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Community gears up for winter events

by Suzanne Vernon

Volunteers from Seeley Lake and surrounding communities are gearing up for winter recreation events that begin during the first week of January.

Although the Seeley Lake 200 World Championship Sled Dog Race isn't scheduled until late January, Elinor Williamson of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club is probably one of the busiest volunteers in town. She has been selling tickets at \$100 each for the sled dog bronze, valued at \$4,000, which will be raffled following the race. The money from the raffle will go toward the race purse goal of \$25,000.

But Williamson isn't just promoting the sled dog race.

"I just want to urge people to get involved in all of these community activities," Elinor said enthusiastically on Monday.

The Chamber of Commerce is helping to coordinate a Winter Carnival which will be held on January 30 and

31. The Beard Contest, held in conjunction with the Carnival, is one event that people need to get involved in right now, Williamson said.

"We might not have much snow on the ground, but these events are going to be here before we know it—and so will the snow. Now's the time to get involved," she said.

The Driftriders' snowmobile club is hosting the annual Montana Snowmobile Association State Ride Convention in Seeley Lake January 9 and 10. Approximately 150 people are expected to participate in trail rides and related activities.

YAMAFEST begins on January 15 and continues through that weekend. Several clubs and organizations, along with Yamaha snowmobile dealers from around Western Montana will be helping to organize that event, which includes contests and trail rides for people of all ages.

The Seeley Lake World Championship Mid Distance Sled Dog Race will be held January 28 through 31. Winter Carnival events, including the beard contest, ice skating, sledding hills, dog pulls (skijoring) and snowball baseball are also scheduled for that weekend.

The OSCR 50 kilometer Nordic Ski Race is scheduled for February 6, and that group has already been working to organize their activities.

Snowmobilavous, an annual snowmobile festival sponsored by the Seeley Lake Driftriders, will be held February 13-15. The Annual Snow Dance at Holland Lake Lodge will also be held that weekend.

The Snow Joke Half-Marathon, a winter foot race around Seeley Lake, will be held on February 27, winding up the winter recreation events in the Clearwater and Swan valleys.

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So, where's the snow?

by Suzanne Vernon

Even though Seeley Lake is only one of about three places on the Montana map with snow this month, people are still wondering what happened to the snow that we usually have on the ground here in December.

Phil Kumm, weather service specialist from the National Weather Service, has been so swamped with inquiries that he's taken a humorous approach to answering questions.

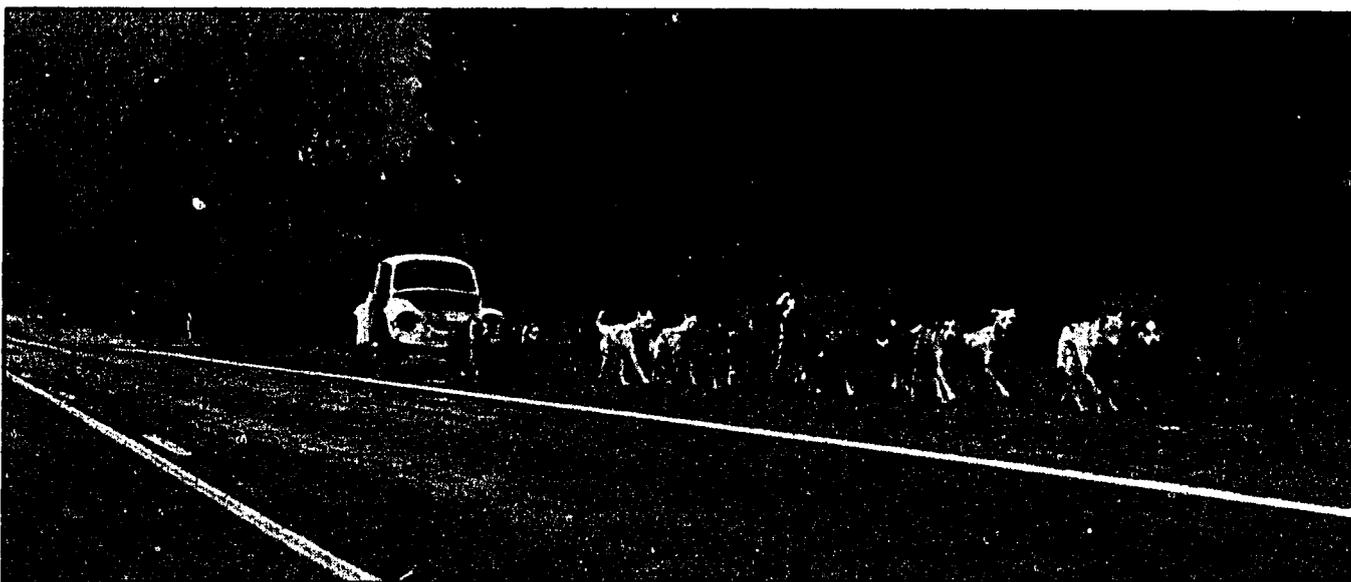
"You've got dry snow in Seeley Lake—it's called dirt," he chuckled on Tuesday.

Kumm was reluctant to make any long range predictions about what sort of winter we may have this year. In fact, he finds it hard to predict any snow at all in the next few weeks.

"We'll have a few scattered showers through this weekend, but nothing to write home about," he said. The ten day outlook shows below normal temperatures and little or no precipitation.

"Nobody is too worried about the temperatures, but everybody wants snow," he said. "Maybe we'll get a white Christmas—but that's only a maybe."

He added that the only official reporting station in Montana with snow on the ground on Tuesday was West Yellowstone with four inches of the white stuff. The Seeley Lake Ranger Station and the weather station at Lindbergh Lake in the Swan Valley each had about three inches of snow on the ground, also on Tuesday.



Local residents are getting ready for winter recreation, in spite of the lack of snow in many areas. This photo of Bruce Graham exercising his sled dogs was taken several weeks ago near Seeley Lake. The Seeley Lake Ranger Station now reports about three inches of snow on the ground. Photo by Michele Potter.

