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Eagle numbers are increasing in Montana. Glacier National Park officials have delayed two construction projects while studying possible impacts on a resident population of eagles. (See related story page 8.) Al Cluck/Eagle Eye Photo

Water filtration looms for Seeley Lake

The 1986 Amendments to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act will likely force the Seeley Lake Water District to install a filtration plant by 1991. Such is the expectation of Rick Rosa, environmental engineer for the state's water quality board. Rosa made his prediction at last week's Chamber of Commerce meeting in Seeley Lake, where he was the featured speaker. His estimate of the cost: 2-3 million dollars for initial construction.

The primary reason underlying federally mandated filtration is removal of giardia cysts — micro-organisms which can cause severe intestinal distress and which have become increasingly prevalent in municipal water supplies across the nation, including Montana.

Rosa pointed out that the Amendments will require disinfection of all public (ie, restaurants, trailer courts, and the like) water supplies, including wells. However, in the case of wells, chlorination—without filtration—will apparently suffice.

The Amendments also require monitoring of more than 80 potential contaminants, according to Rosa.

Rosa expressed amazement at the high level of water usage in the Seeley Lake district (averaging 1000 gallons per day per hookup in winter and twice that in summer). He strongly recommended that the district proceed as rapidly as possible with the installation of meters—both to facilitate identification of leaks and to instill more discipline in water users.

Don Larson, chairman of the water board, responded that the district was, in fact, preparing to install meters and that the project is expected to cost \$90,000.

Flathead Forest loses money on timber

by Suzanne Vernon

Many timber sales in 1986 and 1987 on the Flathead National Forest were sold for less than the Forest Service's cost of preparing and administering the sales, according to a recent study prepared in conjunction with an appeal of the Flathead Forest Plan.

According to the study completed by Randall O'Toole of Cascade Holistic Economic Consultants (CHEC), Eugene, Oregon, almost half of all Flathead Forest sales in 1986 received high bids averaging less than \$38 per thousand board feet of live wood, which is CHEC's estimate of the breakeven point for Flathead timber.

A simple cash flow analysis of the 1986 sale program on the Flathead shows that the Forest spent approximately \$7.4 million to obtain \$5.5 million in receipts. Other analyses (O'Toole used four different methods) show consistent losses of between \$4.8 million and \$764,000.

The CHEC report cites flaws in the Forest Plan. Timber prices used to project annual sale programs were based on the "boom" years during the late 1970s. Timber prices are much lower today, the study points out.

Due to the use of high price trends, computer models have allocated more acres of land suitable for timber sales than is cost efficient. As many as 175,000 acres must be withdrawn from the sale program to make it cost efficient, O'Toole states.

When contacted Monday, John Combes, director of timber management for Region One, Forest Service, Missoula, said that the Forest Service is not required to make money on timber sales.

"We manage the National Forest for all uses," he explained. "We're not a profit-motive agency."

Combes acknowledged the drop in timber prices. "Our revenues this year are a little lower. . . It's kind of ironic that the lumber market has been as

strong as it's ever been, but we have lower stumpage. There's a tremendous amount of private timber being put on the market."

Another CHEC criticism is the Forest Service habit of mixing high-value timber with low-value timber, or steep terrain with flat terrain on a given sale.

"Cross-subsidization is an extremely common practice, yet it appears to violate the . . . tract value policy (which) states that the appraised value of a tract of timber will not be reduced to obtain utilization of a species, size or class."

The data collected by O'Toole indicates that taxpayers lose money when high value timber is mixed with low value logs, which brings the bid averages down considerably.

Combes stated on Monday that, "If we didn't include the low value timber, we would have to cut our annual sale program by about 50%." He explained that selling only the high value timber, in some cases, is much more expensive than, say, selling all the overstory in a given sale area.

The CHEC report is also critical of the Forest Service land management plan for recreation. "Timber management on the Flathead Forest will provide no side-benefits for recreation for at least 30 years."

The CHEC report was commissioned by Resources Ltd., Polebridge, and the Swan View Coalition, Kalispell. Appeals of the Forest Plan by these groups and others are still being addressed by the Forest Service. The Flathead Forest Plan was implemented about a year ago.

WEATHER

Thursday-Saturday: Continued unsettled with occasional rain showers, turning to snow showers Friday and Saturday. Windy at times. Highs 45-55 on Thursday, cooling to 35-45 by Friday.

CORRECTION

The Small Business Administration Conference on Homebased Business featured in the April 2 *Pathfinder* included an incorrect phone number to call for more information. The correct phone number is 243-4623, University of Montana, Center for Continuing Education. Deadline for pre-registration to the conference is April 21. The conference will be held May 1 at the Village Red Lion, Missoula.

OPINION

Worth their weight in . . .

See today's article on municipal water filtration for a classic example of regulatory overkill: the recent amendments (and accompanying regulations) to the Safe Drinking Water Act. Once again, the bureaucrats in our nation's capital have gone bonkers.

If all goes according to plan, someone will have to come up with two or three million bucks to install a water filtration plant in Seeley Lake. This is to protect district water drinkers from giardiasis—admittedly a nasty illness, which arises from ingesting one too many giardia lamblia cysts. Life is full of such hazards but, usually, a cost-benefit analysis is performed prior to imposing a remedy. The *federals* must not have had Seeley Lake, Montana in mind when they performed their analysis. Consider:

The water district already super-chlorinates its water—to control giardia. Chlorination is supposed to be effective, and it certainly does not require a multi-million dollar investment. Moreover, giardiasis does not seem endemic in Seeley Lake.

In fact, a grand total of two or three giardia cysts have been detected to date in Seeley Lake's municipal water supply. It is believed that about ten cysts are required to make one person ill.

Perhaps the government's concern is that someday we'll be taken over by giardia. However, it would seem that several million dollars is a bit pricey for a mere contingency. The same money could be better spent for something genuinely useful—say, a sewer system. In the event that we do confront a giardiasis outbreak someday, there are some lower-cost solutions than a filtration plant which could be implemented, while the source of giardia was being identified and eliminated. Bottled water comes to mind, for example.

In view of the above, one would hope the government understands that Seeley Lake, Montana doesn't need a water filtration plant. Well, the gentleman from the state who addressed the Chamber last week was not especially encouraging on this point. There is a "waiver" procedure, but it is unlikely that anyone on the planet has water pure enough to qualify.

There is a fascinating mathematical implication attached to the government's bizarre scheme. Making certain assumptions about the average size of a giardia cyst and the likely "harvest" in a filtration plant—and then factoring in the substantial operating and maintenance costs for such a plant—it becomes apparent that giardia may be the most valuable commodity in the universe. The ol' back of the envelope suggests that, in Seeley Lake, the care and feeding of giardia would run about 10 quadrillion dollars per ounce. (That's live weight, Sports Fans.)

Natty Bumpo



For those not accustomed to dealing with "quadrillions" in their checkbooks, take heart in the fact that, normally, only astronomers have to deal with numbers this big (to count stars, for example). A quadrillion is even bigger than the federal budget deficit—for the moment.

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of all this is that knowledge of giardia is very limited—it's an "emerging" field of science. Consequently, the true risk from giardia and the means to control it are not well understood. Once again, ignorance has proved to be no impediment to bureaucratic "progress."

