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Seeley hosts record crowd

It was a hot time in the ol' town Saturday night

Seeley Lake hosted a record number of visitors last weekend for the Fourth of July holiday. Estimates range from 5,000 to over 6,000 people downtown and camped at other areas around Seeley Lake and throughout the Valley.

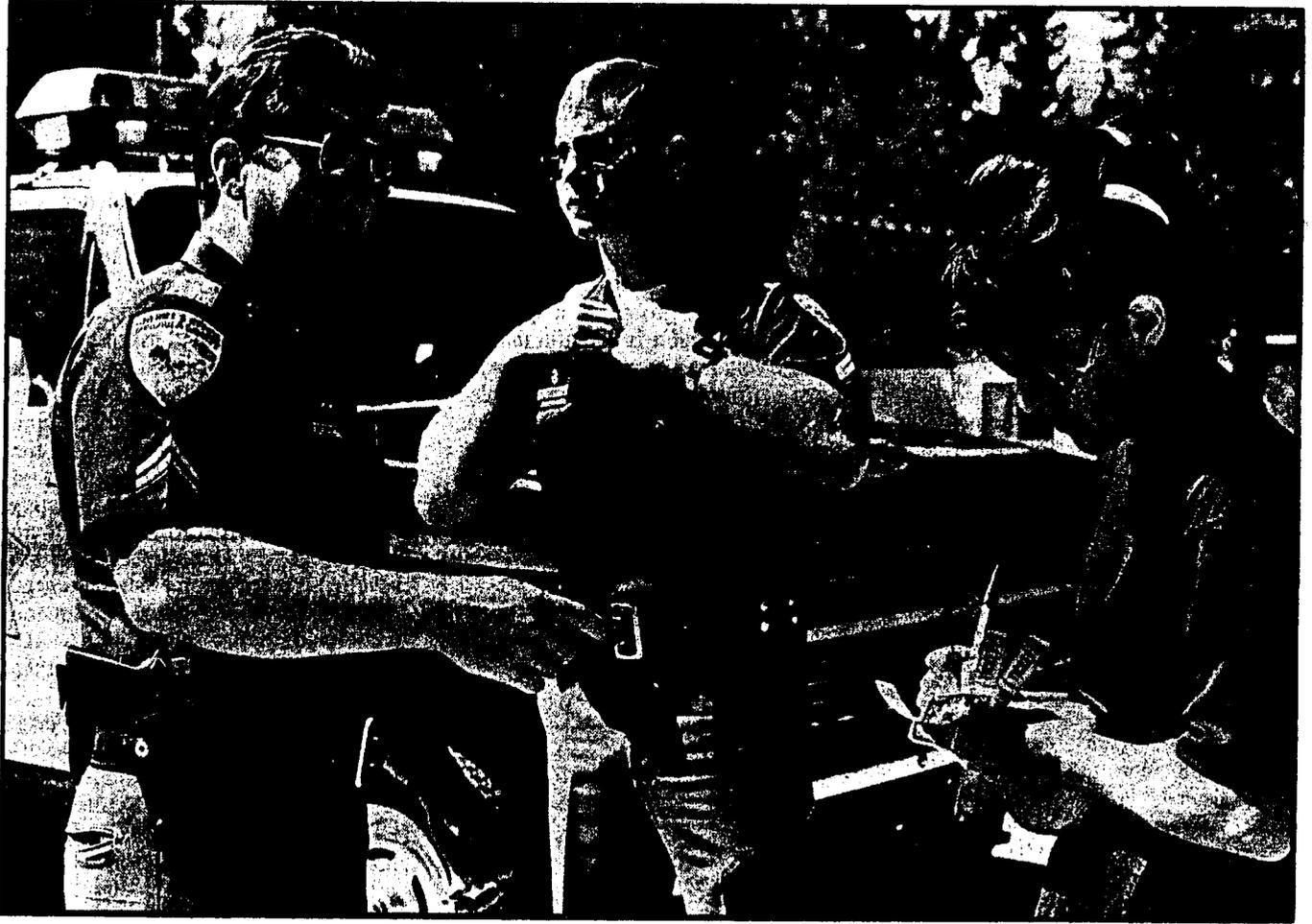
"We had one of the largest Fourth of July weekends that we have probably ever had," according to Norm Nash, veteran Highway Patrolman from Seeley Lake. Nash said he had plenty of extra help this weekend—for the first time ever during a July Fourth holiday. His counterparts weren't so lucky, though. "The Forest Service and Sheriff's officers really took the brunt of things."

Overall, traffic incidents and injuries were good compared to the number of people pouring into the Seeley Lake area last week. Nash estimated that about 300 cars an hour were traveling out of Seeley Lake by Sunday afternoon, and estimates that traffic into Seeley Lake on Friday was similar. Out of that, there were only three accidents, only one with serious injuries, and three tickets issued to drivers for driving under the influence of alcohol. There were plenty of other citations, though. The Missoula County Sheriff's Department counted 158 tickets written, not including Highway Patrol or Forest Service citations.

All that traffic headed for Seeley Lake campgrounds caused constant headaches for Forest Service personnel. "There were a lot of homeless people looking for places to camp," according to Jim Blackburn who works at the Seeley Lake Ranger District. All area campgrounds from Clearwater Junction to Swan Lake were full by late Thursday night. Campers were directed to the old airport area and other "wide spots" for camping.

"I haven't seen crowds like this since the problems of the sixties," explained Ron Ogden, law enforcement officer for the Forest Service. Ogden was concerned about the type of crowd present here over the weekend.

"They had a total lack of respect for the environment," he said, adding that garbage, illegal fireworks and unattended camp fires caused problems. "I've never seen such a weekend for garbage."



"Ah, c'mon Ellie, gimme a break." seem to be the words from Deputy Scott McDonald as Ellie Greenough writes out what appears to be a traffic ticket. Actually, Ellie was soliciting funds for the Condon-Swan Valley Quick Response Unit raffle and fundraiser held on the Fourth of July. S. Vernon/Pathfinder

Deputy Scott McDonald agreed. "Saturday was a zoo. We were just constantly running from one end (of Seeley Lake) to the other." The Saturday night crowd was one of the worst ever, McDonald observed. "There were fights everywhere. . . a lot of drunks."

Many local businessmen agree. Though most didn't want to be mentioned by name, many stood guard until the wee hours of Sunday morning, trying to keep the belligerent crowds from breaking windows or damaging property. By 3 a.m., the main street of Seeley Lake was ankle-deep, some say knee-deep, in beer cans and spent fireworks.

Despite the rowdy crowds, though, this Fourth of July put smiles on many faces, whether because of increased business or the well-organized parade and Chamber events enjoyed by thousands of people. All the garbage from Saturday night in downtown Seeley Lake was swept clean by a host of both paid and unpaid helpers. Seeley Lake looked spotless on Sunday morning.

Casual conversations along the streets generated considerable praise for the parade organizers, the fantastic fireworks display (it lasted about an hour), and local businesspeople who all pitched in to create a friendly atmosphere. In the words of one relatively new resident of Seeley Lake: "That was the nicest Fourth of July. . . my goodness it was nice. I just love a small-town celebration!"



Timber rally —pages 4 & 5

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday-Saturday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms at first, becoming mostly dry by Saturday. Highs 70s, reaching lower 80s by Saturday. Lows: Mostly 40s to lower 50s.

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OPINION

Give Bud a Break

Summer is here. The unmistakable sign of its arrival is a shortage of water in the municipal water system—despite rationing measures. In addition to protracted episodes of low water pressure last week, there were some folks who had no water whatsoever.

These are the usual temporary embarrassments of the water district—"business as usual." The truly ominous development, however, is that prospective new businesses are being turned away because the district cannot justify annexing them into an already overloaded system. In contrast to summertime shortages, the ramifications of this are hardly temporary. One can't help but wonder how economic growth is to occur if we can't deliver the bedrock essentials, such as water (and sewer, for that matter).

