

# PATHFINDER



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## Fireworks may return

People who organized the Fourth of July fireworks display in Seeley Lake this year are optimistic that the tradition will continue next year. However, Harry Uffalussy, fireworks fan and hobbyist, won't commit himself for 1988 right now.

Uffalussy, who lives in Missoula with his wife and three daughters, has been fascinated with fireworks for many years. How does a fireworks hobby begin? "Well," he laughed, "first you survive childhood."

Uffalussy has friends in Seeley Lake and came here because he enjoys the small-town atmosphere. He organized the 1987 fireworks display and was assisted by Don Potts and Chuck Kaprich, both of Missoula. Local businessmen, including Don Larson of Reddi Dock, helped construct the barge from which the fireworks were launched.

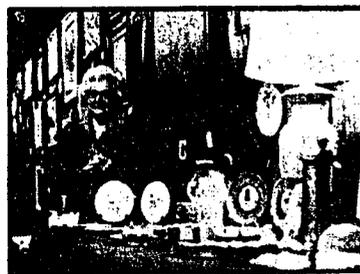
Uffalussy enjoyed this year's display, and feels it was the safest launching he has ever been involved with. The Search and Rescue members, who patrolled the waters near the launching barge on Seeley Lake, displayed a high degree of professionalism. "They were very calm, very cool," he said. Uffalussy added that their assistance was very much appreciated. Fireworks displays are not without their perils, although none of the people involved in this year's display are young and foolish. "We are very respectful of what we are doing," he said. "I wouldn't trade doing them (launching the fireworks) for anything in the world," he chuckled. "But I wish I could watch them, too." Uffalussy and his assistants were too busy reloading more fireworks to watch any of the displays.

Regardless of whether Uffalussy decides to be involved with the 1988 Fourth of July celebration in Seeley Lake, he would like comments from local residents about this year's event. He is particularly interested in which stars or patterns people most enjoy, and things that could be done to add enjoyment to the event. Residents are invited to send their comments to *Pathfinder* or to the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.



Vice President George Bush congratulates Paul Johnson and teacher Gayle Gordon during their recent all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Paul won the regional Invent America! competition earlier this spring. See story page 6. Photo courtesy Paul Johnson.

**Art Show**  
**'Finest Ever'**  
—pages 4 & 5



## Pollution test slated for Seeley Lake

Shoreline residents of Seeley Lake can expect a visitor early next month—a "snooper" boat from the Yellow Bay Biological Station on Flathead Lake will be trolling Seeley Lake for evidence of sewage. The Biological Station, which is a unit of the University of Montana, has been contracted by state water quality officials to conduct the tests over a one or two day period.

According to Dr. Richard Hauer, who is in charge of the testing, "We've developed methodology...where we can identify breakout of septic leachates." In other words, the tests will pinpoint leaky septic systems which may be contaminating Seeley Lake. The test instruments are designed to detect optical brighteners, used in virtually all detergents to brighten clothing colors, down to a level of only one part per billion.

Where appropriate, residents will be asked to participate in the testing by dumping a tracer dye down their drains. The County Sanitarian is expected to assist in the dye testing, which will provide a clear visual indication if sewage effluent is migrating into the lakewater.

## WEATHER FORECAST

**Thursday-Saturday:** Continued warm. Good chance of afternoon and evening thundershowers. Highs 80s, cooling a little by Saturday. Lows 45-55.

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# OPINION

## Thanks, commissioners. . .

for your recent action in approving a Community Council for Seeley Lake. The Council represents the culmination of a year-long dialogue among many, many community residents. If the Community Attitude Survey is even remotely correct, there is an overwhelming consensus in favor of establishing the Council.

The Council is a "win-win" situation: the commissioners have gained an invaluable avenue of communication with our community; we, in turn, have acquired an invaluable forum for discussing local issues and setting our own priorities.

The commissioners have done their part. Now, it's up to us to transform theory into (useful) reality. The whole state will be watching—with some skepticism, it might be added. Although Councils are constitutionally provided for, they have not met with notable success in the few instances in which they have been tried. But Seeley Lake may just be the right place at the right time for a Council to thrive. More importantly, we have the right people in our community to insure its success.

Good grief . . . yet another meeting for *Pathfinder* to cover, speaking of which:

## Pathfinder's Progress

We announced with some fanfare, a year ago, that *Pathfinder* had been accepted as an associate member by the Montana Press Association. The Association (newly renamed as the Montana Newspaper Association) recently advised us that we have been unanimously accepted for full professional membership. We feel honored and very excited about being full-fledged members of the "Club." Now, bring on those press passes for the World Series.

On the very same day we were notified about Association membership, we received our second class mailing permit. (The advantage of second class for readers, particularly out-of-town readers, is—in a word—velocity.) Perhaps there's something to astrology, after all; it was a very good day.

We had been mailing provisionally under second class regulations—a situation which can best be described as a paperwork purgatory. The difficulty in securing a second class permit is readily comparable to that for licensing a nuclear power plant. We're glad it's history—maybe, Sports Fans, there'll even be time now to use those press passes for the World Series.

—Dick Potter

## Go, Chamber!

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce! A great job was done by the Seeley Chamber in bringing the greatest 4th of July celebration yet to the people of Seeley Lake and our many visitors.

There were several people, members and non-members, who worked long and hard and contributed of themselves and their time to insure a great 4th for all. Once again, working in unity is proving what great things we can accomplish. LeRoy Vick and Frank Wolfram are certainly to be commended, as well as the judges, singers, clowns, float people, and anyone else who helped in any way.

With this kind of continued working of the Chamber, other organizations, and individuals, people are recognizing Seeley as a great place to bring the whole family. All these events give our community an economic boost, plus a new and better image. Let's let these Seeley boosters know we appreciate what they are doing for all of us. Every successful event such as this one proves "Working Together Works."

If you haven't joined in, please do. Everyone is needed and appreciated—the results are very rewarding.

Elinor Williamson  
Seeley Lake

## Electric woes

To the Editor:

I'm glad my caustic letter of June 18th at least got some response. That was its intent. But the response by Missoula Electric Co-op's director, Sharon Jacobsen, was amusingly predictable. She thought that the main concern was "Scenic 83." Not so. While opening up Highway 83 is important, it takes second place to the need for adequate electrical service. The two issues, however, seem to be married for life—with little chance of divorce.

Our electrical service, lousy as it is, has hidden costs to users in addition to the monthly charge. It's harmful to our appliances and motors and other electrical equipment. The surges can totally wipe out the data in computers, and it's costly and disruptive to local grocery stores, restaurants, or any potential skiff. It depresses real estate values and discourages outside money from coming into the Valley.

Director Jacobsen's point that we should be content to pay a hefty price for electrical service just because electrical costs, in general, have not kept pace with inflation is an argument so weak and full of holes that it would be trite to even address it. But, here, she really missed the point. I didn't say that the "hefty cost" was lousy; I said the service was lousy. I suspect most locals would not mind paying a fair price if the service was adequate.

The most revealing portion of Director Jacobsen's response was when she said that the Co-op does not want to involve themselves in controversial issues. What a cop-out! Now they're acting just like Janet. Are you bureaucrats afraid to take a stand or make waves? I see little virtue in sitting on the fence. You are the experts in this whole business of electrical service and should be leading the fight to see its fulfillment.

You say it's "top priority" with your Co-op and that you are ready to move when the highway department comes to a decision on "Scenic 83." Well, that might be in the 21st century. You should actively pursue what you're paid to do, and that is to provide adequate electrical service at a reasonable cost.