— Dick Potter

Ketland remaining in this area, as reference to any dictionary will show. There may be a few isolated pockets high in the mountains, but even these spots are not immune to the drone of an airplane or a military sonic boom.

I suggest that if this type of isolated, pristine environment is what Ketland seeks, he should try the Brooks Range of Alaska or the arid interior of the Australian outback, but even here there will still be the occasional drone of an airplane. Without the security of such business enterprises as Pyramid Lumber, construction companies, stores, garages, bars, restaurants, etc., Seeley Lake and other area communities would fast become ghost towns—as Ketland's suggestion for milking the tourist, and then telling him to move on, does not meet the criteria for survival.

Perhaps it would be well for Ketland to heed his own advice and "please don't stay," since with his attitude, he may find himself living alone in his isolation.

Charlie Goff
Condon, MT

Rejoinder to Ketland

To the Editor:

I feel that a realistic reply is in order to rebut some of the issues described in Mel Ketland's recent letter in the *Pathfinder*.

It is inappropriate to re-open wounds, concerning a matter thought closed, by renewing the false idea that a wide swath of trees is to be cut—opening the vistas of the Swan Highway 83 corridor. Statistics show that this stretch of highway is one of the most dangerous in the Montana highway system, due to poor vision and roadside obstacles plus glare ice in winter. "Prudence" is a highly recommended virtue but, unfortunately, motorists are no more prudent than an idiot on skis having great fun in very dangerous avalanche areas, despite the repeated warnings it is not safe.

It is also inappropriate to be antagonistic toward the business sector of this area and frown on any type of economic development to promote local jobs, be it tourism or industry. Despite this apparent attitude, Ketland proposes development of a tram on Mt. Henry, or elsewhere. Such a venture would entail road development requiring cutting and clearing right-of-way and, of course, the tram would require cutting far more trees for right-of-way than any proposed clearing along Highway 83. All of this, leading to a "pristine" view of countless BN clearcuts—which, I dare say, can be viewed more easily from most anywhere along the Swan Highway without charge.

In my opinion, Ketland's ideas smack of isolationism—as surely as does the quote he uses by the governor of Oregon. There is little or none of the "pristine" environment described by

Business Briefs

Grooming service has new name

Ella Goodbread, Seeley Lake, has changed the name of her "all-pet" grooming service (clipping, cleaning, bathing and brushing for dogs and other pets) from The Dog House to Mountain View Grooming. Her grooming service is located north of Seeley Lake on Highway 83.

New meter-reader

Al Chaffin, Seeley Lake, will begin working this week as the new "meter reader" for Missoula Electric Cooperative. He will be covering the service area from Seeley Lake north to Goat Creek in the Swan Valley.

Small engine shop moves

Clare Herman of Mountain States Cycle has moved his business from Main Street to his home on the corner of Spruce and Redwood Lane in Seeley Lake. Look for the Mountain States Satellite dish in Clare's yard, two blocks east of Dominic's Pizza, or call 677-2159.

Mountain States Cycle will continue to offer small engine repair (motorcycles, snowmobiles, etc.), bicycle repair, and satellite television service and repair.

Chamber has new secretary

As of April 1, the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce has negotiated a one-year contract for secretarial services.

Grace LeFebvre of Service Management Associates, Seeley Lake, will be assisted by partner Toni Hale in greeting visitors at the Chamber office from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. LeFebvre will also take care of secretarial duties for the organization. Former executive secretary Jodi DeHerrera has resigned after accepting a job with the Forest Service.

New mechanic at Gas Haus

Paul Veach, Seeley Lake, has joined the Gas Haus staff as their new general mechanic. Veach is a certified welder and recently moved to Seeley Lake from Alaska. He grew up near Livingston and spent time in Seeley Lake in 1974. He liked it so much, he decided to return with his wife Pam and five children, ages three through 17. Family hobbies include fishing, hunting and horseback riding. Veach will be working 8:30 to 5:30, Monday through Friday, at the Gas Haus.

OPINION

Reprise from Ketland

To the Editor:

I had a very gratifying meeting the other day with the local influential people. The discussion centered on my letters to the editor of the *Pathfinder*. The concept of "tunnel vision" by our civic leaders was paramount.

The primary concern was about pollution of lake, river, creek and pond water where habitat is existing. The leaders of our community should submit a request to the County Sanitarian this summer and have all residents that are involved dye-tested to verify any contribution to pollution. I don't think this act would be considered as an invasion of privacy. The offenders should be required to install holding tanks with a permit demanding that they shall be pumped. The residents should be proud of the fact that they are contributing to the federal Clean Water Act. Impose a moratorium on all construction in the vicinity of these sources of water until said Sanitarian conducts this test.

Pollution should be the primary, paramount responsibility of our community leaders—then start worrying about development. This can be accomplished immediately, while the power struggle goes on for what to do next. What good is a bigger water system if the sources are already polluted before you generously give it away?

My proposed Aerial Tram (not a chair-lift) was also discussed. It was conceded that maybe a shorter version of this would be more feasible—say, a nice scenic section around our Seeley lake, or whatever. We are discussing the gondola type, an all-weather vehicle.

I contacted Mr. Dennis Washington while I was in Missoula, requesting a letter of interest in the construction and investment for my proposed Aerial Tram. The conclusion was that his firm

does not do this kind of construction. At this time, the acquisition of a portion of the BN Railroad is his paramount goal—but, maybe in the future it might be considered.

I did my dirty laundry for the day, so until the next episode I will conclude by saying, you-all have a nice day.

Mel Ketland
Seeley Lake

Rainier 1st, but Pampers win

To the Editor:

Now that our Spring weather has melted the snow along Highway 83, I have been able to conduct my local Spring survey. Here are the results:

- 1st Place.....Rainier
- 2nd Place.....Maxx
- 3rd Place.....Miller
- 4th Place.....Pepsi
- Last.....Coors

However, an unofficial entry was Pampers. They won, pants down.

Al Cluck
Scenic 83

Tole painting begins

Artistic Expressions will offer a five-week course in Beginning Tole Painting starting Thursday, April 30. Instructor for the class is Joyce Herndon. Ms. Herndon teaches tole painting classes and workshops full-time in Missoula.

Classes will meet Thursdays, with morning or afternoon sessions available. Sessions are subject to maximum and minimum enrollment requirements, and will be filled on first-come basis. Pre-registration and a small deposit are required by Wednesday, April 22. Anyone interested in learning tole painting should call Artistic Expressions at 677-2188 for more information.

Roger Wade Photography
754-2793

Barb Dillree, Seeley Lake and Larry Dillree, Deer Lodge would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter

Mistie Ann Dillree
to
James F. Haveman

son of Jay and Judy Haveman, Seeley Lake, to be held at the Seeley Lake Community Hall Saturday, April 25th, 1987 at 4:00 p.m.

Reception and dance following. Friends and family invited.

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Business of the Week

JOAN COWAN REALTY

Joan Cowan, broker and owner of Joan Cowan Realty of Seeley Lake, will be celebrating two years in business soon. Her office is in her home and she is the sole agent. A licensed real estate agent for eight years, Joan previously worked at Edgewater Realty in Polson.