From stump to mill: 25 years of logging in Seeley Lake — page 4

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A White Christmas...

appears problematical, but it will surely be a Merry Christmas. The local merchants are doing their usual excellent job of brightening up the town for the holiday season. (The accompanying letter from a Polson couple confirms that our merchants do an excellent year-round job of brightening up things.) It is also the time of year when our merchants invest heavily in all sorts of holiday merchandise—counting on us to do Christmas shopping with them. Yet, how many of us cling to the notion that a trip to Missoula (or Kalispell) is required to satisfy the Christmas shopping list? Sadly, all too many. It's sad not only because it does our economy a disservice, and not only because we are letting down our friends and neighbors who happen to be local merchants—but, it's sad because local bargains are frequently overlooked. Just a few days ago, one of our local merchants was demonstrating for your editor that certain regularly-priced items in Seeley Lake are lower in price than the

same sale-priced items at a national chain store in Missoula. Then, there is the daunting prospect of the maddening crowds of Missoula and the parking pandemonium.

So, let's help make it a merry Christmas for everybody—and support our merchants.

Racing Report

Elinor Williamson has provided another of her fine, spirited letters in today's issue. Elinor has been devoting countless hours toward the promotion of the Seeley 200 sled dog race. Elinor is a human dynamo and her letter really doesn't do justice to all the publicity she has garnered for us. We all owe her a great debt of gratitude—as we do for all the other dedicated individuals who are laboring mightily to make us the Sled Dog Capital of the "Lower 48."

Her plea is simple. Let's all turn out and support this event to the utmost—just like we did last year. It's a lot of fun, we can all take pride in it, and it does a lot of good for the community.

—Dick Potter

The Huskies are Started

The First World Championship Seeley 200 is going full-steam and will be here January 28-31. This is a great event not only for Seeley Lake and the Swan Valley—but, for all of Montana. We need your participation and your enthusiasm.

Our area is, and will be, receiving a lot of publicity. Camera crews from two TV stations will be here, and *PM Magazine* of Spokane is interested in doing a story on our community and our race. The reason for this publicity is that we worked for it and, when people come to Seeley Lake, they are going to feel that enthusiasm and will go home saying "what a great community effort, what a great event, and what a great bunch of people."

We have more going for us than so many other small communities. In addition to the "200" and Winter Carnival, the Montana Snowmobile Ride-In is being worked on and, also, Yamafest. We need your help to keep it going. We ask only for your participation and your

enthusiasm. Area residents did that in spades last year—let's double that this year! Let's show our visitors that our community is a great place to vacation and to live.

There are a couple of "200" events I want to mention right now: Ladies, enter your husbands beard in the beard contest at Dan's Discount—if he wins, you keep the money! (I have already entered Charlie and will tell him about it at the dinner table.)

Also, Bud Johnson has a great raffle going at Timberline. You could win a fireplace insert valued at over \$500. See Bud at Timberline for all the details and tell him you read about it in *Pathfinder*. Don't leave ol' Bud there feeling like the Maytag man. If he's busy, interrupt him! Tell him the huskies are started!

To all the great people of Seeley Lake, Condon, and other Montana communities, please come and participate—we would love having you. Get involved and think positive, because good things are happening in our little Valley.

Elinor Williamson
 Public Relations
 Seeley 200

Seeley's Swell

(Editor's Note: The following letter, which describes an incident in October, was recently sent to the Chamber of Commerce and is reprinted by permission of the Chamber and the authors.)

My husband and I would like you to know how much we appreciate your town and townspeople, as we had car trouble in your town this past week and everyone was so helpful.

Also, keep up the good work on keeping your town attractive to people like us. We love your Montana flags flying, flower planters, etc. We so enjoy seeing towns in Montana with pride and positive ideas.

Special efforts from the owners at Country Things (outstanding store) and Glen's Automotive (elk so pretty on their building)—thank you.

Stephen & Darlene Schiefelbein Polson

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Double-Header

To the Editor:

I have two totally unrelated topics to voice opinions on.

First, our Blackhawk girls basketball team has had an exciting, successful season, including the tournaments. Their class, 100% teamwork and collective confidence not to get rattled under pressure is praiseworthy enough—the many wins are a justified result of these efforts. Congratulations to Coach Gordon and the class act team!

Secondly, I feel compelled to comment on something C.B. Rich said in a past issue. Please understand that I have great respect for, and am well aware of, C.B.'s character and contribution to the area—hell, we're friends! This is just a one-issue affair publicly presented and therefore publicly responded to lightly, but sincerely.

Basically, the opinion was that the Forest Service should gear their resources towards accommodating tourists who spend the most. I sure feel that the Forest Service, a government entity, has

an obligation to insure that everyone has access to all its controls, especially those who can't afford to spend what local business concerns would like them to spend. It's a hard nut to steer clear of, but the shallowest way to judge an individual is by how much, or even if, he spends in your store. Our country (in contrast to the Evil Empire's idea of parity for all) will always have the very rich and the very poor (very poor relative to the very rich). Whether it's because of mental obstacles, environmental obstacles, circumstances, laziness, etc. there will always be folks barely fortunate to have a porcelain pot to spit in. Those with more money, by virtue of it, can get what they want and (here is the point of these ramblings) those who want their money are the ones who should direct their resources to that end.

C.B., I bet you concocted that whole idea just to frame the joke about the new shirt and five-dollar bill—I got a kick out of that!

Mike Williams
 Seeley Lake

Swan Valley Christian Singers perform Sunday night

A special community Christmas concert will be presented by the Swan Valley Christian Singers on Sunday, December 13th at the Seeley-Swan High School Auditorium in Seeley Lake, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Last weekend, the choral group performed in the Mission Valley, entertaining about 200 people with their Christmas message and songs. According to Pastor Herb Schiefelbein, publicity director for the group, last weekend's concert was extremely well received. Several people in the audience commented on the professionalism of the group and praised the Swan Valley Christian Singers for their outstanding performance.