Your good intentions and catchy slogans may look good on paper but, in the meanwhile, your service remains lousy to awful.

Percy Johnson  
Condon

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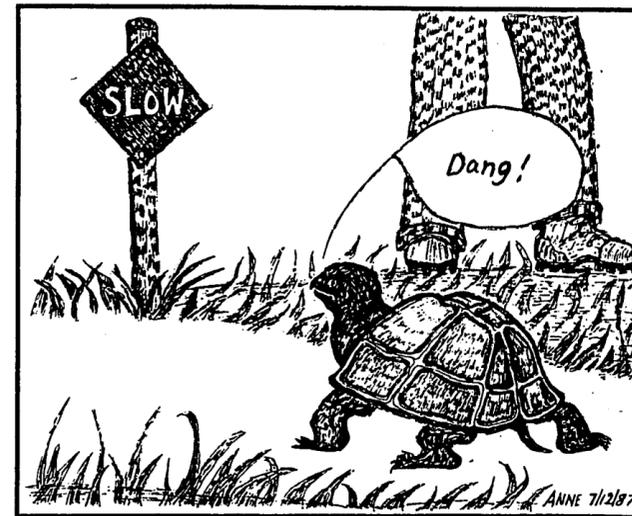
## Water Task Force Meets

A Seeley Lake Chamber group met last week to hear a presentation by Bob Scott, former water board member, concerning the condition and prospects of the municipal water system. Scott began by pointing out deficiencies in the original construction of the system, including an undersized supply line to the storage tank, shallow lines prone to "freezing up," numerous dead-ends prone to "silt up," the use of asbestos-cement pipe, and substandard pipe support.

As a result of these and other deficiencies, Scott explained, the system regularly experiences shortages, broken mains, and inadequate pressure for fire protection (notably, in the high school area). He added that, currently, the system is hamstrung by a lack of instrumentation to monitor production and usage and, also, by the likelihood that there are major undetected leaks. Evidence for the latter comes from the fact that, last year, production is believed to have increased by nearly 20%—far in excess of probable user demand.

Scott proposed some "quick fixes" for the 20-year old system, including a different arrangement for regulating watering hours (Highway 83, although a convenient dividing line, does not evenly divide water usage); the use of inexpensive pressure gauges throughout the system to monitor conditions; and encouraging consumers to install flow restrictors in their showers.

## Natty Bumpo



Scott emphasized, however, that true solutions to the problems are longer-term in nature. For instance, comprehensive data collection will have to be instituted in order to properly determine how to repair and upgrade the system. Additional data need to be collected to determine whether the water district can qualify for an exemption to federally-required filtration. Meters need to be installed, beginning with the largest users.

Don Larson, chairman of the water district who attended the session along with other water board members, expressed appreciation for Scott's insights. Larson noted that, with only one exception, the board members were new to the water business and that the session was very informative for them.

Larson asked the rest of the group, primarily area businessmen, for their thoughts on the water situation. This led to a group consensus on two points: 1) The district should make leak detection its top priority. The group supported metering of the system, the current top priority, but felt that metering would require a period of years, whereas leak detection could be completed relatively swiftly, with potential great benefit to the system. 2) A full-time manager should be hired to perform planning and analysis for the system. Apparently, the water board will consider these recommendations at its next meeting.

Scott emphasized that if the district delays in solving its problems, the system will continue to deteriorate and the solutions will become progressively more expensive. In particular, he chided the board for being too reluctant to expend funds—which, given the current problems, he regards as false economy.

## CORRECTION

*Pathfinder* recently printed the wrong birth date for a new baby listed in a Stork Report. Trevor Patrick Morris, son of Brian and Debbie Morris, Missoula, was born on May 19, not June 19.

In connection with that Stork Report and a more recent engagement announcement for Scott Smith and Diane Herron, Wayne Herron (who is grandfather and father, respectively) was listed as living in Alaska. It has come to our attention that Wayne's permanent address is Seeley Lake.

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### Events

July 25, Outdoor Jam Session, 2pm & Potluck, 4pm - Liquid Louie's, Condon.  
July 22, Alanon Mtg, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.  
July 22-24, CPR Classes, Swan Valley.

July 25-26, Antique, Classic & Collector Car Show, Barney's Green, Seeley Lake.  
July 25-26, Championship Horseshoe Tournament, Comm Park, Seeley Lake.

### Public Meetings

July 21, Fire District Mtg, 7:30pm, Fire Hall, Seeley Lake.  
July 23, Bookmobile, Seeley Lake 9am-2:30pm.Refuse Disposal Site, May thru Sept: Weds/Sat/Sun, 10am-5pm.Swan Valley Comm Library, Memorial thru Labor Day, Weds, 10am-6pm; Fri, 10am-3pm, Condon.EMERGENCY: 911 (Seeley Lake or Condon); 1-728-0911 (Greenough or Ovando).

### Clubs & Organizations

July 16, Condon Alcoholics Anon, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elcm School, Condon.  
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July 20, 21, 22, Senior Nutrition Program, Lunch at Noon. Open to Public. Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

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Brian Jameson of The Home Ranger in Seeley Lake provides home maintenance and repair around the house and yard. Brian says the "handyman" idea has really taken off around the country; people just seem to be too busy today to keep up with the regular household chores.

Brian is a Montanan and he's no newcomer to this area—he's visited Seeley Lake off and on over the years to visit friends. He's been in the handyman business for six years. "A handyman is needed just about anywhere," he remarked, but he chose Seeley Lake to open The Home Ranger because he enjoys the recreational community as well as the beauty of the area.

What does this handyman do? Brian says, "Everybody is just too specialized today. I've always been attracted to the variety of jobs a handyman can offer—everything from appliance repair to remodeling an entire house." . . .AND painting, log oiling, minor electrical and plumbing repairs, weatherization, chimney cleaning—"complete home repair and maintenance," he emphasized.

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Ron Ukrainetz won second place in the People's Choice competition at the Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts Show. Ron lives at Lindbergh Lake and recently demonstrated his unique color scratchboard techniques.

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## Art Show pulls largest crowd ever

Swan Valley artist wins People's Choice

by Suzanne Vernon

At least 1,000 people attended the Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts Show and Sale held last weekend at the Community Hall. About 70 artists and craftspeople displayed hundreds of paintings, photographs, baskets and other crafts. Sales totalled more than \$2,000, and many visitors were introduced to the best artists and craftspeople in the Seeley Swan and Blackfoot Valleys.

According to Ed Domer, who has helped organize most of the nine art shows sponsored by the Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts group, this show was the finest ever held in Seeley Lake.

Jan Nemmers, who was instrumental in organizing this year's event, agreed. "It's probably the best show we have ever had." This year was the first time that performing arts were incorporated into the overall theme of the show and sale. Musicians with songs for adults and children, along with poets and storytellers, all contributed to the upbeat atmosphere of the show.

Visitors were asked to sign a guest book as they entered the show. Folks from as far away as Alaska, Florida, Pennsylvania, Texas, British Columbia, Alberta, Washington, Colorado and North Dakota enjoyed the paintings, photographs, stained glass, woodwork, baskets and handmade sweaters. Hundreds of people cast ballots for their favorite arts and crafts displays. Winners in the traditional People's Choice competition were determined late Monday night.

Joan Kennedy, Swan Valley artist, won the People's Choice award (art division) for her oil painting called "Wilderness." Kennedy has been painting for many years and, also, works with charcoal and pastels. (See Made in Montana feature in next week's Pathfinder.) Kennedy won a dinner for two at Barney's Café, donated by the Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts group and Barney's.