Residential properties, bare acreage and city lots are offered for sale through Joan Cowan Realty. Joan covers the Ovando, Greenough, and Seeley Swan Valley area. She projects, "With interest rates down, 1987 will be a good year—real estate statewide will be good."

Joan is a graduate of the Real Estate Institute. Besides full membership in the Realtor's Association (local, state and national), she also subscribes to several real estate publications which keep her "updated on what's going on in the industry." She regularly attends continuing education programs through the Realtor's Association to maintain her professional real estate agent status and to keep abreast of current real estate guidelines and trends.

Jim and Joan Cowan have lived in Seeley Lake for three years. Both are active members in the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. They have 3 grown children.

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Few options for tax bills

by Gordon Gregory
for the Pathfinder

There are a number of competing strategies and interests at work over the final tax bills being hammered out at the Capitol but there's only a few real options, said Sen. Jack Haffey, D-Anaconda. The question, he said, is whether enough lawmakers will concede to those options before the session is scheduled to end next week. If they don't, a special session will have to be called.

Haffey assumes the \$2.8 billion appropriations bill, which passed the House last week, will probably sail through the Senate with only relatively minor changes. That leaves the question of paying for the services and programs contained in the spending bill.

The budget would be about \$100 million in the red by the middle of 1989 if the legislature enacts no new taxes. But it will, said Haffey.

One of the inevitable taxes is the income tax surcharge contained in House Bill 904. The bill currently pegs the surcharge at 10 percent, but there are efforts to raise it to 22 percent or higher.

The House, on Saturday, rejected a different bill approved by the Senate that would have added a 22 percent surtax. Haffey, who voted against the measure, said the biggest problem with the bill was that it called for a public vote. "That asks the people to balance the budget. . . That's an abdication of our responsibilities," he said.

While the size of the surcharge and a variety of other components of HB 904 are in dispute, Haffey said most lawmakers realize the bill is needed. HB 904 is a complete income tax overhaul package that consolidates the current 11 tax brackets into three rates. The Democrats tend to want those rates set at 4, 6 and 8 percent, the Republicans have been pushing for 3, 5 and 7 percent rates. In general, the lower the rate, the higher the surtax. The Republicans argue that the surtax will be pulled off in two years so their plan results in a smaller, permanent tax increase.

Then there's the sales tax-property tax relief bill. While HB 377 could generate up to \$150 million in property tax relief, it would pump only about \$20 million into the state's general fund. And most of that money would not come until late in the next budget cycle, which begins this July. Thus, it's not seen as a budget-balancing bill.

Haffey expects the sales tax will pass both houses, but that it will also call for a public vote. In fact, he said even if it doesn't, several groups have promised to petition to put it on the ballot. "The people will require a vote on that issue. It's a fact they'll do it," he said.

Few lawmakers expect the public to vote a sales tax on itself. As Chairman of the Senate Taxation Committee, George McCallum, said, "In all honesty, a sales tax has about as much chance as a snowball in hell."

There are a number of other pending tax and fund transfer bills that, taken in total, would produce about \$104 million for the state's budget, enough to balance state spending. The question, Haffey said, is whether all this will be accomplished before the legislature is due to end next week.

Talk of a special session is growing but Haffey, for one, doesn't believe that will happen. "Normally, on the 90th day everybody compromises and we go home," he said.

In other legislative news:

•The governor vetoed a bill that would have repealed the state's two-year old unisex insurance law. Rep. Janet Moore, D-Condon, said the governor's reasons for the veto were correct. She said that while the unisex statute has raised insurance rates for some women, the state's constitution forbids discrimination. "The issue is the constitution, which is non-discrimination," she said. Moore has been back at the Capitol all week.

•Governor Ted Schwinden also signed an "amendatory veto" of a bill to cut the coal severance tax in half. He said cutting the tax from its current 30 percent rate to 15 percent by 1991 is fine, but only for those coal companies that meet certain production quotas. Schwinden's amendments would provide the 15 percent rate to new contract coal or coal production above the current level.

•Schwinden signed into law the bill making it illegal not to use seat belts. The law carries a \$20 fine. Enforcement won't begin until January 1. It exempts passengers and drivers who have to make numerous stops, motorcycle riders and people who cannot wear seat belts.

•The House endorsed a bill raising the speed limit on Interstate highways to 65 mph. The bill, which has already passed the Senate, could reach the governor's desk this week.

•The House rejected a request for a free conference committee on the controversial stream access bill. The bill's sponsor, Sen. Jack Galt, R-Martinsdale, said that means the bill is either dead or that it will pass in its current form, options he doesn't like.

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COMMUNITY

Seeley family loses home to fire

Last Friday morning, the home of Rand and Kathe Cullen and son, Grey, burned to the ground while the family was away at work and at school. Cause of the fire, which completely destroyed the Cullen residence at the end of Cub Lane (near River View Drive) south of Seeley Lake, is not known, according to Seeley Lake volunteer fire chief, Colin Moon.

The volunteer fire department responded to the call within about seven minutes after it was reported, but the dome-shaped house was "fully involved" by the time firefighters arrived.

Firefighters used a truck on loan from Missoula Rural Fire Department. The Seeley Lake District truck was in the shop for extensive repairs.

Firefighting efforts were complicated by the presence of a bottle of cyanide in the home. "I'm thoroughly grateful that Rand had the presence of mind to warn us about it," Moon commented.

Rand, who was substitute teaching at the elementary school Friday morning, returned to the house for some papers and reportedly saw flames near where the chimney came through the roof. He went to a neighbor's house to report the fire.

The Cullen family had no insurance on their home or personal possessions, and Red Cross, Fire Auxiliary and community members have helped them to obtain essential items throughout the weekend.

As a matter of fact, this is the first time anyone can remember that the Red Cross has been called to Seeley Lake in recent years. Red Cross coordinator, Jim Wright, came to Seeley Lake on Saturday and visited with the Cullen family

after being notified by Auxiliary president Carley Boulé. He provided the family with vouchers for gas, food and clothing at various local and Missoula stores and, also, brought two boxes of food from the Missoula Food Bank.

Members of the newly formed Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Auxiliary (the group is barely a month old) arrived on the scene immediately, providing assistance and comfort for the family. The Auxiliary women quickly and efficiently began to collect clothing, food and necessities for the family.

By Saturday afternoon, the Cullen family had received an overwhelming amount of donations, food, clothing and personal encouragement from local residents. Donations have largely been organized by the Auxiliary.

Rand said Saturday that the Red Cross had been extremely helpful. He encouraged community residents to make donations directly to the Red Cross or through the Fire Auxiliary to replenish their disaster funds.

"We have already been helped," Rand said. "But, it's draining, to some extent, the Red Cross fund. There are so many people that really need help from the fund (disaster relief). They aren't lucky enough to live in a community like this."

Rand was very appreciative of the women in the Auxiliary, especially Carley Boulé, who "was organizing everything."

"It's just been great. It makes you feel good to be in this community," he continued.

Funds are still needed to replenish the Red Cross disaster fund, and are also being collected for the Cullen family. Donations may be made through the Auxiliary, c/o Carley Boulé, Seeley Lake, or to the Red Cross, 1429 So. Higgins Ave., Missoula, Montana

59801. Local residents have also held a bake sale at Valley Market (Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and donation cans have been distributed throughout the community.

