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Schwinden: What's a visual impact?

by Suzanne Vernon

Many things affect the visual quality of our state, and clearcuts are just one of those elements, according to Gov. Ted Schwinden, who was in Swan Lake on Sunday. Schwinden began the first day of a short vacation by driving from Helena to Swan Lake for a dinner and fundraiser sponsored by The Nature Conservancy. (See related article.)

From the Clearwater Junction to Swan Lake, Schwinden pointed out that a tourist might find many things that affect the visual quality of the drive. He would not say whether clearcuts affect tourism more or less than other things, such as old cars, along the roadside.

However, he said there is considerable distinction between logging which affects visual quality, and clearcuts which may affect water quality or fisheries. The latter, he said, represent bad management practices with unacceptable consequences.

Visually, tourists will probably just have to put up with being able to see the effects of logging in Montana, he said.

"Timber has to be cut," he explained. "Trees are born, they live and they die, and society benefits if they are harvested in a rational way.

"All of this stuff gets to be a balancing act. It isn't how many people are employed at the mill versus the number of people impacted by a clearcut—it's bigger than that," he explained. "Unless you are willing to do what The Nature Conservancy has done—to take a tract of land out of the decision framework—there are going to be tradeoffs."

Pathfinder to establish Seeley Lake office

As of September 1, Pathfinder Press will be establishing a new office in the Timberline Building, next to Artistic Expressions, in Seeley Lake. The new location will improve service to customers, according to Dick Potter, president of Pathfinder Press, Inc.

Office hours are tentatively set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Wednesday and Sunday.



Leif Erickson (left) visited recently with Governor Ted Schwinden at a gathering in the Swan Valley. The two men joined about 100 people at The Stone House at Swan Lake on Sunday to celebrate the official dedication of The Nature Conservancy's 400-acre Swan River Oxbow Preserve. The Preserve was purchased last year by The Conservancy to insure protection of the rare *Howellia aquatilis*, a globally endangered plant. See related articles, pages 4 and 5.

Boy drowns in Seeley Lake

A ten-year old Missoula boy drowned in Seeley Lake late Monday night. Officials are still investigating the circumstances of the tragedy.

Martinjohn Terry Leikam, son of Edward and Mary Leikam, Missoula, had been at Camp Paxson when he was reported missing sometime between

9:30 and 10:00 p.m. Monday night, according to Captain Larry Weatherman, Missoula County Sheriff's Department.

Search and Rescue members were called in at about 10 p.m. However, counselors reportedly found the boy in the lake not far from a swimming dock at about the same time, Weatherman said. Deputy Lloyd Hallgren, as acting coroner, pronounced the boy dead after attempts to revive the youth failed. Officers, as of Tuesday afternoon, were not

sure how long the boy had been in the water.

This is the first drowning in Seeley Lake in recent years. A woman was killed several years ago on the lake in a water skiing accident.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of Livingston, Maletta and Geraghty Funeral Home, Missoula.

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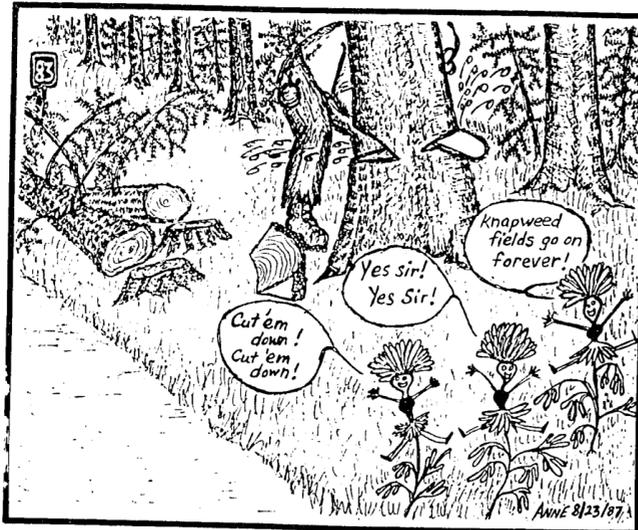
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OPINION

Revoltng Development

The sudden appearance of a gravel operation on Seeley Lake's doorstep has certainly put the cat among the pigeons. There hasn't been an event here in recent memory which has stirred up so much ire. This is the dark side of development—the element of surprise, ravaging of the landscape, dust, noise, and so on.

The astonishing thing is that the property in question is subject to restrictive covenants which were designed to preclude the very sort of thing which is occurring. The owner, John Cahoon, says that the land will be restored to an acceptable appearance after the gravel is removed. Further, he stoutly insists that he obtained a lawful variance to the covenants so that the quarrying could proceed. At least one of his neighbors isn't so sure and has thoughtfully provided John with the opportunity to present his arguments in court.

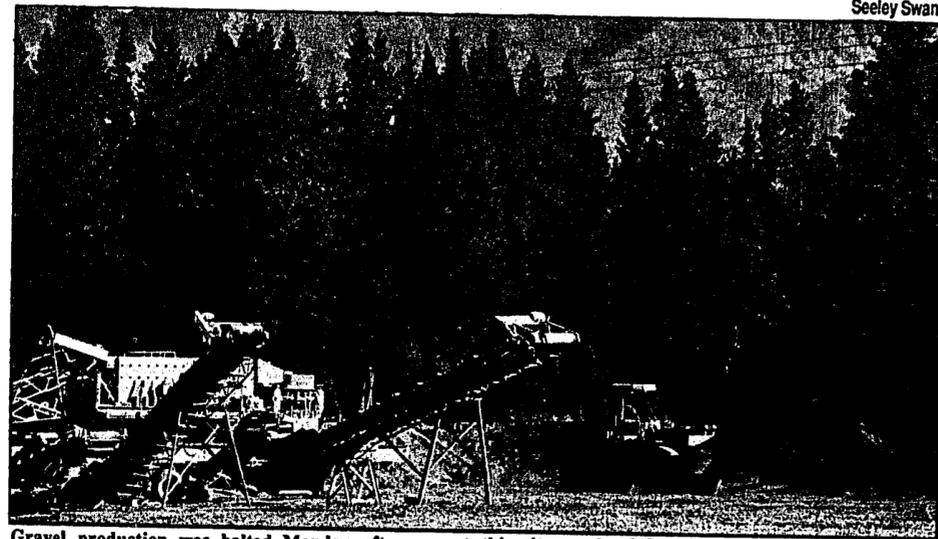
While we await the outcome of the legal wrangling, we have our own opportunity to reflect upon matters. First, it seems ironic that, at virtually the same time ground was broken, the appointments to the Seeley Lake Community Council were made. The central mission of the council, of course, will

be to coordinate the development of a land-use plan—the very sort of thing that might make it more of a challenge to pillage the scenic gateway to Seeley Lake, or other sensitive areas, for that matter. Godspeed, councilmen.

Then, we need to ponder whether Montana's vaunted environmental protection laws might not have a few fatal flaws. In granting the permit for this operation, was there adequate consideration of the dust problem? of the potential impact on Morrell Creek? Was there any consideration at all of these matters? Does the highway department deign to consider the environmental consequences on neighboring communities when it undertakes a project? Why wasn't the community informed?