The forty-two member Seeley-Swan area choir, under the direction of Marge

Smith, will sing: "His Love Reaching," a celebration of God's Gift, by Ronn Huff and Bill and Gloria Gaither. Prior to the choir's presentation, a string ensemble, brass ensemble, and an organ and piano duet will be featured. There is no admission charge for the concert, but a free-will offering will be received, according to Pastor Herb Schiefelbein, publicity director.

The concert will include a festival of favorite Christmas songs, soloists, narration, and choral offerings. "Whether you are a resident of the area or just visiting, you are invited to attend," Schiefelbein said.

This will be the third year that the Swan Valley Christian Singers have performed in Seeley Lake. Several hundred people attended last year's concert, which received praise from throughout the community.

Schiefelbein encourages people to attend this concert. "It would be a shame for local residents to miss this concert. It is going to be one of the best ever," he said.

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Sprinkler Rates

To the Editor:

Many states and communities actively engaged in promoting community growth are offering programs which create an atmosphere encouraging continued capital investment by local businesses and homeowners.

These same communities also seem to offer and promote incentive programs such as tax considerations, assistance in procuring government grants and/or low-interest loans in an effort to attract new services to their communities.

In view of the new water rate schedule, I can't help but wonder how many businesses will be updating their buildings by installing "sprinkler systems"? How many dry and burned lawns will be returned to our community? Do these new rates detract from the value of a summer residence?

Things to think about!

Lindsey Lindemer
 Seeley Lake

CORRECTION

In last week's story about the new Chamber of Commerce office addition, more people deserve credit for their donations to the project. In fact, Bud Johnson of Timberline Building Materials, pointed out that his business originally sold building materials to the Chamber, at cost. He did not donate those materials. However, Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc. of Seeley Lake, stepped in and paid for the lumber, thereby "donating" the building materials to the Chamber project.

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

- Dec 12, Condon Arts & Crafts Sale, 9am-3pm, Swan Valley Community Hall, Condon
- Dec 13, His Love Reaching, Swan Valley Christian Singers Christmas Concert, 7:30pm, Seeley-Swan High School gym
- Dec 17, School Christmas Programs, Swan Valley at Swan Elementary School Gym and Salmon Prairie at Salmon Prairie School. 7 pm both events.
- Dec 21, All School Christmas Concert, K-12, Seeley-Swan High School Gym, 7:30pm
- Dec 22, Ovando Elementary School Christmas Program, 7:30pm
- Dec 22, Santa in Seeley Lake, Dan's Discount
- Dec 10, Trout Unlimited, Big Blackfoot Chapter, 7:30pm. Helmville Community Hall
- Dec 15, Seeley Lake Fire District board, 7:30pm, Seeley Lake Fire Hall

Clubs & Organizations

- Dec 11, American Legion, Swan Valley Post, Christmas potluck & gift exchange, 6pm, Swan Valley Community Hall
- Dec 14, Seeley Lake Elem PTA, 7pm, Seeley Lake Elementary School

Other

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Condon: Every Thursday night, Swan Valley Elementary school, 7:30pm
- Seeley Lake: Every Monday night, mill basement, Seeley Lake, 7pm
- AI Anon & AA
- Seeley Lake: Every Wednesday night, REA building, Seeley Lake, 7pm
- Refuse Disposal Site, Oct thru April: Weds & Sat, 10am-4pm.
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Copenhaver Logging

25 years from stump to mill

by Suzanne Vernon

The timber industry has changed drastically in recent years—but the forests haven't, according to Larry Copenhaver, who celebrated twenty five years in the logging business in Seeley Lake this fall.

"We still have the same old trees, the same old problems," he chuckled. A new generation of foresters comes along every few years, thinking they are going to change the world with their new ideas, he said. But they rarely come up with anything that's really new.

The whole logging business has come full circle, he explained. For many years, the Forest Service asked loggers to dozer pile the logging slash. The forests looked neat and tidy that way. Now, foresters are "discoversing" the value of letting the slash stay on the ground to decompose and enrich the soil.

"Logging is a lot like farming—only it takes 100 years in the woods to see the results a farmer would see in a few years," Copenhaver said. "You gotta put something back in, to support the next forest."

Larry knows, from experience, that forests will come back, even in so-called clearcut areas. In 25 years of logging in the Clearwater Valley, he has returned to



Copenhaver Logging recently celebrated 25 years in business. Larry Copenhaver is pictured here while working on a job on Richmond Ridge earlier this summer.

some areas three times. Selective cutting practices have enabled him to do that.

And the loggers are getting better at their business, he said, thanks to technology.

"We used to push over timber...that was probably better than the timber we've logged in the last five years," he said. New, specialized equipment helps loggers better utilize trees, and minimize waste.

"The wood fiber is out there, but

and when Larry took over as Copenhaver Logging in 1980, he continued the philosophy of "stump to mill" operation.

"Most loggers specialize in something. They do the loading, or they do the hauling. We do everything, and that's part of the reason we can stay here, we've stayed self-sufficient," he explained.

Copenhaver believes that his business is as strong now as it has ever been. What started out in 1962 as a four-man operation, now has about 16 people on the payroll.

In the 1960s, Copenhavers sold timber to Gray's Mill and Pyramid Mountain Lumber near Seeley Lake. Then, for about 10 years, they contracted with the Anaconda Company, whose land in the Blackfoot Valley was later acquired by Champion International Corporation. For the past decade or so, he has worked steady for Pyramid Mountain Lumber.

Seeley Lake is a tough place to make a living, Copenhaver said. But, after growing up in the Blackfoot Valley, and spending four years in the Navy, he knew there was only one occupation that would satisfy him.

"I love being outdoors, I love the mountains, and I like to work with heavy equipment. Logging was the only choice," he said.

the sawlog timber has drastically changed. We are utilizing smaller and smaller stuff, and more will be utilized in the future," he said.

But a lot will depend on the markets, and whether or not the mills can afford to make continual changes in their production methods, he added.