Ron Ukrainetz, scratchboard artist from Lindbergh Lake, received second

place in the People's Choice competition for a color scratchboard portrait of a badger. Ukrainetz won a \$10 gift certificate donated by the Ladie Di.

Elaine Slocum, Seeley Lake artist, was honored with third place for her painting of apples on a china pitcher. She won a \$5 gift certificate donated by the Golden Needle.

In the crafts competition, Ella Goodbread won first place for her counted cross-stitch afghan. She won a dinner for two donated by the Elk Horn Café and the Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts group.

Second place, crafts, went to Patty Bartlett Dunlap for her stained glass depiction of mallard ducks. She won a \$10 gift certificate from the Ladie Di.

Pam Sikkink placed third for her Fireside Basket. She won a \$5 gift certificate from the Golden Needle.

In addition to the adult awards, several students entered the show. Winners in the following categories received \$5 each, donated by Valley Market and Ed's Dairy Hut. Those who place second and third won ice cream sundaes donated by the Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts group.

In the preschool through second grade division, Lelan Anders won first place; Michele Star Weaver placed second and Shilo Anders placed third. In the third through fifth grade division, Alike Schneider placed first, Shawna Nemmers, second and Adrean Mantci, third. Lydia Sturdevant placed first in the sixth through eighth grade division. Steven Bernstrauch placed second and Kelly Malone was third. Tracy Malone won the high school division.



Roger Burmeister and Cory Weaver entertained visitors at the recent Art Show in Seeley Lake.



Elaine Slocum won third place in the People's Choice competition at the recent Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts Show and Sale.

## Art Show raffle winners

Tom Lukowski, Missoula, and Linda Weaver, Seeley Lake, both won agate necklaces donated by Bob Holley; Craig Hendricks, South Dakota, won a winter snow scene painted by Leona Lapka; Bruce Bourne, Seeley Lake, won a quote book from Jeanne Moon Calligraphy; Grae Cullen won a vine wreath made by Dorothy Richards; Arlyss Farra and Grace Lefebvre both won china paintings by Elaine Slocum; Grae Cullen won a wall hanging donated by Charlee Parker; Margaret Anders won a painting of a Canadian goose donated by Jan Nemmers; Jason Fraser won a strawberry-on-conch painting from Sandi Herbert; Margaret

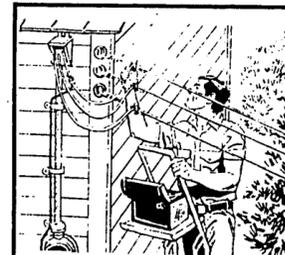
Timpano won a hank of handspun wool from Sue Klemmer; Karly Pepper won a pillow donated by Misty Sarvis; Shirley Allen won a stained glass night-light donated by Karen Tanberg of Clearwater Glassworks; Don Leuck, Billings, won a Monte Dolack print donated by Mark Wolfe of Picture Perfect; Kendra Mantci and Louise Wilson both won kitchen ornaments donated by Shauna Anders; Norma Waddington, Lake Inez, won a print of Beauty and the Beast donated by Carol Poppens; Erv Gysler won a handmade basket donated by Pam Sikkink of Artistic Expressions; Howard Bailey of Helena won a kitchen witch wall decoration donated by Betty Biggins; Jean Hawland, Deer Lodge, won a cookbook donated by Mildred Chaffin; and Margaret Timpano won a woven wall hanging donated by Connie Mantci.



Sheila Devins entertained youngsters with a sheep story, while Sue Klemmer (right) demonstrated wool spinning at the recent Seeley Lake Arts & Crafts Show and Sale held at the Community Hall.



Charlee Parker helped sell T-shirts at the Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts Show last weekend.



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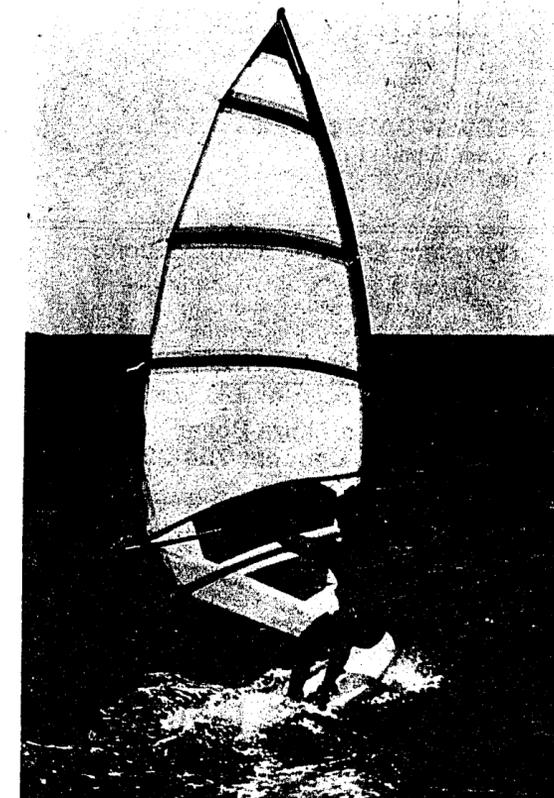


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**Local student**  
**inspired after**  
**D.C. trip**

by Suzanne Vernon

Paul Johnson, fourth grade student from Seeley Lake Elementary, has always enjoyed science, but after a recent all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., his interest has become a little more keen.

"I really like science... especially the solar energy stuff," he said. Last spring, Johnson won the state and regional competition for the Invent America! program. He and his parents, Ron and Gloria Johnson, and teacher Gayle Gordon, recently traveled to Washington, D.C. at the invitation of the Invent America! foundation.

"It was more than fantastic," Gayle Gordon said. Gordon really enjoyed the trip, especially because everything was "kid-oriented." Meals served at the banquets included pizza, tacos, and ice cream sundaes offered in elegant style. The food was all served from sterling silver dinnerware.

Besides getting to meet Vice President George Bush, and Voyager crew Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, the Invent America! winners, their families and teachers saw historic monuments such as the Jefferson Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial. Paul was impressed with both. The Jefferson memorial was larger than he had ever imagined. The statue of American soldiers in Vietnam was very realistic and intricately carved, he said.



Paul Johnson, Seeley Lake, recently explained his "cool blanket" design and invention to Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, members of the Voyager crew that flew non-stop around the world without refueling. Paul won an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. from the Invent America foundation earlier this summer. Photo courtesy Paul Johnson.

Each morning during their week-long stay, the groups attended workshops sponsored by the Smithsonian. In the afternoons, they toured the museums of American History, Natural History and Air and Space. Paul and teacher Gayle Gordon especially enjoyed the dinosaur museum. Gordon teaches a special unit on dinosaurs at Seeley Lake Elementary.

The Invent America! week in Washington drew a lot of coverage from local media. Paul was even on television briefly during the trip. Paul's family had just returned to their hotel and turned on the television, when they heard that there would be a news story about the young inventors. They sat through nearly an hour of Washington, D.C. news but finally saw Paul on TV.

Many of the young inventors displayed new ideas. Paul's invention—an icy "cool blanket" meant to lower a person's body temperature—was displayed next to things such as visible salt and an electric toilet paper dispenser. The visible salt was dyed so that people could tell how much salt they were using on food. The national winner of the Invent America! competition designed a dashboard lighting system which could alert school bus drivers to students who had fastened or unfastened their seat belts.

