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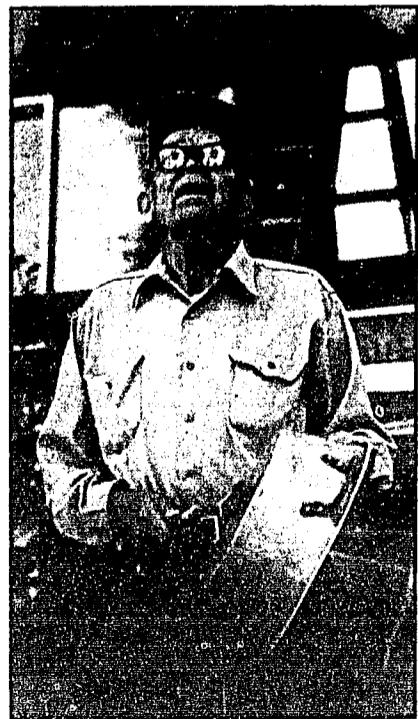
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Glacier Country may fund brochures

The slick, four-color brochures distributed over the past few years for the Seeley Swan area may soon be printed with the help of funds from the 4% bed tax, according to Glacier Country board member, Howard Uhl, Holland Lake.

Glacier Country expects to receive \$154,000 from the bed tax for use in promoting regional tourism during the current fiscal year (F.Y. 87-88). Board members have established a matching funds program of \$31,000 to help Western Montana communities pay for promoting local events or areas which encourage tourism.



Andy Hammer made plenty of "bear music" with this wash tub and spoon last Tuesday morning. The noise kept the young female black bear (pictured, this page) in a pine tree long enough for game warden Guy Shanks to arrive, tranquilize the critter, and move it to a more remote location.

Uhl, who is also on the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce tourism advisory committee, pointed out that Glacier Country might well pay half—or \$4,500—of the total cost of printing 50,000 of the Chamber's brochures this year.

Glacier Country board members—who represent seven Western Montana counties—will review some applications for the matching funds in October. Groups from Missoula, Libby and St. Regis are also expected to apply for matching funds, Uhl said. The Seeley Lake Chamber tourism committee is now developing a marketing plan, and finalizing other plans required by Glacier Country for groups applying for the matching funds.

In addition to the matching funds program, Glacier Country is tentatively planning a regional hospitality workshop for businesspeople and their employees, and a number of slide shows and other educational events. The group also plans to double the printing of their color *Glacier Country* magazine, which is distributed mostly out of state.

To help manage the \$154,000 coming to Glacier Country this fiscal year, the regional board also intends to hire an executive administrator. Of the six tourism regions statewide, Glacier Country generates the most tourist-related income, according to Uhl. Other regions, and the F.Y. 87-88 monies they will receive are: Yellowstone Country, \$121,000; Gold West Territory, \$114,000; Custer Country, \$90,000; Charlie Russell Country, \$79,000 and Missouri River Country, \$43,000. Glacier Country expects to receive \$250,000 from the 4% bed tax during the 1988-89 fiscal year.

Community Council to organize

Seeley Lake Community Council members will review council bylaws at their first organizational meeting on Monday, September 14, 7 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Fire Hall. Bud Johnson has been appointed by the Missoula County commissioners as acting chairman for this first meeting.



This young female black bear climbed a tree near the Andy & Beth Hammer residence in the Swan Valley last Tuesday morning. The yearling bruin had been raiding Condon-area gardens and garbage cans for several weeks. See related comments and bear stories

Natty Bumppo



OPINION

Double-Header

This week's issue contains two surveys: one is of surpassing importance and the other is of at least passing amusement.

The Chamber of Commerce can take credit for the more august collection of questions. There are a couple of solid reasons for the Chamber survey. Heretofore, the Chamber has, by default, occupied the role of chief political spokesman for the community. Since the Community Council appears destined to become our new political voice, the Chamber seeks to re-examine its mission. Secondly, support for the various Chamber-sponsored events throughout the year seems to wax and wane. Understandably, the Chamber directors want to identify, and weed out, those events which enjoy little or no community support.

Your help is sought in this task, whether or not you are a Chamber member. Chamber activities will continue to have a substantial effect upon every resident of the community, so it's highly appropriate to ask for everyone's opinion. Here's your chance to help set priorities. The Chamber's questionnaire is quite well thought out, and they are to be commended for both the product and the opportunity.

The other survey is the product of the state press association, and most of the papers in the state are participating. It consists of only two (somewhat irreverent) questions. Not to put too fine a point on it, this represents an assault

by the state's newspaper industry upon the state's television industry. The battleground is the advertising arena.

The press association believes that television ratings are highly misleading. Ratings are derived from the viewing habits of the hundred or so "Nielsen" families scattered randomly about the country. The Nielsen Company attaches a little black box to each of these television sets and the black box dutifully reports to the Nielsen computer as to who's watching what and when. So, if a particular program experiences high viewership, the program is an instant hit—and advertisers flock to place their dollars on it. However, the flaw in all this is that the little black box only reports that a TV set is on—not whether it's actually being watched.

This question becomes especially germane when commercials are being aired. Who among us hasn't seized the opportunity afforded by a commercial break to attend to more compelling matters? This may be particularly true for the low-budget, frequently sleazy commercials put together by local TV stations. So, Sports Fans, how do you spend those valuable moments when TV commercials are aired? Here's your chance to strike back.