And, finally: Whither? Will John Cahoon be proved correct, with the scars healing completely? Or, will the neighboring property owners throw in the towel and utterly abandon their covenants? Will the meadowlands be left to a gravelly Appalachian fate? Or, will they simply become a collage of taco stands and strip joints? Stay tuned, Sports Fans.

—Dick Potter



Gravel production was halted Monday afternoon at this site south of Seeley Lake when a restraining order was filed requesting an injunction against the landowner. The gravel production allegedly violates covenants on the property. Gilman Construction had contracted with the property owner to excavate and produce gravel for the Highway 83 overlay project between Seeley Lake and Lake Inez.

Gravel production ordered to stop

by Suzanne Vernon

A restraining order has thrown a curve at the plans for resurfacing nine miles of Highway 83 from Seeley Lake to Lake Inez this fall. Late Monday afternoon, Gilman Construction and property owner John Cahoon were notified of a 10-day restraining order requesting a court injunction against gravel production on a 20-acre parcel of land south of Seeley Lake.

The property has covenants on it which were violated, according to Missoula attorney, Neil Leitch. Leitch represents plaintiff Mark Payton in the suit against landowner John Cahoon. Earlier this summer, Cahoon contracted with Gilman Construction for the gravel production.

Cahoon said he was advised that a temporary variance from the covenants could be allowed if adjoining property owners consented. Cahoon obtained written permission from three landowners on the east side of Highway 83, but not from Mark Payton, who lives west of the highway.

Cahoon said he didn't realize that he needed permission from the landowners across the highway. According to

records at the Missoula County Courthouse, the area does not appear to be a registered subdivision, although it may be recorded in one single survey plat, courthouse employees said Monday.

Cahoon's contract with Gilman Construction requires reclamation of the property. Excavation will not exceed 12 feet in depth, and most will be about six or eight feet deep, he said. The entire area will be landscaped when the project is done, Cahoon added. Cahoon and his family intend to build a house on the property in the future.

However, Cahoon is concerned that, since Gilman Construction may not be able to obtain the gravel which they contracted for, they may also not be bound to complete reclamation of the area which has already been excavated.

Cahoon said he didn't realize the project would be so controversial. "The last thing I want to do is make enemies," he explained, adding that he is still puzzled as to why nobody contacted him directly when the project first got underway last week.

"Nobody came to me complaining...they just went straight to an attorney, I guess," he said.

Jim Weaver, construction engineer with the Montana Department of Highways, Missoula, said Tuesday that the reclamation plan and pollution permits comply with all state regulations. The gravel being produced was to be used to make asphalt pavement for the Highway 83 resurfacing project.

The restraining order definitely will slow the project, Weaver said.



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Hail to SOS

To the Editor:

While attending a Foster family reunion with me at the Double Arrow Ranch two weeks ago, my wife, Janet, developed some alarming symptoms: disorientation, extreme fatigue, etc. Due to these sudden disabilities, it would have been impossible to fly her back to Ohio for a diagnosis of her condition.

Luckily, we were told of a facility in the town of Seeley Lake which might be of help. We contacted Wilma Nicholson, a Registered Nurse who works out of the SOS Health Center. Even though it was her last day of vacation, she met us at the health station, evaluated Janet's symptoms, then made an appointment for her to see Dr. Herman Schreiber at the Health Center the following morning.

Dr. Schreiber, during his examination of my wife, diagnosed diabetes. He prescribed an oral medicine to stabilize the diabetes until we could complete the plane trip back to Ohio.

My purpose in writing this letter is to congratulate your town of Seeley Lake and the area served by this excel-

lent medical facility. The SOS Health Center is an efficient, well-staffed clinic and Dr. Schreiber is a credit to the community. I sincerely hope that everyone in the area knows of the good work done here—and appreciates it. Please give my regards to the good doctor and to Wilma and Billie and the rest of the staff.

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Business of the Week

ALPINE CAFE & MOTEL

Roger Brelein has been managing the Alpine Café in Swan Lake for only about three months, but he is having fun serving up milkshakes and cooking hamburgers. And, he likes to surprise customers with his "two-bit" coffee.

"People just can't believe two-bit coffee," he laughed. "There's nothing wrong with two-bit coffee, is there?"

The twenty-five cent coffee will go well with the sourdough goodies that Roger hopes to cook up on a wood cookstove this winter. Other highlights of the menu include charbroiled steaks and homemade pies.

Roger moved to Montana from California a few years ago. He collects antiques, but his real hobby is storytelling. Just drop by the Alpine Café and inquire about the "antique" hanging in the corner.

Roger also manages the Alpine Motel which offers rustic lodging, complete with bathtubs. When a woman recently inquired about the availability of television, Roger replied with a grin, "No Ma'am, you do that in the city, not up here."

The Alpine Café and Motel in Swan Lake are open seven days a week in the summer.



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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**
 Aug 26-30, Western MT Fair, Missoula.
 Sept 6, Old Time Fiddlers, Holland Lake Lodge, Condon.
Public Meetings
 Aug 27, Elem School Board Mtg, 7:30pm, Elem Library, Seeley Lake.
Clubs & Organizations
 Aug 27, Condon Alcoholics Anon, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon.
 Aug 30, Seeley Lake Alcoholics Anon, 7pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake.
 Aug 31/Sept 1, 2, Senior Nutrition Program, Noon Lunch, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 Sept 2, AA Mtg & Alanon Mtg, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.
Other
 Sept 1, School Starts
 Sept 2, Bookmobile, Potomac School, 10-11:30am; Sunset School, 12-1pm; Clearwater Junction, 1:30-2:30pm; Seeley Lake, 3-5:30pm.
 Sept 3, Bookmobile, Seeley Lake Elem, 9am-Noon; Seeley Lake Town, 12:45-2:30pm.
 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.
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The Nature Conservancy

These conservationists don't lobby, or sue people. They buy land.

by Suzanne Vernon

The Nature Conservancy is a marriage of scientists and "deal people," according to Frank Boren, national president, who was in Swan Lake last weekend to attend a fundraising dinner.

"I'm a dealaholic," he chuckled. "I love what I do for a living."

Boren is a former California attorney and land developer who, earlier this year, moved to Washington, D.C. to work for The Nature Conservancy (TNC). The word "developer" takes on a whole new meaning when it's environmentalists doing the buying.

"We've bought more land in the last 10 years than the federal government," he said. Last year alone, TNC received \$74 million in cash donations.

"We save 1,000 acres of land a day," he explained. It's a race against time, he said, to protect what's left of America's rare plants and animals.

"I don't want the U.S. to be like Europe or Asia," he said. "If people in Europe want to see *howellia*, they have to come here (to the Swan River Oxbow Preserve, purchased by TNC last year)." TNC not only purchases land but, also, guarantees longterm stewardship and protection of plants and animals.

TNC "deal people," such as Boren, depend on scientists to identify which

plant or animal communities must be saved. Boren is not a botanist or wildlife biologist—he's a developer.