CORNUCOPIA by Michele Potter

Traditional English cooking encompasses a complete array of good, wholesome foods made of the freshest ingredients. Hearty and simple, English cuisine has evolved from recipes which have been passed down from one generation to the next. *The Complete Farmhouse Kitchen Cookbook* (Collins; distributed in the U.S. by Salem House Publishers) has over 1,000 recipes from contributors all over England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. This Roast Lamb with Apricot Stuffing was contributed to the book by Mrs. Emily Williams of Moggerhanger, Bedfordshire.

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| Roast Lamb with Apricot Stuffing | |
| 2 to 3 dried apricots | Salt and pepper |
| 2 ounces butter or margarine | 1/4 pint stock |
| 1 medium-sized onion | 1 egg yolk |
| 2 ounces fresh wholemeal or white breadcrumbs | 2 pounds boned shoulder of lamb |
| 1 tablespoon chopped parsley | A little dripping |

Put apricots to soak in water overnight. Next day, drain and cut them up quite small. Melt butter or margarine in a frying pan. Peel and chop onions and lightly fry them until transparent but not brown. Mix in the apricots, breadcrumbs, parsley, salt and pepper. Moisten with 1 to 2 tablespoons stock. Beat egg yolk and add it to stuffing with a little more stock, if necessary, to make it moist but not sticky. Open out lamb, season with pepper and a very little salt. Spread stuffing over it. Roll it up and secure with string to keep in the filling. Put in roasting tin and dot with dripping. Roast in hot oven, 450 degrees Fahrenheit for 10 minutes. Reduce to moderate temperature, 350 degrees F for a further 1 to 1-1/4 hours.

There was a time when people thought of lamb only during the spring, but lamb is available year round. Try this Mediterranean Lamb Broil (compliments of the National Livestock & Meat Board).

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| Mediterranean Lamb Broil | |
| 4 to 6 lamb chops | 1 clove garlic minced |
| Salt and pepper | 2 tablespoons butter or margarine |
| 3 medium zucchini, sliced | 1 teaspoon basil leaves |
| 1 onion, coarsely chopped | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1 red or green pepper, cut in strips | 1/4 teaspoon marjoram leaves |

Broil chops 5 minutes; season with salt and pepper. Turn and broil 5 minutes longer; season with salt and pepper. Meanwhile, in large skillet slowly cook zucchini, onion, pepper and garlic in butter. Sprinkle basil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and marjoram over vegetables. Cover and cook 4 more minutes, or until tender. Serve lamb chops and vegetables over linguini, if desired. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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Happy Easter!

Spring cleaning April 25 in Seeley Lake

Governor Ted Schwinden has declared April 25 as Environmental Clean-Up Day across the entire state of Montana, and community groups have organized to "clean up" Seeley Lake next Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at Timberline, at the southern edge of Seeley Lake.

Seeley Swan High School students will actually begin the clean-up on Friday, April 24, while the Chamber of Commerce, Lions' Club, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts will join in with energy and garbage sacks to finish the job on Saturday.

The Montana Council of the Boy Scouts of America first promoted and sponsored the "clean-up" idea through their "Project Good Turn," which began in March 1985. Back then, 1,100 boy scouts in Western Montana cleaned up roadside litter from the Idaho border north to the Canadian line. Girl Scouts joined the program in 1986.

For more information call the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, 677-2880.

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By
Laura
Bogar

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*** Down in New Orleans, baked Alaska comes out as Mile-High pie, a crisp shell layered with ice cream and topped with a crown of meringue before browning. Serve with chocolate sauce to applause.
*** Americans are eating more pasta than ever — almost 3.7 billion pounds last year, up from 3.32 billion in 1984.
*** You can turn hot dogs and sauerkraut into earthy French choucroute by cooking slowly (drain the fat) with sliced onion and carrot. Simmer with bay leaf, white wine, gin (or juniper berries) and a little broth.
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Hungry Bear Chalet

Condon residents want P.O. to stay put

More than 300 Swan Valley-Condon residents have signed a petition asking the U.S. Postal Service to leave the Condon Post Office where it's at. Last week the signed petition was mailed to Dennis Yuhl, Support Services, U.S. Postal Service, Salt Lake City, Utah.

According to Bob Newman, Swan Valley resident who signed the letter accompanying the petition, 303 residents who use the Condon Post Office signed the petition. Election records show 419 registered voters in the Condon P.O. service area.

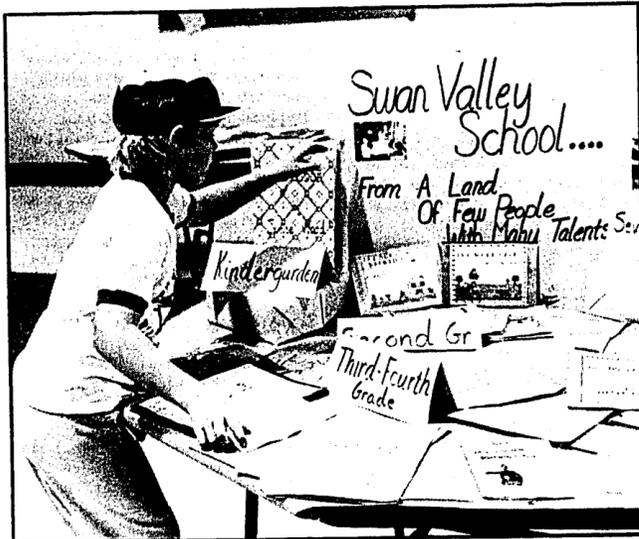
"This petition represents a clear and overwhelming majority of opinion," according to Newman in the April 7 letter.

The letter also states that "It is the desire of these 303 patrons that the Postal Service give due consideration to their choice and have the Condon Post Office remain at its present location."

In February, the Postal Service notified residents of plans to build a larger Post Office. Officials may advertise for bids on a new facility later this year. Bids will be accepted for sites within four miles of the present Post Office. The Swan Valley-Condon business community is spread out along a four-mile stretch of Highway 83, with the Mission Mountains Mercantile at the North end (present Post Office location) and Swan Centre, Liquid Louie's and Rustics of Lindbergh (log homes) to the south.

Corrected Stork Report

Congratulations are still in order for Len and Cindy Kobylenski, proud parents of a new baby girl, Basia Marie. In an earlier "stork report" Basia's name was misspelled. Basia is a Polish name for "Barbara."



S. Vernon/Pathfinder

Adam Munson-Young, student at Lewis & Clark Elementary in Missoula, read stories and admired books by Swan Valley Elementary School students during the Young Authors' Conference held in Missoula recently. The Swan Valley display was the only one at the conference which included books prepared by kindergarten students. About 500 people, including parents, teachers, students, and speakers, attended the Young Authors' Conference.

Library has new policies

Effective immediately, the Swan Valley library (and all branch libraries in Missoula County) will be charging fines of twenty-five cents a week for overdue books. There is a one-week grace period.

As of March 3, new borrowers should now bring a picture I.D. and proof of local address. Charges for lost and damaged materials have increased to the cost of the book plus a \$5.00 handling fee.