The Seeley Lake water board is well aware of its problems. Chairman Don Larson noted in a letter here last week that the problems stem from "twenty years of accumulated bad management." Such candor is refreshing, but the problems remain. Bob Scott's appraisal of the problems in his letter of two weeks ago was deadly accurate. Among other things, the district has only the fuzziest understanding of how much water is being produced and beneficially used.

Progress has been made in the last few months, but at a snail's pace. Certainly, the board's decision to meter the system will shed light on usage—and provide other benefits as well. The question is whether this will occur within the next millenium.

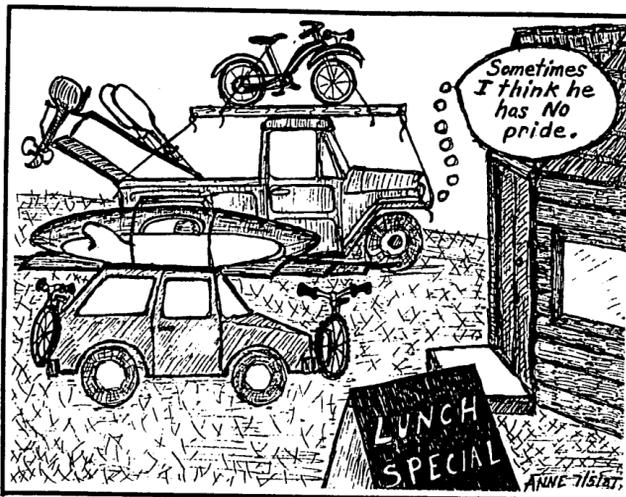
Bob's letter suggests that there has been much lip service given to the problems of the district. Don's letter concurs and makes the point that definitive action is difficult to achieve with a volunteer board and two part-time employees. Which brings us to the heart of the matter. Bud Anderson, the district's manager, has his hands full with day to day operations—the nuts and bolts of running and maintaining the system. The water board seems to expect Bud to also perform all the planning and analysis for the district: development of a meter rate schedule, determining the upgrade path for the system, development of a conservation ordinance, planning for the new federal water quality regulations, and "grantsmanship."

It is a rare individual who can cope with both operations and planning. For one thing, the exigencies of operations tend to disrupt the somewhat cerebral nature of planning. Accordingly, most businesses separate the two functions. Further, a board is expected to deal with broad policy questions; it is not expected to deal with the nitty-gritty of detailed planning and analysis. Ergo, it would appear that a planning manager is needed.

Don Larson has suggested that an ad hoc group could fill this need. No doubt an ad hoc group can help to get things rolling, but it is doubtful that yet another volunteer group would be willing to perform the painstaking, detailed job which is required. The district has funds available to hire the help it needs; to say the least, it would be money well-spent.

—Dick Potter

Natty Bumpo



Garbage woes

To the Editor:

I attended the Refuse Board meeting on June 23 and have comments. I told the Board I thought it was nice they waited until after receiving a letter from my attorney to say the 10-unit maximum would have to be eliminated. I was chastised with, "I resent that statement. Right after the hearing, we went into the back room and asked the commissioners to change that and another little thing. They changed the little thing, but wouldn't change the 10-unit maximum." Congratulations to the commissioners—I hope the Board learned what the Montana open meeting law means. I started to give the Board my reasons why Dan Mizner could not have represented summer home owners, but was cut short with a lecture on schools and out-of-state tuition which finished with the words, "That's just the way it is."

At the September 1986 Board hearing on fees, I testified I thought the 10-unit maximum was illegal and, also, the square footage would not be a legal and equitable method for assessing fees for garbage produced. Some illustrations of fees that were assessed, motion made and passed for acceptance are: Filling Station (restaurant & bar, statement made restaurant serves lunch & dinner seven days a week) square footage checks out to 18 units. Discussion ensued (some, I thought, very humorous), decided to classify it all as a bar—came out to 14 units. Shocked expression on some faces, then the statement was made that the 10 unit maximum was still there, so it was rated 10. Lindsey's Steak House (in the September hearing, I testified I thought square foot assessment would be unfair to him. I was told he had the "potential.") It ended up being classified as a bar, then reduced by 2/3 because it is only used four months. (I thought the Memorial Day to Labor Day sign was down. Several businesses were reduced in this way. I find nothing in the fee schedule to allow these deviations and nothing allowing a place serving food and liquor to be classed as only a bar.) Some other assessments I remember are: Pro Performance Shop (Woody's), 7 units; Glen's Automotive, 2 units; On the Level Carpentry, 4 units; Larry Marx Construction, 9 units. Equitable?

Montana law on Refuse Disposal Districts, 7-13-232: Determination of service charge. (1) The fees shall be based upon a family residential unit, and

fees for commercial and industrial accounts shall be based on the comparison with a typical residential unit as to volume and type of waste produced.

Nothing in the law can be construed to equate the fee charged for garbage and the tax placed on property valuation for schools, local and state governments, etc., or on how out-of-state tuition is charged.

Summer home rates. The Refuse District, at a 50% rate, is the highest in the state—some districts charge 25%. Resolution of Intention No. 207, 8/27/74, states in paragraph 7 "... fees for commercial and summer home accounts shall be based upon the comparison with a typical residential unit as to volume and type of waste produced." Resolution #229, 10/23/74, creating the district, states in paragraph 7 the Board of Directors "... shall be composed of nine members, five of which shall be permanent residents of the Seeley Lake area, three of which shall be summer home residents from the area, and one sanitarian representing the Board of Health. . . . Making one-third of the Board summer home residents reinforces the statement made on summer home rates in the Resolution of Intention. Every disposal district in the state has summer home rates. To me, what the Board is saying to summer home owners from Clinton, Bonner, Missoula, etc., is, "you have the money for a summer home, we're going to make you pay a little more. To those from over 100 miles, we don't want you to come here to cross-country ski or snowmobile for even one weekend in the winter or you're going to pay. We don't want you to spend money in our grocery stores, bars, restaurants or gas stations."

The \$8100 study done by Robert Peccia & Associates, Helena, final report dated December 1981, on page 2.16 has a Waste Generation Summary chart with figures supplied by Dan Larson which shows the average days of occupancy of seasonal customers of his to be 122. Page 2.18, the last sentence of paragraph 4 states, "Utilizing these estimates, it can be assumed that each summer housing unit would be occupied, on the average, 23 percent of the time."

Erv Gysler
Seeley Lake

Walkin' Watercolorist



Ed Domer, artist, backpacker and cross-country skier.

Paintings reflect this hiker's passion

by Suzanne Vernon

All artists have their problems. Sometimes it takes years to discover you're working in the wrong element, or maybe you just never master the techniques. Ed Domer, Placid Lake artist, has painted western landscapes for many, many years and, at the age of 78, his problems in life are unique.

"I can't stay inside very long, that's the problem," he chuckled during a recent interview. Domer has worked as an artist for the past several years, but his real passion is backpacking. On some recent treks into the Mission Mountains, he and his companions have hiked 20 miles or more in a day.

"I couldn't sit down and waste time ... Hiking is a good way to stay in shape." In the winter, Domer substitutes cross-country skiing for hiking. His normal routine includes half a day of painting and half a day spent hiking the eight mile loop around Placid Lake. Some days he skis the loop twice.

All that time spent out-of-doors has given Domer a backwoods philosophy toward his work as an artist. "Everybody (young artists) should go to school. What I've learned is mostly self-taught," he points out, adding that he would like to attend art school someday. "What I've got in mind now is a different approach. I've been mostly practicing. . . Now I want to start seriously painting."

For somebody who has been "mostly practicing," Domer's watercolor style is far from amateur. Last winter, he held a one-man show at C.M. Russell school in Missoula and hundreds of people attended. Domer was instrumental in organizing the first Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts Show about eight years ago and, since that time, has been asked to display his work in various places around Western Montana. He worked with oils until recent years, when he began experimenting with watercolor.

"Watercolor is a little crisper and a little more lively than oils," he explained. But watercolor has its problems. "Everything is reverse from oil ... you have to figure out all the highlights before you start. Technique is important. For every picture I paint, I

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probably throw away five or six—or more." But, he adds, "Watercolor is definitely my thing."

