall at the Gun Show sponsored by the Wilderness Sportsman's Club.

Statewide hunter survey begins

The annual telephone survey of Montana hunting license holders conducted by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks began January 15.

John Cada, the coordinator of the statewide survey, said that he expects many of the 90,000 residents who purchased a hunting license in 1986 will be randomly contacted over the next six weeks.

The survey is conducted each year to collect hunting and harvest information. A number of nonresidents who hunted in Montana in 1986 will also be asked to participate in a mail survey.

"The information obtained via the statewide harvest survey is essential to the Department's evaluation of current game management programs and to the formulation of new programs," Cada explained.

As in previous years, resident hunters will be contacted by telephone between the hours of 5:45 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. The Department surveyor will ask questions pertaining to only one of the license tags purchased by the sportsman in 1986.

The questions will focus on the species hunted and the nature of the 1986 hunt.

Participation in the survey is voluntary. But, Cada noted, in past years nearly every sportsman contacted participated in the survey. The survey results will be available in June.

Gallatin and Gardiner hunts below average

Because of extremely mild weather conditions, both the upper Gallatin Canyon and Gardiner late-season elk hunts are producing below normal hunter success rates, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks reports.

During the past weekend in the upper Gallatin hunting area, the hunter success rate increased from 11% to 38%, which is about normal. However, only 40 of a possible 75 hunters with permits participated in the hunt.

In the Gardiner area, hunter success also improved over the past weekend and averaged 64%, which in most elk hunting districts would be considered very good, but at Gardiner the average is often over 90% during some late hunts. Ten more two-day hunts are scheduled in the Gardiner area before the season ends on February 16, 1987.

Snow Trivia

Q. What is the average amount of snow on the ground at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station on January 26?

A. Since 1966, the average on-the-ground snow recorded for January 26 is 23 inches.

Highest amount of snow on the ground for January 26 was 40 inches recorded in 1975; lowest was 8 inches in 1973. This year, there were 13 inches of snow on the ground at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station on Monday, January 26.

Mule Show February 14 in Missoula

Mule halter and costume classes will be part of this year's Winter Expo in Missoula, according to Carleece Parker, Buck Creek Ranch near Condon. Other mule events scheduled for the afternoon of February 14 at the Missoula County Fairgrounds include hitch classes and log pulls.

Parker has also been active in organizing the annual Swan Valley Mule Days held in June at the community arena near Condon. For more information on the Winter Expo call 754-2471.

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January Newsletter

by Mary Wessels

January 29-February 1: Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Races. Cash giveaways every morning after the teams leave. Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce hosts Winter Carnival events.

January 31: Double Elimination Snow Softball Tournament, 9 am, Seeley Lake Elementary School. Prizes will be awarded after the game at the "Big Feed & Beer" at the Filling Station.

February 1: Musher's Awards Banquet, 5-9 pm (meal served at 6 pm with awards following), The Saloon, Seeley Lake.

February 5: General Meeting and Tentative Big Game Hunting Regulations for 1987 Season meeting, 7 pm, Community Hall, Seeley Lake. Refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome.

February 8: Governor's Cup 500 Sled Dog Race, Helena to Seeley Lake to Holland Lake to Helena. No deadline.

February 19: General Meeting, 7 pm, Leisure Lodge, Seeley Lake.

January 8 Meeting Summary - The general meeting started off with a film presentation and discussion by area biologists Kurt Alt and Bill Thomas of the Fish and Game Department. Subject was winter game range acquisition for elk herds wintering on the Clearwater-Blackfoot Game Range. Part of the biologists' project on the game range is to study: (1) population size of the herds in the upper Blackfoot with helicopter counts of elk marked with neckbands and ear tags; (2) movement from winter range to summer range; (3) harvest rates; (4) pregnancy rates; (5) damage caused by herds on private land; (6) nutrition browse vs. rough fescue diet; (7) diseases; (8) concentration on larger bull elk range area which will be discussed at the February 5 meeting at the Community Hall. At the February 5 meeting on tentative big game hunting regulations, all big game species and the alternatives that would allow sportsmen to harvest bigger bull elk will be discussed. Fish and Game Commissioner Dr. Jim Olson of Hamilton will attend this meeting.

