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Community Council clears another hurdle

For nearly a year now, Seeley Lake residents have been meeting and discussing the possibility of creating an advisory community council to serve as a link between local residents and the Missoula County commissioners.

By-laws have now been drafted and county commissioners have reviewed them. It appears that commissioners will hold a hearing later this month to listen to comments on the by-laws and resolution to create a community council. If no significant opposition is voiced, and commissioners approve the resolution, the next step will be to appoint seven people to serve on the Seeley Lake Community Council. This interim board would serve until the next school elections, when council members would be elected on a staggered rotation.

The purposes of the community council are:

"to act as a liaison between the citizens of Seeley Lake and the Missoula County Commissioners; to provide all types of information deemed useful, beneficial and helpful to the Missoula County Commissioners in making decisions which affect Seeley Lake; to inform the citizens of Seeley Lake of issues being considered by the Missoula County Commissioners which may have an impact on Seeley Lake; to provide leadership and support to the community's efforts to ensure orderly growth and development in Seeley Lake; to serve as a channel of communications with local, county, state, and federal government officials and agencies regarding matters of concern to the citizens of Seeley Lake."

—from Seeley Lake Community Council By-Laws.

According to Bud Johnson, Seeley Lake resident active in the effort to form a community council, one of the first projects the group will tackle is the writing of a community plan for future growth. At the present time, Seeley Lake residents are "governed" by the Missoula County Comprehensive Plan, a huge document geared mainly toward urban planning.

Rural areas of Missoula County are beginning to write their own plans. Commissioners recently reviewed a plan written by Swan Valley-Condon residents describing some of the community's goals and priorities in areas such as land use planning, commercial development, environment and natural resources.

Members of the Seeley Lake Community Council will also attend meetings of the Missoula County commissioners and relay concerns about law enforcement, leash laws, road projects, etc. to the commissioners on behalf of Seeley Lake residents.

Council members will communicate regularly with the community through print media and town meetings.

State water official to address Chamber

Rick Rosa of the Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences Water Quality Bureau will be speaking at the April 7 Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Rosa has been asked specifically by Seeley Lake Water & Sewer District chairman Don Larson to address new state and federal regulations, and possible ways that the District can obtain financial assistance for meeting new regulatory requirements.

The April 7 meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Seeley Swan High School cafeteria.

Seeley Swan Prom Royalty: Shauna Haines and Les Meyer. The Junior Prom was held last weekend.

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday

Set your clocks AHEAD ONE HOUR on Sunday with the start of Daylight Saving Time.

WEATHER

Thursday-Saturday: Continued dry and warm, with chance of showers by Saturday. Highs 60s to low-70s, cooling into 50s by Saturday. Lows 30-40.

OPINION

Post No. 63

Many readers have probably noted the "blossoming" of the American Legion Post in the Swan Valley over the last several months. Every so often in a community, the "time" comes for an organization, and we appear to be witnessing this in the case of Post No. 63. The Legionnaires have embarked upon an ambitious program of community service and are well on the way to fulfilling their objectives. Keep up the fine work, gentlemen.

The Fix Is In

Black rumors are sweeping the community. It is whispered that a grand jury has been convened. It is said that Lloyd Hallgren has arrest warrants to serve, but the key witnesses have "flown."

A pall hangs over last month's Third Annual Maggot Races, because it is suspected that some of the owners drugged their steeds just prior to the competition. Immersion of the entrants in "light" beer just prior to being led to the starting gate appears to be the main allegation against the perpetrators.

Bruce Burns, Chief Racing Steward for the World Organization of Racing Maggots (W.O.R.M.), is stunned by the charges but vows that W.O.R.M. will cooperate fully with the authorities during the investigation. Burns says that, if necessary, blood tests will be administered to each entrant prior to next year's races.

Although these assurances are encouraging — they're "a day late" (April 2 instead of April 1). Seeley Lake doesn't need this kind of scandal.

— Dick Potter

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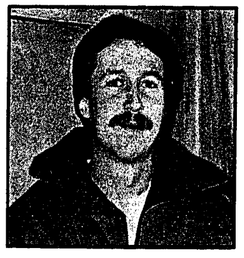

Dr. Joe Thompson has been making the weekly Wednesday trip to the Seeley Veterinary Service office in Seeley Lake for almost three years now — well, almost every Wednesday. Dr. Orr or Dr. Swartz make an occasional visit, too. The Seeley office is considered an outpatient clinic and is a satellite office of the Missoula Veterinary Clinic.

Such services as diagnostic work-ups and treatments, preventive medicine (i.e., vaccinations, etc.), surgeries (i.e., spays/neuters), are offered at the Seeley clinic. The veterinarian at the Seeley office is also available to treat large animals on an out-call basis. Lab samples can be taken here and results can be telephoned back to the pet/animal owner. More involved surgery and other detailed work is referred to the parent clinic in Missoula.

The response to the veterinary service in the community has been very favorable, according to Dr. Thompson. He believes the convenience of the service is the main factor for the clinic's success. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Since the phone system is on a call-forwarding basis to the Missoula Veterinary Clinic, calls can be taken anytime.

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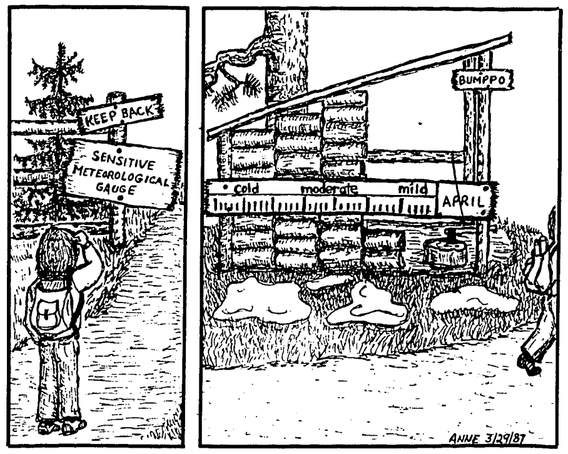

Moore on HB 535

To the Editor:

This responds to your "Snap Shots" column of March 26, 1987, where you asked me to explain my "apparent failure to support HB 535 in committee (before it was watered down) which would have set aside an adequate number of non-resident licenses for outfitter clients." I am glad to tell, as you put it, my "side of the story."

First, it must be remembered that neither the outfitters' bill, HB 535, the proposal of the Montana Wildlife Federation, HB 105, nor the legislative action on these bills had anything to do with the dilemma experienced by the outfitters during the recent sale of non-resident licenses. That allocation and sale of licenses was made in accord with past policies, not new legislation. The above-mentioned bills were submitted by the outfitters and Wildlife Federation in order to create change that these organizations thought desirable for the future. Provisions contained in both bills generated irreconcilable conflicts and the debate eventually involved a wide array of individual hunters and sportsmen's clubs.

During a meeting last fall with outfitters Tom Parker and Jack Rich, and news editor Suzanne Vernon, I decided to support continuing the set-aside of 5,600 combination licenses for use by outfitter clients. But I did not agree to push for setting aside half of the available 17,000 licenses because I felt that, given the opposition to the outfitters' bill, it would not be possible to pass legislation granting half of the non-resident licenses to about one-third of the non-residents seeking licenses.

Although health problems kept me from engaging in some of the debate, I have never wavered from the above position because I thought it the best we could do for the outfitters under the circumstances. I remain convinced that to have tried to get more would have destroyed the position of the outfitters. And, in retrospect, my hunch was not without a degree of merit. As of this date, HB 535 has been amended by the Fish and Game Committee of the Senate to:

(1) reduce the special non-resident deer licenses from 6,000 to 3,000,

(2) eliminate the set-aside of 5,600 licenses to be used by outfitter clients,

Representative Ellison, the bill's sponsor, says the original intent of the bill has been lost and that there is little chance of saving anything of value from the legislation.