"You can log anything if the price is right," he said. "Someday, you are going to see these trees going down the road with limbs on and everything."

"The timber industry is going to change—it has changed. It's not just going to go away," he said.

Even though Copenhaver is confident that trees will continue to grow in our forests, he is deeply concerned about the future for small timber companies.

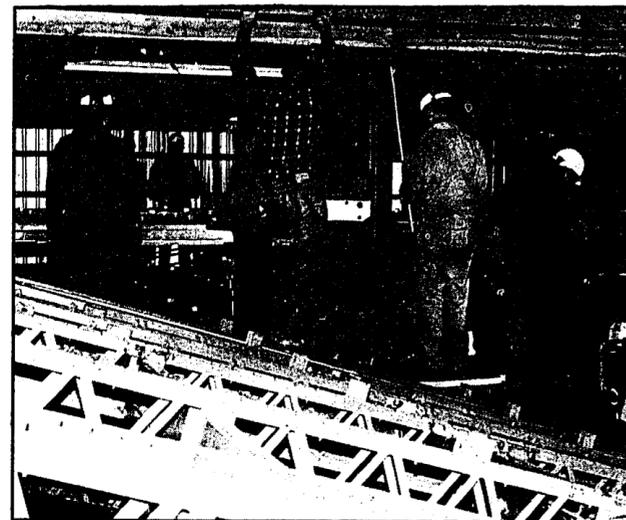
"It used to be, we would pay between three and five thousand dollars a year for workman's comp," he said. Last year, Copenhaver Logging paid a staggering \$49,000 to the state worker's compensation fund. And word is—next year the rates will be higher.

Many loggers have gone out of business because of the cost of worker's compensation insurance, unemployment, and the doubling of the liability insurance rates, too.

Larry started in the logging business in 1962 with his father, D. Lawrence Copenhaver, and his brothers, Rod and Wally. The family business began as a "stump to mill" operation,



Copenhaver Logging crews working on Richmond Ridge earlier this summer.



Employees at Pyramid Mountain Lumber put the finishing touches on the new trimmer line at the mill on Monday. The new remanufacture-return equipment is pictured in the foreground. The trimmer line is on the far side of the building.

Pyramid installs new trimmer line

by Suzanne Vernon

The Pyramid Mountain Lumber mill in Seeley Lake was "down" last week, but the construction crews who were working on the new trimmer line were in good spirits while they installed the new equipment.

"We had a tight time frame for this project and the employees did an excellent job in preparing for the project and also in the construction phase," according to Roger Johnson, general manager at Pyramid.

"I'm very proud of the results. This has been provided by some very talented employees," he added.

The new trimmer line, and also remanufacture-return equipment, replaces an older trimmer. The new equipment had to be "married" to portions of the old setup, according to Johnson. "The project includes some new innovations in mechanical and electrical areas," he said, impressed with the work done by his employees in installing the new equipment.

The entire construction job—which actually began shortly after Thanksgiving—was completed by Pyramid employees, with some assistance from Seeley Lake area contractors. The sawmill was shut down for about a week.

The new trimmer line, which cuts boards into lengths in the sawmill, will speed up production at the mill. It is also the first step toward automating the

green chain, Johnson said.

The old trimmer line had been a real "bottleneck" in Pyramid's production for quite some time, Johnson explained. The new system will be less labor intensive, but he added that the same number of people will still be employed in that area of the mill operation.

In addition to the new trimmer line, other recent construction projects at the mill include a dry storage area for lumber, and a new addition onto the planer building. New cement floors in that building will be heated this winter with hot water piped from another area of the mill.

The planer continued to operate last week, even though the sawmill was shut down for the new construction.

Men caught cutting firewood from log decks

Several men were apprehended last month while cutting firewood from log decks west of Seeley Lake, according to Neil Crawford, forester for Plum Creek Timber, Inc. The logs were owned by Plum Creek and were scheduled to be sold. Approximately 1500 board feet of firewood was cut from the logs.

Plum Creek did not press charges against the men, who agreed to pay for damages in the amount of \$204 for the firewood and \$77 for Plum Creek's administrative costs.

"I'd like to remind firewood cutters to stay away from log decks. It turns out to be pretty expensive wood, and besides—it's illegal," Crawford said. Timber companies and logging contractors stack logs in decks alongside forest roads. Sometimes the decked logs may remain in the woods for several months before the timber is hauled to a mill.

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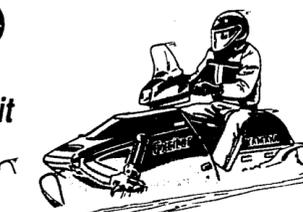
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OUTDOORS

Biologists push for native trout

by Janice Downey
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Missoula

Research and management efforts in Flathead Lake and its adjoining waters should focus on native trout, and not on the dwindling population of kokanee salmon, says Jack Stanford, director of the University of Montana Biological Station at Yellow Bay on Flathead Lake.

"The public's perception of Flathead Lake is that only kokanee are abundant," Stanford said in a recent interview, "but the lake also has large numbers of other sport fishes."

"Part of the problem is that management has constantly emphasized the kokanee fishery. Moreover, kokanee have been very visible to the general public because they're easy to catch and they attract eagles."

Since the native trout community is "better adapted" to the "extremely complicated" ecological structure in the Flathead Lake system than are the non-native fishes, which include kokanee salmon, Stanford says, management dollars would be better spent on the native species.

"The native forces have managed to maintain good population levels even though many exotic (non-native) competitors have been introduced," Stanford said about the lake's native cutthroat trout, bull trout, and whitefish.

"Cutthroat were abundant in Flathead Lake 50 years ago," he said. "Why not give them a chance to recover now that their main competitor, the kokanee, have been reduced in number?"

"My heart sort of goes out to the native fishes," says Robert Bukantis, a UM graduate student in zoology who has done water-quality research at the biological station. "They're taking a beating."