Domer often composes scenes based on his hiking experiences. He sometimes takes photographs while hiking, but chuckles, "I've been in the woods so much that I've got a lot in my mind already."

One of Domer's goals in his work is to make his paintings look less like photographs. "I think all beginners want to make (their paintings) look realistic... There is still that school... and it has its place. But I want to graduate from that school."

Ed Domer will be displaying several of his paintings at the Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts Show and Sale on July 11 & 12, but he insists that he won't be selling any paintings.

"It doesn't interest me to sell. What I want to do is to be able to paint."

Artists and performers highlight art show

Dozens of local artists and craftspeople will be showing their artwork and offering crafts for sale at the Seeley Lake Community Hall this weekend. In addition to displays of watercolors, woodwork, stained glass, handcrafted baskets and more, visitors at the Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts Show will be treated to a variety of performing arts and demonstrations. Sue Klemer, Seeley Lake, will open the show at 10 a.m. Saturday with a wool-spinning demonstration. Klemer is well-known locally for her beautiful handknit wool sweaters.

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During the noon hour Saturday, Pam Sikkink of Artistic Expressions will discuss basketry and local artist Carol Bourne will give a pottery demonstration. All afternoon, more artists will demonstrate a variety of skills including calligraphy, tile painting and cake decorating. In the early evening, musicians will join in music and song while poets and storytellers spin yarns and entertain visitors.

The Show and Sale begins at the Seeley Lake Community Hall at 10 a.m. on July 11 and 12. It closes at 7 p.m. Saturday evening and 5 p.m. Sunday. According to several area artists, the show may offer the largest display of fine art and crafts ever organized in the Seeley Swan area.

On Saturday morning, there will be a special treat for families. At 10:30 a.m., youngsters and adults will enjoy stories presented by Sheila Devins (with music by Roger Burmeister and Cory Weaver). Devins has organized the preschool "Story Hour" program in Seeley Lake during the past year, and skillfully brings life to storybook characters.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 6 pm; call 677-2022 or 754-2365.

Events

July 11-12, Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts Show and Sale, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

Public Meetings

July 13, SOS Health Center Trustees Mtg, 7pm, SOS Center, Seeley Lake.

July 14, Water Board Mtg, 8pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.

July 14, Swan Valley Elem School Board Mtg, 7:30pm, Elem School, Condon.

Clubs & Organizations

July 9, Condon Alcoholics Anon, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon.

July 12, Seeley Lake Alcoholics Anon, 7pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake.

July 13, 14, 15, Senior Nutrition Program, Lunch at Noon. Open to Public. Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

July 15, Alanon Mtg, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.

Other

July 9, Bookmobile, Seeley Lake 9am-2:30pm.

Refuse Disposal Site, May thru Sept: Wcds/Sat/Sun, 10am-5pm.

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Business of the Week

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Jim Smith has been a gunsmith for 17 years. His background is in the tool and die-making trade. Jim says that's how his firearms repair and fabrication business got started. "Gunsmithing is just a branch of tool-making; tool making requires so much precision—gun making is the same," he says. Smith Gun Service, Inc., a full-service gunsmith shop, has been in Seeley Lake for 9 years.



Jim says "full-service" means more than just being able to order parts for repairs; if he can't get the parts to repair a gun (because the parts are no longer available), he'll make them. "Sometimes a turn-of-the-century gun comes in—that gun will require handmade parts."

In addition to repairs, Smith Gun Service will fill your custom-made gun order or special order your gun selection (Jim does not carry any stock).

Jim's unique talent for making guns has resulted in the upcoming (fall) production of a customized handgun. The manufacture of that gun will surely mean expansion, and Jim is very excited about the new venture. Smith Gun Service is presently located on Airport Road near the high school.



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Sawmill workers oppose wilderness bill

by Suzanne Vernon

Nearly 40 Seeley Lake and Swan Valley residents traveled to Missoula last Tuesday to join other sawmill workers and timber industry supporters in protesting Pat Williams' wilderness bill. Area mill workers, their wives and other supporters spoke out against the release language contained in House Bill 2090 which was heard in the House Interior Committee in Washington, D.C. —also on Tuesday.

"We are not against all wilderness bills. We are against this wilderness bill," Seeley Lake resident Becky Gehrke stated at the rally. Gehrke's husband is employed by Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Seeley Lake. "Due to poor release language in (this bill), the available land will be subject to appeals."

Most of the statements made at the rally addressed the release language in the wilderness bill. (See related article.)

Linda Bowers, also of Seeley Lake, is concerned about possible job losses for her family and other Montana sawmill workers. "It's our bread and butter. Maybe it doesn't spell impending doom for Pyramid, but other people are expected to lose jobs because of this



Several wives of area sawmill workers attended a timber industry rally in Missoula last week to protest portions of Pat Williams' wilderness bill. S. Vernon photos

Timber crisis looms without wilderness bill

by Suzanne Vernon

The Montana timber industry faces timber shortages if a wilderness bill is not passed by Congress soon, according to forest managers, Congressional aides and others involved in RARE II and wilderness issues.

In a recent speech to members of the Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force in Missoula, Regional Forester James Overbay predicted possible shortages of timber and an ensuing timber crisis in Montana unless a wilderness bill, releasing millions of acres of roadless lands, is passed soon. Overbay also stated that 20 percent of Montana's timber to be cut during the next 10 years is tied up in roadless lands.

Forest Service figures show that Williams' bill will release 4.1 million acres of land, providing access to about 110 million board feet of timber a year. Conversely, the amount of merchantable timber tied up in wilderness under Williams' bill is about 1.8 million board feet a year.

The process of evaluating roadless areas in Montana has continued for nearly 10 years. It's no wonder that people on both sides of the issue are sometimes confused about the need for a Montana wilderness bill.

Over six million acres of roadless areas in Montana were evaluated under the RARE II process in the late 1970s. The RARE II (roadless area) recommendations were made by National Forest managers nationwide in 1979. Shortly after the RARE II recommendations were submitted to Congress, the State of California challenged the Forest Service methods used to determine future use of roadless lands. The Forest Service lost that court case in 1980. They appealed in the ninth circuit court, and lost again. That court decision has set a precedent nationwide that, in effect, requires Congressional action in the form of wilderness bills in order for the roadless lands to either be classed as wilderness or to be released for multiple use.

To date, 28 wilderness bills have been passed in other western states, and millions of acres of roadless areas in those states have been released for multiple use and timber harvest. All 28 bills have included the same "release language."

Representative Bruce Vento, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Public Lands recently addressed the timber industry's attempt to change release language in Williams' bill.

"I do not support this effort. I believe that the present release sufficiency language is working . . . To undo this (would stop) the release of millions of acres of National Forest lands to non-wilderness uses. This would create unnecessary hardships for community industries and local economies.

"To undo this successful compromise would hurt the very people that the critics of the language are trying to help."



About 40 Seeley Lake and Swan Valley timber industry supporters traveled to Missoula on June 30 for a rally. S. Vernon/Pathfinder

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(wilderness bill)," Bowers said. She is concerned about what she has heard about the release language in Williams' bill. "One post card from one guy in California can put people out of work in Montana," she said, referring to the release language which she understands allows anyone to appeal timber sales. Linda's husband, Kirk, works at Pyramid in Seeley Lake.

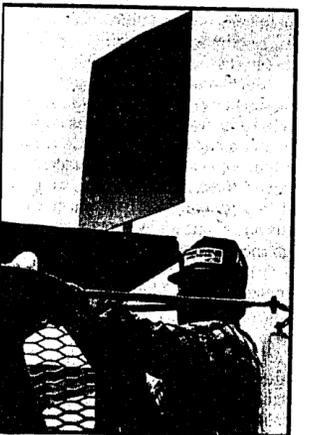
Roger Johnson, manager at Pyramid Mountain Lumber, agrees that the release language doesn't adequately protect timber interests. "That's what isn't working in California and Washington . . . They (conservationists) jump right in the roadless areas and appeal." Johnson has other concerns with the bill. "There are acreages in that bill that have merchantable timber. . . on the Beaverhead, Gallatin and Bitterroot," he explained.