What then, can be done to help the outfitting industry maintain their services and continue their contributions to Montana's economic prosperity? I do not know, but I have some thoughts. First, whatever happens in the Senate, if the bill is returned to the House, I will help the outfitters and Representative Ellison all I can to salvage anything that seems worthwhile. Beyond that, I would like to see the outfitters, the Wildlife Federation, sportsmen's clubs and others with similar concerns join together to form a broad constituency in support of our wildlife resources and in support of each other. Perhaps that is an impossible dream. But the alternative is the kind of confrontation politics that has dominated this issue of non-resident licenses. It is a situation where few, if anyone, gains and almost everyone loses.

Rep. Janet Moore
House District 65

(Editor's Note: Just before going to press last week, we received a letter from Janet Moore addressing the Failed 50th comments which appeared in the March 19th issue. Because of space considerations, we are deferring publication of that letter to next week's issue.)

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OPINION

Support for Moore

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to your note to Janet Moore in the March 25 editorial in the *Pathfinder*. I would like to make some comments on the related issue of non-resident hunting licenses and the outfitting industry.

Before the legislature convened in January, Jack Rich and myself met with Representative Moore as representatives of the Montana Outfitter and Guide Association. We informed her of the MOGA license bill proposal and enlisted her support. She was very clear in her support for the outfitting industry, and acknowledged the need for the allocation of part of the non-resident licenses for outfitted hunters, to give the industry some stability. She expressed concerns over certain aspects of the bill and indicated at that time that she could not support the bill in its entirety for several reasons of which she outlined to Mr. Rich and myself.

I respect the initial position that she established during our meeting and which she maintained throughout the House debate surrounding the MOGA and other non-resident license bills. Ultimately a compromise bill was developed out of the MOGA, Montana Wildlife Federation, and other license bill proposals. This was obviously the most politically realistic legislation possible at that time.

I was in contact with Janet numerous times during the development of the House Bill compromise and at no time did I feel she had altered her basic support of the outfitting industry or her position on the importance of the allocation of a reasonable number of non-resident hunting licenses to those hunters using the services of licensed outfitters.

As outfitters, there are several things that should be clear to us in regard to our experience in this session of the legislature. Our elected representatives are, in effect, a cross-section of attitudes and opinions across Montana. it is important that we keep ourselves and the public well-informed about our livelihood and its concerns. We must demonstrate a unified stand in our contacts with the public, our legislators, and particularly testimony at hearings in the House and Senate.

A continuous open line of positive communication between ourselves, the public and other groups affected by the outfitting business is vital. This will help the grass roots support we need when confronted with issues that have a profound effect on our livelihood.

As outfitters and guides we can best accomplish our goals by demonstrating a sincere and long-term commitment to better land and resource management. The industry as a whole has fallen short of its responsibility in these areas which are so vital to the outfitter and his business. Only by active participation and leadership in forest, water, wildlife, and land management issues can the industry build the trust and support of others who use and share these resources.

Tom Parker
Buck Creek Ranch
Outfitter and Guide Service
Condon, MT

Perils of Progress

To the Editor:

Concerning the new "Environmentally Sensitive Tourism" concept for the economic development of the Seeley-Swan-Blackfoot areas: Just what are the proposals already on the agenda that our community leaders are actively participating in?

Never heard of anything except cutting everything down along the Highway 83 Corridor, so the tourist can travel faster to kill everything that is upon the Highway. What ever happened to "Prudence?" Or our elected leaders or representatives raping the professional Outfitters of the economic value to their areas.

We don't want to target the amusement parks or water slides, etc. for the young at heart. Mr. Walt Disney made billions of dollars on his concept of four characters — mainly Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Pluto, Donald Duck, etc. Just think of the billions they are going to make in their move to Paris.

The community leaders comprise mostly of the people that are in business. Their concept is to put more money into their pockets. Let's turn this concept around for the benefit of all the residents of the local areas, not just the business sector. I think the residents should take affirmative action concerning this preferential treatment. Who wants bigger water, sewer systems, etc? The Developers. They can sell more land, construct more homes, bigger schools, etc. There is no end.

What do you gain? More people, more pollution, more expansions, more taxes, etc. You might as well stay in Chicago or elsewhere if you don't want to enjoy the pristine country and environment which we are endowed with.

You folks at Placid lake, take heed when the developers start on you. The economic gains to be found at Placid Lake are miniscule compared to the benefits undeveloped land holds. That is why my proposed Aerial Tram is above the pristine environment, to be enjoyed by the eye, mind, heart and the love of undisturbed land.

I would like to quote Governor McCall of the state of Oregon: "Come Ye — All, accept our hospitality, but — please, please don't stay."

Let's end the absolute rape of everything that is good about this place. I love my home in this pristine environment; let's not destroy it for me and for those in the future.

Mel Ketland
Seeley lake

Fat P.O.

(Editor's Note: The following letter was directed to the U.S. Postal Service in Salt Lake City in response to statements reported in last week's Pathfinder regarding the Condon Post Office. It is reprinted with permission of the author.)

Dear Mr. Webber:

A few years ago, it was "get rid of the Condon Post Office." Now, it's "build a new and bigger one." Bull! I like it just where it is and I don't like the idea of paying 25 cents for a stamp. (22 cents is already too much!) Cut the fat!

Al Cluck
Condon, MT

Business Briefs

Cenex hosts open house

Ted and Edeline Davis, Ovando Cenex, are hosting a Polaris Open House this Friday and Saturday featuring four-wheelers.

The Open House will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Soda pop, doughnuts and coffee will be served and prizes given away. The Ovando Cenex has carried the Polaris dealership about five years and is an authorized sales and service center.

Knitting Class

Artistic Expressions will offer a course in Intermediate Knitting, starting Tuesday, April 14. Class will meet Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for four consecutive weeks. Anyone interested in information on this class should call Artistic Expressions at 677-2188. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Roger Wade Photography
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SBA to host Homebased Business Conference

Do you operate a homebased business? Many people in the Seeley Swan and Blackfoot valleys operate a business out of their home.

The Small Business Administration is offering a workshop on Friday, May 1, at the Village Red Lion in Missoula, to help small businessmen and women improve efficiency and record-keeping.

Some of the workshop topics are: Developing a Business Plan: the do's and don'ts of planning; Record Keeping and Tax Tips: What to consider when setting up an effective record system; Keeping the Business Legal: Zoning, home inspections, licensing and insurance; Protecting your Business and Product; Making Money Down on the Farm; Homebased Alternatives for Additional Income; Marketing Opportunities; Managing Growth; and The Computer: A friend in deed.

"Building a Business Without a Bankroll" is another topic of discussion. Workshops will be followed by a reception and trade fair.

Registration is $35 per person before April 21. On-site registration is $50. For more information contact the University of Montana, Continuing Education, 243-5587. The conference is sponsored by UM and the Montana Cooperative Extension Service.

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School Elections

Seeley Lake Elementary

Candidates concerned about school funding

Three Seeley Lake residents are running for two openings on the Seeley Lake Elementary School Board of Trustees. All are concerned about the financial problems facing Montana schools. Legislators in Helena are currently working on a number of statewide budget cuts which will affect school funding.

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Ken Kopke retired from the Air Force and moved to Seeley Lake with his family in 1983. One of the reasons they chose Seeley Lake was the reputation of the elementary school. He thinks the grade school is outstanding, and hopes to contribute to continued quality education here.

Kopke believes he can be a good arbitrator, gathering information about issues as needed, and making decisions based on facts. He has been active in the community through the Lions Club and the Double Arrow Landowners Association.

Ken's wife, Bonnell Kopke, works as a special education aid at Seeley Lake Elementary. She is paid by an education cooperative, not by the Seeley Lake District, according to Ken. Kopke's have two children, ages 6 and 8, who attend Seeley Elementary.

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Cheri Thompson is co-owner of the Gas Haus in Seeley Lake and has lived here for 12 years. She is active in the Chamber of Commerce, Swan Valley Christian Singers, Quick Response Unit and other volunteer organizations.

Thompson has been asked to run for school trustee by many people and believes she has "something to offer" the community. She has worked at the school as an aide, and currently drives the school bus each day as an employee of the bus contractor.

"I think I can see the needs from both sides. . . employer and taxpayer," she added.