Kokanee salmon have been the favorite fish because it not only attracts anglers—who put money in the area's economy—but the fish also has attracted

hundreds of bald eagles and thousands of human spectators during its spawning run each fall in Lower McDonald Creek in Glacier National Park.

As popular as it is, the salmon-and-eagle show may be in one of its last seasons.

Glacier Park officials counted 30 eagles and 174 salmon during the last two weeks in October and 47 eagles and 120 salmon during the first week of November. Last year's high salmon count was 250,000. This year's high salmon count was 326.

"It may be that the kokanee will be able to hang on," Stanford said. "Chances are they never will achieve the numbers they once did. Hence, neither will the eagles."

Mysis shrimp, which out-compete salmon fry for food, as well as loss of suitable nesting sites and fishing pressure have contributed to the decline in the kokanee salmon population, Bukantis said recently.

On the other hand, Stanford says, cutthroat trout eat Mysis and appear to have benefited from the introduction of the freshwater shrimp to the Flathead waters.

To bring back the kokanee population, the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is starting a program for raising salmon fry in pens and then releasing the salmon when they're better able to compete for food.

"Instead of trying to rear more kokanee, I'd like to see them rear more cutthroat trout," Bukantis said. "I'm sure there could be a much better cutthroat fishery than there is now."

Blackfoot slide show highlights TU meeting

A color slide show, featuring outstanding photography of the Blackfoot River, will highlight this week's meeting of the Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

The meeting will begin tonight (Thursday) December 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Helmsville Community Hall.

The color slide show will be presented by Paul Roos of Helena and Larry Dodge of Helmsville, who both contributed photos to the show.

Regional fisheries manager, Dennis Workman, will present a plan which will establish the criteria for the required baseline studies that need to be accomplished on the Big Blackfoot River, and an estimated cost to do this work.

Jim Jensen of the Montana Environmental Information Center will provide an update on the status of the Sunshine Mine proposed to be constructed near Lincoln.

For more information about the meeting, contact Daryl Parker in Lincoln, 362-4955.

Winter Carnival events set

by Suzanne Vernon

Committees have now been formed to organize Winter Carnival events for the weekend of January 30 and 31.

Dan Cainan is in charge of the beard growing contest, and entrants are encouraged to sign up now for that event. Ted Lindford will be in charge of the sledding hill. Phil Chaney will be helping to prepare the ice skating rink. The Snowball Baseball Tournament will again be held, with Don Larson in charge of entries. A skijoring contest (where dogs pull people on cross country skis) is planned, with Jodi DeHerrera in charge.

For more information about the Winter Carnival or any of the specific events, contact the committee chairmen listed above.

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Fun Unlimited of Seeley Lake recently opened for business. John Trotter (seated) is the new service manager for the Yamaha dealership. Mark Cahoon (standing) is the new sales manager.

New Yamaha shop opens in Seeley

Fun Unlimited of Seeley Lake officially opened for business on Monday this week. Sales manager Mark Cahoon said the store has been extremely busy.

Cahoon is managing the sales department of the Yamaha store, under the direction of owner Jim Kielblock of Columbia Falls. Kielblock currently operates Fun Unlimited of Columbia Falls, the largest Yamaha dealer in the three-state, northwestern region.

Kielblock decided to open the Seeley Lake store because of the recreation opportunities available here.

"Seeley Lake is a good recreation area," he said. "I think that what we have to offer will help the people of Seeley Lake." Kielblock's Columbia Falls shop supported YAMAFEST in Seeley Lake last year, and he said that both stores will be involved in this year's activities.

Fun Unlimited of Seeley Lake not only sells snowmobiles, motorcycles, ATVs and parts, but also provides full-time service for Yamaha equipment.

John Trotter is now managing the service department at the new Fun Unlimited store in Seeley Lake. He specializes in small engine mechanics and formerly worked for Glen's Automotive in Seeley Lake. Trotter is also the president of the local snowmobile club and enjoys snowmobiling as a hobby.

Mark Cahoon has always wanted to be a businessman in Seeley Lake, where he grew up. He managed horse concessions in Glacier National Park last summer, and his hobbies include raising Clydesdale horses, and, of course, snowmobiling.

Driftriders ready for snow

The Seeley Lake Driftriders snowmobile club has hired a groomer operator and assistant, although their names will not be announced until next week. The next meeting of the snowmobile club is December 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

According to Vera Schmidt, club member, the Driftriders' board of directors made their hiring decision earlier this week. The groomer operator will help keep snowmobile trails in the Clearwater Valley open for use during the winter. Grooming will begin as soon as weather permits, Schmidt said.

COMMUNITY

C.B. Rich addresses Chamber

Longtime local resident C.B. Rich captivated the Chamber of Commerce audience last week when he recounted thirty years of growth in the Seeley Swan Valley. As a special twist, C.B.'s comments were made from his perspective as Santa's agent in Seeley Lake for the last thirty years.

He noted many changes which have occurred over the years, such as 37 new commercial buildings in town, nearly 50 homes on deeded lots surrounding the lake, and well over 100 homes on the Double Arrow Ranch. He also emphasized that "we need to look out for our resources now." Expectably, C.B. illustrated his points with several of the salty cowboy yarns for which he is justly renowned.

SWAN SONG

Leonard Herbert Sorenson 1905-1987

Leonard died December 3, 1987, at Billings Deaconess Hospital. Memorial services will be held in Seeley Lake on Sunday, December 13, at 1 p.m. in the Seeley Lake Community Hall. Pastor Rod Kvamme will officiate.

He was born August 20, 1905, at Timberline, Montana, 12 miles east of Bozeman where his family had a ranch. He was the second youngest in a family of four brothers and three sisters.

Malmberg School, the one-room school that three generations of his family attended, is still operational. Leonard served as a clerk for Malmberg School for many years and was also a school board member for the Bozeman High School District.

Leonard and Ethel Andrews were married at Butte, Montana September 5, 1929. They operated a ranch on the Bozeman Hill until 1980 when they moved to Seeley Lake after Leonard's retirement.