Bill won't alter F.S. appeal process

Current Forest Service regulations allow virtually anyone to appeal any decision made by forest managers—and that applies to timber sales, according to Lolo National Forest planners.

The wilderness bill introduced into Congress recently by Rep. Pat Williams will not affect current Forest Service regulations. The appeal process will continue as it has in the past. Decision Notices on timber sales are usually made a year or more prior to sales, giving people time to appeal, according to Bob Meuchel, program planning officer with the Lolo National Forest.

Overall, appeals have minimal effect on timber programs, Meuchel explained, although he indicated that some compromises are made within specific timber sale areas.



A timber industry supporter from Darby sports an anti-wilderness sign at the recent timber rally in Missoula.

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Connie Mantei, Weaving
10:30 am to Noon
Young Audiences
Sheila Devins, Story Hour
Cory Weaver, Guitar & Vocals
Roger Burmeister, Guitar & Vocals
Noon
Carol Bourne, Pottery
Pam Sikkink, Basketry
1:00 p.m.
Nancy Knecht, Tole Painting
2:30 p.m.
Jeanne Moon, Calligraphy
3:30 p.m.
Cindy Chaney, Cake Decorating
4:00 p.m.
Misty Sarvis, Ornamental Egg Painting
5:00 p.m.
Roger Burmeister, Guitar & Vocals
Cory Weaver, Guitar & Vocals
Tom Leonard & Brian Morin, Comedy
Brian Morin, Storytelling
John King, Poetry
Susan VanRooy, Guitar & Vocals
7:00 p.m.
Show Closes
- Sunday, July 12**
10:00 a.m.
Show Opens
11:00 a.m.
Bob Holley, Silk Screening
12:30 p.m.
Karen Tanberg, Stained Glass
1:30 p.m.
Ramona Atkins-Weaver, Oil Painting
2:30 p.m.
Ron Ukrainetz, Scratchboard
3:00 p.m.
Shauna Anders, Piano
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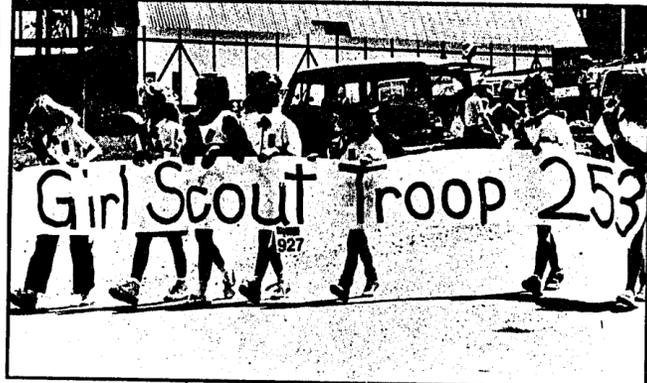
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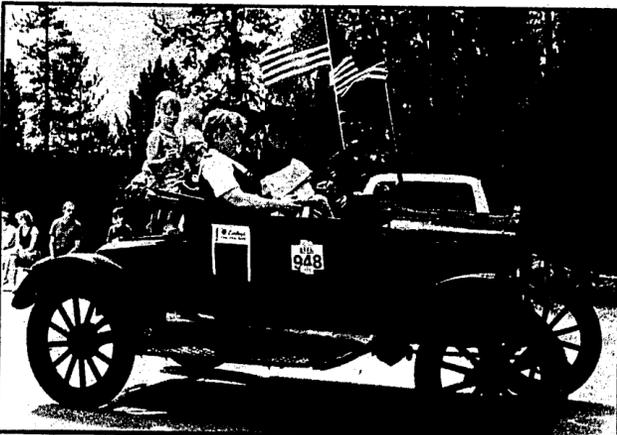


The Girl Scouts performed in the Seeley Lake parade. S. Vernon Photos

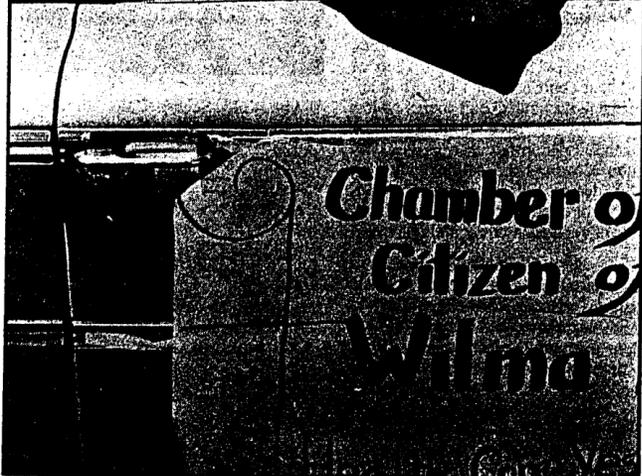
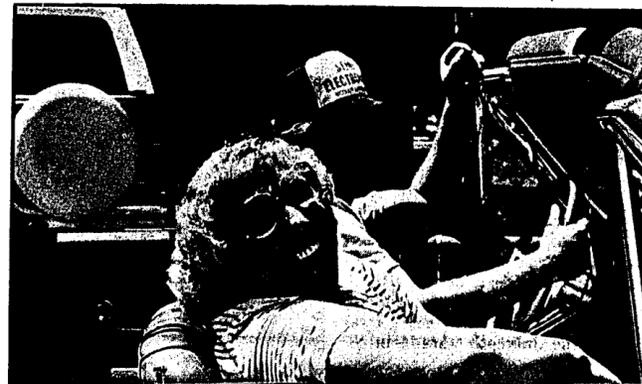


Dick Lewis "clowning around" during the Seeley Lake Fourth of July festivities.

Seeley Celebrates!



Lila and Chuck Lewis and family won first place in their division of the Seeley Lake parade.



Wilma Nicholson was the grand marshal for the Seeley Lake Fourth of July parade. Wilma was chosen Citizen of the Year by the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce this spring.



Barney's had lots of people on their float.



Roger Johnson entertained visitors and did a little advertising during July 4th activities. Johnson sold the ads to pay for the rental of the clown uniform.



John Heinrich, Placid Lake, entertained young Raymond Evans after the July 4th parade in Seeley Lake.



The Swan Valley Christian Singers gave a patriotic concert following the Seeley Lake parade.