Several opposing views were discussed at length during the biologists' presentation. Main concern of WSC is to maintain quality fishing and hunting environments; as concerned sportsmen, we are willing to pay for this quality to be maintained.

This & That - It seems Elinor wanted the Governor to know about the positive things happening in Montana, like the Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Races; one thing led to another and, before you know it, Governor Schwinden was quoting Elinor in his State-of-the-State address. After the address, the Governor's office called Elinor to let her know the statewide response to his address. Follow Elinor's example if you want to get things done: hard work and perseverance. ... Paul LeFebvre, Art Sikkink and Pat Knowles were appointed by the WSC to recommend a slate of new officers to replace those whose terms have expired. ... About the Sled Dog Races - Wayne Herron has finished the trophies - they are unique (made of juniper, elk horn and elk hides); Elinor made a really eye-catching across-the-road race banner; and the race committee has been doing a smashing job. ... Committee chairman report that things are shaping up for upcoming events: The Outdoor Sports and Gun Show, May 2 & 3, already has 20 spaces set; Merle Gunsch read a letter from Chuck Wright, Department of State Lands, regarding gun range information. ... Just a quick note about the January 22 meeting: the centennial rifle presentation was made to Gayle Gordon. As her picture was being taken by *Pathfinder's* Suzanne Vernon, Gayle said, "I'd like to thank the Club for the opportunity to win such a nice prize as this rifle." Merle Gunsch handed out drafts of the Blackfoot River Fishery Management Plan from the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks for WSC review (included were survey and response forms) - for more information, contact Merle. ... Attention: Come and vote at the February 5 meeting. The nomination committee proposed changes in the constitution and bylaws. Notice will be sent to all WSC members ten days prior to the February 5 meeting. ... Thanks to all those who have called about the December newsletter. Your thoughts were passed on to board members. We're hoping to hear from more of you. Come to the next meeting to find out what's happening. GOOD LUCK MUSHERS!!

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Fishing Report

Fishing is fair at Seeley Lake right now. A few people are having good luck near the shorelines, and a handful of lucky folks have hooked into the big rainbows that were planted earlier this winter. One weighed in at over nine pounds last week.

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Forest Service acquires land near Salmon Lake

A complicated land exchange, which began five years ago between Champion Timberlands and the Lolo National Forest, was finally consummated on December 31, 1986.

The Seeley Lake Ranger District gave up lands in the Gold Creek-Blanchard Creek area north of the Blackfoot River near Potomac, and gained several thousand acres on the south end of the District.

"We acquired the south end of Salmon Lake," Ranger Dennis Johnson said on Friday. In addition, land formerly belonging to Champion near the Monture guard station has now become part of the Seeley Lake Ranger District. In the Swan Valley, a 160-acre isolated parcel of land near Elk Point was transferred to Forest Service ownership.

Some of the benefits to the Forest Service in this exchange include acquisition of key elk winter range in the Salmon Lake area; maintaining aesthetic and recreation values in the Salmon Lake and Falls Creek areas, and disposing of some difficult-to-manage sections of land in the checkerboard land ownership areas near Blanchard Creek.

"That area was already heavily logged (by the Forest Service)," Johnson said, referring to the lands acquired by Champion. Johnson also pointed out that the District's Blanchard Vaughn timber sale is still active in that area, and will be unaffected by the exchange.

Several proposed land exchanges are currently "in the works" around the Northern Region, according to Bob Kaufman, Lolo National Forest. Land exchanges can help managers of national forest lands improve efficiency, effectiveness, and also manage the resource for the greatest benefit to the public. However, he pointed out that time is often a prohibiting factor. "It does take an awful long time to culminate an

exchange," he explained, adding that changes of administration at the corporate level sometimes delay exchanges.