Cheri's husband, Steve, co-owner of the Gas Haus, works as a speech pathologist serving many area schools. Thompsons have one son, Sean, who attends Seeley Swan High School.

Jeanne Moon has lived in Seeley Lake with her family for six years. She has a bachelor's degree in Interpersonal Communications, has been active in the Seeley Lake PTA, the local Chamber of Commerce, Double Arrow Landowners Association, and has worked on many community volunteer projects. Moon also worked as a counselor for Big Brothers and Sisters in Missoula for two years, and has completed research in social work at the University of Montana.

Moon has had several people ask her to run for school trustee, and she is confident that her communications skills can be an asset to the board.

"I'm ready to put some energy into bringing things together," Moon explained. One of her goals as a trustee will be to keep the community aware of issues, and to make sure people have a chance to participate in the decision-making process.

Jeanne's husband, Colin, works for the Department of State Lands at Clearwater. They have one daughter who is three years old.

Swan Valley Elementary

Trustees face building, funding problems

Over the past three years Swan Valley residents and school trustees have worked hard to build a new gymnasium for the school, relying heavily on volunteer help and a variety of contractors. The new building may have cost the district far less than it would have if one contractor had been hired to complete the entire job, but now trustees are faced with construction problems and the question of who is responsible for fixing them.

Swan Valley, a district with no voted levy, is also facing substantial budget cutbacks which will be difficult to deal with, according to candidates. Four residents are running for three openings on the board.

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Karin (Mrs. Lee) Anderson has lived and worked in the Swan Valley since 1977. Her husband Lee was born and raised here. Karin wants to be more involved in the school, and believes she can contribute in a positive way by becoming a school trustee.

As a trustee, "school board is a business," she believes. "You're in the business of running the school." Anderson feels that her past experience will be an asset on the board. She has worked as a secretary/receptionist at Rustics, carries on her own home secretarial service, is a notary public and worked for the Condon Post Office as "officer in charge" for many months. Along with other candidates, she believes the construction problem with the new gym is the most important issue now facing trustees.

Karin and her husband Lee, who works at Swan River Youth Camp, have one daughter who is enrolled at Swan Valley Elementary.

(Note: The small community of Swan Valley has two "Karen Andersons" and people are often confused by this. **Karin (Mrs. Lee) Anderson** is running for school trustee, and her profile appears here . **Karen J. Anderson**— note spelling—is the District Clerk for Swan Valley Elementary School. She is not running for school trustee.)

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Dwayne Forder is seeking re-election to the Swan Valley Elementary Board of Trustees. He is currently chairman of the board and has served as trustee for six years. Forder is self-employed in the Swan Valley and is presently involved in logging.

Forder believes that the biggest problem facing trustees now is financing. Cuts in the Foundation program will pose some hard choices for school board members.

He also sees some positive things happening at the school. Trustees last year hired a trained administrator (principal Dan White) and Dwayne believes that seasonal problems are now being handled calmly and more efficiently than in the past.

Forder has lived and worked in the Swan Valley since about 1970. He has one son enrolled at Swan Valley Elementary School.

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Ronnie Matthew was appointed to the Swan Valley school board last fall when trustees filled a position vacated by Michael Lang, and he is now seeking election to the board.

Mathew was born and raised in the Swan Valley and has been involved in community affairs for many years, including Quick Response Unit, Community Club and the Volunteer Fire Department. He is a partner in Matthew Brothers Construction with his brother, Rollie, and has volunteered many hours of work to help finish the new gymnasium at Swan Valley Elementary.

During the course of construction of that facility, Matthew was often asked to advise school trustees on construction matters. For that reason and others, he decided to apply to the board last fall, and seek election this spring. He feels his knowledge of the construction business will be an asset as the board deals with contractors and possible liability questions.

Matthew believes school funding is a problem at the school.

"We have to figure out how to save money and not hurt the kids' education," he said.

Ronnie and his wife, Tori, who does bookkeeping for Matthew Brothers Construction, have four children. The oldest is enrolled at Swan Valley Elementary.

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Lee Tiffin filed for school trustee just before the deadline two weeks ago.

"Several people have asked me," he said. "They have told me, 'Well, we need a grandfather on the board."

Tiffin has lived in the Swan Valley since 1977 when he retired from the Department of Agriculture, where he worked as a plant scientist (physiologist) for 21 years.

Tiffin is active in community organizations, including the local chapter of AARP (American Association of Retired Persons), Swan Valley Library board, and the gifted and talented committee at the school. His wife, Donna, owns Tiffin Yarns and Crafts. Lee and Donna have two children and four grandchildren.

Russ Polsen has lived near Salmon Prairie for eleven years and feels it's time to be involved in the school. He and his wife, Virginia, who taught at Salmon Prairie for one year (several years ago) have two daughters enrolled at the school.

Polsen complimented the community, observing that "it's pretty quiet here," but added that a strong sense of community also exists.

He agrees that the closure of Swan Lake school appears to be a possibility, though it always depends on enrollment, "which varies every year," he said. "We really can't address that question yet," he explained, pointing out that trustees need more information before they'll begin to deal with possible closure.

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Richard Krantz, Swan Lake, has also filed for school board. *Pathfinder* was unable to contact him for an interview.

Salmon Prairie/ Swan Lake

The three-member school board serving the Salmon Prairie and Swan Lake elementary schools in Lake County has one opening this year, and three people have filed for election to the board.

One issue that may soon affect Salmon Prairie and Swan Lake is school consolidation. The legislature may approve bills requiring small schools to consolidate, which could mean that Swan Valley children in Lake County would have to attend school in Bigfork.

Another issue is the possible closure of Swan Lake school, which has only nine students.

Pam Hamilton was born and raised in the Salmon Prairie area. She and her husband have three children enrolled in Salmon Prairie School. Hamilton sees the trustee position as a community responsibility.

"I just figure everybody ought to take their turn at it," she said.

Pam believes that Salmon Prairie school will be able to remain open, because there are 21 students enrolled there. However, the possibility of closing the Swan Lake school looms on the horizon. She would rather see the school remain open, if a choice has to be made, but acknowledged that trustees need more information before making any decisions.

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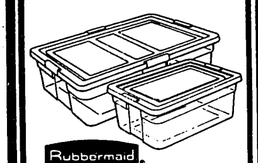
Parent-Teacher conferences April 14 at Seeley Lake

Seeley Lake Elementary School will let out at 1 p.m. on April 14 to enable parents of children, grades fifth through eighth, to visit with teachers during the afternoon. Parents may come to the school from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. (Note the change in time. Last year the evening session was from 7 to 9.)

Parents of children in kindergarten through fourth grade are being notified of appointment times with teachers. There will be no regular kindergarten class held April 14.

BARGAIN OF THE MONTH



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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

Apr 4, Search & Rescue Annual Benefit Auction, 12 noon, Orchard Homes Country Life Club, Missoula.

Apr 5, Community Hall Founders Day Pancake Supper, Supper: 4-6pm/Program: 5:30pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

Apr 6-13, International Wildlife Film Festival, UM, Missoula.

Apr 14, Holland Lake Summit Conference on Tourism, 8am-4:30pm, Holland Lake Lodge.

Bingo, 2nd & 4th Thurs every month, open to public, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

Public Meetings

Apr 2, Dennis Kraft (High School Super), Fee Sched Disc, Noon, Filling Station, Seeley Lake.

Apr 14, Missoula Co High School Board mtg, 7:30pm, Board Room, 915 South Ave W, Missoula.

QRU (Condon), 1st & 3rd Mon every month.

QRU (Seeley Lake), 1st and 3rd Fri every month, 7:30pm, Fire Hall, Seeley Lake.

Seeley Lake Rural Fire District, 1st Tues, firefighters bus mtg, 7pm; 2nd Tues, training mtg, 7pm; 3rd Tues, trustees mtg, 7:30pm; Fire Hall, Seeley Lake.

SOS Trustees mtg, 2nd Mon every month.

Swan Valley Volunteer Fire Department, 6-Week Training Sessions, every Mon thru Apr 13, Comm Hall, Condon; every Weds thru Apr 15, Fire Hall, Seeley Lake.

Water District, 2nd Tues every month, 8pm, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.