"I assume the scientists are right," he said, referring to areas such as the Swan River Oxbow, which scientists said must be protected because of the rare plants that grow there.

But, "how does TNC actually buy these lands? Basically, they simply contact property owners and ask them if they want to sell. "As long as it's ethical and legal, we'll do it," Boren said, referring to the many "tricks of the trade" which he, and other TNC directors, use to negotiate land deals. Money generated from fundraisers, such as the Swan Lake dinner on Sunday, is deposited into various accounts which support not only land purchases but, also, salaries for staff members all across the United States. Currently, TNC has 350,000 members, less than 2,000 of whom live in Montana.

But Montanans, Boren said, quickly relate to the TNC style. "We don't lobby or sue people. We buy land... and our money is as good as theirs."

Boren officially announced the Montana Centennial project—a plan to raise \$5.2 million by 1989 to purchase and protect more of Montana's rare plant and animal communities. The 400-acre Swan River Oxbow Preserve is just one example of the type of land which TNC will buy. TNC's Montana Centennial project was approved by the state for official Centennial endorsement earlier this year.

For more information about The Nature Conservancy, contact the Big Sky Field Office, P.O. Box 258, Helena, Montana 59624.

Nature Conservancy woos local landowners

by Suzanne Vernon

Several Swan Valley and Seeley Lake landowners recently participated in field trips and attended a dinner and fundraiser sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, a well-known conservationist organization that purchases lands to protect rare plants and animals.

Mrs. Martin, a Swan Lake resident, owns about 80 acres of land next to the 400-acre Swan River Oxbow Preserve south of Swan Lake, which is owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

According to Joan Bird, Montana Protection Planner for TNC, the conservation group is interested in negotiating with adjoining landowners to insure longterm protection of the rare plants in the Swan River Oxbow.

Mrs. Martin seems to understand why TNC is interested in her property, but she has some reservations about another agency—the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service—which manages the Swan River Wildlife Refuge, also located south of Swan Lake.

For many of her 35 years in residence at Swan Lake, Mrs. Martin has enjoyed "mushrooming"—collecting morels and meadow mushrooms in the fields of the refuge. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, during certain times of the year, frowns upon public use of the refuge and for five months each year the area is closed.



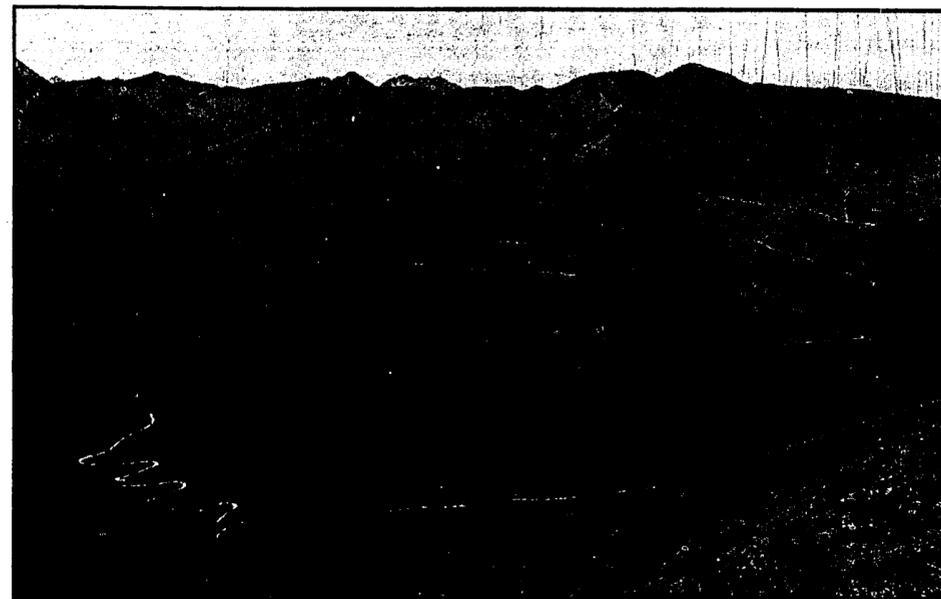
Mrs. Martin

"They say they want to protect the ducks. Well, my land! You can't tell me that mushrooming is gonna hurt the ducks!" she exclaimed. And what about schoolchildren, denied the opportunity for field trips, she said. "They certainly wouldn't bother the ducks."

Mrs. Martin is very interested in how The Nature Conservancy intends to manage its property in the Swan Valley. She believes that the land should be open to people for nature hikes and educational field trips.

"I wouldn't ever give anybody a doggone nickel if I thought they were going to keep people off the land," she said last Sunday.

Nature Conservancy representatives have assured Mrs. Martin and others that the purpose for buying land is to maintain longterm stewardship of the property. One of the primary uses of Nature Conservancy land is to support scientific study and promote public education about natural resources.



Clearcuts such as these are causing concern among some residents of the Swan Valley. This photo shows clearcuts above the Goat Creek drainage as viewed from the Inspiration Pass Trail. Newer ones, according to John Gatchell, Montana Wilderness Association, are part of the Napa-Goat Sale. Perpendicular drainages include Bethel Creek, left, and Scout Creek, right. *Scott Crandell photo.*

Residents want to have their say
Water quality, fisheries, main concerns

by Suzanne Vernon

Swan Valley residents last week accused the Forest Service of failing to ask the public what they think about proposed timber sales, before the cutting begins.

"I don't think the public appreciates clearcuts being the first thing they see of a timber sale," explained Steve Kelly, chairman of Friends of the Wild Swan, Inc., which hosted a meeting in Swan Lake last week.

Recently harvested clearcuts in the Swan Valley, highly visible from Highway 83, prompted Friends of the Wild Swan to host a panel discussion so that local residents could ask questions, and agency representatives could defend their timber management practices. Managers from Plum Creek Timber, Forest Service, State Forestry, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and local conservation groups made up the panel. About 250 people packed into the Swan Lake Clubhouse on August 20 to hear the speakers and ask questions. Several residents commented following the initial panel presentations.

Roger Johnson, owner and general manager of Pyramid Mountain Lumber,

Inc., Seeley Lake, agreed that it appears that some timber managers are not adhering to prudent logging practices on the land. However, he disagreed with people who said the Forest Service failed to hold adequate public meetings.

Johnson has attended numerous meetings over the years. "You can't even drain a small coffee pot, because nobody shows up," he said.

Several people took advantage of last week's opportunity to ask questions, however.

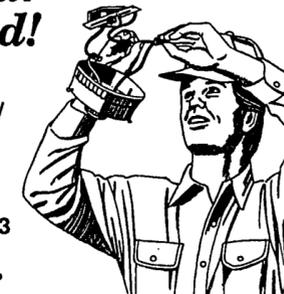
Leif Erickson, longtime Swan Lake resident, pointed out that people don't come to Swan Lake to fish anymore, at least not like they have in past years. Swan Lake used to be full of fishermen who came here to catch cutthroat, he said. But, in recent years, the opportunity to catch a cutthroat in Swan Lake has all but disappeared. Erickson suspects that logging in the Swan is adding silt to the streams and directly affecting spawning.