The Chamber is uninterested in your TV viewing habits, so please direct their survey to them and the TV survey to us (via our respective mailing addresses or office locations). We'll regale you with the respective findings at a future date.

—Dick Potter

Gravel Pit: Yang

To the Editor:

Your paper missed a golden opportunity. Your September 3rd issue should have printed Jonathan Edward's letter in large "caps" on the front page, not the whitewash job entitled "crusher resumes operation."

Please investigate and, hopefully, answer the following questions:

1) Will the Double Arrow's land-owner's association take any action or investigate how and why "Cahoon flushed his covenants (which are laws) down the cesspool?"

2) Will the new Community Council take action or investigate how Cahoon broke, changed or ignored his covenants?

3) Will the local Chamber of Commerce take any action to investigate how covenants can be ignored? Can all of us now do it? Please tell us how! What attorney should we contact?

4) What is the reward for having a short-term gravel pit in Seeley Lake? This will have to be reported to the IRS, so let us in on it. When another stretch of road is graveled, let's all support a gravel pit on Mark Payton's property. I am sure he would like to know the finances involved.

At issue is: "Can covenants be changed or ignored?" Tell us how it's done!

Jim Ross
Seeley Lake

cannot divulge the name of this sponsor without their permission.

This race can, and will, be a great thing for our area and state if we get the support we got last year—and I feel we will. We need these family activities during the winter; our businesses need the economic boost. A community with thriving businesses will have thriving people.

Rovero's was the first in Seeley Lake, followed by Pyramid Lumber, and the Seeley Lake Liquor Store.

High Country Jerky from Lincoln was quick to respond with a nice sponsorship and two door prizes.

We appreciate all of these sponsorships and urge people to patronize these sponsors. Let our neighbors know we appreciate their support. The governor has written about his help in the promotion of this race—also, Hank Williams, Jr. We have one musher signed already (Jerry Scdoris). The bronze should be done in three weeks; twenty-five raffle tickets have been sold to date. I am in receipt of a large donation—and we are so grateful, but

If this event realizes its potential—and, it will if we see the same support we saw last year, a time will come when we don't have to look for a sponsor—they'll be coming to Seeley Lake.

Remember the quote from last year in another paper where someone said, "Seeley Lake is a great little town, but I don't think it has the manpower or resources to pull off a great race." Well, our race is still being talked about, and I believe we do have what it takes in manpower in Seeley Lake—and, as for the resources, we are going to give it our best shot.

Elinor Williamson
Seeley Lake "200" Committee

1st Entrant

To the Editor:

I received my official entry blank to the Seeley Lake 200 World Championship Mid-Distance Sled Dog Race today. What a grand achievement for a community the size of Seeley Lake! I feel partly responsible for your committee boldly proclaiming your race as the World Championship. I said at last year's awards banquet that I considered your race to be the National Championship and I considered my 5th place finish a major accomplishment—5th in the nation! Well, apparently, you folks took me seriously and took it one step further, the World Championship!

As a musher, I tip my hat to all of you, especially Elinor Williamson and Charlie, Jim Knowles and the Wilderness Sportsman's Club. Those individuals will end up working hundreds of volunteer hours for your community.

Sled dog racing is on the verge of exploding as a major network television event—your community is on the cutting edge of this sport. It requires a total community effort to make something this big a reality. What I observed during my week's stay in Seeley Lake was a town with pride and an identity. My family and I were treated like royalty. At times it was almost embarrassing because, frankly, that isn't at all how we are treated at most races. Suffice it to say, Seeley Lake is far and away the best race and town, with the warmest, most generous people in North America.

You deserve World Championship status. Now, as a community, prove it to the world.

Jerry R. Scdoris
Bend, Oregon

Happy Mushing, from Hank

(Editor's Note: The following letter is reprinted by permission of the author and the recipient, Elinor Williamson.)

Dear Elinor:

I would like to commend you and all the folks who are working with you to make the 1st World Championship

Sled Dog Race a success. I enjoy visiting my home in Montana as often as I can, and it makes me proud to know folks such as you care so much for the great state of Montana.

Good luck in your endeavors. I wish you all the very best, and I know you'll succeed in making sled dog racing a major Montana sport.

Hank Williams, Jr.
Paris, Tennessee



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Jim has been a welder since 1971. He's certified in pipe and plate and qualified in gas welding, stick (arc) welding and AC or DC helarc. Pepper Welding is a portable business, offering 24-hour service. Jim would rather go to people. "It's kind of hard for a cat (Caterpillar) to come to us," Sue joked.

Jim says he's worked with ranchers, loggers and other businesses in the area to weld equipment. Jim has also built security bars and truck beds; he's fabricated bumpers and grill guards. "The list can go on and on," he added. "I've even built a Louisiana smoker barbecue—everybody owns a barbecue in Louisiana." Jim's design for his smoker barbecue is somewhat sophisticated in that you can barbecue or smoke with it.

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The Wild Swan: A personal perspective

by Scott Crandell

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*** Chicken in peanut sauce is a family pleaser. Brown chicken pieces in oil, cook until tender, then remove. Sauté 2 cups onion in 2 tablespoons of the oil, then stir in 1/2 cup peanut butter, salt and pepper, and 2 cups water. Return chicken to skillet and simmer about 10 minutes. Serve on rice.

*** Don't worry if baked meringue layers break; they can be "glued" with butter cream or ice cream.

*** Zip up mayonnaise with coarse-grained Dijon mustard and grated Parmesan cheese for an easy dip for raw vegetables. Figure 3 tablespoons of each per cup of mayonnaise.