Public involvement in land exchanges is requested at the onset of any project. For example, Johnson pointed out that in 1981, before the Environmental Assessment was begun on the Blackfoot River Exchange, a public meeting was held in Seeley Lake to address some of the concerns expressed by local residents.

This past summer, another land exchange proposed with Champion (known as the Deep Creek Exchange) was begun on the Lolo National Forest and public comments were solicited at that time. The parcels of land now being proposed for exchange are widely scattered across western Montana. Final negotiations in that proposal are not expected to begin for several months.



South Lake sale represents 'whole program' for 1987

The 9.4 million board feet South Lake Timber Sale, purchased in December by Pyramid Mountain Lumber Company, Seeley Lake, comprises the "whole timber sale program" for the Seeley Lake Ranger District in fiscal year 1987, according to ranger Dennis Johnson.

The sale volume for the Seeley District of the Lolo National Forest is up slightly, from 7.7 million board feet sold in 1986.

To put those figures into perspective, sawtimber planned for harvest from the South Lake sale could build approximately 810 single family, 1,700-square-foot houses.

The South Lake Sale, located just north of Ovando on the Seeley Lake Ranger District, is tentatively planned to be harvested over the next six years.

Timber harvest up in 1986

The volume of timber harvested from the National Forests in the Northern Region (Montana, northern Idaho, North Dakota and western South Dakota) was up 79 million board feet in fiscal year 1986 (October 1, 1985 through September 30, 1986.)

Almost all of the timber sold in the Northern Region's 13 National Forests was in the form of sawtimber. National Forest timber is sold through competitive bids, which specify that timber under contract should be harvested within a certain time, usually two to five years, according to a recent Forest Service news release.

Although the timber harvest is up, the volume of timber sold in the Northern Region is down two percent from fiscal year 1985.

John M. Hughes, director of timber management for the Northern Region of the Forest Service in Missoula, recently explained that the National Forest share of all timber harvested in the four-state

Region declined from 41.1 percent of the total harvested in calendar year 1974 to 35.9 percent in calendar year 1984.

"In this same period," Hughes pointed out, "the volume of timber harvested from private lands in the Northern Region increased from 47.2 percent in 1974 to 53.2 percent last year (1985)."

The volume of timber harvested from Northern Region National Forests has increased more than 800 percent in the past 45 years. In 1940, 118 million board feet were harvested. In 1986, 1,023.7 million board feet were harvested.

Missoula County shares Forest Service revenues

Twenty-five percent of Forest Service revenue earned by the National Forests in the Northern Region is contributed back to counties. In Missoula County, Forest Service revenue payments for Fiscal Year 1986 (October 1, 1985 through September 30, 1986) amounted to more than \$287,000, up from \$229,000 paid for fiscal year 1985.

Forest Service revenue is from timber sales, grazing fees, land use fees, recreation charges, utility fees, mineral revenues, and admission and user fees. The base from which shares were figured also includes credits made to timber purchasers for building roads and funds used by the Forest Service to improve timber sales areas.

Specific payments made to Missoula County by the Seeley Lake and Swan Lake Ranger Districts were not available last week.

In the Northern Region of the Forest Service (Montana, northern Idaho, eastern Washington, western South Dakota, and North Dakota) payments to counties for FY 1986 totalled more than \$13 million. This represents a 13 percent increase from FY 1985.

PASSAGES

Pastor D. Paul Hickman
Fundamental Baptist Church
Seeley Lake

Sodom and Gomorrah were pretty nice places to live back in the days that they existed. They had been greatly favored by God. We're told in the Bible that the area around them was like "the garden of the Lord." God also blessed them by putting a man named Lot there. Once, because Lot was there they were kept from being sold into slavery by marauding kings. (Gen. 14)

The Bible says that there were several reasons why God had to destroy those places:

Predation is nature's way

from Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

In the natural world, there is a constant struggle for survival. One animal is a predator, the other is prey. The prey gains its sustenance by consuming plants and other energy-providing food sources. The predator, in turn, gains its energy by consuming the prey.