Leonard earned his private pilot's license in 1950 and was a past president of the Montana Flying Farmers and Ranchers Association and a long time member of the Montana Pilot's Association. He often gave the local school children airplane rides from the small airstrip on his Bozeman Hill ranch and helped initiate the teaching of high school aviation courses.

Leonard was an active member of many organizations. He served as past president of the Montana Farm Bureau and was a director for the Senior Citizens Center in Bozeman, which he was instrumental in establishing. He also served as a director and as President of the Seeley Lake Senior Citizens. In 1984 he was elected to the Montana House of Representatives 1984 Legacy Legislature representing Missoula County Seniors.

Leonard belonged to the Masonic Lodge #18 at Bozeman for over 50 years. He was a member of the Algeria Shrine Temple of Helena, the Scottish Rite of Livingston and the White Shrine.

Santa's agent didn't always have an easy time of it, he recalled. There was the year when, instead of the customary horse-drawn sleigh, he was talked into riding a dog sled to the Christmas festivities. Unfortunately, the team spooked and C.B. had to "bail out." He emerged unscathed, but his beard and costume were pretty well torn up—and there were lots of disillusioned kids as a result. Another year, he was talked into being towed by a snowmobile on the lake. Unfortunately, the ice was thin and there was quite a bit of water on the ice—and, well, Santa showed up somewhat soggy.

C.B. reminisced that, "Now I'm passing out treats to grandchildren of the ones I started with."

Amidst a standing ovation, Chamber President Addrian Marx presented a plaque to C.B. for all his years of fine service on behalf of Santa.

Music was an important part of his life. As a member of the Shriner's Band he had the honor of playing at the National Shrine Convention in Kansas City.

Leonard participated in many community activities in the Seeley Lake area as secretary-treasurer of the Lion's Club and was recently appointed zone chairman. He was also a member of the Fire Board, the Chamber of Commerce and the Community Hall Board.

Leonard enjoyed bowling and pitching horseshoes and was hoping to see a bowling alley open in Seeley Lake.

Leonard leaves his wife, Ethel, three daughters: Beulah Hagerman, Bozeman Hill; Peggy Stradley, Belgrade; Margie Nord, Cantwell, Alaska; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. His remaining sister, Violet Eggar, lives in Washington.

Memorials may be sent to the Shriners' Children's Hospital, Summit Boulevard, Spokane, Washington, 99201.

(Editor's note: This Swan Song was written by one of Leonard Sorenson's daughters.)

Chamber sponsors Christmas contest

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring a Christmas Decorating contest for the business community of Seeley Lake.

Judges for this year's contest are Karen Pagett, Herb Townsend and Sam Moore.

The judges will be making their rounds on Tuesday, December 15. The traveling trophy will be awarded Tuesday, December 22, the night of Santa's arrival at Dan's Discount, also in Seeley Lake.

Past contest winners were Tall Timber (1985) and Artistic Expressions (1986).

CHICKEN Double Front

Cornucopia by Michele Potter

Christmas treats from your kitchen are usually always welcome. However, oftentimes during the holiday season we're overwhelmed with sugar-laden goodies from well-meaning friends. Here's a list of alternative Christmas-pleasing ideas to give mixed in a basket or individually: scented candles, mulling spices (for tea, cider or wine), herb vinegars, spicy mustards, fresh-roasted coffee, soaps, pomander balls, fresh or dried fruits and mixed nuts, dough ornaments, pine wreaths, potpourri or fresh-cut flowers, gift certificates, special favor rainchecks (i.e., free babysitting), greeting cards, stationery and envelopes (include the postage stamps, too!), cassette tapes (record a favorite story or a book on tape), poetry or inspirational readings, chop some kindling for a neighbor, cookbooks or your own special recipe packet, hand-knitted or hand-crocheted house slippers. And, don't forget about the pets — homemade biscuits.

Misty Sarvis, Seeley Lake, submitted the following two recipes, which would surely be welcome in any kitchen.

Salad Seasoning Blend

1/3 cup toasted sesame seed	1-1/2 tablespoons paprika
4-1/2 tablespoons onion powder	3/4 teaspoon celery seed
2 tablespoons poppy seed	1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1-1/2 tablespoons garlic powder	

Combine all ingredients. Spoon into a shaker or tightly covered container. Sprinkle over greens, sliced tomatoes, cold veggies, cottage cheese, or use in salad dressings. Yield: 1 cup.

No-Salt Herb Blend

4 tablespoons oregano leaves	2 teaspoons each rosemary leaves and thyme leaves
4 tablespoons onion powder	1 teaspoon sage leaves
4 teaspoons each marjoram leaves, basil leaves, ground savory, garlic powder	1 teaspoon ground black pepper

Combine all in a bowl. Crush a small amount at a time with a pestle or back of a spoon. Spoon into a shaker or tightly covered container. Use over fish, game, chicken, salads, veggies, etc. Yield: 1 cup.

Marion Kincaid will be discussing holiday food topics, including good nutrition and food safety, and she will present a selection of low-sugar holiday recipes at the Seeley Lake Elementary School P.T.A. meeting on Monday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

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Carla Jensen and Ellie Greenough at the Condon Post Office would like to remind their customers to mail early in the season to assure their "holiday greetings" arrive in time. They urge them also to mail their bundled "local" and "out of town" Christmas cards early in the day.

Christmas packages will stand a better chance of arriving at their destination in good shape if customers follow a few simple instructions, according to the Postmaster. Some packaging tips include:

- Select a corrugated fiberboard box with the "burst test" number printed on it. That number is usually found in a little circle on the bottom of the box. Boxes rated 125 pounds may be used for merchandise weighing up to 20 pounds. A box rated 175 can hold up to 40 pounds. Fragile or breakable items

such as cameras or glassware should be packaged in a 275-pound carton.

- Make sure contents are well cushioned and there is no empty space in the box. Use crumpled newspaper around the item, on the bottom, the sides, and on top. Foamed plastic shells and air pocket padding are also good cushions.