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But the Swan Valley that the Whitneys see today is far different than the area they enjoyed in the past. They have watched the region they once knew as rugged and untouched become changed by settlement, development, roads and, above all, logging.

"It makes you want to sit down and cry," Jack says of the state of the Swan today. Ursula agrees: "The Swan was once so wild and so open and had so few people. I hate to see what they've done to destroy it."

Jack points out that only a few areas in the peaks and high basins above the Valley remain untouched by humans, and he reels off a list of his old haunts that have been affected.

"As a conservationist and concerned person, probably few people alive know the Swan Valley like Jack."
—John Gatchell, Montana Wilderness Association.

"They're logging into Bethel Creek now, and they're high on Napa Ridge, and places I used to hunt on South Lost Creek. Up North Lost Creek, I used to hunt where there was no trail or nothing and, now, it's logged."

The river stretch from Porcupine Bridge to Goat Creek—a trek he has walked every step—draws Jack's attention. "On that stretch, on one side or another, it's been cut so game could not travel in a timbered area."

Jack cites areas where, in the past, he would go fishing and be sure to see elk tracks every day. "Now, I've gone a whole summer and only seen one elk track."

The chief culprit in degradation of the Swan, as the Whitneys see it, is large-scale clearcutting of timber. "We're not against logging but, heavens, it's got to be done right," Jack says. "It's got to be slowed down."

Jack, who began logging using a crosscut saw and horses (he, his father and brother built Flathead Lake Lodge, among other log buildings), advocates a return to smaller mills and more selective cutting.

The Bigfork couple decry the economics that lead to big industrial clearcut operations. "They'd drain Flathead Lake if they thought it was money," Ursula says in emphasizing the profit motive behind timber operations. "Maybe clearcutting in Oregon makes sense, but not here."

The effects of human pressure on fish, animals and birds have been noted, with regret, by the Whitneys.

Jack says logging along waterways "is a disaster to fishing and stream beds. A lot of the side streams in the Swan now are nothing but skid roads or log-

ing roads." He says he has experienced a decline in fishing over the years, and he criticizes fishery management efforts for concentrating largely on salmon.

Big game has fared no better in the eyes of Jack, a widely renowned bowhunter whose exploits dot the record books. (He notes that five goats, three cougars and a whitetail deer he bagged are listed in hunting record books, and one 505-pound black bear he shot was the largest in Montana ever brought down by bow and arrow. All of these he bagged in the Swan.)

Jack describes hunting in the Swan as growing gradually worse through the years. "Now it's down to bad."

Why? He attributes the decline to two factors: "There's probably 20-to-1 people hunting compared to what there was, and there's probably one in 20 areas with timber left to hunt. There's no way you can raise game in those situations."

Birds are another area of concern for the Whitneys, who are avid avian observers and founding members of the Flathead Chapter of Audubon Society.

Prime nesting areas for a variety of wildfowl have been impacted by logging, according to the Whitneys. Jack notes, as an example, that two pileated woodpecker trees were cut down in recent weeks.

Whitney once spent three years working with researcher Riley McLelland in the Swan and located 60 pileated nests, but pileated habitat, particularly in old-growth forest, is dwindling in the Swan.

"They've cut about 85 percent of the old growth in the Swan," Jack estimates. With resignation, he adds, "We don't have to worry too much about it any more because it's not going to be left to cut."

The Whitneys haven't been silent in



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the face of the changes overtaking the land they love and enjoy.

Describing themselves as environmentalists long before that term came into vogue, the Whitneys recall spearheading the fight to preserve what is now Jewel Basin Hiking Area in the north Swan Range.

They started pushing in the 1950s to preserve Jewel Basin from development, and it was almost a 20-year struggle before their efforts were rewarded. Ursula remembers heated opposition from sources such as the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, which conversely, now, touts Jewel Basin as a tourist attraction.

"We made a lot of enemies," Ursula says, and Jack adds, "I tell you what, they still know my opinion."

Many others also know Jack's opinion on wildland issues. He serves as an unofficial representative of Audubon at functions ranging from town meetings to Forest Service show-me trips.

The couple have been involved in a variety of Audubon projects since they helped charter the Flathead chapter in the mid-1970s. "By taking a stand on things, you can get things done," Ursula says.

The Whitneys have tried to get things done in large ways (backing Jewel Basin, speaking out against clearcutting) and small ones, such as building birdhouses.

The birdhouses—different types for different species—are crafted by Jack in the cluttered workshop at his Bigfork home. Working with wood has been his career (when he hasn't been on his frequent outdoor forays into the Swan) and over the years he's turned out moldings,



Scott Crandell photo.
Jack and Ursula Whitney—longtime protectors of "the Wild Swan"—have considered themselves environmentalists for many years. They make their home in Bigfork, and have spent a good part of their lives hiking, hunting and fishing in the Swan Valley.

His favorite destinations on his Swan wanderings are "all the cliffs and the alpine areas" where he has spent so much time hiking and hunting.

And, in spite of the changes he has seen wrought by logging and development in the Swan Valley, Jack is

cautiously optimistic that destructive practices will change and truly wild areas will remain in the Swan.

"It would be an awful sad day to know it would be impossible to go up there to the high alpine country and see a grizzly bear."