The Invent America! foundation, supported by corporations such as MasterCard, is encouraging creativity, ingenuity and problem-solving among young Americans. A major theme of the Washington, D.C. trip, according to Gloria Johnson, was that foreign companies are filing more and more patents now—and U.S. companies are falling behind. "I guess they want to motivate kids to invent things," she said. Gloria was very impressed with the trip, and hopes that local students will enter the competition and win again next year.

In addition to winning the trip, Paul won a \$500 savings bond. Seeley Lake Elementary School won a little more than \$3,000, while teacher Gayle Gordon won \$750. The State of Montana also won \$2,000. All of the funds awarded to educators and institutions have to be used to promote the Invent America! program. Gordon has several ideas for using the money this year, including the purchase of library materials, computer software and, possibly, some travel money for field trips.



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The developers for the proposed Circle Arrow hydroelectric project near the outlet of Lake Inez have appealed the federal government's decision to cancel the project. The federal action was an automatic response to the state's denial last May of a water quality permit for the project. John Kraft, Seattle-based spokesman for the developers, indicated that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has been asked to keep the project alive, at least through the end of September, while engineering details are revised.

A completely different plan for the project is being proposed, according to Kraft. The new plan calls for the use of siphon turbines which can be mounted on the earthen berm of the existing fish barrier at the project site—rather than utilizing the barrier's apparently dilapidated wooden spillway. This type of turbine has an intake tube which can be positioned under the surface of the pond upstream from the barrier. Water would then flow by a siphoning action through the turbines and be discharged below into the Clearwater River.

Kraft believes that this approach overcomes many of the objections to the project, since it does not require any increase in the elevation of the pond and does not affect stability of the fish barrier during flood-stage conditions. He added that siphon turbines are in widespread use in Canada. When asked why these turbines were not initially proposed for the project, Kraft explained that they have a somewhat lower generating efficiency than conventional turbines.



Connie Mantei demonstrated weaving techniques at the Seeley Lake Arts & Crafts Show.



**Gillespie -**  
**Bailey Wed**

Candi Marie Gillespie and Jeffrey Joseph Bailey, both of Fort Collins, Colorado, were united in marriage on Saturday, June 13, 1987, in Peace With Christ Lutheran Church in Fort Collins by Pastor James Mueller.

Candi Marie is a native of Seeley Lake and moved to Fort Collins in 1983. She is a 1985 graduate of Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins, Colorado. Currently, Candi works for Dr. Robert J. Weakley as an orthodontic receptionist.

Jeffrey Joseph is a 1983 graduate from Smokey Hill High School in Aurora, Colorado and is a 1987 graduate of Colorado State University with a major in business management and a minor in psychology.

Parents of the bride are Skip and Peg Gillespie of Fort Collins. Parents of the groom are Betty McKim of Aurora, Colorado and Robert Bailey of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Those attending the wedding from Montana were Pat and Marie McNally of Ovando (grandparents of the bride); Jeff McNally, also from Ovando; Jim, Patsy and Angela Cheff from Potomac; Larry, Sandy, Michael and David Curtis from Havre; and Dorothy Petry from Billings.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. In August, they will make their home in Akron, Ohio, where Jeff will be attending graduate school on a full scholarship for his Ph.D. in Industrial Organizational Psychology.

**Senior Nutrition**

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 20—  
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- Tuesday, July 21—  
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**Cornucopia** by Michele Potter

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**Fruited Chicken Salad**

4 cups cubed cooked chicken  
1-1/2 cups seedless green grape halves  
1-1/2 cups small cantaloupe balls  
1 cup chopped celery  
3/4 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing

1/8 to 1/4 cup bottled lemon juice  
1 teaspoon ground ginger, optional  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup cashews  
Melon rings and lettuce leaves

In large bowl, combine mayonnaise, lemon juice, ginger and salt. Add chicken, grapes, melon and celery; mix well. Chill to blend flavors. Add cashews just before serving. Serve on melon rings and lettuce leaves. Refrigerate leftovers. Makes 6 servings.

**Citrus Wine Cooler**

3 cups orange juice, chilled  
1 (750 ml) bottle dry white chilled (about 3 cups)  
1/4 to 1/2 cup bottled lemon juice

1/3 cup sugar  
1 (32-ounce) bottle lemon-lime carbonated beverage, chilled  
Orange slices

In punch bowl, combine orange juice, wine, lemon juice and sugar; stir until sugar dissolves. Just before serving, add carbonated beverage and orange slices. Makes about 2-1/2 quarts.

**Lemony Layered Angel Cake**

1 (14-1/2 or 16-ounce) package angel food cake mix  
2 eggs  
1 cup sugar  
1/3 cup bottled lemon juice  
2 tablespoons cornstarch

1/2 cup water  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup (1/2 pint) whipping cream, whipped  
Strawberries, optional

Prepare cake mix as package directs. Cool thoroughly. In small bowl, beat eggs, 1/2 cup sugar and lemon juice until foamy; set aside.

In medium saucepan, combine remaining 1/2 cup sugar and cornstarch. Gradually add water; mix well. Over medium heat, cook and stir until thickened and clear; remove from heat.

Gradually beat in egg mixture. Over low heat, cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Chill thoroughly. Fold in whipped cream.

Cut cake into 3 equal layers. Spread equal portions of lemon juice mixture between layers and on top. Chill 4 hours. Garnish with strawberries if desired. Store in refrigerator. Makes one 10-inch cake.

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## SWAN SONG

Bennie A. Stoltz

COLUMBIA FALLS — Bennie A. Stoltz, 61, of Columbia Falls, died unexpectedly of a heart attack Monday, July 6, near Condon.

He was born June 15, 1926, in Foley, Minnesota, to August and Agnes Stoltz. Reared and educated in Minnesota, he enlisted in the Army in November 1950 and served on the front lines during the Korean War.

After receiving an honorable discharge, he returned to Minnesota and worked for his uncle in the logging business. In 1955, he moved to the Flathead Valley where he was employed as an independent logger until the time of his death.

Mr. Stoltz was a lifetime member of the VFW in Columbia Falls.

Survivors include a son, Mike, Columbia Falls; a daughter, Brenda Stoltz, Columbia Falls; a stepson, Randy Shero, Columbia Falls; two stepdaughters, Cindy and Terry Shero, both of Columbia Falls; two brothers, Ray Stoltz, Fresno, California and Hank Stoltz, Little Falls, Minnesota; a sister, Dorothy Wrona, Bloomington, Minnesota; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sons, Jack, Dennis and Gary.

Funeral services were held on Friday at the Van Leuven Funeral Home in Columbia Falls. Burial was at St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.



This is the scene on Highway 83 near Swan Lake, recently, when Benny Stoltz's logging truck was wrecked. Photo by Jeanette Dodd. Courtesy of Bigfork Eagle.

## Bizarre events follow logger's death

A bizarre series of events occurred in the Swan Valley last week following the death of log trucker Benny Stoltz. Stoltz was a friend of many local residents and had been an independent truck driver for many years. He was hauling logs for John Wheeler at the time of his death on Monday, July 6.

After John Wheeler found out that Stoltz had died, he decided to do a favor for the Stoltz family. He and Max Greenough, area logger, headed north on Highway 83 to take Stoltz's truck to the mill, unload the logs, and deliver the truck to Benny's family in Columbia Falls.

Not too many miles from the Cold Creek Road where Benny had died, a set of bearings went out of the 1970 International logging truck. John and Max pulled the truck over at a wide spot in the road and assessed the situation. They disconnected one set of drivers, took the necessary parts and headed to Swan Lake to make repairs.