Bill Pederson, Swan Lake District Ranger, attended last week's meeting and was asked if he would like to comment on Erickson's statement. He declined. Richard Kuhl, panel member, attacked Pederson for his lack of response.

"If I were a District Ranger here, I'd take that kind of complaint seriously, instead of plugging numbers into a computer," Kuhl said. Kuhl is past-president of the Montana Wilderness Association and a former wilderness

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are 107 streams on the Flathead National Forest, 28 of which are critical spawning areas for bull trout and cutthroat.

"Each of these drainages is targeted for clearcutting," Heberling explained.

Roy Burkhart, Swan Valley resident, commented about other ways that clearcuts are affecting the land. "This country is drying out from the logging," he said, explaining that he has seen fewer and fewer wildflowers and huckleberries over the years.

Retired forester, Bud Möbre, agreed with Burkhart. "The Swan River is unraveling," he said. "It looks like a stream that's getting more (runoff) in it than what it's used to." Moore encouraged forest managers to look at the cumulative impact of their activities in the Swan Valley.

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Timber sale notice issued

The Forest Service recently announced plans to harvest old-growth seed trees on the Lower Cave Timber Sale, according to Dennis Johnson, District Ranger at Seeley Lake.

The Lower Cave Timber Sale, which totals about 133,000 board feet, is located north of Ovando, not far from the Monture Guard Station.

Notice of appeal of this decision must be filed with the Forest Service before September 24.

Grizzly, lion permit deadline nears

Monday, August 31, is the last day to purchase 1987 grizzly and mountain lion hunting licenses. Hunters may write or call local Fish, Wildlife and Parks offices. Resident mountain lion licenses sell for \$10 and resident grizzly licenses cost \$50.

Applications for the 1987/88 buffalo hunt are available from all license agents. The non-refundable application fee is \$5.00 and must accompany the applications, which are to be post-marked by August 31.

Critter Chatter

by Ken Wolff

With hunting season just around the corner, folks are starting to take a closer look at the whitetail deer in our backyards. Recently, a fourth deer with a black lump was noticed in the Valley. All of these have been younger bucks. Most of the lumps have been in the throat and neck areas. The lumps range in size from a golf ball to a softball, seemingly loosely attached. The jet black lumps jiggle as the deer moves along.

Biologist John Firebaugh, with the Missoula fish and game office, believes that the lumps are the result of a skin infection. The infection will not harm the animal permanently, nor does it grow internally past the animal's hide. However, he did indicate that the infection is contagious and considered rare.

I would appreciate knowing how many deer in our Valley have these "black lumps." Feel free to drop a note to me, stop by or call the *Pathfinder* to share your observations.

We've counted eleven dead fawns on Highway 83 in recent weeks. Too bad that motorists forget to slow down as they cruise through our area. Some good news, though, about one fawn in particular. Baby Jane Doe, an orphan whose mother was killed on the highway earlier this summer, is running and jumping now at Judy Hoy's extended wildlife care facility in the Bitterroot Valley.

North Fork road to be closed

The bridge across the North Fork of the Blackfoot River leading to the North Fork Trailhead will be closed to motorized vehicles August 31 and September 1, due to bridge repair. This trailhead provides access to the Bob Marshall and Scapegoat wildernesses.

People should park below the bridge (parking available) if they plan to be returning from the backcountry on the above dates. Horses will be able to ford the river below the bridge and hikers can cross the bridge on foot. The area is signed on the ground, providing necessary information.

Contact the Seeley Lake Ranger District, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday for more information.

Camping gear lost

Approximately 80 pounds of camping gear and clothes were lost last week in the Holland Lake area. The gear was packed in a large, orange nylon bag, which measures 36 inches square and 20 inches deep.

According to Deputy Scott McDonald, the pack was lost from the back of a pickup somewhere between Holland Lake Lodge and the Swan Centre at Condon.

The incident was originally reported as a theft.

Anyone with knowledge of the lost items should contact Deputy Scott McDonald or call 9-1-1 in Missoula.

Down Memory Lane

Warren Skillicorn: Homespun musician and fireside entertainer

by Will Kats

Warren Skillicorn has been many things in his life—a life that has spanned 79 years, so far, and almost all of it in the Woodworth area east of Seeley Lake. Among other things, he has been a road builder, vegetable farmer, trapper, sawmill employee, craftsman and, most importantly, a musician.

His music has entertained people from all over the world, and his stories of growing up in this wild, mountain land, often hold people spellbound.

In 1910, Warren and his folks homesteaded a tract of ground near Upsata Lake. Nine years later, they "lost it to grocery bills" and moved to Billings. The country had a hold on them, though, and they returned in 1927 to purchase the 40 acres near Woodworth (Kozy Korner) locally known today as "Skillyville."

"There weren't no jobs, then, so we sawed railroad ties for 25 cents apiece, grew potatoes, and ate a lot of wild meat," Warren recalled recently. That wherewithal has seen him through good times and bad, and is reflected in the casual way he talks, and the down-to-earth stories he enjoys sharing.

In the 1930s, the government paid a visit to the Kozy area in the form of the WPA, Warren said. Construction started on a road from Woodworth to Seeley Lake—today's Cottonwood Lakes Road. It paid \$4.00 a day. Warren got hired and not only made some much-needed money but, also, met some interesting backwoods characters.

"The only machinery we had was a block and tackle, a team of horses, and a fresno. It was all pick and shovel work. There were guys on the crew who got so hard up for a drink, they were mixing gas and milk and chugging it right down." Makes today's drinks tame by comparison, he chuckled.

The Depression made survival a paramount concern for everyone. Keeping your belly full by hunting became more than just a recreational game. It was the difference between having steak or potato soup for supper. Putting up meat was a duty.

"We had a game warden, then, name of Harry Morgan," Warren explained, "who—if you didn't get your elk, would shoot one for you. But, boy—you had better not waste any of it!"

The thirties were good for bringing out intrinsic values in people, such as self-reliance and independence. Warren was no different. He taught himself to play the banjo at a young age and perfected his skill all through the decade by playing at dances, barrooms, parties, armories, and Elks' Lodges.

"There were times I played until my fingers bled," he said. "There were regular dance halls then, and I played at Drummond, Helmville, Elbow Lake (Lindbergh Lake), Holland Lake, Seeley, Salmon Lake, and Missoula."



Warren Skillicorn's favorite instrument is probably the banjo. This photo of Warren was taken in the 1930s by a novelist from "back east." Warren was entertaining people near Kozy Korner. Photo courtesy Warren Skillicorn.

In John Toole's book, *The Baron, the Logger and Me*, the author mentions Warren playing at a dance in Salmon Lake when a slightly drunk spectator requested a song. Refused, he decided to take matters into his own hands and did so by smashing the guitar player's instrument over his head. Afterwards, he apologized with a \$50 bill.