Everyone Welcome!
Saturday, September 12

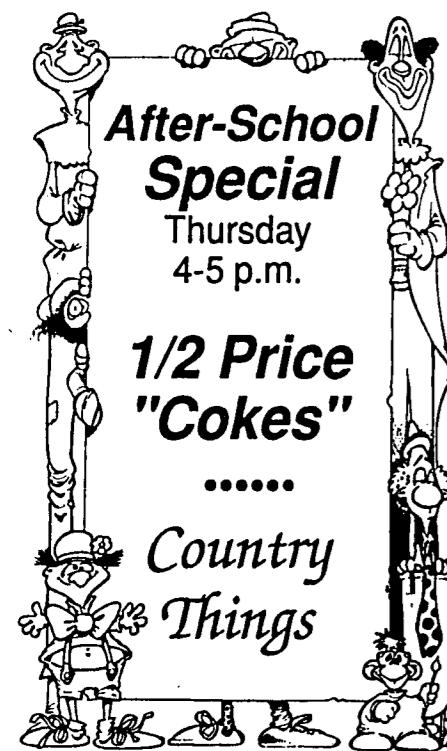
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Elk season opens in the Bob

Blackfoot has special elk regs

The early elk hunting season opens Tuesday, September 15 in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. Dozens of outfitters have been preparing their campsites in recent days. The elk are reportedly beginning to bugle in some areas of the backcountry.

Special elk hunting regulations affecting both archery and rifle hunters are in effect in two areas in the upper Blackfoot Valley this fall. The special regulations, making it illegal to shoot a spike bull elk, were proposed to the Fish and Game Commission by sportsmen from around the area. They hope that by protecting spike bulls, the opportunity to harvest "trophy" bulls will increase in the future.

The special elk regulations are in Hunting District (H.D.) 280, the Scapegoat Wilderness north of Lincoln, and H.D. 281, an area north of Highway 200 from near the community of Ovando to Rogers Pass.

The 1987 elk hunting regulations in these two areas are:

H.D. 281: Open September 5 through October 17. Archery only for branch-antlered bulls (BAB) or antlerless elk only. SPIKE BULLS ARE PROTECTED during this season.

H.D. 280: Open September 5 through September 14. Archery only for BAB or antlerless elk only. SPIKE BULLS ARE PROTECTED during this season.

September 15 through November 30, Rifle or archery hunting for BAB elk, except permit holders may take an antlerless elk. SPIKE BULLS ARE PROTECTED during this season.

The legal definition of a branch-antlered bull is "any elk having an antler or antlers with a visible branching of one or more extensions from the main antler. An extension or branch on at least one side must be four inches in length or more measured from the main antler."

These special hunting regulations are also in effect in H.D. 215, east of Deer Lodge during both the archery and rifle seasons.

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

One bear shot, one relocated last week

Several bear stories this week. The biggest one (bear, that is) was seen, and shot, near Guest Ranch Road in the Swan Valley. Game warden Guy Shanks said the large male bear had been repeatedly tipping over beehives in the area.

Despite aversive action, the bear continued to harass the bees. Shanks said he told Bill Alexander, who owns the property where the bees are, to go ahead and shoot the bear.

Unfortunately, Shanks said, Montana law classes bees as livestock. As the game warden, he would have had to shoot the bear, anyway. Additionally, with hunting season opening on Saturday, it was likely the bear could have been legally shot. It had been seen in a number of areas, snooping in dumpsters and garbage cans.

Shanks estimated that the large bear weighed "300 pounds or better" and that it was at least 10 years old.

Shanks was kept pretty busy in the Swan Valley last week. On Tuesday morning, he tranquilized a yearling female black bear. The critter had "cut a pretty wide swath" through the Swan Valley in recent weeks, he said. Most recently, the bear had taken to raiding gardens and garbage cans. Andy and Beth Hammer, who live on the Swan River, kept the bear up a tree Tuesday morning so that Shanks could come and move the bruin. They feared that the young bear was getting a little too friendly, and it might have been shot when hunting season opened on Saturday. Shanks moved the bear to Crane Mountain.

In other bear news, there have been several reports of blacks, and even one grizzly, coming into the Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal Site near Woodworth. At last count, rumors put the number at about 13 bears in one night. (I don't think I'd want to be the person counting!)

Our neighbors saw a young black bear not far from the Beaver Creek Road last week. Other friends have seen bears this week on the Glacier Creek road. The large one in that area reported about two weeks ago was likely the ten-year-old male that was recently shot, residents say.

Grizzly encounters

by Scott Crandell

In a career of hunting in the Swan, Jack Whitney has bagged every big-game species except the grizzly bear.

Grizzlies, though, have caused "a lot of exciting moments" for the Bigfork outdoorsman, often while he was hunting other species—and competing with the bear.

Whitney recalls one incident where a grizzly sow took away an elk. Whitney had shot while bowhunting. "It was a world-record bull elk, but she (the grizzly) got it," Whitney says.

After the elk took Whitney's arrow, it headed into the woods, so Whitney followed its trail. "Then this grizzly bear cut in ahead of me on the blood trail," Whitney says.

Figuring a lone bear could be scared off, Whitney got up about 30 yards from her, making a commotion and even firing an arrow into a nearby tree.

"She was standing there and clicking her teeth and slashing the alpine, and then I come to find out she had cubs," Whitney remembers. The human hunter also discovered he was between the sow and the cubs.