Clubs & Organizations

Apr 2, Wilderness Sportsmans Club election mtg, 7:30pm, Leisure Lodge Resort, Seeley Lake.

Apr 7, Seeley Area Chamber of Commerce mtg, 7pm, Cafeteria, Seeley Swan High School.

Apr 7, Swan Valley PTA mtg, 7:30pm, Elem School, Swan Valley.

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, 8pm, Seeley Swan High School Gym, Seeley Lake.

Condon Comm Club, 3rd Thurs every month, bus mtg, 8pm, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.

Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary, 2nd Weds every month, 7:30pm, Boulé Residence, Seeley Lake.

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

SeLa SenCi mtg and potluck, 3rd Weds 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.

Veteran's Coffee Group, Sat, 11am, Swan Valley Centre, Condon.

Other

Apr 2 (Thurs), Bookmobile, Seeley Lake Elem School, 9am-12pm; Seeley Lake town, 12:30-2:30pm.

Apr 3, Book Fair, 8:30am-2:30pm, Salmon Prairie School.

Apr 4, Wrestling Team Fundraiser Awards, 4pm, Liquid Louie's, Swan Valley.

Apr 5, Daylight Savings Time begins. Set clocks ahead one hour.

Apr 7, Elections (school, fire, hospital district trustee & mill levy), Local Elementary Schools.

Apr 15, Kindergarten Roundup, 1:30-3pm, Elem School, 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): Weds & 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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Dale and Karen Conley give a toast to the success of their new business, while Owen and LaNette Conley look on. The family recently opened the Pastime Kitchen in the Swan Valley.

New Café opens in Swan Valley

Dale and Karen Conley, longtime Swan Valley residents, have often wished they could "go out for a drive, and then a hamburger" at a local café. The idea recently prompted them to open the Pastime Kitchen next to the Swan Centre in the Swan Valley.

The Pastime Kitchen is serving a variety of hamburgers, sandwiches, Pastime fried chicken, shrimp-in-a-basket, soup and salad. Leita Anderson will be helping Karen with the cooking. Anderson has been the head cook at the Condon Work Center for many years.

Pastime Kitchen offers take-out foods (such as their specialty chicken) along with their regular menu.

Conley's are also optimistic that they will be able to offer pastries and home-baked rolls in the future.

Karen chuckles that Dale's two favorite pastimes are eating, and visiting with friends.

"He'll be able to do both right here!" she laughed.

The Pastime Kitchen is located in the building that used to be The Swan Café, which closed about two years ago. Conley's have been hard at work for the past several weeks, remodeling the building and installing new equipment. Pastime Kitchen is now open seven days a week, from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Meeting on high school user fees Thursday at noon

Dr. Dennis Kraft, superintendent of Missoula County High Schools, will meet with Seeley Swan residents at the Filling Station at noon on Thursday to further discuss a new user-fee rate schedule at Seeley Swan High School.

The Missoula County Board of Trustees recently tabled a proposal to drastically increase user fees at all high schools in the county. Seeley Swan residents voiced concern about having to pay anywhere from $30 to $120 per hour for use of school facilities.

Dr. Kraft will also be discussing the Adult Education Program. It now appears that unless a class held at Seeley Swan High School is approved through the Adult Ed Program, it may be treated as a commercial activity. Commercial fees for use of a classroom are substantially higher than for community-related events.

Under the Adult Education Program, Missoula County High School District pays instructors $14 an hour. To support that wage, a minimum of 12 students must enroll and pay fees for the class.

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Founder's Day Sunday

Community volunteers will host a Founder's Day Pancake Supper beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 5 at the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

The program includes the honoring of about a dozen Seeley Lake residents who have been instrumental in the construction and maintenance of the Seeley Lake Community Hall, which is 20 years old this month. Other entertainment will be featured.

AAL (Aid Association for Lutherans) is sponsoring the event. All proceeds will go toward Community Hall improvements.

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"And the elephant raised his trunk in the air and roared. . . " Sheila Devins entertained preschoolers during the Story Hour Birthday celebration last week.

Story Hour celebrates first anniversary

The Seeley Lake PTA recently celebrated the first anniversary of their Preschool Story Hour, a monthly event held at the Seeley Lake Elementary School to encourage listening skills among young children.

Sheila Devins, Seeley Lake, began the reading program last March and continued the Story Hour through the summer, fall and winter.

"I really enjoy storytelling," she explained, adding that she originally wanted to start a RIF (Reading Is Fun) program in Seeley Lake, but there appeared to be adequate programs for older children. PTA members encouraged Devins to begin the Story Hour.

During last week's "birthday party," about 20 youngsters listened to several stories and songs, and then were presented with gift books donated by Cole's book store, the Fact and Fiction store, and Children's Bookshop and Specialty Toys, in Missoula.

Devins presented a "favorite book" list to parents, explaining that many of the books are available through Bookmobile.

Cancer crusade begins

During April, Cancer Control Month, American Cancer Society volunteers will bring some good news to women of the Seeley Lake area as part of the Society's 1987 Residential Education and Fund-Raising Crusade.

Breast cancer, one of the most feared diseases among women, can be one of the easiest cancers to cure, if it's found early. The good news is mammography, the use of a low-dose X-ray to detect minute changes in breast cancer tissue. A mammogram can single out a malignant tumor years before it becomes large enough to be felt.

This year's crusade will help inform Seeley Swan residents about cancer and the Society's many service and rehabilitation programs.

Women are advised to use the following techniques to aid early detection.

Breast self-examination: This procedure should be practiced every month by women 20 and over.

Examinations by physicians: For women 20 to 40, physician exams should take place every three years. For women over 40, this exam should take place annually.

Mammography: Women between 35 and 39 should have one baseline mammogram for future comparisons. Women between 40 and 49 should have this test every one or two years, as recommended by their physicians. Women 50 and over should have a mammogram annually.

Early detection of breast cancer can better one's chances of survival and result in less extensive surgery for the patient.

During May, Western Montana Clinic and Community Hospital are offering a Mammography Discount for $50. Also there will be a Breast Self-Exam Clinic May 16 at Southgate Mall.

In Seeley Lake, the Women's Club will host a film for women on mammography at the Community Hall, date to be announced.

Other programs sponsored by the ACS in Missoula include:

- "I Can Cope" educational workshop for cancer patients and their families. Call Gloria Horejsi at 728-4100.
- "Reach to Recover" visitation program for women with breast cancer. Call Ellen Gilliam at 543-6375.
- "Road to Recovery" transportation program for patients. Call Colleen Wood at 721-2832.

For more information contact Seeley Lake Chairman Marion Kincaid at 677-2382, or the Resource Room/Unit Office, at Missoula General, 542-2191 ext. 505. For information about memorials write P.O. Box 3914, Missoula, MT 59806.

For information about financial grants call Nancy Chaffin at the Unit Office, ext 505.

Community Clean-up Day April 25

Governor Ted Schwinden has declared April 25 as Environmental Clean-up Day in Montana, and community groups throughout the Seeley Swan area are planning to participate in a community clean-up. For more information contact any Seeley Lake Lions' Club member, or the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, 677-2880.

CORNUCOPIA *by Michele Potter*

Your recipes keep coming in! And, thank you. *Cornucopia* could fill a page a week for awhile. Recently while visiting with Merle and Pat Gunsch at Seeley Lake Pharmacy, Pat shared this: "Merle's the cook in our family." He says he would like to someday put together a cookbook of his recipe collection. What would you call it, Merle? How about *Gunsch's Greats*. Now Pat's a pretty good cook, too. Following are recipes from both Pat and Merle.

Wings & Things
Pat Gunsch

Chicken Wings	Sauce
Chicken broth or water	1/2 cup chicken broth
2 eggs	1/2 cup catsup
Dash garlic powder	1-1/2 cups sugar (white & brown)
1/2 cup cornstarch	1 cup vinegar
Vegetable oil	Whole mushrooms

Rinse wings under cold water. Cut off tips. Boil in broth or water until done. Cut wings in half. Beat two eggs; add garlic powder. Dip wings in egg mixture then in cornstarch. Brown in oil; drain on paper towels.