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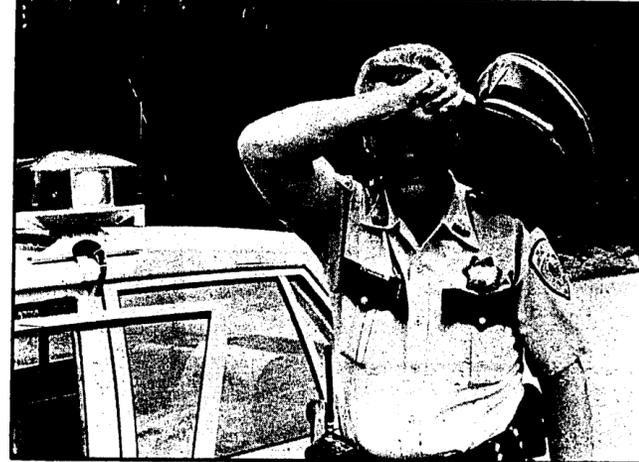
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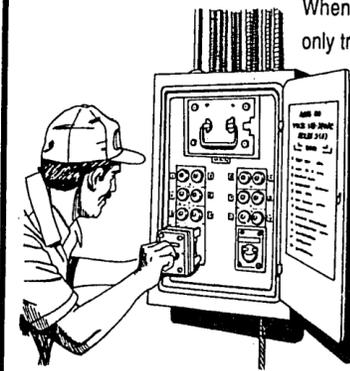
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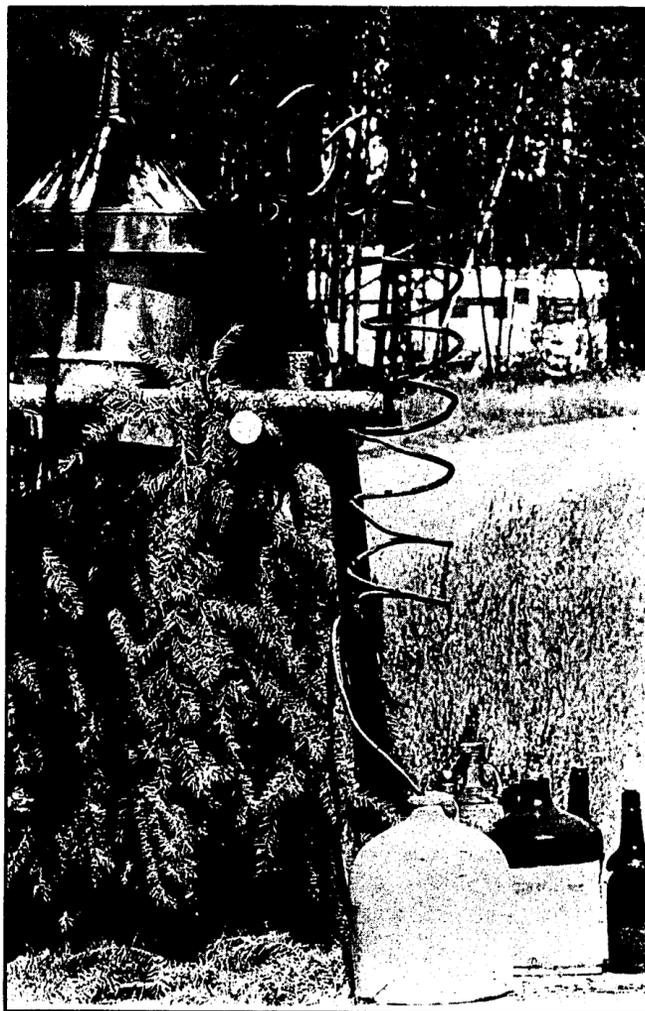
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Wayne Eby, Bitterroot Draft Horse Club, decorated his Percheron draft horses for the Seeley Lake parade. Wayne's partner, Lola Eby, also entered the parade with two Shetland ponies performing in their 129th parade.



This old-time whiskey "still" was part of the winning float created by the folks at the Seeley Lake Liquor Store.

Injured hiker rescued.

Search and rescue volunteers, assisted by Air Force personnel in a twin-engine helicopter, successfully rescued a 40-year-old Kalispell man with a broken leg from the Mission Mountains Wilderness on Monday.

The dramatic helicopter rescue "was the only way out" for Steve Schulz, according to Gerry Connell, Seeley Lake. Connell is a Search and Rescue volunteer who, along with Emergency Medical Technician, Cindy Lewis, reached Schulz Sunday night and helped to stabilize him and keep him warm until the helicopter arrived the next morning.

Schulz reportedly weighs about 215 pounds and, although he could "hop" slightly and move slowly with help, transporting him out of the wilderness would have been nearly impossible on foot. Connell explained that "there's nothing but game trails" in the area where Schulz fell. It would have taken a 20-man crew days to build a trail sufficient to get the injured man out without the helicopter, he said.

When law enforcement officials were first notified of the injured man's plight, Life Flight was called in from Missoula. That emergency medical team made three passes over Schulz, but could not find an adequate landing site. That's when Search and Rescue members were notified. Gerry Connell and Cindy Lewis were transported by Life Flight to the Crystal Lake area at about 8 p.m. Sunday night.

"We had really no time to spare," Connell said. He and Lewis walked and crawled for a little more than an hour through brushy country to reach Schulz, who was about three-quarters of a mile above Crystal Lake. They helped Schulz into dry clothes, stabilized him and prepared to spend the night. The rain started in at about 2 a.m., according to Connell, and the rest of the night was spent trying to stay warm around the fire. Personnel at the Condon Work Center had provided Connell and Lewis with sleeping bags and backpacks, but they had no tent in the rocky area.

The helicopter and crew from Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane flew over the area at about 8 a.m., but did not locate the injured hiker. After refueling in Missoula and picking up Dave Ball to help establish radio contact, the helicopter finally found the Search and Rescue team. After winching Schulz into the hovering craft, the helicopter pilot eased down and hovered about six inches from the ground, while the team got on board. The large rotors on the Bell 212 cleared the rocky slope by less than two feet, Connell said.

"You can't imagine the turbulence under that thing," he said, obviously impressed with the pilot's skill. "And yet, I bet (the helicopter) didn't move six inches the whole time we were loading."

Schulz was transported to Kalispell Regional Hospital. All of the people involved felt good about the rescue mission, according to Connell. The Air Force personnel, he said, were ecstatic. "They were competent and glad to do it. It wasn't just maneuvers—they were really able to help somebody."

Park Chief endorses two nation tourism

Glacier National Park officials confirmed on Monday that National Park Service Director William Penn Mott, Jr. and the assistant deputy minister for Environment Canada-Parks have endorsed the Trail of the Great Bear as an important international scenic corridor.

The route was tentatively named as the Trail of the Great Bear last year, although the agreement does not specify that name. The Trail of the Great Bear includes the wild lands along the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains from Jasper, Alberta south to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Tourism promoters have joined forces with conservationists in beginning to emphasize the spectacular recreational and cultural opportunities along the Trail of the Great Bear.

Refuse district lowers rates

In a special meeting held June 30, the Seeley Lake Refuse District directors agreed to lower the rates that will be charged to residents of the district during the next assessment period.

The per-unit assessment fee was lowered from \$28.00 to \$23.00. Kent Brown, district chairman, will ask the Missoula County commissioners to honor the reduction request.

The Board has identified a total of 1,243 single units being assessed in the district. Money collected from fees is used to pay contracting costs for the refuse disposal site owned by Kerry Drew, along with operating costs of the district.

Water meter rates to be discussed

The development of water meter rates will be discussed at the July 14 meeting of the Seeley Lake Water District, 8 p.m. at the Missoula Electric Cooperative building.

Water District users are encouraged to attend the meeting, according to chairman Don Larson.

"We would like to develop a schedule for metering industrial and other large commercial consumers first, then residential users," Larson said.

The district will be working on interim meter rates and a schedule for installing meters on existing lines.

Last January, the Board established metering of the system as its number one priority for 1987.

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Cornucopia by Michele Potter

Wild Berries, a publication from the Montana Cooperative Extension Service, courtesy of the Flathead County office, says: "No true huckleberries grow in Montana. In fact, none thrive west of Minnesota. The true huckleberry belongs to the genus *Gaylussacia*. The berries picked in Montana as huckleberries are actually members of the genus *Vaccinium*, or blueberries. They are a variant of the blueberries grown commercially in the West, usually in the Cascade Mountains of Washington and Oregon, and sold in grocery stores throughout the nation." Hmmm, we have a lot of Minnesotans here in Montana.... Anyway, huckleberries are a pretty big industry here.

Since some people are already picking "huckleberries," here are a couple of recipes for your beginning-of-the-season harvest. The first is from Borden -- I substituted our "Montana" huckleberries for blueberries. The second recipe is from the *Wild Berries* publication.

Huckleberry Lemon Ice Cream

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| 1 cup fresh huckleberries, rinsed and drained | 1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk |
| 3 egg yolks | 1 pint whipping cream, whipped |
| 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind | |

In blender container, blend huckleberries until smooth; set aside. In large bowl, beat egg yolks; stir in lemon rind and sweetened condensed milk. Fold in whipped cream. Add huckleberries and gently swirl with a knife. Pour into foil-lined 9X5-inch loaf pan or other 2-quart container; cover. Freeze 6 hours, or until firm. Serve with huckleberry sauce, if desired. Makes about 1-1/2 quarts.