"I didn't know there was cubs in there, or I'd have been long gone," Whitney says. The sow took off briefly up the elk's trail, but the cubs stayed behind and followed Whitney.

"I spent three hours in there with the cubs and climbed three different swaths," Whitney says—but he had to surrender his record elk to the bruins.

That wasn't the only occasion he and a grizzly competed. On another hunt, Whitney and a grizzly both ended up tracking a trophy mountain goat he had shot.



"I always have a tree picked out with no limbs on it so they won't get in the way if I have to climb," Whitney recalls. "I figure God put trees there for a reason."

In that encounter, Whitney salvaged the trophy but not the meat, which would have required a second trip.

In his lifetime of hunting the Swan, Whitney has always approached grizzlies and their territory with respect. "I know when I go in there, I'm in their area, not mine," he says.

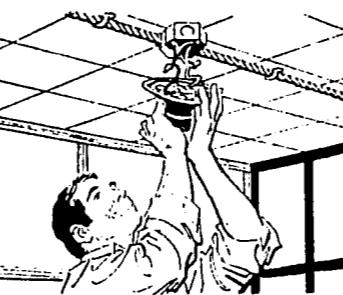
While camping out, he has had bears dig holes all the way around his camp.

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CHAMBER SURVEY

The Chamber's Board of Directors needs your help! We want to set goals and priorities which you, the community, will support. In order to do this, we would like to have your opinion on the following items. You need not be a Chamber member to fill out this survey. Your answers will have a significant impact on the future direction of the Chamber, so please consider your answers carefully. If we find through this survey that a project does not have enough support, the project will be eliminated. Please complete this survey (if you need more space for comments, use an extra sheet of paper) and return it to the Chamber. You may drop it off at the Chamber office or mail it to the Chamber at P.O. Box 516, Seeley Lake, Montana 59868.

CHAMBER MEETINGS:

- How often do you think the Chamber membership should meet? (Check One):
 Once/year; Twice/year; Four times/year; Every two months; Every month
- What time would you like the meetings to be held? (Check One):
 7 am; 8 am; Noon; 6 pm; 7 pm; Rotate times

CHAMBER PROJECTS OR RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- Please rate the following events by checking either *Not Worthwhile* or *Worthwhile*. If you think an event is *Worthwhile*, please check if you would contribute time or money or both to help make the event a success.

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| YAMAFEST | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Time; <input type="checkbox"/> Money |
| Sled Dog Race(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Time; <input type="checkbox"/> Money |
| O.S.C.A.R. X-C Race | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Time; <input type="checkbox"/> Money |
| "Vacationland" Ad Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Time; <input type="checkbox"/> Money |
| Brochure Ad Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Time; <input type="checkbox"/> Money |
| Annual Banquet | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Time; <input type="checkbox"/> Money |
| Citizen of the Year* | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Time; <input type="checkbox"/> Money |
| Barney Bowles Scholarship* | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Time; <input type="checkbox"/> Money |
| Prairie to Peaks Triathlon | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Time; <input type="checkbox"/> Money |
| 4th of July Parade | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Time; <input type="checkbox"/> Money |
| Santa Claus | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Time; <input type="checkbox"/> Money |
| Community Clean-up | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Time; <input type="checkbox"/> Money |
| 4 Wheeler Family Fun Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Time; <input type="checkbox"/> Money |
| T.O.S.R.V. Bike Tour | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Worthwhile; <input type="checkbox"/> Time; <input type="checkbox"/> Money |

*Citizen of the Year (Cost is \$35.00); Barney Bowles Scholarship (Cost is \$100.00)

- Please list any other projects you would like the Chamber to sponsor and indicate how you would help with the project(s):

- Every year the 4th of July Parade and related activities costs the Chamber money rather than making money or breaking even. (This year, the loss was over \$500.) However, the Parade is a source of enjoyment for local residents and brings hundreds of visitors to the area, which benefits the local economy and helps to promote the area. With these facts in mind, do you think the Chamber should continue to sponsor the 4th of July Parade?

Yes; No

- If yes, would you be willing to make a cash contribution to help cover expenses for the 4th of July project? (Check One):

No; \$5.00; \$10.00; More than \$10.00

- Do you have any other ideas on ways to pay for this project in order to make it bigger and better each year?

- If a member, would you accept higher memberships dues in lieu of fundraisers?

Yes; No

If no, please list alternatives _____

INFRASTRUCTURE INVOLVEMENT

- Should the Chamber be actively involved in issues regarding the following basic services to the community?

WATER Yes No; SEWER Yes No; SCHOOLS Yes No
REFUSE Yes No; ZONING Yes No; MEDICAL CARE Yes No
LAW ENFORCEMENT Yes No; FIRE PROTECTION Yes No

- Should the Chamber have responsibility to take a stand on controversial issues (such as the seaplane base or the gravel pit on Highway 83)?

Yes No

ADVERTISING/PROMOTION:

- Where should the Chamber concentrate its advertising/promotion dollars? (Check as many markets as you think we should advertise in.)

None; Local; Regional; State; National; International

PRIORITIES:

- Please rate the following items according to their importance to you by writing a number in the space next to the item. Number 1 would be most important, number 2 would be next, and so on, with 5 being the lowest priority.

- Being involved in infrastructure issues
- Sponsoring promotional events to bring visitors to the area
- Advertising to attract new businesses or industry to the area
- Aiding new or existing businesses (e.g., Small Business Council)
- Advertising to attract visitors
- Other (please list): _____
- I am a Chamber member; I am not a Chamber member

Thank you for completing this survey. The deadline for returning surveys is Thursday, September 24, 1987. Results will be announced at a general membership meeting in the near future. Please sign this survey.