Warren helped organize the "Skilly Yellow Jackets," a band comprised of "eight of us—my brothers and a sister," he recalls. The band was one of the most popular in Western Montana at one time. In a dance held where the Elk Horn Café is now, a Missoula band was once booed off the stage in hopes of getting "the Skillys" up, Warren remembers.

Besides the banjo, Warren plays the steel guitar, saxophone, mandolin, trumpet, harmonica and organ. Without a doubt, though, his banjo is his favorite instrument. At last count, he knows over 254 songs on it.

"My life is mostly music," he'll tell you. It's not so notable that he can play a banjo, but how he plays it that sticks in your mind. His face sports an ear-to-ear grin while his booted foot keeps the beat. All through the chorus of songs like "You're Scattered All Over



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Council: First of its kind in Montana

by Suzanne Vernon

The newly formed Seeley Lake Community Council has the opportunity to provide a good political model for other unincorporated towns throughout Montana, according to Dan Mizner, one of seven local residents recently appointed to the council.

Mizner believes that the council is the first of its kind in Montana, and he is hopeful that the community council will succeed. "It's good for everyone in-

involved," he said, speaking of the role of the advisory group which, he stressed, has no authority to pass laws or enact regulations.

The most important element for success is that the council have the support of local residents and community organizations. Next in importance, he said, is that council members recognize their role as communicators.

"If the council will listen to, and hear, what the community wants... it will be successful," he said. The council members will be expected to remain objective and to communicate local issues and concerns to the Missoula county commissioners.

The commissioners, in turn, will be less inclined to listen to special interest groups, and more likely to act on the community consensus provided by the council. The council gives added bargaining power when it comes to cutting up the county's financial pie.

Seeley Lake residents will have to recognize, though, that they will be setting standards for other communities in the county. What the commissioners fund in one area, they will likely be asked to fund in another.

"The council is, basically, people getting together and talking things over," Mizner summarized. "It's a mechanism for the commissioners to get dependable information about attitudes in our community."

The commissioners, last week, selected six council members from nine who applied. In April, these terms will expire, and the Seeley Lake community will be asked to vote for six council members. The two with the highest votes in April will serve three-year terms; the next two highest will serve two-year terms, and the next two will serve one-year terms. A seventh council member, Addrien Marx, was appointed by the commissioners. Her position will not become an elected one.

The new Seeley Lake Community Council will hold its first meeting in September. Basic organizing procedures will probably be addressed at that meeting, according to Mizner.



Dan Mizner

Of the seven area residents who were recently selected for the Seeley Lake Community Council, Dan Mizner, by far, has the most experience with local governments. He served as a city councilman for 10 years in Deer Lodge, and later worked as Powell county commissioner for six years. For 14 years, he worked in Helena as director of the League of Cities and Towns.

Mizner and his family bought property on Lake Inez about 30 years ago, never dreaming that they would one day retire here. About a year ago, they moved from Helena to make Lake Inez their permanent home. Dan has been active in the Sons and Daughters of Lake Inez, a homeowners group. He also worked on the Seeley Swan community survey which was completed last fall.

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The new council members: Who are they?



Addrien Marx

Addrien Marx and her family have lived in Seeley Lake for about nine years. They moved here from Shelby, Montana because "we wanted to get back to the mountains," she said.

Marx has been involved in many community activities. In addition to working for two community publications, the *Backwoods Press* and the *Ponderosa Press*, she was one of several people who organized the Seeley Lake Chamber of Commerce. She is currently the president of that organization, and has served as a director for six years.

Marx sees the community council as a "real unique vehicle" which the commissioners have given Seeley Lake.

"I think Seeley Lake people will make it work," she said, encouraging residents to bring their problems and solutions to the council which, in turn, can work with county commissioners in reaching various community goals.

Bud Berckmoes

Bud Berckmoes moved to Seeley Lake in 1974 and has been a real estate broker here since 1979. Before that, he worked as a sales manager for a Billings dairy, having been in the dairy business since he was 25 years old. Berckmoes currently operates Seeley Condon Realty in Seeley Lake, and is on the board of directors for the Lions' Club.

Berckmoes expects that sewer and water issues, along with land-use planning will likely be the major concerns of local residents. He believes the Community Council can help solve problems by improving communications with the Missoula county commissioners.



Bud Johnson

Bud Johnson has been the co-owner and manager of Timberline Building Materials in Seeley Lake since 1981. Johnson has been a resident of Seeley Lake "on and off" since 1949. He is a director of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Seeley Lake Fire District, and serves on the Architectural Committee of the Double Arrow Landowners Association.

One of the issues that will probably be addressed by the community, through the community council, will be a plan for future growth of the area. Johnson is adamant about the importance of planning. We shouldn't tear up the streets for improved roads one year, then later decide on a sewer system, and end up tearing up the streets again, he said, citing an example of what could happen without adequate planning.



Jeff Macon

Jeff Macon is a broker at Seeley Swan Realty, Seeley Lake. He first started the business here in 1979, after moving here from Colorado. Macon and his wife were raised in the Southern United States—Virginia and Georgia.

The first Seeley Lake Chamber of Commerce was organized by Jeff Macon, along with other local businessmen. Macon served two terms as Chamber president. He now chairs the Economic Task Force of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Missoula County Planning Board for about a year and is, also, involved in the local Lions' Club.

The first task of the Community Council, as Macon sees it, is to go through the bylaws step by step, addressing future council functions. During this organizational phase of the council, Macon sees an opportunity for the community to discuss various problems and "become familiar with the issues."

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Melvin Ketland

Melvin Ketland and his family originally moved to Seeley Lake in 1949 and lived here until 1962, when they moved to Oregon. He worked for Georgia Pacific until his retirement in 1983, when he moved back to Seeley Lake. He is now employed by Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc.

For 15 years, Ketland served on the Newport, Oregon, planning commission. His main concern for Seeley Lake is that people plan for future growth. He believes that orderly development is desirable, and he is also concerned about preventing pollution in the Valley.



Kent Brown

Kent Brown was raised in Lincoln, Montana, and served in the Air Force for many years, retiring in 1973. He and his family moved back to the Woodworth area east of Seeley Lake after his retirement and began operating the Kozy Korner Bar and Restaurant. He is also a guide for Kozy Korner Outfitters.

Brown has been active in many organizations, including the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, which he helped to organize; the Seeley Lake

Refuse Disposal District (he is chairman of that board) and the statewide Montana Outfitters and Guides Association.

Brown applied for a position on the community council because he feels that the outlying areas of the district need to be represented. The immediate goal of the council, he believes, will be to encourage community involvement.

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Frank and Geri Netherton of Country Things in Seeley Lake not only tripled the size of their clothing, gift and antique store, but added this unique ice cream parlor, featuring Goldsmith's Ice Cream.

Summer brings change along main street

Many businesspeople in Seeley Lake and Swan Valley have either remodeled or built new businesses this year. A large majority of those businesses are now landscaped, with flowers blooming profusely on many doorsteps and entryways.

The largest reconstruction project this year has taken place at Country Things, owned by Frank and Geri Netherton, Seeley Lake. What used to be the main stage station in Seeley Lake fifty years ago, is now one of the community's largest and busiest clothing and gift stores, complete with Goldsmith's ice cream and a soda fountain.