Huckleberry Muffins

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| 2 eggs, beaten | 2-1/2 cups flour |
| 1-1/4 cups sugar, half brown/ half white | 4 teaspoons baking soda |
| 3/4 cup oil | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 2 cups buttermilk | 1 cup fresh huckleberries |
| 1 cup All-Bran* | |

*Add 1 cup All-Bran to 1 cup boiling water; allow to stand until the water is absorbed.

Mix the beaten eggs, sugar, oil, buttermilk, moistened All-Bran, and other ingredients, folding in the berries at the last. Chill for a couple of hours.

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Scoop chilled batter into greased muffin tins, being careful not to stir the batter. Cook for 30 minutes, or until browned. Serve with butter and huckleberry jam.

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*** Add 1 teaspoon of minced fresh gingerroot to the water you boil for rice. Cook rice 15 minutes, then garnish with sliced scallions.

*** Think cream is just cream? It depends on the butterfat content. Half-and-half contains 10.5 to 18 percent; light cream is 18 to 30 percent butterfat, and heavy cream, 30 to 36 percent. If you're whipping heavy cream, avoid the ultrapasteurized version.

*** Simple dip for vegetables: 1 cup yogurt blended with 3/4 teaspoon curry powder, plus salt to taste.

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Art and Martha Anderson were the grand marshals of the Swan Valley parade. *S. Vernon Photos*



Neil Meyer straightened one of two American flags on the front of his truck before the Swan Valley July 4th parade.



Tom Graff participated in the Liquid Louie's horseshoe tournament on July 5.



Framers of the Constitution? Would you believe, members of the Snow Country 4-H Club, Swan Valley. Sara Cox (left) and Tanya Squillante (right) rode with several other young people on the winning 4-H float. *S. Vernon Photos*



Veterans Maurice Brakeman and Ken Wolff helped lead the Swan Valley parade.

4-H group takes Swan Valley parade

The Snow Country 4-H Club and their float depicting the signers of the Constitution won the Swan Valley Fourth of July parade for the "best overall" entry.

The Neil Meyer family, with their semi-truck and trailer hauling state-of-the-art tree processing equipment preceded by an antique crosscut saw rig, received honorable mention in the parade.

Swan Valley Weather

To get caught up on the weather in the Swan Valley, the total precipitation for May was 1.92 inches. That compares with a 20-year average of 2.25 inches for the month, a high of 4.95 in 1980 and a low of .79 in 1963. Average temperature for May 1987 was 51.7 degrees, about three degrees warmer than the five-year average.

For June, the total precip was 2.49 inches, slightly above the 20-year average. That compares to a high of 5.6 inches in 1969 and a low of .27 inches in 1961.

In the "people" category, Jamie Polsen won first, Ronnie Melton, second, and Tara Himes placed third. In the "bikes or motorized" division, Kenny Crippen took first place, Boomer Alexander, second and Justin Shoup, third. In the animal division, Jesse Shoup won first place, Casey Parker took second and Kellie Parker won third.

Total snowfall for the 1986-87 winter season was 108.9 inches, compared to the longterm average of 160 inches. "We definitely had low snowfall this year," according to weather observer Marty Kux, Lindbergh Lake.

The O-Mok-See which followed the Swan Valley parade was well-attended. Winners of those events will be available next week.

The high temperature for June was 91 degrees Fahrenheit on the 14th and the low was recorded on the 3rd at 31 degrees. Average daily temperature was 58.5 degrees, nearly 2 degrees warmer than the previous five-year average.

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Liquor Store wins traveling trophy

The commercial float created by the folks at the Seeley Lake Liquor Store and entered in the Seeley Lake Fourth of July parade won the prestigious Traveling Trophy, which will be presented at the August 4 meeting of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. The float illustrated the theme "From the Past to the Future" by depicting the manufacture of alcohol from the backwoods days of grandpa's still (complete with the outdoor john and Sears and Sawbuck catalog) right on through to the fancy bottled versions of today's whiskeys.

In the non-commercial category, the Wilderness Sportsman's Club won first place with their float showing covered wagons and the space shuttle. The Swan Valley Christian Singers, enjoying their music on the bed of a semi-trailer truck, won second place. The fire department auxiliary, with their dressed-up goat and clown, won third place.

Chuck and Lila Lewis and their family, riding in a Model T Ford, cap-

tured first place in the family division. The "pooper scoopers," Tom Leonard and Kyle Marx, won second place and Ted Smith won third.

In the children's division, the Seeley Lake Girl Scouts won first place. Trenton Marx (dressed as a strawberry) won second, and an unidentified wedding couple won third.

The Chamber honored LeRoi Vick with a special award for organizing the 1987 Fourth of July parade.



Allford-Flake engaged

Kathy Demmons, Clinton, and Louis Flake, Greenough, announce the engagement of their daughter MerriLou Flake to William Ross Allford. William is the son of Judge Jack Allford and Gail Allford, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

A September 5 wedding is planned.

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, July 13—
Macaroni & Cheese
Tuesday, July 14—
Turkey
Wednesday, July 15—
Calico Beans

Reservations are appreciated for these noon meals. Suggested donations for residents under 60 years of age are \$2.50; over 60, \$1.50.

Ovando

Dozens of local residents turned out for the Fourth of July barbecue and entertainment Saturday evening in Ovando. Susan Allen won the 4-H quilt which was raffled, and the Ovando Volunteer Fire Department raised about \$1,000 with their fundraising activities. According to secretary Marie McNally, the money will probably go toward the purchase of new fireman suits, hats, coats and other equipment.

During the Fourth of July celebration local residents opened the downtown museum, even though Hugo Eck and his family were unable to be in Ovando. Hugo reportedly has been hospitalized in Boston.

The kiddie parade was a fun addition to the holiday activities. All of the youngsters reportedly had a great time.



Deputy Lloyd Hallgren kept traffic moving past this one-vehicle rollover on Highway 83 last Sunday. Officers

put in considerable overtime dealing with holiday traffic and related incidents during the Fourth of July holiday. There were no injuries in this accident.

Seeley Lake Weather

Total precipitation recorded at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station for June was 1.85 inches. That compares with a high of 5.41 in 1969 and a low of .08 in 1979. The hottest days in June this year were the 14th and 15th, when the mercury hit 89 degrees Fahrenheit. Temperatures dropped to 28 degrees on June 3.

Swan Valley

QRU gets a new van!

Recent fundraisers organized by the Condon-Swan Valley Quick Response Unit have generated an outpouring of donations from local residents, loggers and businesses. According to Ellie Greenough, QRU member, the generosity of local people has enabled the QRU to attain their goal of purchasing a 1976 4X4 van for use in transporting personnel and equipment.

"We don't have final figures yet," Greenough said Monday, "but it looks like we raised somewhere around \$1600." Fourth of July fundraisers included a raffle, dinner, dance and sale of "car insurance."

Winner of the main raffle prizes were Ronda Feucht, pack trip into the Bob Marshall donated by Sun River Outfitters; Linda Henry, Mammoth Jack stud service donated by Carrielee Parker; and Natalie Swenson, Cernitiin Complete Skin Care Line donated by Marion Seaman.