Meanwhile, a friend of Benny's, who had just heard about his comrade's passing, was traveling Highway 83 and saw Benny's truck parked alongside the road. According to Highway Patrolman Bob McGuire, Paul Longfield decided that he, too, should do a favor for the Stoltz family. He started Benny's truck and headed down the road toward Swan

Lake with the truck still fully loaded with logs. He apparently didn't realize that one set of wheels was off the truck. At the first sharp corner, the truck rolled, dumping logs all over the highway. Longfield, meanwhile, panicked and ran from the scene.

Patrolman McGuire said that when he arrived on the scene, "it was like *The Days of Our Lives* or something. There were people crying about this logger who was dead, and stories about a thief who had stolen the truck. It was a mess." Traffic on the highway was blocked for about an hour as the wreckage and logs were cleared.

When the situation was finally investigated, it was apparent that there had been a lack of communications all around. Longfield was cited for two minor traffic violations, but relatives of Benny Stoltz did not want to press any other charges. McGuire said it was clear to everyone that Longfield had not intended to steal the truck.

Nevertheless, the truck is totaled, according to witnesses. Benny Stoltz has met his Maker, and area loggers are calling it the worst Monday they can remember.

Max Greenough, also a good friend of Benny's, summed it all up last week: "I guess you could say that everything about Benny Stoltz went out of business on Monday."

## Swan Valley girl wins O-Mok-See

The annual Fourth of July O-Mok-See at the Swan Valley community arena had the largest turnout ever, according to Carrielle Parker, Community Club secretary.

"Everybody really pitched in to make it a huge success," Parker said recently. Community Club members organized the event and manned concessions.

Nearly 40 young people from Seeley Lake and Swan Valley participated in the games on horseback. Tracey Terrillion won the Overall High Point traveling trophy, along with the High Point award for girls age 13 to 17. The Traveling Trophy was donated "years ago" by Holland Lake Lodge, according to Parker.

Other highlights of the event included the first-ever sheep and calf riding competition for youngsters 12 and under. The events were entertaining and nearly all of the children won ribbons.

High Point winners in other categories were:

Jamie Richards, Seeley Lake, girls, age 8 and under.

Stacey Holmes, Swan Valley, girls, age 9 to 12.

Travis Hamilton, Swan Valley, boys, age 9 to 12.

Tracey Terrillion, Swan Valley, girls, age 13 to 17.

Jeremy Broers, Falls Creek Ranch, boys, ages 13 to 17.

Tammy Pohlman, Seeley Lake, girls, ages 18 and over.

Craig Burnham, Seeley Lake, boys, ages 18 and over.



Tracey Terrillion, Swan Valley, recently won the Overall High Point traveling trophy at the Fourth of July O-Mok-See held at Condon.

## CPR classes begin next week

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation classes will be held in the Swan Valley on July 22, 23 and 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. according to Joyce Himes, Quick Response Unit member. The location will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

Pre-registration is necessary for these classes, and interested people can call Ellie Greenough at 754-2386 or Joyce Himes at 754-2427.

Area loggers are encouraged to participate in the one-man CPR classes which will be taught on July 22 and 24. On July 23, instruction will also be given for infant CPR. CPR is a proven life-saving technique in emergency situations, especially for victims of heart attacks and drowning, according to QRU members.



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## Lord of the Whitetails

by Suzanne Vernon

It's hard to believe that one of America's leading authorities on whitetail deer has called Seeley Lake home since 1980, but it's true. Dick Idol—well-known writer, editor, hunter and guide—admits that most local residents aren't overly excited about whitetail hunting. Westerners haven't caught on to whitetail fever like people back East, Idol said, even though there are plenty of big bucks in our woods. Idol also isn't surprised that many folks don't realize that his internationally known company and new mail order business is based in Seeley Lake.

Whitetail hunting and antler collecting has been Idol's hobby for 20 years. After college (he graduated from North Carolina State University with a degree in wildlife biology), he guided hunters in Alaska, Africa and much of the United States. About that time, it became apparent that his hunting hobby had turned into his career. In 1981 he became the co-founder of *North American Whitetail* magazine, which now has a circulation of 150,000 and is the #1



Dick Idol posing with a 162 pt. whitetail buck from Montana. Photos courtesy Dick Idol Company.

whitetail magazine in the world. The magazine is published in North Carolina, even though a lot of Idol's work is done in Seeley Lake. Few people understand Idol's long-distance business.

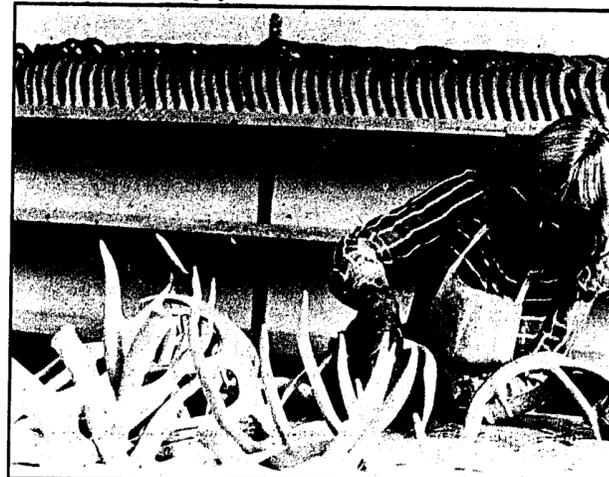
"That's the way I prefer to operate...not a lot of hullabaloo," he said recently. But the "hullabaloo" is about to start, and Idol agrees that local residents may begin to see a visible impact from Dick Idol Company. This year marks the company's first venture into what Idol calls "the product market."

Promotional campaigns begin this month for Dick Idol's rattling antlers and carrying systems, grunt calls, hunting videos, cassettes and clothing. His products are featured with 13 color photos on the first four pages of Cabela's outdoor equipment catalog — which

reaches seven million people. The July issue of *North American Whitetail* includes a four-color, two-page advertisement about Dick Idol products. Television and radio advertising campaigns are also beginning. One thousand press releases about Idol's new line of whitetail products have been sent to members of the Outdoor Writers Association of America. Idol also owns the largest collection of whitetail deer trophies in the world, including the famous "Hole in the Horn" non-typical buck. That collection is now on display in Alabama. Roger Selner, Seeley Lake, will be traveling to various shows around the country this year helping to educate folks about whitetail habits and haunts and, of course, to promote the Dick Idol Company.



A portion of the 70-foot whitetail trophy display owned by Dick Idol and now on display in Alabama.



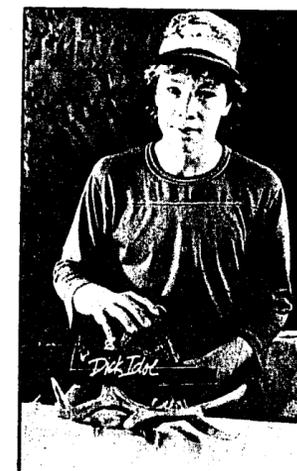
Karla Gehrke has been staining the fiberglass "rattling antlers" being manufactured in Seeley Lake by the Dick Idol Company.

Dick Idol's rattling antlers are already being manufactured in Seeley Lake. Other products will be shipped from Seeley Lake as mail order requests arrive. If business plans follow future projections, it is likely that more people will be hired in Seeley Lake on a contract basis to help with production.

Dick Idol is optimistic about the future of his business in Montana. He believes his status among whitetail fans and the resulting name recognition will help sell his products. Most Montanans won't see Idol's major promotional campaigns because advertising is directed at people on the East Coast. "We manufacture (in Seeley Lake) but our market is national. The West is not a huge whitetail consumer market."