The new store, which opened on July 3, is at least three times the size of the original building, according to Geri. Frank and Geri designed the new store and completed much of the work themselves. Frank handcrafted all of the benches in the fountain area. He also laid the ceramic tile in that part of the store.

The clothing and gift area of the store is decorated with antiques, including oak furniture, collectible kitchen items and old tools which grace the rustic wood walls.

Frank and Geri made the decision to enlarge the building in hopes that Country Things would become a year 'round business.

They now offer a complete line of clothing, including everything from T-shirts to cotton dresses, with plenty of blouses, jackets, jeans and sweaters in between. Their new fall fashions are arriving, and the store is continually bustling with shoppers.

Over the past year, Geri has been in charge of the landscape committee of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. She feels, after this summer, that the committee might not be necessary. She praised other businesses for the way they have spruced up their property.

"It's happening better by people working together," she said, speaking of the banners and flowers now on display by nearly all of the main street businesses. Geri expressed the feelings shared by many local residents, proud of the steps taken to improve the community's appearance. But, she says, we still lack a major entertainment center to keep visitors in Seeley Lake.

"What we really need now is a playhouse," she laughed, talking about the theaters in Bigfork and Polson.

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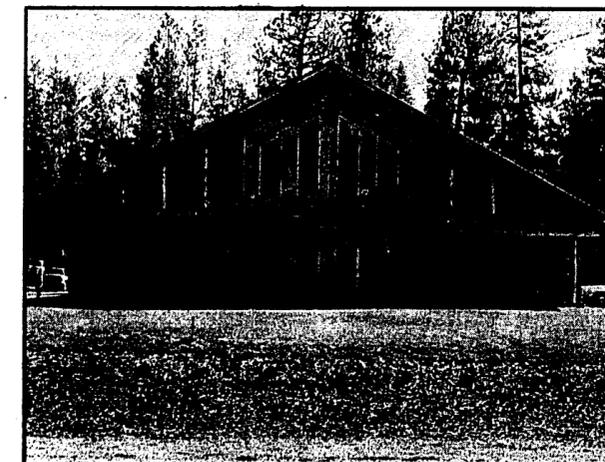
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Swan Valley Weather

July was the wettest July on record in the Swan Valley, according to weather observer Marty Kux, Lindbergh Lake. He recorded 3.06 inches of rain for the month. More than two inches of that precipitation came in one twenty-four hour period on July 21 and 22.

The previous high precip for July was 2.75 inches recorded in 1965. The lowest precip recorded in July was a trace in 1973.

A light snow blanketed the mountaintops one morning in July, but no snow was recorded in the Valley, according to Kux.

High temperature for July was 89 degrees Fahrenheit on the 30th. Low temperature was 38 degrees on both the 12th and the 20th. Average maximum temperature was 73.3 degrees; average minimum was 47.7. That compares to 1985's maximum average of 84.7 and minimum of 52.5. Overall, July 1987 was cooler and wetter than recent years.

CHICKEN
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Teresa Mahaffey returned from her trip to China, Hong Kong and Seoul, Korea in July. Here, she is pictured on the beach of the South China sea. Photo courtesy Teresa Mahaffey.

Trip to China again proves: It's a small world, after all

Halfway around the world from the Swan Valley, Montana, you wouldn't expect to be entertained by neighbors, but Teresa Mahaffey came close to doing just that.

While stopping over in Seoul, Korea with a United States volleyball team, Teresa and friends received a personal invitation to tour the offices of Liz Claiborne, world-famous fashion designer who also owns a ranch in the Swan Valley. Teresa worked at the ranch this summer before she left for the China trip.

Teresa, daughter of Bill and JoLynn Mahaffey, was chosen earlier this year to participate in athletic competition in China as part of an ongoing program of cultural exchange between the United States and various foreign countries.

Last year, Amy Hahn, also of the Swan Valley, participated in the athletic program. On her return flight, she recognized the voice of pilot Grover Ligon, her neighbor in the Swan Valley. Amy received a personal tour of the 747 jet—an event that made her trip seem pretty special, too. Both girls joked that, yes, it really is a small world after all.

Teresa enjoyed learning a little bit about the fashion industry, but she, and other athletes, also gained a wealth of knowledge about the culture of people in Hong Kong and China. Besides the obvious language differences, Teresa was impressed by the number of bicycles used for transportation and, of course, the snake soup which was offered one night for dinner. The teenagers visited the markets in Hong Kong, where everything from cats to live chickens was offered for sale. Teresa liked shopping for clothes. She bought new outfits for herself and friends. Jackets that might cost \$70 in America, sold for less than \$10 in Hong Kong.

In Canton, the group toured a porcelain factory where workers were hand-painting many beautiful dishes and gift items.

The U. S. volleyball team made a good showing in Canton, according to Teresa, but lost to the Chinese. The teams played outside, in 104-degree heat, with over 90% humidity.

"Those Chinese girls weren't even sweating," Teresa laughed.

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Len and Cindy Kobylenski have been finishing the details of a major remodeling project that began last summer at the Mission Mountains Mercantile in the Swan Valley. Their new store, complete with deck, picnic table and flowers, is more than twice the size of the former building.

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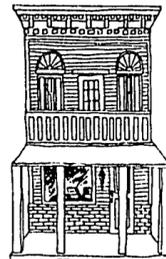
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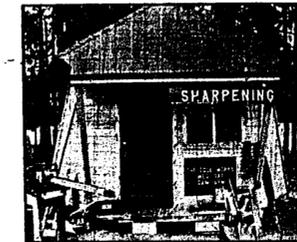
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KALS on air—again

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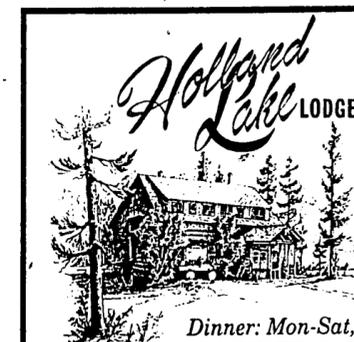


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Larson declines to run Candidates slated for water board election

Seven candidates have filed for five vacancies on the Seeley Lake Water Board and, in a surprise move, Don Larson, current board chairman, is not among them.

When asked about his decision not to run, Larson said, "I feel like the water board has come a long way in the last nine months." He cited his leadership in helping to instigate a more equitable rate structure through metering, initiating a leak detection program, and applying for a Community Development Block Grant. But, Larson points out that he has been active in a number of community organizations and "it is time to take a break." Larson has served on the water board since last fall, when he was appointed to fill the vacancy stemming from Roger Johnson's resignation.

Two candidates are running for two 4-year seats on the board: Dan Cainan and Bob Scott. Cainan is an incumbent and Scott is a former board member.

Five candidates are competing for three 2-year seats: Mary Adams, Gary Bender, Elizabeth Biggins, Bud Johnson, and Larry Richards. Adams and Bender are incumbents.