Signature _____

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COMMUNITY

Veterans rep can help cut red tape

If you're a veteran and have ever applied for benefits, you know what a hassle the "red tape" can become. Len Leibinger, Montana Veterans Representative from Missoula, knows all about ways to speed up processing of government forms.

"I'm paid to fight bureaucracy, so that veterans don't have to," he said recently. Leibinger stops in Lincoln, Ovando and Seeley Lake every other month to help veterans with various claims. He spends a lot of time helping vets file for home loan guarantees,

medical, disability and pension benefits and make appointments at V.A. hospitals around the country.

Leibinger will be at 1st Valley Bank in Seeley Lake on September 16. He arrives there at about 2:45 and will stay as long as vets need assistance. If nobody is there waiting, he usually leaves about 3 p.m.

Leibinger also stops at Lincoln (10 a.m. to noon), Senior Citizens Center and Ovando (1:30 to 2 p.m.), Post Office when he makes his bi-monthly rounds. No appointments are necessary. Veterans should just "show up" at the scheduled time and place, he said.

For more information about services, call the Montana Veterans Affairs office, 543-2501, Missoula.

Business Briefs**Seeley Swan Realty gains new sales-woman**

Elinor Williamson recently joined Seeley Swan Realty in Seeley Lake as a sales associate. She says she looks forward to helping people find "just the right property." Williamson and her husband, Charlie, have lived in Seeley Lake for nearly three years. She has been active in the Chamber of Commerce and Wilderness Sportsman's Club.

Alpine Café open year 'round

Roger Briclein of the Alpine Café and Motel, Swan Lake, reminds folks that he is open year 'round. The Alpine Café and Motel was featured in a recent *Pathfinder* Business of the Week which mentioned summer hours. According to Briclein, "We're open in the winter, too."

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Sheila Devins (right), along with three avid fans of the Seeley Lake Preschool Story Hour (Blaise Devins, left, Ryan Plum, center, and Riley Devins, right), presented Sheri Lee (far left) with a new book recently. Sheri has resigned her position as bookmobile librarian after nine years of serving residents of the Blackfoot Valley and Seeley Lake. The youngsters autographed the storybook, which is based on Robert Frost's poem, *Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening*.

Adult Ed to include aerobics

An aerobics class will be held at the old gym in Seeley Swan High School beginning Monday, September 21 and continuing through November 30. The class is part of an adult education program sponsored through the Missoula Vocational-Technical School.

Classes will be held on Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Patti Bartlett Dunlap will be teaching the course. There is a fee of \$17. Interested persons may pre-register by calling the Seeley Swan High School, 677-2224.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Events

Sept 11-13, Swan Lake Distance Running Camp, Swan Lake.
Sept 14, 15, 16, Senior Nutrition Program, Noon Lunch, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
Sept 17, 200th Anniversary of the Signing of the United States Constitution.

Public Meetings

Sept 14, SOS Mtg, 7pm, Health Center, Seeley Lake.
Sept 15, Seeley Lake Fire District Mtg, 7:30pm, Fire Hall, Seeley Lake.

Sept 16, AA Mtg & Alanon Mtg, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.

Other

Sept 16, Bookmobile, Potomac School, 10-11:30am; Sunset School, 12-1pm; Clearwater Junction, 1:30-2:30pm; Seeley Lake, 3-5:30pm.

Sept 16, Montana Veteran's Rep., 1:30-2pm, Post Office, Ovando; and 2:45pm, First Valley Bank, Seeley Lake.

Sept 17, Bookmobile, Seeley Lake Elem, 9am-Noon; Seeley Lake Town, 12:45-2:30pm.

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Swan Valley Community Library, Weds, 10am-6pm; Sat, 10am-3pm, Condon.

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Les Meyer made this touchdown for the Seeley Swan Blackhawks late in the fourth quarter during the season opener against St. Regis here last Friday afternoon. St. Regis won the game: 50 to 14.



B-tags available to archers

Archery hunters may purchase B deer licenses for two hunting districts in Western Montana. The areas are Hunting District 260, along the Bitterroot and Clark Fork river bottoms and Hunting District 290 near Ovando.

Only archers may hunt deer in these districts. The B licenses are good for antlerless whitetail deer in H.D. 260 and either-sex deer in H.D. 290. The licenses may be purchased for \$6.00 at the Missoula office of Fish, Wildlife and Parks through January 3, 1988. Licenses for H.D. 260 may also be purchased from some Missoula and Bitterroot Valley license dealers.

The archery deer season in district 260 runs from September 5 continuously through January 3, 1988. District 290 is open from September 5 through October 17, and October 25 through November 29. Hunters may use their A and/or B licenses during these periods.

Most of these hunting districts are private land and hunters must obtain permission before hunting.

Pine beetle meeting

An information session concerning present and future mountain pine beetle epidemics in the Swan Valley will be held for private landowners having lodgepole pine and ponderosa pine on their property. This session, sponsored by the Forest Service and the Department of State Lands will begin at 7 p.m., September 24 at the Swan Valley Community Hall at Condon.

The session is designed to inform landowners of the current mountain pine beetle cycle, timber stands and species of trees most susceptible to attack and several techniques available to reduce further impacts.