Idol admits that there are some inconveniences in trying to establish a manufacturing business in Montana, but he says they are minor. Even though he must travel a lot and he works about 12 hours a day, seven days a week, he enjoys his work and the rewards of living here. "Montana is a quality place to live," he points out. In 1980, Idol came to Seeley Lake from North Carolina after visiting a friend in Kalispell. He liked the mountains, the clean air and, of course, the big whitetail bucks that roam the Clearwater and Swan Valleys.

"We plan to stay in Seeley Lake as long as we can," he said. He believes that his company could have some long-term effect upon Seeley Lake residents.



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Shanun Rammel has been packaging rattling antlers for Dick Idol Company in Seeley Lake.



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Swan Slammers	7-0
Filling Station	6-1
Naturals	5-2
Express	4-3
5x5's	2-6
Saloon	1-7
Ladie Di	0-8

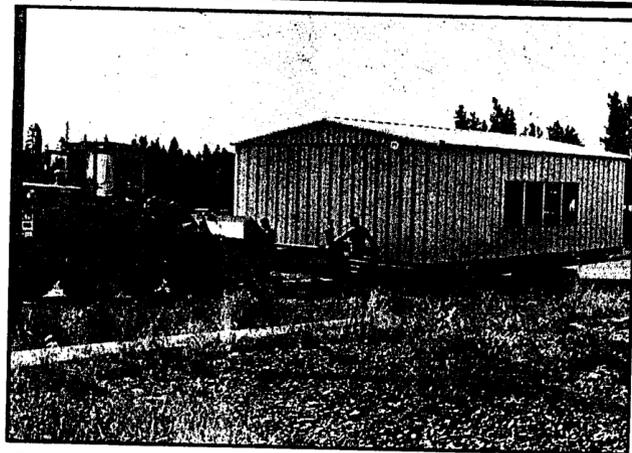
This week's schedule:

### July 16, Thursday

6 p.m.  
Naturals vs Filling Station  
Swan Slammers vs Ladie Di's  
7 p.m.  
Express vs Saloon Sluggers  
5x5's vs Naturals

### July 21, Tuesday

6 p.m.  
Ladie Di's vs Naturals  
Saloon Sluggers vs 5x5's  
7 p.m.  
Filling Station vs Swan Slammers  
Express vs Ladie Di's



Rainbow Enterprises of Seeley Lake recently moved the third grade classroom from the west side of Seeley Lake Elementary to the east side of the school. The building will eventually be used for locker rooms. Marx Construction is also preparing to move modular classroom units from Colstrip to Seeley Lake this summer to house seventh and eighth grade and science classes this fall.

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## Vacancies on refuse board

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Byrl Thompson, who is now a regular member of the board and has represented summer and part-time homeowners, will become a full-time resident of Seeley Lake on August 1 and will be forced to resign from his position.

The alternate position for someone representing a part-time or summer resident has never been filled because nobody has applied, according to chairman Kent Brown.

## Fire district opts for newer truck

The Seeley Lake Rural Fire District on Tuesday voted to purchase a fully equipped 1973 International 4x4 fire truck. Board members Bud Johnson and Colin Moon will travel to Sacramento, California early next week to inspect the truck. If it meets with their approval, they will purchase it for \$30,000 on behalf of the fire district, and then drive the truck home to Seeley Lake.

At Tuesday's special meeting, board members also voted to allow chairman Bud Johnson to negotiate a loan in the amount of \$22,500 from a lending institution. The fire district has budgeted \$7,500 to be used for a down payment this year. Loan payments would be amortized over a longer period of time.

## New fire chief elected

Roger Burmeister was recently elected as the new fire chief for the Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Company. Burmeister will take over the position held by Colin Moon for the past three years. Moon resigned earlier this summer.

## Fishing Report

### Seeley Lake

Bass up to three pounds have been caught recently in Seeley Lake, according to people stopping by Dan's Discount. Morning and evening fishing is best, especially by the outlet, either side of Big Larch and by the Deer Creek inlet.

A few anglers have caught McBrides in Seeley Lake, too. These large, colorful cutthroat look similar to a golden trout, and were planted in Seeley because they feed on perch.

Salmon fishing is improving. Fishermen have to dodge speedboats, but the Kokanee don't seem to mind. Fish are deep now, with the July weather warming the water.

Fly fishing in the Clearwater and Blackfoot should be good, as stream levels have dropped considerably. From about 5 p.m. 'til dark, experienced anglers will have all the fun they can handle. Mosquitoes, renegades, brown hackle peacocks, grey hackle peacocks, royal coachmen and royal wulfs are all good choices. Joe's Hopper has been recommended for the holding water on the upper Blackfoot.

Placid Lake has been good for Kokanee lately. A few folks are catching the large McConaughy trout which were planted to eat the perch in the lake. If you want to see less perch and more trout, release these planters back into the lake.

Higher mountain lakes have produced some good-sized cutthroat recently. Spinners or bait are working better than flies, especially on the lakes that are fished mostly from shore.

### Swan Lake & Swan River

Sportsmen after salmon will find success in Swan Lake this week. The Kokes are really starting to hit those cowbells and worms! The water is beginning to warm up.

Not too many reports of northern pike this week. The lunkers are still out there, though, as a few anglers have lost some big ones. Try bass plugs this week.

The Swan River is producing some excellent fly fishing now. The water is low and wading is possible in nearly all stretches of the river. Try the "old standbys" for the best luck.

Don't overlook the small streams now. They'll be good fishing for the next several weeks for brookies and a few wayward rainbows. Take the kids fishing with a can full of worms.

## Critter Chatter

by Ken Wolff

So, when is a good time to fish and where is a good place? The best time is when they are biting, and the best place is usually the best place!

A shallow run in the Swan River at 3:00 p.m. on the 14th of August is always a hot spot. You can have so much fun you can hardly stand it!

Some basic rules apply to most wildlife. The evening and morning rule works with fish as well as it does for elk.

Stealth is another rule, also luck, and keep the prayer debt account current. Wear that special pair of psychedelic shorts, too.

There are many variables, many predictable unpredictables involved in sportfishing in the Swan Valley, or anywhere trout live. We will consider a few here. Regarding lunar phases, I usually don't bother fishing near a full moon. I don't do a lot of things near a full moon! Under certain atmospheric pressures and conditions fish behavior can fluctuate wildly. Sometimes trout go on a feeding binge in a rainstorm.

Of course, there's always the day of the week to consider. Trout invariably don't bite as well on Saturday and Sunday. You'll hear "should have been here yesterday" from all the locals.

Fish on Wednesday evenings near a new moon. See for yourself. Keep track of your fishing for the weeks before and after the new moon, then check the weeks before and after the full moon. Try this on ducks, grouse and elk, too.

Fish, like other wildlife, have basic needs. Know these needs as they apply to your position. Fish need water, food, cover and shelter. Study the contents of a trout's stomach and you'll begin to know trout.

Remember prevailing weather conditions and repeat or avoid as the case may be. There are sports other than fishing, like blue grouse hunting with a .22 short!

Some natural bait foods exist in Swan Valley. You'll find a variety of minnows, crayfish, frogs and larvae that live under rocks—and bite. All trout

feed on smaller, swimming things. Good lure replicas are also available and do sometimes work.

A multitude of stoneflies, Mayflies, Junebugs and Augustflies provide a fly fisherman's nightmare.