Other winners were as follows:

Two clocks donated by Frank Rose were won by Gary Styler and Mel Nelson; Four cedar birdhouses donated by Waldy Lindner were won by Agnes Beck, Dean Himes, Evans Smith, Glen Gulden; two large bird feeders donated by Waldy Lindner were won by Ronda Feucht and Barry Kaiser; five ceramic matchholders donated by Alan Taylor were won by C. Gilmore, Doris Haasch, Mel Shupe, Reese Sorensen, and Agnes Beck; two halters and lead ropes donated by Russ Polsen were won by Bob Kaiser and Butch Hamon; a cord of firewood donated by Alpine Products was won by Ted Graf; a dinner certificate from the Hungry Bear Chalet was won by Reg Clark; two oil filter changes donated by Midnight Mechanic Shop were won by Ed Foss and Gayle Bauer; a "pound puppy" donated by Lee Mason was won by Mel Shupe; wooden cars donated by Moose Feathers &

More were won by Lisa Cox; a family portrait donated by Roger Wade was won by Rick Birdwell; two dinners donated by Pastime Kitchen were won by Dick Koors; pottery mugs donated by Ripple Creek Pottery were won by Rick Birdwell; a lead glass hummingbird donated by Sheri's Stained Glass was won by Jackie Hackley; a cord of firewood from Rustics was won by Sandra West; a burl clock made by Sheldon Vemon was won by Dan White; two Snow Country Construction hats were won by Carrielee Parker; a gift certificate donated by the Mission Mountains Mercantile was won by Larry Himes and Curt Nebel; gold earrings donated by Linda Ensign were won by Bob Neuman; silver earrings donated by Kathy Burkhardt were won by Bud Moore; a handmade pillow donated by Carmen Wyant was won by Agnes Beck; an antler matchholder from Moose Feathers Studio was won by C. Gilmore; a \$25 gift certificate from Swan Valley Centre was won by Harold Haasch; a \$20 gift certificate from Liquid Louie's was won by Al Melton; a gift certificate and 8 hours of free canoeing from Holland Lake Lodge was won by Dennis Manson; beaded coasters donated by Shorty Hill were won by R. Fox; a handmade basket from Mary Caye Wade was won by Dan Maloughney; and a large hanging basket of petunias donated by Bardo's Organic Greenhouse was won by Mike Holmes.

Charges pending in drug raid

Charges are pending against the alleged owner of an illegal drug lab confiscated by law enforcement officers in the Swan Valley last week. Captain Larry Weatherman of the Missoula County Sheriff's Department said Monday that Arthur Auchenbach, age and permanent address unavailable, was the recorded owner of the land on Rumble Creek where law enforcement officers found the drug lab located in a school bus. Officers estimated the value of the equipment and raw materials for manufacturing illegal drugs, such as amphetamines to be between \$20,000 and \$40,000.

Officials indicated that Auchenbach is facing charges in Pennsylvania for the manufacture of illegal drugs there, but that he is free on a \$250,000 bond in that state. Local law enforcement officers obtained the search warrant for the Rumble Creek property after they had received a tip from Pennsylvania law enforcement authorities. The Rumble Creek property and buildings were unoccupied at the time of the search by local officials.

Capt. Weatherman indicated that this is the first mobile drug lab to be seized in Montana, but that it probably won't be the last. "These guys love remote areas like the Swan," he said.

Honor Roll

The fourth-quarter honor roll students for 1987 were recently announced by Swan Valley Elementary school.

High Honor Roll

Traci Styler, fourth grade and Stacy Holmes, sixth grade.

Honor Roll

Third grade: Cole Christianson, Sarah Cox, Amber Ekstedt, Aaron Himes, Brooke Mason, Desirée Paulk, Wendi White.

Fourth grade: Nick Mordja, Justin Shoup, Danny Wilhelm.

Fifth grade: Carla Anderson, Natalie Anderson, Robert Ekstedt, Angie Himes, Boone Jensen, Ronny Melton.

Sixth grade: Andrew Anderson, Holly Mahaffey, Tanya Squillante.

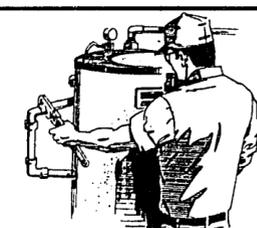
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Eighth grade: Kalin Raible.

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New electric business established

Don and Betty Livingston have recently formed D & B Electric in Seeley Lake. Livingstons were formerly associated with Dave and Mary Jane Gustin of High Country Plumbing and Electric, now known as High Country Plumbing and Heating.

"We're going out on our own now," Betty said last week. Don Livingston is a master electrician with 35 years of experience. He works on "anything electrical" according to Betty, who keeps the company books and accounting records. Don is certified to work on anything from the tiniest outlet to the largest commercial installation, she said.

D & B Electric serves the area from Ovando to Greenough, Potomac, Seeley Lake and Swan Valley.



Seeley Swan Sports under new management

Gary Hayward has joined John Hebbelman in managing Seeley Swan Sports in Seeley Lake. Hayward is pleased with the amount of business since the re-opening of the store shortly before the Fourth of July. Hayward and Hebbelman are longtime acquaintances, having traveled the snowmobile racing circuit together. Gary Hayward formerly was co-owner of a muffler and brake shop in Havre. He has moved to Seeley Lake recently from Lewistown, and now lives in his fifth-wheel trailer behind the Seeley Swan Sports store. Hayward is an experienced mechanic.

Seeley Swan Sports offers Polaris, Kawasaki and Yamaha parts and accessories for ATVs, dirt bikes, street bikes and snowmobiles. The store is open through the weekends now, and closed on Mondays.

Idaho site chosen for Montana conventions

HELENA—The Montana Environmental Information Center today reacted in amazement to news reports that both the Montana Bankers Association and the Montana Board of Investment were holding a concurrent convention and meeting in Sun Valley, Idaho beginning June 26.

"This is totally inconsistent with state attempts to encourage Montana investment and tourism," said Jim Jensen, MEIC Executive Director. "It's more like Milk Montana than Build Montana," he added.

"The Montana Environmental Information Center has just weathered a legislative session where Montana's so-called "bad business climate" was blamed on everything from liability laws to environmental regulation," said MEIC lobbyist George Ochenski, "and, now, the same people who led the charge to gut the laws that protect people, property, and our natural resources are taking their business out of state."

Gary Macon promoted

Effective July 1, Gary Macon will be promoted to branch-broker at the Seeley Lake office of Seeley Swan Realty. Jeff Macon, broker-owner, will continue to list and sell property, but will devote more time to expanding the firm's real estate coverage of the Blackfoot Valley and Swan Lake areas.

In Our Churches

Bicentennial Essays (Sixth of a Series) From Under The Liberty Tree

Jack Hane, President
 Liberty Tree Foundation

It seems only fitting that the Constitutional Convention was held in Philadelphia, the "City of Brotherly Love." Philadelphia was but a small expression of what William Penn had in mind when he was granted the colony. Pennsylvania displayed an abnormal amount of toleration concerning liberty. Penn was so bold as to attempt a venture known as the "Holy Experiment," which was to establish a "free colony" or a Christian community on the basis of the Golden Rule—which commands us to do unto others as we wish them to do unto us.

The "Holy Experiment" was the basis for the "Great Law" which Penn and his people enacted in less than two months after the colony was granted to him. The "Great Law" was a constitution which had a two-fold foundation: liberty of the people to make their own laws, and obedience to the laws they had made. For, Penn said: "Liberty without obedience is confusion, and obedience without liberty is slavery."

The principles of the "Great Law" of Pennsylvania are echoed and re-echoed in the supreme law of our land—the Constitution of the United States of America. Penn certainly went beyond the surface of issues and situations to mine the depths where the principles of Christian government are. Yes, the principles that acted as the mortar cementing the mighty stones of liberty in our structure of liberty. How vividly are the virtues of the internal Christian self-government of the Golden Rule displayed through an active practice of brotherly love!

PASSAGES

Pastor Christopher Williams
 The Blackfoot Parish
 Ovando-Potomac-Seeley Lake

Sanitized, individualized, pre-packaged mail order communion elements. Absurd? Yes. Real? Yes. A few years ago, I actually saw this advertised in a religious publication. It was the epitome of self-centered faith.

Certainly, every person needs to develop a personal relationship with God in Jesus Christ, but it is a tragic mistake to confuse personal with private. Our faith was meant to be very personal, but its expression was never meant to be private. The New Testament church is seen as emphasizing their corporate life together. They studied together, they prayed together, they worshipped together, they shared meals together, they lived together, they suffered persecution together.