For more information call Glen Gray at the Swan River State Forest, 754-2301 or Barry Bollenbacher, Swan Lake Ranger District, 837-5081.

Rivers closed to salmon fishing

The Flathead River, the North, South and Middle Forks of the Flathead, and the Swan, Stillwater and Whitefish Rivers and their tributaries are closed to salmon fishing until October 15, 1987.

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Country schools:

Salmon Prairie kids have "best attitude"

Peggy Perna, a South Carolina and Georgia native, wasn't even sure that one-room country schools still existed until she applied for a teaching job at Salmon Prairie school in the Swan Valley earlier this year. But, as a co-teacher for the 16 students here, she is really excited about her first year in a country school.

"It is so refreshing to be in a place where you have so few discipline problems. These kids have the best attitude," Perna said recently. She pointed out that most southeastern schools have anywhere from 30 to 35 students per class and discipline problems are common.

Perna's partner at the rural Swan Valley school is Hazel Jones. She is anything but a stranger to country schools. As a child, she attended a one-room school from first through fifth grade and, for the past two years, she was the only teacher at a one-room school with seven students about 30 miles from Big Sandy, Montana.

Jones is a Montana native, raised in Conrad. She was raised on a Montana ranch, and her family still raises "cattle, wheat and sheep," she said. She added that she will always consider the ranch her "home." Jones will be teaching the first through fourth grade at Salmon Prairie. She especially enjoys sharing her rural past with her students.

"Every child ought to know about sheep," she laughed. "We'll have a huge sheep bulletin board next spring."

Both teachers, beginning their first year in the Swan Valley, are exuberant about their careers. Hazel Jones is accustomed to country ways, but she was a little tired of fighting the mud and bad roads on the long drive to the Eastern Montana school where she taught last year. Salmon Prairie isn't remote at all, she chuckled.

Swan Valley



Peggy Perna (left) and Hazel Jones (right) are the new teachers at Salmon Prairie School this year. As of Friday, September 4, sixteen students were enrolled at the country school.

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Swan Lake to host running camp

Marathon runners will receive training at the Swan Lake Distance Running Camp set for September 11-13 in Swan Lake. Tom Raunig, track coach and fitness instructor, may be contacted for more information at 721-6667, Missoula. Subjects to be covered at the camp include training, racing, equipment, nutrition, alternative training, biomechanics, injury treatment, injury prevention, stretching and running physiology. A 5-kilometer handicapped race will also be run. Runners unable to attend the camp may enter only the race for a separate fee.

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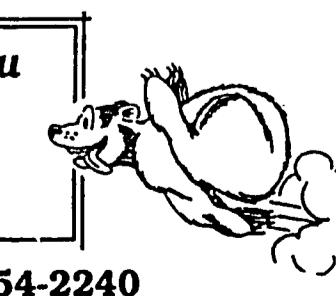


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The journey is not ended. You must allow yourself even closer so this cross takes its shape on your heart. Then, and only then, will this cross become a banner of victory, forgiveness and joy. We must get so close so as to see beyond it the resurrected Jesus, arms still outstretched, saying here lies love and glory forever. "Jesus keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain; free to all a healing stream—flows from Calvary's mountain."

Salmon fishing is good, and getting better in Placid and Seeley Lake. The nice weather over Labor Day weekend was more conducive to water skiing than fishing, though.

Swan Valley

River fishing is great, according to some fly fishing enthusiasts. We've had a couple of frosty nights, but the sun still brings out the bugs by late afternoon.

Reports of fair to good fishing in the higher mountain lakes right now. Spinners are working well.

The little creeks are also excellent for pan-sized trout. Beware of restrictions now, though, as the bull trout begin to spawn.

Fishing Report

Seeley Lake

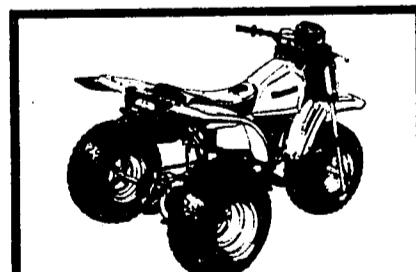
Folks stopping by Dan's Discount in Seeley Lake last week brought in a nice 8-pound, 11-ounce rainbow. It didn't look quite like a "planter," though, according to local fishermen. Seems it had all the markings—notched fins and such—but the color was "silver-ish," like the Blackfoot River rainbows. Could it be the rainbows are leaving Seeley Lake, and then returning? Or, is somebody telling fish stories again?!

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No objective student of American history can deny that America's roots as a nation are solidly Christian. The Founding Fathers held life, liberty, and property to be God's gift to man. The Continental Congress ordered 20,000 Bibles to be printed and distributed throughout the nation during the Revolutionary War, and Article I, Section 7, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution explicitly states "Sundays excepted" in outlining when a bill becomes a law without the President's signature. The United States Supreme Court on February 29, 1892, in the case of Holy Trinity Church vs. United States, unanimously declared, "This is a Christian nation!" It was common practice for the Congress to have a day of prayer while the Revolutionary War was being fought to invoke the God who controls the destiny of nations.

The men to whom we look as founders of this nation were well-educated scholars. The Pilgrims were intimately familiar with their Bibles, and they understood the idea of separated powers in civil government as found in the Holy Trinity and mentioned in *Isaiah* 33:22, "For the Lord is our judge (Judicial Department), the Lord is our lawgiver (Legislative Department), the Lord is our king (Executive Department); he will save us." (Parentheses added.) This concept of "checks and balances" is what we find incorporated, on a horizontal basis, in our Constitution.