Easter Egg Hunt April 17

The Swan Valley PTA is organizing an Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 17, 11 a.m. at the Swan Valley Elementary School. Students are asked to bring one dozen hard-boiled eggs per family to the school. Eggs will be decorated on Thursday afternoon (April 16).

Meetings of the Swan Valley PTA will now be held the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the school. Child care will be provided.

Swan Valley kindergarten pre-registration April 28

Swan Valley Elementary kindergarten pre-registration will be held in conjunction with the preschool screening clinics on April 28 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Swan Valley Community Hall. Parents are urged to pre-register children who will be enrolling in kindergarten next fall.



Who says mule deer are shy?

Don Guizzo, Swan Valley, recently enticed this mule deer doe to take a cracker—not just from his hand, but from his mouth! A friend waited for this picture while Don patiently offered the treat. This doe is part of a large herd of mule deer (eleven does, fawns and one buck) that return to the Valley bottom every spring and spend a few days entertaining Valley residents before the grass turns green and the deer head for the hills.

As you can see in the picture, last year's fawn is a little more skeptical

than mom was. Although this was an unusual event, Don watches the deer "play" every day, apparently unconcerned about sharing human companionship for a few days. The does, he says, are really friendly. But the buck "gets a little ornery" and is far more suspicious of human encounters.

Whitetail deer are common in the Swan Valley, and are often seen feeding in people's yards every spring. Mule deer, however, are generally regarded as being somewhat reserved in their habits. They prefer the remote high country during the summer and fall.

Black bear season opens

Black bear season opened April 15, and fish and game officials remind hunters that only black bears are legal game; grizzly bears are not. Taking a female bear with cubs or cubs alone is illegal, and so is baiting bears with food or any other substance.

For the third year in a row, successful hunters must present the bear's head to a Fish, Wildlife and Parks employee or a designated agency representative within 10 days of the kill, so that a tooth can be extracted. Biologists can determine the bear's age from its teeth.

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Eagles stall Park projects

Two development projects in Glacier National Park have been stalled because new data reveals that the area along the Going-to-the-Sun Road near the head of Lake McDonald and around the Lake McDonald Lodge is important to the Park's resident population of bald eagles.

Because of this, plans for improvements on the road and for Lodge construction of a seasonal employee dormitory have been delayed until further research has been completed.

Bald eagles have been protected for many years under the Endangered Species Act, which requires that actions that may have an adverse effect on the birds be thoroughly examined to mitigate or remove any threat.

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Fishing Report

Fishing season opens May 16 for most of Montana's streams, and will close the last day in November. About that same time, State Park employees will begin opening restrooms, turning on water, and hiring summer caretakers at the dozens of State campgrounds, fishing access sites and day-use facilities in the Seeley Swan and Blackfoot Valleys. Campgrounds will be open by Memorial Day, May 25.

The lakes are still covered with a thin layer of ice, but it's going out fast. Any day now and the lower-elevation lakes will be opening up.

All area lakes are excellent fishing right after the ice goes out. Swan Lake, in particular, has become well-known for its northern pike fishery early in the spring. Seeley Lake and the Clearwater River have healthy populations of rainbow, cutthroat and bull trout.

There have been reports of anglers catching rainbow trout weighing 6, 8 and 10 pounds near the outlet of Seeley Lake just before the full moon. Dolly Varden will start coming up the Clearwater River as the Blackfoot rises. A few people are catching brown trout now, too.

District seeks comments on timber sales

The Seeley Lake Ranger District is seeking public comments on two proposed timber sales northwest of Seeley Lake. Interested persons should contact District Ranger Dennis Johnson on or before July 1.

The Henry Timber Sale is estimated at 1.6 million board feet and is scheduled to be sold in 1990.

The Colt-Divide Timber Sale is estimated at 3.3 million board feet and is scheduled to be sold in 1991.

Some questions raised regarding both sales are effects on grizzly bear migration and activities, and other wildlife concerns.

For the Henry Sale, issues which will have been identified are effects of the sale on the proposed ski area, and vice-versa, and road management of the area. The project area may be accessed from Marshall Lake and will require a stream-crossing structure. Native road surface material is susceptible to erosion, and road costs with private landowners will have to be analyzed.

For the Colt Divide Timber Sale, effects of past logging will be addressed, including cover/forage ratios. Effects of leaving a gate open during harvesting activities is also an issue.

Snowpack still below average

Snowpack throughout Montana continues to be below average this year, according to recent information from the Soil Conservation Service, Bozeman.

However, snowpack in the northern two-thirds of Montana did increase during March, but not enough to raise snow levels up to average.

Measurements in the headwaters of the Flathead, Kootenai, Sun, Marias, Teton and St. Mary rivers are 80% of average—better than the rest of Montana, where data still indicates only 60% of average snowpack.

Upsata Lake Closed

Upsata Lake, near Kozy Korner (Woodworth), will be closed to all fishing from April 18, 1987 through April 1, 1989.

The Montana Fish and Game Commission took the action to protect the 10 to 13-inch McConaughy rainbow trout that will be introduced into the lake in an experiment to control the very large numbers of small perch. The perch were illegally introduced several years ago. McConaughy rainbows are known to feed on small perch and, if they are protected and the experiment works, the result should be improved fishing for both larger trout and perch when the lake is reopened in 1989.

The state-owned fishing access site will also be closed through April 1989.

Seeley Lake 200 set for January

The Seeley Lake 200 World Championship Mid-Distance Sled Dog Race has tentatively been scheduled for the last weekend in January, 1988, according to Race Director Jim Knowles.

"We are going to work hard on this race and, hopefully, make it the greatest mid-distance race in the world, with spectator and state support as you see in the Iditarod," Knowles added. "Our biggest challenge is getting a major sponsor for the purse, which we would like to see at \$25,000 or more. The sponsor would certainly get their investment back in advertisement as there will be national news media and television covering this great event."

Earlier this year, the Wilderness Sportsman's Club (sponsors of the 1986 & '87 Seeley Lake 200) was approached by the Montana Musers Association and asked if the Club would be willing to undertake such a race.

"Of course, we were very pleased," commented Elinor Williamson, spokesperson for the Club.

Musers from Alaska, Canada and "all over" the United States are expected to participate in the Seeley Lake 200. For more information write Seeley Lake 200 World Championship Mid-Distance Sled Dog race, P.O. Box 655, Seeley Lake, Montana 59868.

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Hunter Education: Volunteers make it work

by Timothy Pool
 Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Why have the shooting and hunting sports become safer recreational activities for Montanans? The answer: because there are about 700 men and women who are dedicated to teaching new shooters and hunters the basics in safe gun handling and many of the fundamental skills associated with hunting.

These men and women are Montana's volunteer Hunter Education Instructors. They freely give of their time and skills in teaching Hunter Education, mainly to the youth of our state. Hunter Education certification is required in Montana before a youth between 12 and 18 years of age can purchase a hunting license. But, Hunter Education classes are not restricted to only our youth. Adults are also encouraged to take classes.

Why does the state of Montana require certification in Hunter Education? The reasons are several. First, it has been proven that this training reduces the number of hunting accidents. This, in itself, would be ample reason to require such education. Safety must always be the number one priority whenever a hunter is in the field. But hunter education also is geared toward improving the image of hunters, encouraging hunters to conduct themselves in a responsible manner, and improving landowner-sportsmen relations.