The election will be held on Tuesday, November 3.

Power rates to increase

Electric rates for customers of the Missoula Electric Cooperative will increase by about 6.5% effective September 20, 1987. The increase is directly related to higher prices implemented earlier this year by Bonneville Power Administration.

"We would prefer not to raise rates, but in light of the Bonneville Power Administration's increase, we have to—in order to meet our financial obligations," according to Harold Diesen, MEC's general manager.

The average residential consumer's bill of \$60.40 will increase to \$64.32. This is MEC's first increase to members in over four years, according to a recent news release.

Preliminary injunction against refuse district denied

District Judge Douglas Harkin, on Monday, denied a preliminary injunction against the new Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District fee schedule. The action against the refuse district was brought by attorney John Shulte on behalf of Ervin Gysler, Seeley Lake resident.

Although the injunction was denied, the judge was careful to inform Gysler that he hasn't yet lost his case, according to Shulte.

Gysler alleges that the new fee schedule for the Seeley Lake Refuse District is not in compliance with applicable Montana law. During Monday's hearing, Shulte explained that it appears the new fee schedule does not assess residents of the refuse district based on the type and volume of garbage they generate, especially for part-time residents and businesspeople.

Missoula County deputy attorney, Diane Conner, introduced a motion to dismiss Gysler's case on the basis that Gysler is not personally damaged by the new fee schedule. The people most affected are summer residents and businesses, she said. Gysler is a full-time resident who does not operate a business within the district.

The next action in the case will be a briefing on Conner's motion to dismiss. Judge Harkin asked John Shulte to submit an affidavit explaining how Ervin Gysler has been or will be damaged by the new fee schedule.

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

One bear-of-the-week story: seems a black bear in the Clearwater Valley has taken a liking to snowmobile seats. He ate a couple of them last week (yep, vinyl and all). So, the game warden set a trap to catch the vandal. Now, I've heard of bears who took a liking to grain, or dog food in the woodshed, but snowmobile seats? This guy needs help. We've seen a lot of critters moving in the woods this week. Several coyotes have been seen in the open meadows during mid-day. Their pelts will be prime in another month.

Saw a weasel run across the road Sunday. He was still brown. Maybe the snows will hold off until October.

Squirrels have been madly chasing each other through the treetops here. Seems to be an excellent cone crop. Before long, cone pickers will be searching the woods for the beginnings of the next decade's nursery stock.

The leaves of the cottonwood, aspen and serviceberry are turning yellow in many areas of the Valley. I've always heard that the cause is dry weather. We haven't had a hard frost yet, though there was snow along the Swan Crest again this week.

PASSAGES

Pastor Rob Morris
Community Bible Church
Seeley Lake

Summer is almost over and our search for rest in vacation time has, for the most part, fallen far short of our expectations and careful plans. In fact, I have seen quite a few mothers' calendars with "X"s marking the days off until school starts again. Many fathers are tired of the seemingly endless task of getting in the winter's wood and other jobs needing to be done before the snow flies or hunting season starts. Many of our children and teens are looking forward to the end of summer jobs or boredom.

I see a world that spends a major portion of its time seeking recreation and relaxation, yet few really find what they want or need. I have to confess that, at times, this summer I have fallen into this same category of unsatisfied pleasure-seekers. Then, a verse of Scripture came to mind. *Isaiah 40:31* says, "But, they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Local pastor serves retreat

Pastor Rod Kvamme of Seeley Lake will be the guest speaker at the annual Labor Day Weekend Family Retreat at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. The camp begins at noon on Saturday, September 5, and ends at noon on Monday, September 7. The theme for the weekend will be "A Call to Careless Discipleship."

The retreat is open to people of all ages and denominations. Room and board for each adult is \$35. Children attend at reduced rates. Registration may be made and further information may be obtained by calling 844-3201 or 752-6602.

Flathead Bible Camp is located three miles south of Lakeside, with 1200 feet of beautiful lakeshore. A newly remodeled dining room seats 150 people and meetings are held in a chapel overlooking the lake. Youth counselors will be available to conduct a special program for the children while the adults meet in their sessions. Afternoons are free for family recreation.

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In our quest for rest, we often leave out the Lord. We can sometimes find physical rest, but complete rest of mind and soul can only come as we wait on or draw near to God. Some of us have never looked to the Lord Jesus Christ as the One Who can provide the soul satisfaction needed to find true and everlasting rest. Jesus says in *Matthew 11:28*, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He gives us spiritual rest from the burden of our sins and guilt.

Others of us need to be reminded of another verse. *1 Peter 5:7* says, "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." You see, God has the power to take care of your problems and He really wants to, because He loves you. What's the catch? We just have to learn to wait upon the Lord and get to know Him by reading His Word. Curl up with your Bible instead of the latest novel or late movie on TV. Learn to share your problems, needs, and desires with the Lord through prayer and leave them for Him to take care of.

Don't leave the Lord out of your vacation or recreation plans. Find a church to worship in or have your own time in the Word. Then, you will really have the satisfaction of true rest.

Final outdoor worship set

The final outdoor worship service for this summer will be this Saturday, August 29, 7 p.m. at the Big Larch Campground. Pastor Rod Kvamme will conduct the lakeshore service, which will include a devotional message entitled "And a River Runs Through It."

Special music will be provided by Dave and Mary Jane Gustin. They will sing several numbers, including traditional and country gospel music.

The service will conclude the second summer for these outdoor services. Attendance has ranged from as few as 6 people to as many as 44. Valley residents, as well as tourists from distant places such as Texas, Ohio, and New York, have participated in the services.

Out of 22 services, only two were cancelled because of cold, wet weather. Pastor Kvamme extends a general invitation to this final outdoor service. Logs are provided. For more comfortable seating, bring your own blankets or lawn chairs, he said.

Rummage sale continues

Members of the Living Waters Catholic Communities are hosting a rummage sale at the Dry Dock in Seeley Lake. The sale will continue each day this week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Cornucopia by Michele Potter

There are several publications available from the Cooperative Extension Service about food preservation. The following information is from MONTGUIDE D-4 (Food Preservation)—MT8329 HRD, "Home Canning Pressures and Processing Times" by Andrea Pagenkopf, Food and Nutrition Specialist. Call your local county extension office for more information. For good results, always use up-to-date recipes and directions from reliable sources.

Altitude Makes the Difference: The boiling point of water depends on atmospheric pressure, not temperature. And the atmospheric pressure decreases as altitude increases. Thus, water boils at 212 degrees F at sea level, but it boils at lower temperatures in higher altitudes. Therefore, foods must be processed longer or at a higher pressure at higher altitude than at lower altitudes.

Most canning recipes give the processing time at sea level. This guide gives the processing time necessary for safe canning of many foods at Montana altitudes. These processing times are based on the heat-penetration studies of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Boiling Water Bath Canner: The bacteria in fruits and tomatoes can be inactivated in a boiling water bath because the natural acidity in these foods helps retard bacterial growth.