Mix all sauce ingredients. Bring sauce mixture to boiling. Pour over wings. Cook covered 45 minutes at 350 degrees Fahrenheit or place sauce and wings in crockpot and simmer on low for about an hour.

Pork Roast Mediterranean
Merle Gunsch

3-4 pound pork roast	Worcestershire sauce
Olive oil	Tomato sauce
Chopped onions	Brown sugar
Chopped celery	2 teaspoons lemon juice concentrate
Mushrooms	1 cup wine

Fry vegetables in olive oil. Add Worcestershire sauce, tomato sauce and brown sugar to make a sauce. Heat sauce on high. Add lemon juice concentrate. Pour vegetable sauce and wine over pork roast one hour before it's done. (Note: Merle says to add all ingredients "to taste" and follow a standard roasting chart for the pork roast).

Just a note, Merle and Pat have available at the pharmacy several publications with diet guidelines and recipes for lowering cancer risk from the American Institute for Cancer Research. And, two readers have requested special information and recipes for food allergies. I just learned that Rodale Press is publishing *Allergy Relief*, a newsletter for allergy sufferers, which provides medical facts and practical advice to manage allergy conditions. For more information, write to *Allergy Relief*, Dept. 60021, 33 E. Minor Street, Emmaus, PA 18049.

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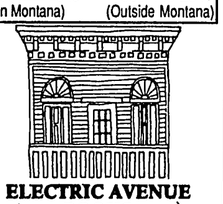

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These students competed in the Second Annual Swan Valley Speaking Contest sponsored by AARP.

It's all in the way you say it

Nervous young men and women excitedly rehearsed their lines as mothers gave last-minute advice in the moments before the Second Annual Speaking Contest held in the Swan Valley Monday night.

Eighteen students took turns reciting speeches, stories and poems. One by one they stood confidently on the stage sharing their carefully chosen words. Performances were sometimes slowed by halting sentences as girls and boys searched the familiar log walls of the community hall for clues to their next line.

Mel Mohler, president of the Swan Valley Chapter of the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) which sponsored the event, reminded parents before the competition not to prompt the youngsters as they delivered lines from Longfellow, Edgar Allen Poe, William Blake, Robert Service, Robert Frost and others.

"Remember—this is the first time ever for most of these kids," Mohler explained to the seventy or more people in the audience. Later, Mohler commended the group on a very fine performance, pointing out that learning to speak in public is an important communications skill that can benefit everyone.

The entire Salmon Prairie School was represented during the event. Although the competition was for grades 5-8 only, Salmon Prairie youngsters from kindergarten through fourth grade entertained the audience while the judges added up scores. Teachers Cece Jasper and Alice Ponce have been coaching their students for many weeks.

"They look so different standing up there," Alice Ponce said proudly, adding that preparing for the speaking contest was an assigned task for Salmon Prairie children.

Schools represented during the competition were Salmon Prairie, Swan Lake and Swan Valley Elementary.

The three judges for the competition—Del Pockrus, Charlie Goff and John King—had their work cut out for them as they deliberated for nearly half an hour in choosing contest winners. They rated each contestant on stage presence, diction, enunciation, clarity, volume control, tone, memorization, continuity and uniformity.

Students chose from two categories: humorous and rhetorical. A few students recited popular poems by Shel Silverstein. Many others chose romantic topics about God's love, the earth and one even quoted a portion of Martin Luther King's famous address, *I Have A Dream.* A few of the younger children had memorized scripture, and shared the Lord's good words during the program.

Many adults agreed that, this year, each of the speakers was a winner.

"I remember when I was in seventh grade," Mel Mohler said. "It's not easy to speak in front of an audience."

Judges chose the following winners in each category:

Fifth and Sixth Grade Humorous: Haakon Ensign, Salmon Prairie, first place; Mike Matola, Salmon Prairie, second place.

Rhetorical: Ivan Jasper, Salmon Prairie, first place; Keja Kraft, Salmon Prairie, second place; and Tonya Broers, Salmon Prairie, third place.

Seventh and Eighth Grade

Humorous: Owen Conley, Salmon Prairie, first place; Traci Kearney, Swan Valley, second place; Matt Raible, Swan Valley, third place.

Rhetorical: Rosie Terrillion, Swan Valley, first place; Signe Ensigne, Salmon Prairie, second place; Randy Seelye, Salmon Prairie, third place.

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Liquid Louie's hosts fundraiser for Seeley Swan AAU wrestling team

For the fourth year in a row, Liquid Louie's in the Swan Valley is hosting the annual fundraiser for the Seeley Swan AAU wrestling team. Team members and parents are currently soliciting donations. Prizes will be awarded at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at Liquid Louie's, Condon.

Area youngsters who participate in this wrestling program are entirely dependent on donations to cover their expenses, which include equipment, uniforms, motels, and food during tournaments. About 30 Seeley Swan young people, ages kindergarten through high school, participate in the program.

Last year, donations amounted to nearly $1,000. All of the fundraiser proceeds go to the wrestling team.

This year, donated prizes for the fundraiser include cash awards and free dinners from the Hungry Bear Chalet and Holland Lake Lodge. Wrestlers have traveled to Missoula and Ronan for tournaments. Those who placed first through third at Divisionals will compete in the state tournament in Butte. John Hallam is coaching this year's athletes.

For more information call Linda Styler, 754-2272, Condon.

Lud Browman Memorial Award winners to be honored

University of Montana geology professors David Alt and Donald W. Hyndman, recently named this year's Lud Browman Memorial Award winners by UM's "Friends of the Library," will be honored at the annual Friends of the Library Banquet, April 8.

Lud Browman, who died in 1986, was a long-time seasonal resident of the Swan Valley. He was with UM's zoology department for thirty-five years and, in 1960, helped found the Friends of the Library, a support group for UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library.

Each memorial award enables the winner to choose $200 worth of books to be placed in the library. The choice of the books is entirely up to the winner.

Hyndman and Alt were named winners for their science writing. They have published several books on roadside geology together, including 1972's *Roadside Geology of the Northern Rockies,* 1977's *Roadside Geology of Oregon,* and 1986's *Roadside Geology of Montana.*

The Friends of the Library Banquet, which is open to the public, begins at 7 p.m. on April 8. There is a fee, and reservations may be made by calling the Library Office, 243-6800, before April first.

Book Fair Friday at Salmon Prairie

Patricia Tavenner and Karen Nagelhus from Electric Avenue Books in Bigfork will be hosting a Book Fair at Salmon Prairie Elementary School in Swan Valley on Friday, April 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Books for all ages will be displayed, including special Easter gift books, and general interest topics such as child care.

Swan Valley Elementary

Board elections on PTA agenda

Swan Valley Elementary PTA meets Tuesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Swan Valley school library. Board elections will be held. Other agenda items include Easter egg hunt, picnic, PTA Convention, changing the meeting time, fundraisers for the Missoula Theatre, and budget.

Citizenship Awards

March 1987 Citizenship Awards at Swan Valley Elementary School have been announced. The following students have been honored: Andy McDonald, Kindergarten; Cody Jensen, second grade; Cole Christianson, third grade; Tracy Styler, fourth grade; Angie Himes, fifth grade; Holly Mahaffey, sixth grade; Amy Gourde, seventh grade; and Kalin Raible, eighth grade.

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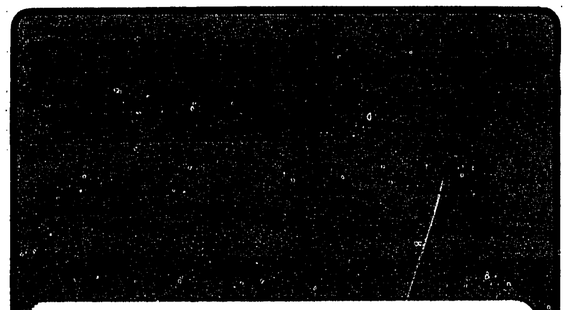

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OUTDOORS

Seeley Lake 200 becomes World Championship Mid-distance race for 1988

The Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race has now become a World Championship Mid-distance race for 1988, according to spokesperson Elinor Williamson. The Seeley Lake 200 is sponsored by the Wilderness Sportsman's Club, Seeley Lake.