The Hunter Education Program provides basic information on the subjects of: hunter ethics, firearms history, safe gun handling, marksmanship,

wildlife identification, principles of wildlife management and laws, proper game care, survival skills and more.

A minimum of ten hours of the above instruction is provided in every course. Certainly, this isn't very much time to train the students in these very important subjects. But, again, only the basics are provided to the students. Therefore, students are encouraged to pursue additional information and gain more skill in shooting and hunting techniques. Parents also are encouraged to continue the training, or to direct their youngsters to receive further training from a shooting club or other organization.

In Montana, the Hunter Education Program was born in 1958, after the 1957 Legislature passed a law requiring this training. The course was originally designed to provide training in firearm safety. Since then, the course has grown from requiring a minimum of 6, to at least 10 hours of instruction, and to include a wider range of educational information. In total, over 210,000 Montana youths have received this important training since the program's inception.

Hunter Education Instructors are helping Montana to remain a safe recreational state. These special people are not only working diligently to save the lives of our loved ones and friends, but they are also making our young shooters and hunters better informed citizens.

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, as the administrator of Montana's Hunter Education Program, knows how much Montana's volunteer instructors mean to Montana's program. Help the Department in thanking these dedicated friends. Give the instructors in your area a pat on the back, a handshake or let them know, in some other way, that what they do is sincerely appreciated.



Seeley Lake Elementary students performed for family and friends during a gymnastics show at the school April 7. Here some upper grade performers steadied their pyramid while an unidentified student sailed over the top of them.

Hunter safety classes begin

Hunter safety classes will begin April 23 in Seeley Lake for youth who will be at least 12 years old by November 1, 1987.

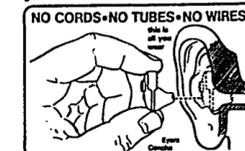
Classes will continue every Monday and Thursday night from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Elementary School until certification requirements are complete. There is no charge for the classes.

Norm Hall, Seeley Lake resident, has taught hunter education classes for many years, and will again instruct classes for 1987.

Hunter safety certification from some state is required for all persons under 18 years of age who wish to obtain a Montana hunting license. Those who have already been certified need not be certified again.

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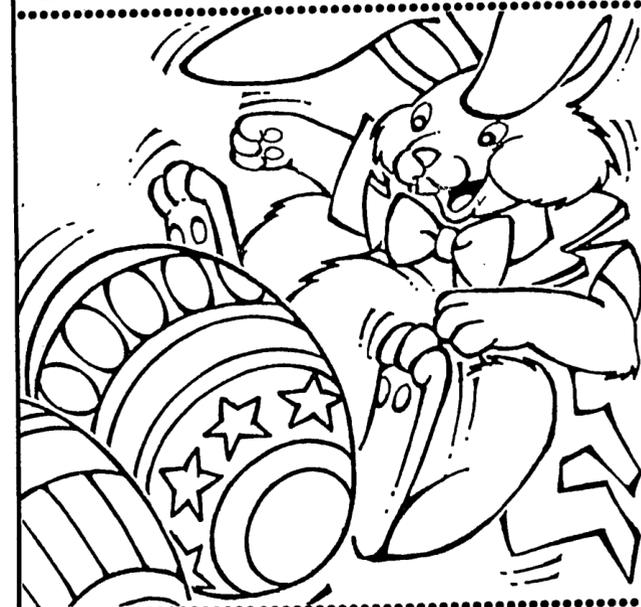
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Nagy elected as Blackfoot Telephone trustee

Joc Nagy, long-time Seeley Lake resident, was recently re-elected to the Blackfoot Telephone Board of Trustees. He has been a trustee since 1973. Nagy formerly worked for the Missoula Electric Co-op, and retired in 1985. He is also active in the local fire department, Blackhawk Booster Club and other volunteer organizations.

Moore reprimands Ramirez for hostage ploy

On March 31, ninety-nine members of the Montana House of Representatives were held "hostage" and could do no work for eleven hours because of a parliamentary tactic known as a "call of the House." Legislators could not leave the legislative chamber until Rep. Bob Thoft, R-Stevensville, finally called Helena after he returned from an out-of-state trip.

Representative Janet Moore, D-Condon, has reprimanded Rep. Jack Ramirez, R-Billings, for implementing the "call of the House."

Moore stated in an open letter: "Jack, all the hidden agendas are out there now. Your Sales Tax Bill had to pass, our bills had to die. When you couldn't have your way, you shut down the business of this state and put the House under guard. For sure, you made history, but you nearly killed me. You and your 37 House minorities also hurt your House-mates, including your Speaker Marks who was facing a tragic funeral the very day you held us all hostage. And worse yet, you hurt the people you represent and the people of this state by spending, for nothing, another \$6,600 of their money to finance your hostage move."

Moore recently returned to her work in Helena after undergoing major surgery in a Missoula hospital.

Moore intends to challenge the House rule that would allow a legislator to repeat the "unbelievable spectacle" which occurred on March 31.

Women to host 'Silver Tea'

The Seeley Lake Women's Club will host a Silver Tea for the American Cancer Society on Tuesday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

Two films will be shown about breast cancer, mammography and recent cancer research, each lasting about 10 minutes.

Women may bring silver items to donate to the Cancer Society, according to area crusade chairman, Marion Kincaid.

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

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Inquiry from Baucus may stall new Seeley Post Office

The U.S. Postal Service, Salt Lake Division, recently received a Congressional inquiry from Montana Senator Max Baucus asking officials to explain the methods they used to choose the site for the new Seeley Lake Post Office.

Although postal employees refused to release information about the inquiry on Monday, they acknowledged that the action was taken at the request of one of Baucus' constituents.

Frank Webber, Support Services, Salt Lake City, also admitted that the Congressional inquiry would slow the construction process for the new Post Office building. He indicated that more information would be available later this week.

Family Fun Day April 26

Several types of four-wheelers and accessories will be on display during Family Fun Day, April 26, five miles north of Seeley Lake on Boy Scout Road from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA; Mike Tingley's, Missoula; Al's Cycle Center, Hamilton; and the Wilderness Sportsman's Club, Seeley Lake, are sponsoring four-wheeler competition throughout the day, including "The Backwards Obstacle Course"—no entry fee! Concessions will be available, and free prizes given away all day.

A "YFM200 DX" four-wheeler—which will be raffled at the Wilderness Sportsman's Club Gun Show May 2 & 3—will also be on display.

For more information contact the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce at 677-2880; Mike Tingley's, Missoula, 549-4260, or Al's Cycle Center, Hamilton, 363-3433.

New WIC applications being accepted

The Missoula County Health Department is now accepting new WIC applications. WIC is a nutrition education program available to eligible pregnant and breast-feeding women, and children under the age of five.

Several families from the Seeley Lake area already participate in the WIC program. Officials will help families arrange carpools with other area residents if there is sufficient interest.

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Part 2

Construction of the Seeley Lake Community Hall

by Mildred Chaffin

(Editor's Note: Part 1 of Mildred Chaffin's article describing community "get-togethers" before the present Community Hall was built appeared in last week's Pathfinder. This week's article takes a look at the actual construction of the Seeley Lake Community Hall. Allen and Mildred Chaffin are two of about a dozen "founders" of the Community Hall who were recently honored at a community supper.)