Generally, to adjust the processing time for canning with a boiling water bath canner, add one minute to the given processing time for every 1,000 feet of altitude if the recipe calls for 20 minutes or less. If the recipe calls for more than 20 minutes of processing, add two minutes for every 1,000 feet.

Pounds of Pressure to Use for Montana Altitudes

Altitude	Pounds of Pressure
2000-4000 feet	12
4000-6000 feet	13
6000-8000 feet	14
8000-10,000 feet	15

Pressure Canner: All vegetables, except tomatoes, and all meats have little natural acidity. They must be heated to a temperature of 240 degrees F before the spoilage and food poisoning bacteria are killed. You obtain this temperature only with a pressure canner or a pressure cooker. It takes 10 pounds of steam pressure at sea level to attain 240 degrees F. At higher altitudes, more pressure is needed. For every 2,000 feet above sea level, add one pound of pressure. In addition to the danger of losing foods from spoilage, there is also danger of poisoning by botulism unless foods are properly canned.

In our local area, questions or comments regarding food preservation can be directed to Carley Boulé, 677-2562.

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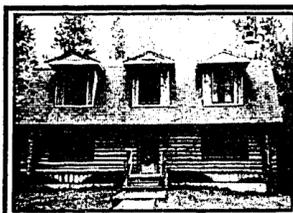
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**Gossard-Opie
wed**

Debbie Opie and Steve Gossard were united in marriage June 20 in a double ring ceremony at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Butte. The Rev. Steven Judd, cousin of the bride, presided.

Debbie is the daughter of Jim and Carol Opie of Butte. Steve is the son of Boyd and Pat Gossard of Seeley Lake.

Maid of honor was Michele Opie. Bridesmaids were Kris Opie, Jackie Gossard and Michele Davis.

Best man was Scott Gossard. Groomsmen were Ron Gossard, Tom Opie and Ross Lemons. Ushers were Jim Opie, Steve Opie and Roger Miller.

Flowers were carried to the communion table by the bride's grandmothers, Mrs. Helen Stefani and Mrs. Kay Mertzig and the groom's grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Gossard. The communion gifts were carried by the mothers of the bride and groom.

The bride, a 1984 graduate of Butte High School, has received an associate degree from Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology where she is majoring in business administration. She is also working for Bill Markovich Construction.

Steve, a 1982 graduate of Seeley Swan High School, attends Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, where he received his associate degree in Engineering Science in 1985 and will receive his bachelor's degree in Computer Science in December. He is also employed at the Montana Tech Research Center.

After a wedding trip to Glacier National Park, the couple is residing in Butte.

**Area youngsters
prepare to 'hit
the books'**

Most public and private schools in Montana open their doors next week as classes begin for the 1987-88 school year.

Schools in Salmon Prairie and Swan Lake open Monday morning, August 31 with a half-day of classes.

Ovando school children will also begin classes on Monday for grades K-8. Parents are encouraged to attend, along with students, for a full day of orientation.

Potomac School and Swan Valley, begin classes on September 1.

Greenough (Sunset School) begins classes on September 2.

Seeley Lake Elementary begins classes on September 1. Hot lunches will be served all week, and buses will run on their usual schedules.

Officials at Seeley Lake Elementary encourage new families to enroll their children as soon as possible. Teachers and staff will be at the school to begin organizing instructional programs this week.

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Lana is the daughter of George and Peggy Wolfe of Seeley Lake. Michael is the son of Bob and Marge Clark of Missoula and Chuck and Shirley Milliron of Tucson, Arizona.

The bride wore her mother's ivory satin dress for the occasion and carried a multi-colored bouquet. The bridesmaids were attired in tea-length floral print dresses and carried matching bouquets.

Attendants were Josie Jacobs, matron of honor, and Kathy Wann, bridesmaid. Serving as best man was Dave Scidrius, and Jim Fluri was the groomsmen. Singing two songs for the ceremony was the bride's cousin Rhonda Gullihan. She was accompanied at the electric piano by Karen Christy, the wife of another cousin, and Ruth Morris.

Following the ceremony, the bride and groom boarded a local seaplane and flew off amid sunny skies for a short tour of the area. After landing, they joined their guests at a reception for them at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. Guests included grandparents from Arizona and California and relatives from as far away as Alaska, Illinois and Ohio. Music was provided there by the country & western band of the groom's parents, Bob and Marge Clark.

Lana is a 1987 graduate from the Montana State University School of Nursing. Michael attended the University of Montana and is a graduate of Missoula VoTech.

The couple traveled to Oregon on a windsurfing honeymoon and will reside in Missoula.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Clark



Shakespeare in the Parks recently presented *Two Gentlemen of Verona* at Wapiti Lodge north of Seeley Lake.

"Gentlemen" a hit in Seeley

The Shakespearian troupe from Montana State University gave its annual performance in Seeley Lake last Friday evening at Wapiti Lodge. The weather was fine, the crowd was enthusiastic, and the performance—*Two Gentlemen of Verona*—was superb.

Gentlemen contains all the usual elements of Shakespearian farce: betrayal, denial, disguise, confusion—all miraculously converging toward a happy ending. There was nothing "usual,"

though, about the scripting and staging of the performance last week. Improbable costumes, outrageously funny slapstick (such as the "inflation" of the two title characters prior to the first scene, as though they were inflatable mannequins), and occasional "off-the-wall" dialog (including several references to Seeley Lake). Perhaps the most memorable moments were the soliloquies by Douglas MacIntyre about his dog (an enormous puppet which operated out of an equally large bag carried about by MacIntyre).

At the finale, the cast was given a well-deserved standing ovation by an appreciative audience. They wasted no time in dismantling their portable stage...on to Deer Lodge for a Saturday performance, then Great Falls, then Conrad, then Fort Benton, then... The show goes on in a different Montana town nearly every day. Hopefully, Shakespeare in the Parks will go on forever, especially in our town.

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Seniors plan trip

The Seeley Lake Senior Citizens group is planning an all-day trip to the Gates of the Mountains near Helena. A bus will leave Seeley Lake at about 9 a.m. on September 3. The boat trip on the Missouri through the Gates of the Mountains is scheduled for 2 p.m. Seniors will return to Seeley Lake later that evening.

For more information about participating in the tour, contact Margaret Stoner, 677-2388, or Ella Goodbread, 677-2572.



Ruby Crawford enjoyed cooking part of the dinner at the Senior Citizen Picnic last week near Seeley Lake.

Senior potluck held

About 15 people attended the 3rd Annual Senior Citizens Potluck held at the old Homestead Cabin in Seeley Lake on August 19. Besides the opportunity to relax and socialize, a barbecue and games of horseshoes and jarts highlighted the evening.

A short business meeting was held after the potluck. Board members for 1987-1988 are: Allen Chaffin, Herb Townsend, Lu Heinzmann, Lucille Johnson, Geri Anderson, Bonnie Lewis and Ellen Turner.

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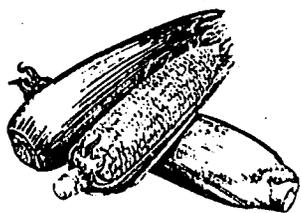


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