The collapse of relationships today is resulting in a flood of loneliness and depression. It has led, in the church, to the individual super-Christian syndrome in which many experience a sense of guilt and failure who "ought to," but can't, cope with the many pressures of life, especially those young in the faith. The truth is, as Christians, we need each other—together, we are the body of Christ and, individually, members of it. Pre-packaged communion elements are absurd because we need more than food; we need the warmth, love and security of a family to which we really belong. A caring community of Christians, open to God and each other, sharing the means of grace and the Spirit's gifts, is the only context in which believers can grow, mature and work out the implications of true discipleship. After all, it is with all the saints that we may have power to comprehend "what is the breadth, length, height, and depth of God's love and truth." (Ephesians 3:18)



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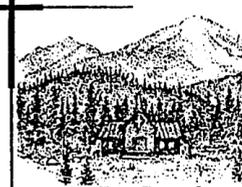
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 Valley Preacher

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The Seeley Lake and Swan Lake Ranger Districts both sell firewood permits for \$10, which allows the woodcutter to take home four cords of wood. Permits for additional firewood cost \$2.50 a cord. Woodcutters are encouraged to obtain a Forest Visitor Map

of the Seeley Swan area before they search for firewood. The Seeley Lake Ranger Station and the Condon Work Center are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Any Forest Service office in Montana may issue firewood permits, although employees at district offices may better advise visitors about firewood areas. Forest Service land in the Potomac area is administered by the Missoula Ranger District.

In the Blackfoot, Clearwater and Swan Valleys, National Forest land is bordered by Champion Timberlands, Plum Creek Timber and, also, land administered by the Montana Department of State Lands.

Firewood permits (one per family or vehicle) for Champion lands cost \$10 for 10 cords and are available at the Wild West Café near Clearwater Junction.

Plum Creek Timber Company north of Seeley Lake also sells firewood permits. Individuals pay \$10 for five cords. Senior Citizen permits are free.

Officials at the Clearwater State Forest office near Sperry Grade (Blackfoot Valley) and the Swan River State Forest office at Goat Creek (Swan Valley) can direct woodcutters to a limited number of firewood areas. Permits cost \$10 for four cords.

THE GREAT BOB TREK



The Second Week
June 28, 1987

Walkin' Jim Stoltz and other trekkers hiking through the wildlands that border the Bob Marshall Wilderness relaxed at the 7 Lazy P Ranch on the North Fork of the Teton River last weekend. The group of hikers had completed yet another leg of the 350-mile journey.

"I have hiked a lot of western Montana's wild lands, and this is just spectacular," Walkin' Jim said in a telephone conversation last week. Walkin' Jim has had ample opportunity to explore some of the peaks along the Rocky Mountain Front, and the group has encountered lots of wildlife.

"We've seen two large herds of sheep—each with about 25 or more ewes," he recalled, adding that he has seen abundant grizzly sign, black bear sign, and numerous deer and elk.

Stoltz says the group has been taking a real easy pace along the less crowded trails of the Rocky Mountain Front. "Trails are well-marked, but not well-used," he said, except for the area around Renshaw Lake, which he points out, has been affected by overuse. "This tiny gem has seen much abuse, with its surrounding habitat trampled and cut and compacted, while the trail itself is in terrible condition from overuse."

On Monday, trekkers began the next leg of the journey north toward Glacier Park. For more information about joining the trek contact the Montana Wilderness Association, Helena, Montana. Hikers are expected to arrive at Swift Reservoir later this week.

Downhill skiers increase

Alpine skiing in the Northern Region (Montana, North Dakota, northern Idaho, and western South Dakota) is up 11% over the past five years—and up a whopping 20% in Montana alone for the winter of 1986-87.

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Dated this 1st day of July 1987.

/s/ Janet L. Stevens, Chairwoman
Attest: Fern Hart, Clerk & Recorder

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the Missoula County Central Purchasing in the Missoula County Courthouse, in the City of Missoula, Montana until 10:00 a.m., July 13, 1987 at which time bids will be opened and read in the Office of the County Commissioners for the purpose of fabricating and delivering prestressed concrete beams for Mountain View Footbridge RS-6.

All work is to be performed in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the Office of the County Surveyor, Missoula County Courthouse, Missoula, Montana and shall be performed under the supervision of the County Surveyor or his designated representative. Prospective bidders may secure one set of specifications and a reasonable number of plans upon request.

Proposals must be accompanied by security in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the amount of the bid as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the required contract and in the form specified in MCA 18-1-203, for example: cash; a cashier's check, certified check, bank money order or bank draft, any of which must be drawn and issued by a national banking association located in the State of Montana or a banking association incorporated under the Laws of Montana; or a bid bond or bond executed by a surety corporation authorized to do business in the State of Montana. Proposals shall be sealed and marked "Proposal for Work on Mountain View Footbridge RS-6" and addressed to the County Central Purchasing, Missoula County Courthouse, Missoula, Montana.

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Emergency Calls

Seeley Lake

With thousands of extra people in Seeley Lake for the Fourth of July, the Seeley Lake QRU was constantly responding to emergencies over the weekend.

July 2, medical assist, woman with hand severely cut by glass.

July 3, medical assist, person injured by firecracker.

July 4, medical assist, baby with a burned hand.

July 4, 2-year-old with convulsions, transported by Life Flight.

July 4, medical assist, woman injured by firecracker.

July 4, pregnant woman from Great Falls in labor, transported by Life Flight to Missoula.

July 5, one-car rollover near Condon, transported injured men to Missoula hospital.

July 5, one-car rollover near Lake Alva. QRU called and then canceled (no injuries).

July 6, ambulance requested at Cold Creek Road, then canceled (heart attack victim).

July 7, possible heart attack near Condon. Life Flight transport.

Swan Valley

The Condon QRU responded to 10 emergency calls during a two-week period before and including the Fourth of July holiday.

Medical assist, removal of fish hook in person's back

Motorcycle wreck (dirt bikes), medical assist for injury. Victims referred to hospital.

Medical assist at Rustics, splinter in man's arm. Referred to doctor.

July 4th, four calls for minor medical assistance at O-Mok-See.

July 5, 3:30 a.m. One-vehicle traffic accident on Highway 83. Two people injured and transported to Missoula hospital.

July 6, about 9:30 a.m., call for medical assistance at Cold Creek Road. 61-year-old man from Columbia Falls died of apparent heart attack.

FISHING

Seeley Lake

The lake was overrun with water skiers, jet skis, sailboats, rowboats, canoes and "you name it" over the Fourth of July. Even with all that, a few people caught fish, but a very few. A few anglers caught McBrides and other planters in Placid Lake. Placid was stocked last spring with the perch-cating trout in an effort to reduce the perch population. Locals are encouraging a catch-and-release policy for those lucky fishermen who are catching the hatchery strains of cutthroat.

Fishing for salmon has been steadily improving, and should be returning to normal after the shindig on the lake during the Fourth.

Blackfoot River

Anglers had good luck on the lower reaches of the Blackfoot for pan-sized

rainbows—that is, if you didn't hook a raft in your attempt to hook a trout.

Fly fishermen are stalking the upper reaches of the river, now, above the Scotty Brown Bridge for some nice 17-18 inch rainbow.

Swan Valley & Swan Lake

Swan Lake had little space for anglers in the afternoons this weekend, but there are several reports of creels full of Kokanee. The salmon are good-sized in the lake this year according to some reports, and the fishing will definitely be improving as the barometer is expected to rise again this week.

Fly fishing on the Swan River is excellent now and approaching those mid-August, low-water conditions. A few bulls have been caught this past week, but more pan-sized fish have been reported, too.

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Country Journal

By Suzanne Vernon

The elk calves are romping on the meadows this week. If you're lucky enough, you'll catch them playing at daybreak. Speaking of youngsters playing, a good friend of mine, riding his mountain bike, came nose to nose with two yearling black bears wrestling and playing on a backwoods road. They took one look at him and were gone like a flash into the woods.

Those youngsters were rolling in the nicest patch of huckleberries you ever did see. The berries are getting bigger every day and the nice rain over the

Fourth ought to increase the amount of fruit for picking.

The young woodpeckers are learning all about bugs and berries this week. Mom and dad were showing the young birds how to eat serviceberries upside down the other day. Then they'd head for the larch trees which, unfortunately for us, are loaded with the larch casebearers (bugs) now.

Looks like we are in for our traditional mid-July frost. Temperatures have been plenty nippy here every morning this week.

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