Did I mention the brush? Sure glad Swan Valley doesn't have much brush! And how do you suppose Windfall Creek got its name?

Short fly rods; light weight-forward lines; one and a half pound tippets—all these and more beckon the prospective fisherman.

Now, fly fishing in the river for large rainbows and bull trout with light-duty stuff is quite a challenge and definitely worthy of conversation. Light or ultralight spinning gear with a bobber and a good-sitting fly will work the tighter places. Landing a fish fairly, in the 10-pound and up group, is indeed a

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Carol Bourne, local artist and Seeley Lake resident, paused for a moment in front of this summer banner of a hummingbird. Bourne designed the four-season set of banners now being sold by the Chamber of Commerce.



Pam Sikkink, Artistic Expressions, demonstrated basket-making techniques at the recent Arts and Crafts Show.

## Banners beautify town

The loon banners waving in the breeze at Seeley Lake businesses are just the first in a series of four seasonal flags that area volunteers are creating for sale by the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

Cheri Thompson of the Gas Haus first displayed banners last winter depicting sled dogs and snowmobiles. Local artist Carol Bourne designed those banners and is now designing the seasonal display, which includes a loon for spring, hummingbird for summer, deer for fall and snow scene for winter.

So far, the Chamber has sold about eleven complete sets of banners to local businesses. The charge for each banner is \$25—which covers the cost of materials, the iron brackets installed by Pepper Welding, and a \$5 profit for the Chamber. Thompson and Bourne are donating their labor to the Chamber.

According to Bourne, the banners "get people's attention." They catch your eye, she said, and maybe show people that there's something interesting going on in Seeley Lake. Bourne has also been in touch with the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and is passing the banner idea along to them.

For more information about purchasing a banner contact Bud Johnson at Timberline in Seeley Lake.

## Electrical problems corrected at mill

An electrical transformer which blew out at Pyramid Mountain Lumber about two weeks ago has been repaired, and mill workers were back on their regular schedule late last week after a short shutdown.

"It cost us the night shift on Thursday," Roger Johnson, general manager, said, referring to the outage that occurred on July 2. The mill had been scheduled to be shut down from July 3 through July 7 so that concrete could be poured and allowed to cure. The unexpected power outage put employees on vacation sooner than expected.

Johnson suspects that lightning caused a power surge somewhere in the line at the mill—and that is what caused the transformer to go out. Missoula Electric Cooperative repaired the transformer on Monday, July 6. The planer was back in operation on Tuesday.

Johnson also said that firecrackers caused two small fires at the mill over the Fourth of July weekend. Johnson was prepared for the holiday, though. "We were concerned enough that we put on extra help to walk the perimeter of the property," he said. The smoldering firecrackers were spotted and doused almost immediately.

## Business Briefs

### Sailboard business opens

Mark and Ginger Williams of Big Sky Lake recently opened Wonder Windsurfing, a business that specializes in the sale of windsurfing boards and accessories, such as wet suits. Mark has noticed a huge increase in the popularity of the sport in Montana which, he says, is catching up with places like California where the sport has been popular for years.

"I think it's a really good sport... it's environmentally sound," he chuckled. With all the lakes in the Seeley Swan, windsurfing is a natural summertime sport, he said. Placid Lake and Brown's Lake are the best places for steady winds on the water, he added. Windsurfers here often wear wetsuits, he said, pointing out that they also have to wear life jackets or have them on board—just like any other watercraft in Montana. Mark offers free lessons to people who purchase sailboards from Wonder Windsurfing.

Mark and Ginger have lived in the Seeley Lake area off and on since 1972. Mark works in the construction business in Seeley Lake during the summer and travels to Colorado in the snow season, where he works as a ski instructor. The Williams' are expecting their first child in December.



Karen Tanberg demonstrated the art of stained glass during the recent Arts & Crafts Show. Tanberg recently opened Clearwater Glassworks in Seeley Lake. She has been creating stained glass art for about 12 years.

## PASSAGES

Pastor Rod Kvamme  
Seeley Lake

**What's Right With America?**  
"Catch your kids doing good." This was a large sign on the walls of a pediatrician's office. It was a fine reminder to reinforce good and positive things which children do, instead of only calling their attention to what they do wrong. The doctor did not maintain that kids should not be corrected or were not in need of discipline. He did, however, insist that the better and more urgent task of a parent is to support good behavior.

The sign, with slight alterations, would not be a bad one to have hung for all American citizens to see. "Catch America doing good." Americans can easily fall into the rut of thinking that the first responsibility of citizenship is to criticize nation and government. While being part of a democracy includes the right and responsibility of correcting and improving whatever necessary, it does not enhance things to just complain about them. We should not whitewash America, nor make it sound like our country is without sin. It is not. But neither should we jump

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

Jack Hane, President  
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The Declaration of Independence was the result of a people totally dedicated to the liberty of all freemen. No act in America called more for the courage, the mutual concern and a complete reliance on the protection of Divine Providence than from those who affixed their signatures to the document.

Richard Frothingham, in 1890, wrote in his history, *The Rise of the Republic of the United States*, the following:

"When the people passed from the status of subjects, exercising powers of government under the crown as dependent colonies, to that of sovereigns in a nation of independent States, they had a deeply rooted conviction that one general government, or one American constitution, was a necessity. They kept in view in their utterances, distinctly and steadily, the aim of framing a system that should protect individuals, municipalities, and States in their several spheres of action, while it should provide for an efficient discharge of national offices. The first result reached in the 'Articles of Confederation' recognized the historical local self-government, but failed to adequately embody the idea of national union, and this form proved incompetent to secure the blessings that had been attained by the Revolution; but both ideas as they had been applied in institutions, were recognized in the next great result of 'The More Perfect Union' of the Constitution of the United States, which was ordained as the supreme law of the land."

Though little attention is given to the Articles of Confederation, one needs to credit it with some great accomplishments in spite of the many shortcomings. Among the achievements during this era was the Treaty of Paris in 1783, by which the United States acquired a vast empire beyond the Ap-

palachian Mountains. This necessitated an even greater achievement—in the passing of the Northwest Ordinance. If one studies the provisions of this document, it is realized that the liberties of man were certainly considered. There would be freedom of worship, trial by jury, support of education (seemingly, there was no conflict between religious and secular education) and more—a law that recognized that slavery was wrong by prohibiting involuntary servitude. Just as important was, as stated by Frothingham, that our founders who instituted the Articles of Confederation knew the importance of local self-government.

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### Faith Lutheran to host Bible school

Faith Lutheran Church, Condon, will hold its Vacation Bible School from July 27 through 31, Monday through Friday, from 9-11:30 a.m. for children age 3 through those entering 8th grade. "God's Promises for You" is the theme of the VBS, according to Herb Schiefelbein, pastor. The program is intended to help the students feel the warmth and discover the joy of God's promises for them. Bible stories, singing, arts and crafts, and fellowship are part of each day's session. For more information and/or enrollment, contact Pastor Schiefelbein, 677-2281.

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## Bears, wolves topic of meeting

Researchers and managers from around the western United States and Canada will meet in the Swan Valley on July 29, 30 and 31 to exchange information about grizzly bears and wolves. This annual meeting has, in the past, been held on the North Fork of the Flathead River near Glacier park and in Canada.

This year's meeting will be held at the Condon Work Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and is expected to draw 150 to 200 people from various federal and state agencies and several universities.

According to Tom Wittinger, wildlife biologist with the Flathead National Forest, Kalispell, the annual meeting provides a good forum where researchers and managers can exchange ideas and information. Habitat, assessments, problems and successes will all be discussed.