- Brown wrapping paper and twine cord or string are not necessary. Wrappings can rip off and twine can get caught in processing machinery.

- Use sealing tape to close and seal the box. Three types are recommended: 1) pressure sensitive tape; 2) Kraft paper reinforced with nylon or glass, and 3) filament reinforced pressure sensitive tape. Don't use masking tape or cellophane tape. They're no longer recommended due to past poor performance.

- Put a slip of paper with recipient's name and address and your return address inside the box.

- Be sure to include zip codes for both addressee's address and your return address.

For more information or help, call the Condon Post Office at 754-2500.

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

The bald eagles are feeding on carion this week, supplementing their diet of kokanee salmon. We've seen three or four different birds along Highway 83. They fight with the ravens for "rights" to the deer carcasses. (We've counted three or four deer hit and killed along the highway since hunting season closed.)

A highway department employee told me an interesting story about the rivalry between the eagles and the ravens. The eagles will run the ravens away from the carcasses, and attempt to drag the deer off the road. But whenever the eagles take a break, the ravens join together and drag the carcass back onto the highway. And so it goes, eagle versus raven all day long, until the carcass is covered with snow, eaten, or the birds move on to new territory.

Talked to several trappers this week. Seem to be very few coyotes in the woods now. One veteran trapper believes that the coyotes begin to leave here shortly after the ground squirrels disappear into their burrows for winter.

Saw a pileated woodpecker the other day. The red-headed bird hopped from tree to tree, searching the lodgepole for bugs. We see the large birds fairly often in the winter and early spring.

Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel are beginning to think about planting kokanee salmon next spring. So far, it looks like no salmon will be planted in Holland Lake, and the amount previously planned for Lindbergh Lake will be reduced by half. Seeley Lake is still scheduled to receive 100,000 of the salmon fry.

SWAN VALLEY

The Winnable War: Film against pornography sparks discussion

Citizens from Seeley Lake to Salmon Prairie joined the Swan Valley PTA last Thursday to view and discuss "A Winnable War." This film, distributed by the Focus on the Family organization, featured Dr. James Dobson relating the findings of the President's Commission on Pornography.

Dobson detailed the horrors and violence of the pornography industry and the actions necessary to protect children and families from its devastating effects. The child pornography industry especially concerned Dr. Dobson as he told of the children who are kidnapped, molested, mutilated and murdered, and how the pictures and films of these crimes are sold for profit.

A representative of the ACLU testified to the Commission that while these actions are illegal, the recordings of them should not be. They feel that the sale of these pictures for profit should be protected under the free speech clause of the First Amendment.

After stating that the Supreme Court has ruled that obscenity is not

protected by the First Amendment, Dobson urged individuals to get involved in the fight against pornography by demanding enforcement of present laws and asking legislators to pass stricter laws against obscenity.

Dobson quoted a police captain in a prominent city as saying that they can only enforce the laws that citizens want them to enforce and that the police department rarely receives complaints about pornography.

It was also Dr. Dobson's opinion that so-called "soft porn," sold in grocery and convenience stores, many times leads to the illegal "hard" pornography. Members of the film audience testified emotionally about the destructive results of even "soft porn" that their parents brought into their homes, begging fathers to protect their families from it.

Susan Cox, PTA president, led a discussion of the film afterwards, with Billie McDonald, PTA member, outlining the steps necessary for the PTA to pass a resolution against pornography in our communities. Deputy Sheriff Scott McDonald warned citizens against complacency, or thinking that pornography and its related crimes are limited to urban areas.

Ways to combat pornography in the local community were discussed. These included only patronizing businesses that do not sell "soft porn" or rent X-rated movies and requesting other stores to discontinue this practice.

The formation of a committee of concerned adults to survey local businesses was suggested.

FS looks at improving road, lowering logging costs

Bill Pederson, Swan Lake District Ranger, has requested an analysis of an improved connector road between road No. 498 of the East Shore and Lower Swan geographic units and road No. 9745 in the lower Swan geographic unit.

The majority of the East Shore unit is accessed via Crane Mountain road No. 498. A connector road between this upper road system and the lower Bug Creek road No. 9745 could improve public safety on road No. 498, according to a recent news release.

This connector road would also lower timber haul cost to the Kalispell area and expand the market for timber purchasers to the South. The area, identified in the Forest Plan as roaded timberlands, is visible from Highway 83 and the Swan Lake area.

Deadline for comments on the proposal is December 21. Comments may be addressed to Dan Feeny, Timber Management Assistant, Swan Lake Ranger District, P.O. Box 370, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Fishing Report

Biologists from the Jocko River Hatchery planted 712 rainbow trout in Seeley Lake earlier this week. The two-pound rainbows averaged about 12 to 14 inches long, and should tempt quite a few fishermen. Seeley Lake has a little ice around the edges, but folks are still fishing from boats and also from shore in some places.

The kokanee salmon are still running in the Clearwater River, but according to some fishermen, they are "getting pretty soft". The run is usually over by the first of December, but this year things have been a little behind normal.

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The Seeley-Swan High School Lady Hawks. Pictured from left to right are: Front Row—Trish Parker, Cary West, Melanie Rammell, Kristen Paxton. Middle Row—Sandy DeLeo, Debbie Johnson, Coach Les Gordon, Billie Copenhaver, Twila Salomon. Back Row—Brittnie Hebnes, Alvina Vannoy, Stephanie Owens, Jenny Klebenow. Junior Varsity players not pictured: Tracy Malone, Jo Vannoy, Loreena Cahoon, Tracy Terrillion, Sherri Bowers, Sandi Cebulski, Karry Betson, Janet Williams and Kalin Raible.

Title shot lost by two

In the second divisional game, at Big Sky High School, the Sheridan Panthers beat the Lady Hawks 41-39. Stephanie Owens was high scorer with 8 points. Alvina Vannoy, Brittnie Hebnes, and Sandy DeLeo had 7 points each for the Hawks.