Nature's predator-prey relationships are not storybook tales, and the topic may ring harshly in some ears. Yet the harsh reality of this relationship becomes quite apparent when snow blankets the land. A scattering of mottled feathers on the snow tells of a grouse that became lunch for an owl. A meandering trail through the sage charts a jackrabbit's race against a hungry coyote.

The predator-prey relationship plays an integral role in the population dynamics of all ecosystems. Occasionally, an overabundance of predators can markedly reduce the availability of prey. However, in the usual situation, it is the number of prey that dictates the number of predators.

Consider the much-studied case of the Canada lynx and the snowshoe hare, two native Montana wildlife species that are closely tied.

As a prey species and source of nourishment, snowshoe hares are the lynx's "bread and butter." The snowshoe hare, in fact, has been found to comprise about 75 percent of the lynx's diet, with grouse, squirrels and mice accounting for the remaining 25 percent. Snowshoe hares (they are not rabbits) have the typical characteristics of a prey species—a high reproductive potential, a short lifespan, and a very rapid population turnover. Hares rarely live to be four years old and, in any one year's

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(1) The Sodomites did not appreciate the things that they had, and did not see them as a blessing from God. Instead, they gave themselves over to every kind of sin of which they could think.

(2) Lot didn't do his job. The Lord said to Abraham that if He could only find ten righteous people in those places, they would be spared.

We have been highly favored — just as they were. Do we appreciate it? When we look at the mountains, or the lakes, or the forest, or the trout streams, do we see God's blessing and are we thankful? If not, are we any different than they were?

Those who know of the Lord in our Valley haven't done their job. I'm expressing concern more than criticism.

But, on any given Sunday only 200-250 people will be in church in the whole Valley. That's probably 10% or less. Of those, very few are really living for God during the week. What about you?

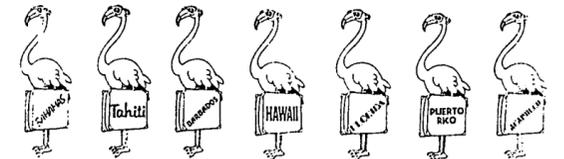
What we need is a turning to God: (1) Recognizing that what we have we possess because God gave it to us, and realizing that He didn't have to bless us.

(2) Beginning to get serious about the things of God. We need to live for Him seven days a week and not just a few hours on Sunday.

(3) Turn from the sin and wickedness that might be in our lives and begin to live as God wants us to live — righteously.

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Hawks down the Eagles

by Colleen McNally

Saturday night, Seeley improved its Conference record to eight wins and no losses. The Blackhawks played a consistent game by averaging 16 points per quarter. They led 29-26 at the half and ended up winning with a final score of 61-51.

Craig Tanner led all scorers with an impressive 22 points while Les Meyer chipped in 14 and Richard Klebenow added 10. Valley Christian was led by Eric Henry with 15 and Craig Hargis with 14.

Seeley will take on Lincoln on Friday at home, and then will travel to Drummond on Saturday.



Sandy DeLeo and Melissa Abreo give a few yells during the volleyball game with Victor last weekend.

Roger Wade Photography

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Seeley scores another victory on Saturday

by Craig Tanner

The boys basketball team traveled to Victor on Friday to take on the Pirates. Seeley Swan was looking for their sixth straight conference win.

The Blackhawks came out strong in the first period, outscoring the opponents 24-10 as they went on to win 79-60.

Craig Tanner led the Hawks in scoring with 29 points. Frank DeLeo, Les Meyer and Darren Baretta also scored in double figures.

Seeley Lake

Community meeting Thursday

Results of the community survey, completed last fall, will be available to local residents at a community meeting at the Seeley Lake Community Hall on Thursday, January 29, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Missoula Electric Co-op and Black-foot Telephone are providing refreshments for the gathering. Local residents who served on the community attitude survey committee will be available to answer questions about the survey. For more information contact Dan Mizner, Seeley Lake.