For more information or to request an agenda, contact Tom Wittinger, 755-5401, Kalispell.

## Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

Last week, botanists roamed the wetlands of the Swan Valley in search of the rare *Howellia aquatilis*—and they found it thriving in many areas, but scarce in others.

*Howellia* generated a lot of publicity last fall after it was announced that The Nature Conservancy had just purchased more than 400 acres in the Swan Valley to protect the rare plant. The Swan River Oxbow Preserve near Swan Lake has had "mats" of blooming *howellia* this summer and botanists are ecstatic.

The tiny *howellia* is known to exist in only four places in the world, including the Swan Valley, Montana and in Washington. *Howellia* is monotypic, meaning it is the sole species in its genus. The survival of an entire genus depends on the survival of this rare plant.

I was fortunate last week to be able to join botanists Pete Lessica, Steve Shelly, and Lisa Campbell. They have seen *howellia* in several sites in the Swan Valley and showed the plant to me "in living color" in two small ponds west of Condon.

*Howellia* grows underwater, so be prepared to get wet if you ever go looking for this rare gem. (Bring the bug spray, too.) The plant looked like a fragile and "airy" moss to me. (I understand that the botany student who first found *howellia* here was studying mosses.) The tiny white blossoms of the graceful *howellia* plant float to the surface of the water and are less than a quarter-inch in diameter. I tried to photograph them, but the results were less than dramatic! Botanist Steve Shelly, who is preparing a report for the Northern Region of the Forest Service, pointed out that the small ponds where *howellia* may be found blooming in June will dry up shortly, and no trace of the plant can be found by mid-summer. *Howellia* is an annual, and must have exactly the right amount of water and warm weather for it to bloom, produce



Botanists Steve Shelly and Lisa Campbell examined aquatic plants during a recent search for the rare *howellia* in the Swan Valley.

seeds (which, interestingly enough, are purple), and thereby, reproduce. He noted that the ponds where he has found the plant often have cattails and cottonwoods (or aspens) nearby. It is easy for the plant to become extinct locally, he says, as a result of unfavorable weather patterns, habitat disturbance and other variables.

We saw lots of other blooming plants west of Condon. Pete Lessica pointed out a white orchid growing in the dark, damp ferns near a pond. The delicate white flowers were grouped near the top of a single stem. We also saw baneberry—bright orange clusters of berries that grow from a broadleafed stalk and stand about 18 inches high. The white sego lilies were also out in profusion. Lisa Campbell said that this particular lily was sparse in the Bigfork area this spring.

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The Board of Trustees will meet at the Swan Valley School at 7:30 p.m., July 27, 1987 for the purpose of considering and fixing and adopting the final budget, and fixing the amount of expenditures, which may be adjourned from day to day until the final adoption of the school budget. Any taxpayer in the school district may appear at this meeting, or any adjournment thereof, and be heard for or against any part of the budget.

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1. A rate decrease for a single family unit from \$28.00 to \$23.00 annually; and
2. Removal of the following statement from the assessment schedule: "The maximum assessment for any business will be ten (10) units."

Written protests will be accepted by the Board of County Commissioners, Commissioners' Office, Courthouse Annex, Missoula, MT 59802 until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 1987.

For further information, contact Ann Mary Dussault at the Commissioners' Office, Courthouse Annex, Missoula, MT 59802, 721-5700, ext. 200, or Kent Brown, P.O. Box 121, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 793-5595.

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**Trapping regs defined**

Tentative furbearer trapping regulations were recently approved in Helena with a few important changes. Beaver and marten trapping regulations are more restrictive in certain parts of the state.

In the Swan Valley, beaver trapping season is open from November 1 through December 31, with a limit of seven beaver. In the Blackfoot-Clearwater Valleys, the beaver season is open from November 1 through March 31 with a limit of 15 beaver. Blanchard Creek drainage is closed to beaver trapping.

People who obtain bobcat and Canada lynx trapping licenses must select one trapping district at the time of validation. Each trapper or hunter may take the limit designated for that district only, and pelts must be tagged in that trapping district. A chase-only season for houndsmen has been set as February 1 through February 28, 1988.

Also included in the tentative regulations is recent legislation which allows fines of not less than \$50 or more than \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both, for persons convicted of knowingly taking, possessing or transporting furbearers or pelts in violation of the rules or laws. In addition, such person shall forfeit his privilege to hunt, fish or trap for not less than 24 months.

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is seeking public comments on these tentative regulations. Copies of the regulations are available from MDFWP, East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620. Deadline for comment is July 31.

**Horseshoe tourney promises excitement**

Horseshoe fans from around Montana will be arriving in Seeley Lake July 24 for the Annual Filling Station Horseshoe Tournament, which begins Friday night. Money throws will be held Friday and Saturday, with tournament competition on Sunday. Last year, hundreds of people came to Seeley Lake for summer horseshoe tournaments, and this year's attendance is expected to be good, according to organizers.

**Slide show set for Friday**

The Bike Ed America group, now holding a seminar at Holland Lake Lodge, has invited the public to a slide show Friday night featuring photos by Mike Logan. Logan recently published the book *Montana Is...* which contains a pictorial look at the faces and landscapes of Montana. The slide presentation is set to begin at dark and will be held outdoors.

**Puppeteer to visit Seeley**

A lion, mouse, alligator, and a skunk will be performing in a puppet show to be presented by Peggy Meinholtz, a Missoula-based puppeteer. The show will be for all ages and the young-at-heart. Performance will be July 29 at 1 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Pre-School & Day Care. For more information call 677-2802.

**Swap Meet entries increase**

About sixteen vendors have reserved space in the annual Swap Meet to be held in conjunction with the Antique Car Show next weekend in Seeley Lake. Spaces are still available for the event, which is sponsored by the Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Antique car owners from Missoula, Great Falls and Helena have indicated that they will arrive in Seeley Lake on July 25 for the Antique Car Show, according to Bob Sunc, organizer.

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## Business Briefs

### Liquid Louie's to have new owners

Norris and Lila Denton will be "seeing you on the other side of the bar" in the future as they announced last week the imminent sale of Liquid Louie's to Rollie Bigley. Folks are invited to welcome the new owners on July 25 at Liquid Louie's. An outdoor jam session featuring the Roy Wilhelm Trio begins at 2 p.m. All area musicians are invited to attend. A potluck dinner will start at 4 p.m.

### KALS translator under repair

If you have missed your favorite radio station lately, don't despair. KALS-FM, Christian radio station in Kalispell, will soon be back in service to Seeley Lake and Swan Valley residents. The local translator has been "down" for repairs this week.



## Comments sought on scenic trail

Routes for the proposed Continental Divide National Scenic Trail have finally been identified, and public comments are now being sought on preferred alternatives. The process of locating the Divide Trail began nearly 10 years ago, as land managers from Canada to Mexico began compiling information. Within Montana, the trail extends from Glacier to Yellowstone National Park. Final route selection and recommendation may be completed as early as February 1988, according to Forest Service officials.

Maps of proposed routes are available from the Flathead National Forest, Kalispell, 755-5401. Public comments should be mailed to Chuck Neal, CDNST Coordinator, USDA Forest Service, Hungry Horse, MT 59919. Deadline for comment is July 27, 1987.

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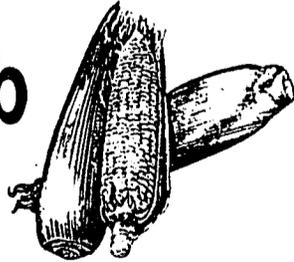
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