Favorable reports from mushers and other race enthusiasts this year had a lot to do with designating the Seeley Lake 200 as the Championship race for 1988, according to Williamson. The Montana Musher's Association voted in favor of holding the Mid-distance Championship in Seeley Lake.

The 1987 Seeley Lake 200 held in January drew mushers from around the United States and was well-attended by spectators during the four-days of events. The Seeley Lake Winter Carnival was also held in conjunction with the 1987 race.

Archery safety training required now for youth

As of March 1, 1988, youth under the age of 18 will be required to have competency training and certification before they can purchase archery hunting licenses.

The Montana Bowhunter's Association will provide the instructor and will use the course developed by the National Bowhunter Educational Foundation.

In Region One, contact Roger Allick, 280 McMannamy Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901, phone 257-4390.

House approves increase in hunting licenses

by Gordon Gregory
for the *Pathfinder*

The House recently approved a hotly-debated measure that increases most hunting fees and uses the money to buy or lease prime wildlife habitat.

HB 526 would raise the B-10, nonresident combination hunting licenses from $350 to $400. That's the sharpest fee increase. Most resident hunting licenses would jump $2 or $3.

One of the bill's most vocal opponents, Leo Giacometto, R-Alzada, said the measure would expand the power base of the state's Fish, Wildlife & Parks Department.

"This bill puts more government in place, puts more land in the state's hand," he said. "Everything that the state is involved with is a mess."

Black bear season opens April 15

The 1987 black bear hunting regulations arrived at the Kalispell Regional Office, Thursday, March 26, and should be in the hands of all area license agents by Saturday, April 4.

The black bear hunt in Region One is the same as last year. The spring season will open Wednesday, April 15. In Region One, with the exception of Lincoln County (which closes May 15), the black bear season is open through Sunday, May 31.

The fall black bear season will run from September 5 through November 29.

As in the past, baiting bears or hunting bears with dogs is illegal. Female bears with young, and individual cubs may not be harvested. Sportsmen are limited to one black bear per license year (March 1 through February).

Within 10 days of harvesting a black bear, hunters are required to make arrangements with Fish, Wildlife and Parks officials to remove a premolar tooth for aging.

Family members may now purchase licenses for sportsmen

The 1987 Montana legislature recently passed a statute allowing Montana residents to once again purchase conservation, hunting and fishing licenses for members of his or her immediate family.

Immediate family means a spouse, parent, child, brother or sister.

The department's current policy requiring proof of residency with a photo I.D. remains in effect.

Fishing Report

Fishing this week has been good in the Clearwater River. A few people are fishing in the open water on the lakes, now, as the ice really begins to move out.

One angler caught a 10-pounder out of Seeley Lake near the outlet. Fishing should be picking up now. The moon is right—or so they say—and the fish are beginning to move around as spring thaws the ice on area lakes.

Night crawlers are good bait now. A few fly fishermen are testing the waters, but report that it's a bit early for that up here.

Lynx cat stirs debate in Helena

Montana houndsmen are currently supporting a bill that would allow hunting of Canadian lynx with dogs. The bill has received considerable debate in both the House and the Senate. According to Representative Janet Moore, D-Condon, HB-431 would allow hunting of lynx at a time when no adequate population data exists for the animal.

Moore, along with wildlife organizations, has opposed the bill, insisting that the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks needs to gather more information to make an informed decision about lynx populations and the effect of increased hunting. Statewide trapping statistics recently indicated that only 36 lynx had been trapped, compared to more than 1,000 bobcats. Moore believes this type of data shows that the lynx is at a very low point in its population cycle.

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks currently supports Moore's views. Moore would like to see the houndsmen, trappers and FWP work together, when they have adequate data, and write a long-term management plan for the Canadian lynx.

Fish and Game offices have new numbers

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Missoula (Region Two): 542-5500. Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Kalispell (Region One): 752-5501.

Resident calls for protecting virgin timber

Ed Nixon, Swan Valley resident, recently proposed setting aside a stand of virgin timber in the Swan Valley for future generations to enjoy. His proposal was submitted to the Missoula County commissioners at a recent public hearing held in Condon. The proposal read like this:

"A hundred years ago, the rest-easy words were, 'Don't worry, you'll never cut all the pine off Michigan,' and astoundingly, those pines were all gone in a few years, all except one little patch near Grayling. These were saved, the only ones, and they were named The Hartwick Pines. Now, people can drive to them and see how it all once was. And thousands of people make that drive yearly.

"I propose that we do the same, that we save a small unit on the side of the Swans, if we still can find an undisturbed patch of virgin timber with nearby road access. perhaps we could name it Witness Trees (the story *Witness Trees*, dedicated to Katherine Sophia Haasch, has received a certain amount of national publicity, in fact, international publicity). Then we could be certain that future generations could see what the Swan once looked like, how we remember it all looked such a short time ago."

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

Bigfoot was spotted on April 1 in the Owl Creek area. Tracks were fading fast as Valley residents tried to confirm the sighting. The critter was spotted in the same area where the elusive snow snake was first sighted about this time last year.

Birds are the talk of the Valley this week. Swan Valley residents have spotted everything from seagulls to the varied thrush, with a number of juncos, grosbeaks and robins thrown in for good mix.

Maurice Brakeman called to say a seagull had stopped over at the Rustics yard for a couple of hours last week. Maurice identified the bird as a herring gull.

According to some long-time residents, that bird has been making a regular stop in the Valley every spring for about 13 years. Rumor has it that another gull (maybe the same one?) spends the summer near Lindbergh Lake each year, too.

Varied thrush have been seen in the open areas, searching for food where the snow has melted. Their springtime songs promise us good weather soon, we hope!

Salmon Lake has considerable open water now, and the geese have not overlooked it. A flock of about two dozen rested there during the latest snowstorm. A lone snowgoose was among them.

Bald eagles are congregating near open water now. Saw several along the Clearwater River near Greenough last week. Quite a few have been seen recently in the Swan Valley, too.

The mountain telegraph has been busy relaying one of the most obvious signs of spring: news of the chuckholes in the road. For two weeks now, neighbors have been warning neighbors about the worst of these tire-eating beasts.

Wanted: Master Gardeners!

Missoula area gardeners who want to get a jump on the growing season and continue hopping throughout the summer should consider themselves candidates for the Missoula Master Gardener Program. Sponsored by the Missoula County Extension Service, the program offers 40 hours of free training in various aspects of horticulture in exchange for forty hours of volunteer work at the Extension Office.

Lilly Tuholske, horticulturist for the Extension Office, and coordinator of the program, says that candidates must be experienced gardeners who can donate a minimum of two hours per week working at the Extension Office answering numerous gardening questions throughout the summer.

Training is offered April 28, 29 and 30 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. All candidates are required to attend the training in order to become certified Master Gardeners, Tuholske says. Applications may be obtained by calling the Missoula County Extension Service, 721-4095.

Wilderness Sportsmans Club

P. O. Box 507
Seeley Lake, Montana 59868

March Newsletter

Our Club has been in existence for over one year. It is time for election of officers and membership renewal. Elections will be held at our next meeting, April 2, 7:30 p.m. at the Leisure Lodge Resort. The nomination committee has a list of nominees. Nominations can also be made from the floor the evening of the meeting. Please complete the Membership Renewal form and return to the WSC with your dues payment.

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YOUR CLUB

Range - The state has offered our Club a lease on a thirty acre plus tract of land. The location of this tract is on Cottonwood Lakes Road, approximately one and one-half miles from Seeley Lake. We are negotiating the lease price and we need your input and support. We hope to "break ground" in the near future.

Youth - The First Annual Kids Fishing Derby was a huge success. This past year we had approximately thirty fisherboys and fishergirls participate. This group of adolescent piscatorial experts caught a total of 308 fish in 4 hours of fishing at the Pothole. Prizes were awarded and everyone involved had a great time. This year's event will be held at the Pothole on June 13 at 10:00 a.m.