Stork Report

Congratulations to Mark and Shawna Jones, proud parents of a new baby boy, born January 16 at 12:30 a.m. at Mountain Home Air Force Base Hospital in Mountain Home, Idaho. Baby Cory Abe Jones weighed eight pounds and measured 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Bev Broderick and Jim Broderick of Seeley Lake; paternal grandparents are Gordon and Joan Jones, Helena.

Advanced First Aid courses begin Feb. 2

First Aid courses will begin in Seeley Lake on February 2 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the home of Steve and Cheryl Thompson in Seeley Lake. Classes will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings. For more information call 677-2454.

SCHOOLS

Proposed bill would eliminate middle school funding

House Bill 340, introduced earlier this session would eliminate the funding "loophole" that gives rural schools an increased amount of money for elementary students who attend classes in a separate school building.

Passage of this bill would mean a loss of \$45,000 annually to the Swan Valley Elementary School, according to Dan White, principal. That amount equals nearly 25% of their total budget.

"There's no doubt it would affect our program," White said on Monday.

Last fall, Seeley Lake Elementary trustees withdrew their support of a bond issue for the construction of additional classrooms and a new junior high building which, at one time, had been an attractive proposal to them because of the possibility of increased funding for the students in the separate building. Trustees withdrew their support in light of these legislative proposals which were being written several months ago.

Reflections program grows

Area youth interested in expressing themselves creatively through the arts are encouraged to participate in the PTA-sponsored "Reflections" program. Deadline for entries is February 17, 1987.

According to Ann Kahn, National PTA president, "Reflections, the PTA's 17-year-old cultural arts program, gets bigger and better each year. Last year, over 330,000 children from kindergarten through senior high school participated in the program in the fields of literature, music, photography and the visual arts. The 1986-87 Reflections theme, "In Celebration; A Past to Remember, A Future to Mold," honors the National PTA's 90th birthday, while looking ahead to many more years of service to children and youth."

The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for children and youth to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. Projects are done at home, not during school time. However, teachers will be available in coming weeks to help students during after-school sessions.

For more information students should talk to their teachers, or parents may contact Reflections chairman, Cyd Kats, Seeley Lake Elementary. All entries will be displayed locally before being sent to the state competition.

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4-H News

Blackfoot Bandits to host IFYE Program

by Vicki Smith, Reporter

Members of the Blackfoot Bandits 4-H Club have decided to host the IFYE student at Helmville Community Club on February 4 at 7:30 p.m. IFYE is an exchange program where 4-H youth learn about cultures in other countries. Jeff Conner, who visited Indonesia, will give the Feb. 4 program.

In other business conducted at the January 18 meeting, held at the McNally residence, members discussed the new constitution and the bylaws, and passed motions to accept both.

Members discussed the Citizenship Seminar to be held in Helena on March 11-14. 4-H members 14 years and older are qualified to attend.

Nancy Pasha suggested that the club have a meeting at Krutar's in Helena and, while there, tour the Shodair Drug Rehabilitation Center.

Powell County awards were given to all members from last year. Some late-arriving Fair awards were also given to Tara Pasha and Tracy Smith from the Montana Tarentaise Association. Tara received a plaque and a check for \$50 for Champion Breeding Female and Tracy received a plaque and \$35 for Reserve Champion.

Clarice Childers was appointed as chairman of the scrapbook. Members will help her collect items.

Under old business, members acknowledged that an account had been opened with the bank in Lincoln. It was also decided that the host of each meeting will decide the time of the meeting and call members.

A work meeting on record books was held following the Jan. 18 business meeting.

Swan Valley book fair featured variety

Storybooks, cookbooks, research and reference materials — they were all available at the Swan Valley Elementary School Book Fair held Tuesday and Wednesday, January 20 and 21.