When the first section of the present grade school was built, Marshall Grey, sawmill owner, chairman of the school board and an avid square dance club member, suggested that we move our dancing to the heated hall at the new schoolhouse. This was easy living! But still more families were moving in, and there was a need for other types of activities.

The dream of a community center was beginning to take form, and someone asked Mr. Grey for an estimate of the cost of a building large enough for all community events. He came up with a figure that took all the wind out of our sails. Twenty thousand dollars! And we didn't have even twenty thousand cents!

But the dream would not die. Money, or the lack of it, took precedence at any and all discussions and some of us began to conjure up ideas for fundraisings. Mame Baker was then the president of the Home Demonstration club, the forerunner of the present Seeley Lake Women's Club. Mame was then the same ambitious soul that she is today and she began to nuzzle her subjects toward money-making deals for this worthy cause.

On a blustery March day in 1968, while many Seeley Lake residents were enjoying some of the first snowmobile races on the lake, Jim Sullivan announced that he and Bert had decided to give some land to the community for a building site. That was a giant leap for Seeley Lake! Now, we who had been agitating felt that nothing could stop us. Jim had given a lot of thought to the matter. He knew what he wanted in the way of rules and regulations and had his lawyer draw them up and include them in the corporation papers. The hall was to be governed by a board of representatives from local organizations. It is still governed that way. Meetings were held at Chaffin's home, with Allen as chairman, to make decisions and further plans. And I wish to say here and now that Herb Townsend has worked with him all the way.

In May of 1968, volunteers began to work, burning a chicken coop and small barn, and clearing and leveling the ground. A small and rather dilapidated dwelling was retained for storage and was used to serve meals to the workers when the crew was large enough to warrant lunch at the building site.

The hall was not built without some dissension. There were doubters and a few who were downright negative. But, I will admit, it must have seemed more than a little irrational to attempt such an ambitious project without one red penny to underwrite the cost. But as progress was made, donations and fundraisings began to mount up.

Our first bank deposit was money received from the disbanded Saddle Club. We now had money: one hundred and sixty-nine dollars of it!

From that money, we wrote our first check in the amount of \$155.40 to Pyramid Lumber for cement to pour the footings and foundation. It was sold to us at their cost. The foundation was poured in September with two mixers and a crew of volunteers. Butch Townsend cooked hamburgers at the site to feed the workers at lunchtime.

Pyramid cooperated with the Community Hall board in every way, sawing and furnishing logs and lumber, often at cost or by donation, to get us started. We also borrowed their heavy equipment when it was needed.

We heard of a mill in Eureka called "the House that Jack Built." It was owned by a Mr. Jack Stevens and son who agreed to mill our logs and deliver a part of the tongue and groove timbers and put up the walls. The price was settled at \$900.00.

The timber had been donated to us by the N.P. Railroad, A.C.M. Company (now Champion), the Forest Service and some small local mills.

A volunteer crew went to cutting logs and volunteer trucks got busy hauling them to Pyramid Mill. Four or five loads went to Eureka, hauled by Allen Chaffin and C.B. Rich, who then hauled back a load on part of the trips. The milled logs were soon all delivered and the walls of our building were put up in October 1968.

After the foundation was poured and the walls put in place, we were told we had to have a building permit. That meant plans and blueprints which were drawn by Larry Osbourne, N.P. fieldman and Bernard Lea of the Forest Service, who were both engineers. The plans were approved by the Fire Marshall, who was to notify the Missoula County commissioners to send us a permit. After about a month's waiting and no permit, Allen contacted the commissioners and was told that he did not need one!

After running from the commissioners to the Treasurer with the Fire Marshall's letter in hand, the Treasurer decided that for ten dollars she could give him the paper in question and he paid it so the building could proceed.

Meanwhile, we had been holding various small fundraisings and donations were coming in. But the \$900 paid to Mr. Stevens depleted our treasury, plus \$150 loaned by the Sullivan's, which was later repaid.

Besides our flattened checking account, winter set in and the walls stood waiting a year, maybe two, until we garnered enough money to continue operations. One neighbor remarked that if we didn't get a roof on the place pretty soon, he was going to put sheep in it! (Part Three next week.)

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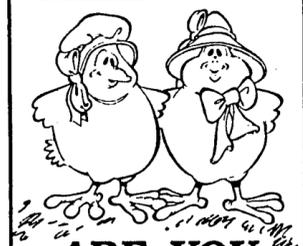
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**Seeley Swan
athletes compete
against Class A**

by Peter Timpano

The Seeley Swan Blackhawks traveled to Big Sky High School for a Missoula Invitational meet to compete against track teams from Sentinel, Hellgate, Big Sky, Kalispell, Salmon, Idaho and Alberta, Canada last weekend. Several Blackhawk athletes braved the cold weather and performed well.

Frank DeLeo took first place in the 800-meter run (2:01) and the mile (4:35); Shauna Haines placed second in the high jump (five feet); Shannon Combs took second in the 300-meter hurdles (50.6 seconds); and the Blackhawk girls mile relay team placed fourth.

**Jackie Gossard
competes in
Miss Montana
Teen Contest**

Jackie Gossard, Seeley Swan High School senior, was chosen as third runner-up in last week's Miss Montana Teen USA contest held in Bozeman. Jackie is the daughter of Boyd and Pat Gossard, Seeley Lake. She was one of ten finalists in Saturday's competition and received an engraved silver tray and a bouquet of red roses.

Sixteen Seeley Lake area businesses donated money to help send Jackie to Bozeman. The pageant cost \$350 (not including lodging), and contestants were judged on personality, evening gown and swimsuit competition.

Jackie also participated in work-shops on modeling, skin and hair care, and designed a costume representing a Montana hunter.

**Missing girl
found**

About two weeks ago, Gerald Sautler, stepfather of sixteen-year-old Angela Owens, Missoula, traveled through the Seeley Lake area seeking information about the missing girl.

Angela Owens was found about a week ago at the home of her real father in Vancouver, according to her mother, Nancy Sautler, also of Missoula. Several notices about the missing girl were posted in the Seeley Swan area.



**Seeley Swan
senior
awarded
\$12,000
scholarship**

Heidi Olson has been selected for a \$12,000 four-year scholarship from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., according to Dr. David Gring, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college.

Olson, a senior at Seeley Swan High School, has participated in basketball, cheerleading, track, honor society, band and the Black Tie Affair (swing choir). She is the daughter of Robert and Doreen Culver, Seeley Lake, and Richard Olson, St. Regis. She has won a number of awards for her achievements during the past four years.

This scholarship, which was established by Concordia in 1984, awards 30 academically qualified students \$3,000 each year over a four-year period when they maintain a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

To be eligible, students must rank in the upper five percent of their classes and must score in the top 10 percent on either the ACT, SAT or PSAT college entrance examinations. In addition, an essay and a record of the student's involvement in extra-curricular activities are considered. Following the screening process, semi-finalists were invited for an interview by a panel of faculty members, who then selected the award winners.