The concept of representative government and the qualifications (vertical relationship to God) is found in *Exodus* 18:21 as Jethro counsels Moses concerning the government of the Israelites: "Moreover, thou shalt provide out of all

the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens." This is nothing more than the American idea of local self-rule and the division of civil government into local, state, and national levels.

The concept of a national-federal (states and nation) system of government called the "dual form" is again based on a great, if not the greatest of all Biblical principles—the two great commandments stated in *Matthew* 22:37-40: "Jesus said unto him, Thou shall love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first great commandment. And the second is like it, Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." The first, the vertical relationship between God and man; the second, the relationship between man and man. Our Constitution of the United States of America—the greatest of the political scriptures—ultimately depends on the Holy Scriptures concerning the liberty of all freemen.

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:

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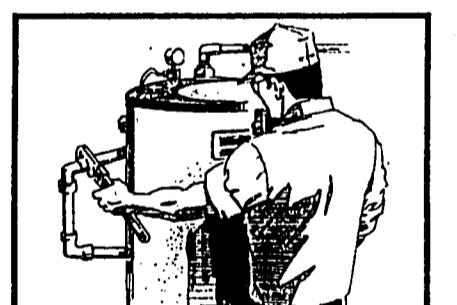
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Cornucopia by Michele Potter

Italian Squash or courgette—just different names for the familiar zucchini. No matter the weather, zucchini never seems to suffer. I stopped by a produce truck in Seeley Lake the other day. They had plenty of zucchini, of course. I asked why the zuke price was so low. The attendant groaned, "They just grow and grow—we just want to get rid of them." To say the least, there seems to be an abundance of recipes for this bountiful vegetable. Although a source of potassium and Vitamin A, zukes do not rank high in either. Interestingly, zucchini is about 95% water; it's also low in calories raw, steamed or stir-fried. Start adding other ingredients to it and the calories soar. Fortunately, zucchini can be added to just about any recipe! Hazel Ford of Seeley Lake contributed this Chocolate Zucchini Cake recipe.

Chocolate Zucchini Cake

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1/2 cup butter or margarine | 2-1/2 cups flour |
| 2 eggs | 4 tablespoons cocoa |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla | 1 teaspoon baking soda |
| 1-3/4 cup sugar | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1/4 cup vegetable oil | 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon |
| 1/2 cup sour milk | 1/2 teaspoon cloves |
| 2 cups unpeeled, grated zucchini | |

Pre-heat oven to 325 degrees F. Grease and flour a 9x13 pan or tube or bundt pan. Cream together butter, eggs, vanilla and sugar. Add vegetable oil and sour milk. Stir together flour, cocoa, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and cloves. Add liquid mixture. Mix well. Blend in zucchini. Bake 40-45 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool on rack.

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Q. How will cookies be affected by substituting whole wheat flour for all-purpose flour? A. For most cookie recipes, you can substitute an equal amount of whole wheat flour. For best results, though, use recipes tested with whole wheat flour. Drop, molded, pressed or refrigerator cookie dough may spread more during baking and have a coarser texture than cookies made with all-purpose flour.

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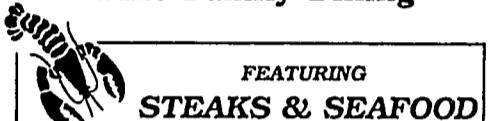
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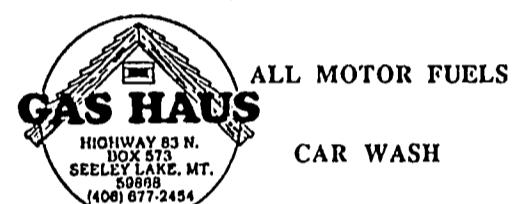
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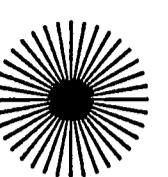
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For additional details, call Frank E. Weber, (801) 530-5965.

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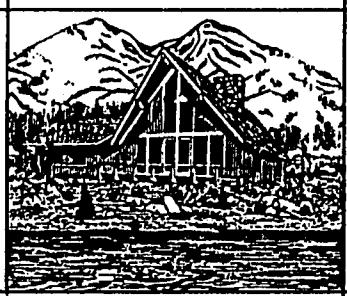
DRIFTRIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB MEETING NOTICE

The Driftriders Snowmobile Club's first meeting of the fall season is scheduled for October 12, 1987, 7:30 p.m., Seeley Lake Community Hall.

All members and anyone wishing to become a member are urged to attend. There will be two main topics on the business agenda. The bylaws* have been revised and will need the vote of the membership. Also, there will be an election of officers for the coming year. Everyone should be present to help with this election.

*Note: Several copies of the revised bylaws are at the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce office. Questions regarding the revised by-laws will be answered at the meeting.

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Staff members and students will be dressing in appropriate costumes for the occasion. Local residents are invited to the school for the afternoon events.

At Salmon Prairie and Seeley Lake Elementary, students are also planning special events for the day. Contact local schools for specific assembly times.

PTA begins membership drive

The Swan Valley PTA is beginning their annual membership drive. Students in various classrooms compete against each other in soliciting memberships. The class with the largest percentage of PTA members wins an ice cream party. The next PTA meeting is October 6, 1:30 p.m. at the school.

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