Books were offered for people of all reading levels, preschool, children, young adult, parents and teachers.

Book sales were good this year, according to school librarian, Kate Johnson. Swan Valley Elementary earns a percentage of all books sold.

School officials appreciate the support shown by the community, Johnson explained, adding that the participation of local residents this year really made the Book Fair a success.

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, February 2 — Wieners and Sauerkraut Tuesday February 3 — Baked Ham Wednesday February 4 — Tater Tot Casserole

Read-A-Thon begins

Students at Swan Valley Elementary are beginning to gather pledges for their Read-A-Thon program. Sponsors agree to donate fifty cents toward each book a student reads during the seven-week period of the Read-A-Thon, which began January 19.

The program is part of the World Book Partners in Excellence Read-A-Thon, a nationwide program designed to encourage and develop a greater interest in reading among children.

Money raised during the Read-A-Thon will be used to purchase World Book Encyclopedias and other books for the school library. World Book has promised to match each \$2.00 of pledges with \$1.00 for purchase of World Book products.

All students will be competing for a cash award of \$10.00 for the student who reads the most books. Classes will compete for a party to be sponsored for the class having the greatest average number of books read per student, according to Kate Johnson, school librarian.

Snow Country 4-H

Tracy Ann Kearney Reporter

The Snow Country 4-H is having a sledding party the 31st of January, beginning at noon at the Rovero residence south of the Summit. Local families are invited to the potluck and party.

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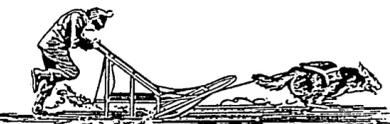
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Sunday, February 1

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BUSINESS

Throw out the rules in advertising

People who enjoy your ads are twice as likely to buy the product, according to Wes Spiker, professional advertising consultant from Missoula. Spiker also suggested that businessmen "throw out the rules" in advertising, and not be afraid to try new, creative ideas.

"Give people something to talk about," he suggested, adding that it's the idea that's important. "Steer clear of formula advertising... do something different, break through the clutter."

Spiker stressed the idea that successful ads are those which address people on a one-to-one basis. "You're not selling your product to a crowd... sell it to one person at a time," he explained.

"It's like hunting quail," Spiker continued. "Choose your target, aim for it and, hopefully, you'll hit it."

"The best advertising respects the consumer's intelligence," Spiker said.

Wes Spiker, of Spiker Communications, Missoula, was the guest speaker at an advertising seminar sponsored by the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce last week at Leisure Lodge. About thirty area business people attended the seminar.

TK-7 distributor in Seeley Lake

Derek and Mary Lou Ellinghouse are now offering TK-7, a gasoline lead substitute, for sale in both Missoula and Seeley Lake. Derek and Mary Lou live in Missoula, but have called Seeley Lake their second home since 1953.

TK-7, when added to gasoline, reduces friction, increases gas mileage, reduces corrosion, and helps clean the fuel system. TK-7 replaces the lubricating function of lead in unleaded gasoline for longer engine life and fewer costly repairs, according to Derek Ellinghouse.

New security patrol business

Paul LeFebvre, Seeley Lake, recently started a new security business called Rocky Mountain Patrol. He and his assistants provide area homeowners and associations (such as the Double Arrow Landowners) with routine "security checks" in their neighborhoods or at their summer homes.

LeFebvre operates the business on a contract basis, and serves an area from Elbow Lake north to the Holland-Lindbergh Lake region. All of the people working for Rocky Mountain Patrol have a law enforcement background.

LeFebvre says that he and others saw a need for a security patrol service in the Seeley Swan. "We don't have a big (crime) problem here, yet," he said cautiously. "But we can prevent problems with this service."

Paul and his wife, Grace, moved to Seeley Lake from New Mexico and have lived here about four years.

For more information about Rocky Mountain Patrol call 677-2075 or write P.O. Box 294, Seeley Lake.

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