Julie Kieckbusch was high scorer for the Panthers with 25 points. K. Mark was second high scorer with 9 points. Sandy DeLeo and Brittnie Hebnes fouled out during the second half.

Les Gordon, Lady Hawk coach, commented, "The loss was due to the inability to keep Kieckbusch off the boards, and bad free throw shooting. You don't win many games when you shoot 21% from the free throw line."

Hawks win first divisional game

by Sherri Bowers

The first game of the divisional tournament held at Big Sky High School ended in a victory with a final score of Seeley Lake 63, Gardiner, 46.

Tension was high in the first quarter when Gardiner continually kept a three point lead on the Seeley team, but our girls made a dramatic comeback with a score of Seeley 25, Gardiner, 19 by the end of the second quarter.

High scorers for Seeley Swan included Alvina Vannoy, 16; Sandy DeLeo, 14; Stephanie Owens, 11; Debbie Johnson and Billie Copenhaver, 8. S. Tyson held the highest score of 23 for Gardiner, and D. Winkle followed her with 7 points.

Seeley beats Charlo in consolation game

by DeAnna Dreyer

In the final tournament game for third and fourth place in the Western C Division, the Seeley Swan Blackhawks defeated the Charlo Vikings, 54-46.

The Blackhawks' leading scorers were Sandy DeLeo and Stephanie Owens with 12 points each. Billie Copenhaver threw in 8 points.

The leading scorers for the Charlo team were D. Cox with 10 points and C. Savik and Laura Richero with 8.

Seeley shot for 42% and Charlo shot for 48%. Head coach Les Gordon said that, usually, the fourth tournament game is won by the team with the most determination. He thought that the girls proved that they wanted to win.

Lady Hawks beat Drummond

by Janet Williams

The Seeley-Swan Blackhawks defeated the Drummond Trojans this last Saturday at the Divisional Tournaments held at Big Sky High School. Contemplating on the 45-36 victory, Coach Les Gordon said, "It's always nice to beat an old nemesis like Drummond!"

Drummond junior, Maryanne Buck, led the Trojan scorers with a total of 20 points, while senior Shelley Struna followed with 10.

Lady Hawk high scorers were Debbie Johnson with 12, Stephanie Owens with 8, and Alvina Vannoy and Billie Copenhaver with 7 points each.

PASSAGES

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When I think that the name for Jesus Christ—the very God of creation Himself—is Despised and Rejected of Men, I am filled with deep horror and shame. Man not only rejected Him, but they put a period and exclamation mark on it by nailing Him to the cross. How can we ever stand what we did?

Most are still doing the same thing today—rejecting Him. They do not try to crucify Him again, but just plain ignore Him. When is the last time you used the name of Jesus in an honoring way? When is the last time you prayed or read the Word of God? When is the last time that you went to one of the churches in Seeley Lake?

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The Bible says: "For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,"—Hebrews 10:26. That simply means that if we reject accepting Jesus Christ as our Savior that there is NO OTHER WAY TO HEAVEN!! You can't work your way there; you can't hope you'll get there—and make it; you can't join a church and make it; nor can you be sure of making it if you are baptized—you won't—period, exclamation mark (God's this time).

Receive Jesus Christ as your Personal Savior today, and make it public in church Sunday and at your job during the week. He was not ashamed of you; we should not be ashamed of Him. Don't despise or reject Him any more!

CPR classes to begin in January

Community volunteers will begin teaching CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes in Seeley Lake in January. Learning CPR takes only a small amount of time, considering the value of knowing how to react if someone you know has a heart attack, or some other type of accident. Local Quick Response Unit members encourage people to sign up for the CPR classes now.

For more information contact Chris Anders at 677-2630 or Cindy Lewis at 677-2628.

YAMAFEST committee still needs trophies

Community volunteers who are organizing YAMAFEST activities this year are in need of trophies for various events, according to Grave LeFebvre, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

People who have old trophies to donate may leave them at The Saloon in Seeley Lake. YAMAFEST, a snowmobile festival sponsored, in part, by Yamaha Corporation, will be held January 15, 16 and 17, 1988.

Senior Nutrition Program

The following noon meals, which are open to the public, will be served next week promptly at noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Seeley Lake Community Hall:

- Monday, Dec. 14
Spaghetti
 - Tuesday, Dec. 15
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Forestry aid and technician duties may involve timber marking and layout, fire prevention and suppression, insect and disease surveys, wildlife habitat improvements, recreation maintenance and collection of field data. Some positions may require staying in tent camps or remote work centers.

The season of work will normally be from mid-June through August, weather permitting.

Applications for employment may be obtained from any Flathead National Forest District office, the Supervisor's Office, or the Job Service Office in Kalispell.

Bike Tips

If you are buying that "Christmas bike" this year, be sure it's the right size. With a diamond frame (so-called "man's bike"), you should be able to stand comfortably over the top tube with about one to two inches of clearance. Actual racing bikes or mountain bikes are usually sized a bit smaller than normal, giving you more clearance.

Saddle height: The rule of thumb is that your leg should be just straight when you put your heel on the pedal at its lowest position. Once you have this set, put the balls of your feet on the pedals and pedal backwards. If you rock back and forth, you need to lower the saddle a bit. **NOTE:** Make sure you have at least two inches of seat post inside the frame.

Other areas of concern for correct fit are the saddle position, handlebar stem length and the handlebar height. Check with your bicycle dealer for these adjustments.

Firewood season extended

The firewood cutting season on the Flathead National Forest has been extended through December 31, according to Forest Supervisor, Ed Brannon.

Brannon emphasized, however, that forest roads may be slippery due to ice and snow. Logging trucks and other vehicles may find it difficult to stop quickly. Firewood gatherers should keep their vehicles parked off the driving surface of roads and avoid falling trees near blind curves.

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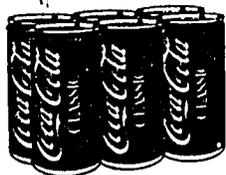
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