We sponsored a Weight Pull during the Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race. The youth of the community were invited to bring their pet dogs and compete. We had about twenty participants in this event.

Both of these events are open to any boy or girl. There is no charge and prizes are awarded.

Outdoor Sports and Gun Show - In the past, we have sponsored two Outdoor Sports and Gun Shows — spring and fall. Due to the beginning of hunting seasons and other busy activities, the fall show will be dropped. The spring show will be continued and should be bigger and better than ever. This year's spring show will be May 2 & 3. Half of the fifty-four booth spaces have been booked at this time.

Sled Dog Racing - With the help of local businessmen, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and literally the entire community, we have turned Seeley Lake into the sled dog capital of the Northwest.

The Club has set up and manned the Seeley checkpoint for the Governor's Cup 500 the past two winters and has set the standard for what a checkpoint should be.

The Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race was a total success this past year. We were mentioned on national news and got the attention of numerous local television and radio stations. You ain't seen nothin yet! In 1988, the Wilderness Sportsmans Club will host the NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MID-DISTANCE SLED DOG RACE.

Miscellaneous - Our Club has been active in numerous local and state surveys which provide input to F.W.&P. on game management, fisheries, road closures, watershed impacts and land exchanges. And our voice has been heard by the F.W.&P., Fish & Game Commission and by the legislature on issues involving hunting and fishing in the state and, more particularly, in our area.

We hosted the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks annual public input meeting for Region 2 — our voices were heard and we made some real progress.

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*Membership Renewal**

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I hereby agree to accept and to be governed by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Wilderness Sportsmans Club. *Membership expires March 31 annually.

Signature _____ Date _____

It is the purpose and objective of the Wilderness Sportsmans Club to promote the highest standards of sportsmanship and to encourage protection of waters, wildlife, forest and field.

Trustees to purchase classrooms for Seeley Lake Elementary

Seeley Lake Elementary students in seventh and eighth grades may be attending classes in "modular units" by next year, if plans made by trustees at their March board meeting are successful.

Trustees moved to purchase two used "modular units" (30 x 30 classroom facilities) from Colstrip. The units are priced at $4,000, but the total cost of moving the units, pouring a foundation, setting, siding and painting the buildings will be somewhere between $30,000 and $40,000 according to Seeley Lake Elementary principal John Hebnes. Rattlesnake School in Missoula has installed similar modular units to add classroom space, he added. Trustees at Seeley Lake have been considering this proposal for the past several weeks. Funds for the project will come from school reserves, Hebnes said.

In other action last month, trustees renewed Joanne Heninger's school bus contract, agreeing to a 12% increase in per-mile rates, an escalation clause for gas costs, and a $3.00 per hour payment for "layover" during extra-curricular activities.

Photo Credit

The photo in last week's *Pathfinder* of the girls volleyball team at the State Tournament in Havre was taken by Matt Cooper, student at Seeley Swan High School. We apologize for omitting his photo credit. Thanks again, Matt, for your help with sports coverage!

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Frank DeLeo recently received a Coast Guard Academy appointment.

DeLeo receives Coast Guard appointment

Frank DeLeo, senior at Seeley Swan High School, has received an appointment to the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut. DeLeo will have to decide before July 6 whether or not to accept the appointment, which includes four ycars of college and four years of service.

Only three Seeley Swan students, including Frank, have ever received similar appointments.

DeLeo is active in honor society, football, track, basketball, cross-country and student council at Seeley Swan. He is the son of Frank and Geri DeLeo, Greenough.

Heidi Olson

Missoula Exchange Club honors Heidi Olson

Heidi Olson, senior at Seeley Swan High School, was honored last month at a banquct sponsored by the Missoula Exchange Club, a service group that funds youth programs at both local and national levels.

Heidi is the daughter of Bob and Doreen Culver, Seeley Lake and Richard Olson, St. Regis.

Olson was nominated for the honor by the Seeley Swan High School faculty, and will now compete with students from six other Missoula County schools for a $300 scholarship. The statewide winner will be awarded $500 and the national winner will receive a scholarship worth $5,000.

The Missoula Exchange Club will choose the regional winner by April 1. Selection criteria include excellence in academics, leadership, extra-curricular activities, and community responsibility.

The Missoula Exchange Club contributes $5,000 each year to help fund the Child and Family Resource Council in Missoula County. One of the group's main fundraisers is the Western Montana Trade Fair held in Missoula in April.

PASSAGES

Pastor D. Paul Hickman
Fundamental Baptist Church
Seeley Lake

The Names of Jesus Christ—"A"

In the book of *Revelation*, chapter one and verse eight, we read these words: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, THE ALMIGHTY."

There are many mighty things in this world, but only One who is Almighty. The angels of heaven are mighty, but Jesus Christ is the only One who can claim to be Almighty, for He is God.

Jesus showed us that He was Almighty when He walked upon earth and did some unbelievable things — at least, they would be apart from the fact of who He was.

(1) He stood at the grave of a man who had been dead for four days and yelled, "Lazarus, come forth" — and he did!! He said that He was the Resurrection and the Life and He proved it. He showed that He was the Almighty.

(2) Jesus said that no man could take His life, and that if He ever yielded up His life that He would take it up again after three days — and He did!! It is because of that, WE have hope of eternal life. He has the power — not us, but Him -- to raise us up and to enable us to live forever.

The amazing thing is this. That One who was SO powerful that He was called the Almighty would use His power for the likes of us. We can never earn it nor deserve it, but He offers to us eternal life. You can have it by believing that He DIED for your sins; and by believing that He ROSE that you might have eternal life; and by simply ASKING Him — the Almighty — to be your Saviour.

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, April 6 —
Chicken Pot Pie
Tuesday, April 7 —
Roast Beef
Wednesday, April 8 —
Sausage gravy & biscuit

Kindergarten Round-Up April 15 at Seeley Lake

Parents of children who will be five years old before September 10 are invited to pre-register for the Kindergarten Round-Up set for April 15 at the school from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Parents may pre-register children at the school office, preferably before April 3. Teacher Kathleen Thompson will then send information packets to parents in time for the Round-Up.

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CHURCH SCHEDULE

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Pastor Jeff Crippen
Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 am
Sunday Worship Service, 10:45-11:45 am
Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting, 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study, 7 pm
Condon Community Hall

Blackfoot Presbyterian Church
Pastor Christopher Williams, 677-2649
Sunday Service, Seeley Lake 11:30
Bible Study, Mon. 8:00 pm
Potomac Worship 8:30 am
Bible Study, Tues. 8:00 pm
Ovando Worship 10:00 am

Fundamental Baptist Church
Pastor D. Paul Hickman
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Sun. School, 9:45 am
Sun. Services, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:30pm

Swan Valley Baptist Church
Salmon Prairie Road
Pastor Jim Patterson, 754-2509
Sunday Service, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Bible Study & Prayer, Wed. 7:30 pm

Community Bible Church, Seeley
Pastor Rob Morris, 677-2837
Sunday School, 10:00 am
Sunday Worship, 11:00 am

Swan Valley Catholic Community
Father D. A. Okorn, 754-2429
Sunday Mass, 8:45 am
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Father D.A. Okorn, 754-2429
Sunday Mass, 11:30 am
(Holy Cross Lutheran, Seeley Lake)
Daily Mass, 5:00 pm
Sycamore Tree, Piper Creek

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Sunday School, 11:45 am
Sunday Service, 10:00 am

Faith Lutheran Church - Condon
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Sunday Worship, 11:15 am
Sunday School & Bible Class, 10:15 am

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Sunday Worship, 10:00 am
AWANA, Tues. 6:15 pm

SWAN SONG

Georgia E. Carlson

Georgia E. Carlson, 76, a former longtime Stevensville resident, died Sunday, March 22, at Wayside Nursing Home in Missoula after a long illness.

She was born August 12, 1910, in Stevensville to William and Ina Farmer James. She attended Lone Rock Grade School and Stevensville High School.

On June 24, 1932, she married Fritz C. Carlson in Missoula. He preceded her in death in 1939.