Concordia College, a four-year liberal arts institution of the American Lutheran Church, offers 78 majors in 40 academic areas and coursework in 16 pre-professional programs.

Heidi enjoys math and science, and is thinking about majoring in pre-med.

PASSAGES

Rev. James Patterson, Pastor
Swan Valley Baptist Church
Swan Lake

There are some "don'ts" in the Christian life. What are they? Just where do we draw the line?

Let's get a little personal counseling from Paul. He wrote: "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." *I Corinthians 6:12*

Paul says there are some things in life that are not expedient, or profitable. Evidently there are decisions to be made daily about things that would not keep you from heaven, and yet would not be profitable for your spiritual growth. Can you think of any?

He further insists that although all things are lawful for him, since he is

saved by grace through faith, that he will bypass anything that will bring him under its power. He is not willing to be controlled by anything. The reason? He has given Christ control of his life. What controls you?

Who controls you?
A bit later in this same epistle, Paul adds another guideline: "... all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not." *I Corinthians 10:23*

That word "edify" gives another dimension to Christian conduct. It means to "help along." In other words, there may be some things that you can do without any harm to your spiritual life, but the end result may not be helpful to others. Our lives are to edify others, especially other Christians.

Now we have a threefold test for every word and deed:

- Is it profitable?
- Will it bring me under its control?
- Will it help others?

hour earlier), with the sermon question being: "Who will roll us away the stone?" Following the service, an Easter breakfast served by the men will be available for the worshippers.

At Condon on Easter, Sunday School and Bible Class are held at 10:15 a.m. with Easter Festival Service at 11:15 a.m. At the fellowship/coffee time following church, the ladies will serve sweet rolls to the worshippers. Children of the Sunday School will sing at both churches.

**Country
Journal**

by Suzanne Vernon

A great blue heron arrived at Picre Lake last weekend. He is reportedly feeding on small fish and frogs in some open water. The lake is still frozen, for the most part. Last year, most area lakes were thawed out by now.

Yep, the frogs are out already. Or maybe they are toads? Haven't been able to catch one for a good look!

The robins are busy building nests, and a few swallows are eyeing last year's homesites.

One sure sign of spring: the neighbors were out playing baseball last weekend. "So what" if your fingers freeze in the sleet and snow. At least you can see the ball now that the snow is nearly gone!

Water is running everywhere, and many of the roads are opening up. There is no such thing as a quiet walk in the woods. The birds sing constantly in the chilly air, the snowwater gurgles and splashes its way down every draw, and the larch trees are shedding their worn-out branches each time the wind rolls another curtain of sleet across the Valley. I guess this is a typical April, though, with fresh snow on the ground every morning the last few days.

Stork Report

Congratulations to former Seeley Lake resident Peggy (Eldridge) Brower, on the birth of twins: a boy and a girl. Peggy and her family live in Hayward, California. The new babies' great grandparents are Allen and Mildred Chaffin, Seeley Lake.

**Lutherans celebrate
Holy Week**

Special services for Holy Week are scheduled this Thursday and Friday for Faith Lutheran Church of Condon, and Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Seeley Lake, according to Rev. Herb Schiefelbein, Pastor.

A Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be held at Condon at 7 p.m., with the sermon reflecting on the question: "Surely, not I?"

The Lord's crucifixion is recalled at the Good Friday Communion Service which begins at 7 p.m. The sermon question is that of Christ from the Cross: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Next Sunday, Easter Festival Worship at Holy Cross is at 8 a.m. (1/2

**CHURCH
SCHEDULE**

Condon Community Church
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
677-2268
Sun. School, 9:45 am
Sun. Services, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:30 pm

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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Living Water Catholic Community
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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Mark Meissner, 677-2575
Sunday School, 11:45 am
Sunday Service, 10:00 am

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Rev. Herb Schiefelbein, Pastor 754-2425
Sunday Worship, 11:15 am
Sunday School & Bible Class, 10:15 am
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Thanks to everyone who helped welcome Ashley with all their kind thoughts and deeds. Special thanks to the elementary school staff. The Peñas



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SEELEY LAKE PTA CARNIVAL, April 25, 6-9 p.m., Elementary Gym.

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Three students receive Elks Scholarships

Hell Gate Lodge No. 383, Missoula, has awarded three \$200 scholarships to Seeley Swan High School seniors. Jackie Gossard, daughter of Boyd and Pat Gossard; Heidi Olson, daughter of Bob and Doreen Culver and Richard Olson; and Shauna Haines, daughter of Kim and Zelda Haines will be honored by the Lodge on May 12, with awards being presented May 29 at the school awards ceremony.

Seeley Lake Elementary

Eagle News

Thirty-six 7th and 8th graders participated recently in Student Drama Week. Four original short plays, written and produced by 7th graders, and twenty Montana frontier characters created by 8th graders, performed before school and parent audiences. Top play award, a mystery comedy, went to Renn Anders, Jeremy Aumaugher, Tina Derheim, and Shonna Smith. Top individual acting awards went to Jeremy Aumaugher, Mel Cahoon, Sharon Mackie, Brian Morin, and Katrina Stevenson.

Preschool screening this month

Preschool screening clinics for children age five and younger will be held this month in all area schools. During these clinics, children will be checked for vision, hearing, speech and language development, and thinking and learning skills.

Appointments are advised for the following clinics:

Swan Valley, Salmon Prairie and Swan Lake school districts—April 28 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Swan Valley Community Hall. Call 754-2320.

Potomac and Sunset school districts—April 29 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Potomac Elementary School. Call 244-5581.

Seeley Lake School District—April 30 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. Call 677-2265.

Shoupe, Aumaugher win math contest

Seeley Lake Elementary School students recently participated in the National Math Tournament. Jeremy Aumaugher, son of Robert and Kaye Aumaugher, and Jack Shoupe, Jr., son of Jack and Rosa Shoupe, were the top scorers for 7th and 8th grades, respectively.

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Barbara Herman and Juanita Carter have opened the doors of The Golden Needle, a new sewing, gift and craft supply shop north of Seeley Lake. *S. Vernon/Pathfinder*

Sewing/craft shop opens

The Golden Needle, a sewing notions and craft shop opened north of Seeley Lake last weekend. Juanita Carter, owner, said she has been thinking about opening a business here for some time. Barbara Herman, also from Seeley Lake, will be managing the store.

The Golden Needle offers a variety of sewing notions, lace, and trims. In addition, they sell craft items including woodencrafts, felt squares, styrofoam forms, silk flowers, stencils, paints, hoops, lace panels, quilt batting, candles and centerpieces. They have several gift items in stock including finished country crafts, glasses, stationery and cards.

Carter hopes to soon offer fresh flowers on weekends, and a line of bridal and shower gifts. She will also carry

Christian gift items, bookmarks and cards.

Juanita Carter and her husband, Otis, moved to Seeley Lake about three years ago. Juanita works in the motor vehicle department at the Missoula County courthouse. Otis is a sawyer.

Barbara Herman and her husband, Clare, have lived in Seeley Lake for about a year and a half. Clare works part-time at the elementary school and also operates Mountain States Cycle and Satellite Service.

Both women enjoy "crafting" as a hobby, and are open to suggestions from local craft enthusiasts about specific items people would like to see for sale. The Golden Needle is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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