Mrs. Carlson moved to Missoula in 1957, where she was employed. She moved to Seeley Lake in 1962 to live with a daughter.

While in Stevensville, she was active in community organizations, including the Three Mile Community Club and Three Mile Booster Club. She also served as a 4-H leader and cooked at Lone Rock Grade School for several years. She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church at Seeley Lake.

Survivors include two daughters, Esther Farra, Seeley Lake, and Dena Carlson, Las Vegas, Nevada; a brother, Donald James, Missoula; two sisters, Bertha Lovingood, in California, and Marie Longley, Stevensville; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Edgar and Lester James and a sister, Lola Ingersoll.

Memorial services were held Friday, March 27 at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Stevensville with the Rev. Herb Schiefelbein presiding. Cremation has taken place and burial was held at Sunnyside Cemetery at Three Mile west of Stevensville.

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April 25 deadline

Lolo Forest seeks comment on proposed land exchange

Officials with the Lolo National Forest are seeking public comments on a proposed land exchange with Champion International Corporation involving more than 5,000 acres in Missoula, Powell, Mineral and Flathead counties.

Champion is offering approximately 5,007 acres in exchange for approximately 5,599 acres of Forest Service land.

Locally, Champion is offering scattered land parcels in the following general areas: Hidden Lake, Upper Finley Creek, Upper Grouse Creek, Upper Drew Creek, North Fork Cottonwood Creek, Black Canyon and Monture Creek. Forest Service lands in the Seeley Lake-Blackfoot area include acreage in Upper Belmont Creek, Upper Blanchard Creek, Beaver Creek, McCabe Creek, Dick Creek and Bear Creek. Within the Seeley Lake Ranger District there would be a net land gain in Federal ownership of approximately 587 acres.

The primary purpose of the exchange, for both Champion and the Forest Service, is to improve land management efficiency, according to a recent news release.

Maps and information on this exchange proposal are available from the Seeley Lake Ranger District, Drawer G, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, phone 677-2233.

More VIP's for March

Seeley Lake Elementary students recognized during the last two weeks of March as V.I.P.'s are: Ricky Morris, morning kindergarten; Amanda Swiggert, afternoon kindergarten; Mark Miller, first grade; Casey Thompson, second grade; Adrian Mantei, third grade; Sally Phipps, fourth grade; John West, fifth grade; Scott Olson, eighth grade and Steve Bernstrauch, sixth grade.

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4-H News

Blackfoot Bandits

by Vicki Smith, Reporter

On March 15, nine of the Blackfoot Bandits 4-H Club members met at Shodair Adolescent Hospital in Helena with Jane Smilie, a hospital staff member. She told us that they help kids, from 12 to 17, and their families with their chemical abuse problems. Their program lasts about 30 days in the hospital and consists of assessment, evaluation and treatment, then aftercare lasts for the rest of the kid's life. It was very informative and interesting.

We then went to the home of Justin and Amy Williams, new members from Helena, for our meeting. Present, besides the hosts, were members Colleen McNally, Sheila Jacobsen, Chad and Eric Krutar, Tracy, Vicki and Marcy Smith; guest June Haveman, and leaders Eloise McNally and Carolyn Smith.

The meeting was called to order by President Tracy Smith. There was a report on the IFYE program.

We worked on an ad for promoting beef for Montana Cattlewomen.

We will have a tour and demonstration day in the spring.

The meeting adjourned and refreshments were served. Next meeting will be April 26 at Casey Weaver's.

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Momentum builds for income tax surcharge

by Gordon Gregory
for the *Pathfinder*

It was taxes last week, but spending will dominate discussion at the Capitol this week as the House of Representatives wrangles over the mammoth appropriations bill.

House Bill 2 will set spending levels for most state agencies and services for the next two years.

The current budget proposal calls for general fund spending of $840 million over the next biennium. That compares with the $749 million the state expects to spend this biennium. About $60 million of the increase would be used to offset losses in property tax collections slated for local schools.

While sentiment to cut the budget is high, few lawmakers believe there will be significant reductions.

Even Rep. Leo Giacometto, a conservative Republican from Alzada and one of the most outspoken budget-cutting proponents, concedes little will be done.

"What I want and what we're going to get are two different things. . . They aren't going to make substantial cuts. That's fact," he said.

"A tax increase is what's going to come out of here," Giacometto said.

Most legislators seem to agree that an income tax surcharge is needed to balance state spending next year.

That's why little surprise was registered when a group of Republican House members reintroduced a major tax bill two days after it was killed.

House Bill 904, seen as the surest way to balance the budget next year, would fund public schools at their current level and revamp the state's income tax system. It would also tack a 10 percent surcharge on individual income taxes for the next two years.

The measure was killed earlier in the week on a 41-59 vote after stormy, almost violent debate. At one point the bill's sponsor, John Harp, R-Kalispell, came close to blows with Billings Republican Tom Hannah. Harp accused Majority Leader Hannah of reneging on his earlier commitment to support the bill.

Despite the conflict, backers say the new measure is too important to kill and they predict it will pass out of the House largely unscathed.

The measure, similar to the governor's tax reform package which is stalled in the Senate, would consolidate the 10 existing tax brackets into just three rates of 4 percent, 6 percent and 8 percent. The current top income tax bracket is 11 percent.

Without the surcharge—which would sunset in 1989—most taxpayers earning less than about $28,000 a year who file individual returns would see a reduction in their state income taxes.

For example, if your income is $20,500, your state income tax under current law would be about $283. Under the bill that would drop to $225. If your income is $33,000 you'd be paying about $947 under current law and $998 if the bill passes.

While there's strong disagreement on what the rates should be and what exemptions should be included, the surtax could be the glue that holds the package together.

Representative Paul Rapp-Svrcek, D-Thompson Falls, said, "Nobody wants to be labeled the tax-raiser, but we're going to do it one way or the other."

In other business, the House voted 77-22 to spend up to $1 million to lure the federally funded Supercollider to the state. That's the proposed multi-billion dollar research facility that would allow scientists to study the basic laws of matter.

The House defeated a bill that would have allowed Montanans who regularly work out of state to exempt a portion of the taxes they pay on their equipment. This bill would have exempted a portion of the tax commensurate with the amount of time the equipment is used outside Montana.

The Senate had a fairly quiet week, although it endorsed a bill that would chop the coal severance tax, and passed another that could lead to tightened welfare requirements.

Senate Bill 252 would cut the severance tax in steps from the current 30 percent to 15 percent by July 1, 1991. Sen. Jack Haffey, D-Anaconda, sided with the minority in voting against the bill.

Haffey also voted against HB 637, a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow the Legislature to set welfare limits. That bill was endorsed by the Senate 32-18.

In other legislative news:

•Missoula County residents would see their property taxes lowered if a bill to equalize the taxes used to fund the teachers' retirement program becomes law. SB 183, recently heard in the House Taxation Committee, would enact a statewide 8.9 mill levy to help pay for the equalization. The result for Missoula County would be a tax cut of almost 11 mills.

•A House committee finished work on the major worker's compensation bill and sent the measure to the House. The bill, which would trim benefits up to 25 percent and restrict lump-sum payments, has already passed the Senate. SB 315, sponsored by Sen. Bob Williams, D-Hobson, would also require non-binding arbitration between insurance companies and injured workers before court action could be filed.

•Montana would become the 26th state to make it illegal to drive without a seat belt if SB 111 becomes law. The bill, which received initial approval from the House on a 54-41 vote, provides for a $20 fine to the driver of a vehicle who doesn't wear a seat belt or who doesn't make sure his passengers are buckled up.

•The House killed two proposed constitutional amendments that would have brought broad changes in the state's property tax laws. The bills would have required a two-thirds vote to pass. HB 395 would have frozen the current property tax rates across the state.

•The House passed HB 782, which would allow local governments to enact local sales or income taxes with voter approval.

Rep. Janet Moore, D-Condon, who has been recovering from surgery, showed up briefly at the Capitol last week. She said she was weak, but she wanted to try to participate in floor activities. She said she doesn't know how long she will be able to stay. Moore has been keeping up with legislative issues by telephone from her Helena apartment.

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