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## Ranger pushes for new era in timber

Dennis Johnson is becoming concerned by the cumulative impacts of timber harvest in the Seeley Swan Valley. Johnson, district ranger for Seeley Lake, made his concerns known at last week's meeting of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club.

Citing the impact of overcutting in certain areas, Johnson said, "The watershed has the greatest potential for disaster. We're not worried about catastrophic rain...we're worried about normal rain." The resultant soil erosion can reduce tree regeneration and, also, ruin fisheries. Further, some of the larger clearcuts have reduced fall forage for elk and have eliminated vital elk cover, according to Johnson. He added that road densities are too high in certain areas, creating further difficulty for elk.

The problem has arisen, as Johnson sees it, from insufficient coordination between Forest Service and corporate logging. "We cannot each (continue to) do our own thing...We've reached the limit...We can't manage Forest Service

land without taking into account corporate logging."

Johnson thinks the solution might be a 15-year cooperative agreement for timber harvest—so that adequate regeneration can occur in critical areas. He is optimistic that this will come about, having met recently with officials from Plum Creek Timber Company—the principal corporate logger in the Seeley Lake District.

Johnson is particularly concerned about the cumulative impact of Plum Creek operations and Forest Service sales in the Boles Creek area near Placid Lake. Considerable negotiating will be required, and Johnson concedes that his district may have to reduce its scheduled harvest in order to achieve a satisfactory agreement. Ultimately, Johnson would like to see enactment of a forest practices act by the Montana legislature, which would provide "built-in" coordination among logging interests for safeguarding the environment.

## Are there wolves in the South Fork?

There's a good possibility that wolves may once again roam wild in the South Fork of the Flathead, just over the hill from the Swan Front in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The prospect has generated strong feelings among local residents.

To help sort fact from fiction, Pat Tucker, a biologist with the National Wildlife Federation, will visit Holland Lake Lodge this Saturday afternoon to present a slide show at 3:30 p.m. and answer questions following the presentation.

Tucker has done research on wolves in the North Fork of the Flathead near

Polebridge and Glacier National Park. She has heard reports of wolves in the South Fork of the Flathead, and is working to determine whether any of the sightings were confirmed by biologists.

She hopes to have some new information to share with local residents on Saturday.

As far as the Mission Mountains are concerned, Tucker doubts that there are any wolves in that ecosystem at this time.

Tucker's slide presentation will last about twenty minutes. She will discuss wolf ecology, the wolf recovery plan and predator-prey relationships.



Rustics of Lindbergh Lake, Inc. recently hosted their annual dealers meeting which included a tour of log homes and the Rustics log home construction site in the Swan Valley. Bob Ford, president, (right) is shown here discussing construction techniques with Frank Jayne (left) from Bartlett, Illinois. (See story page 4.)

## Candidates file for April election

Elections for trustees on local school boards, the Seeley Lake Fire District board, Community Council and the SOS Hospital District board will be held Tuesday, April 5.

School board openings have drawn the most interest, especially in the Swan Valley where two 3-year terms are open. Filing for those positions are Ronald Matthew, Bill Alexander, Darlene Kearney, Jeffrey Mason and Linda Styler. Current board chairman Billie McDonald did not re-file.

One trustee position is open in the Seeley Lake school district. Joseph Anders has filed for that position.

At Sunset School there is also one opening. Susan Loran and Frank Maus have both filed for that position.

In the Potomac school district there is one 3-year term and one 1-year term open. Grady (Jake) Woirhay, Brenda Butler and Martha Denman have all filed for the 3-year position. Jeanne Hall is the lone write-in candidate for the 1-year term.

At Ovando Elementary School, in Powell County, Rick Stott has filed for the one open position. Howard Fly was up for reelection to the school board but did not re-file.

Two trustee positions are open on the Seeley Lake Rural Fire District. David Whitesitt and Samuel Moore have filed for those positions. These will be on the ballots at both Seeley Lake and Sunset School because a small portion of the Seeley Lake Fire District near Elbow Lake is within the Sunset School District.

Two 3-year terms are open on the SOS Hospital District (Health Center) board of trustees. Sandra Doucett and Janice Nemmers have filed.

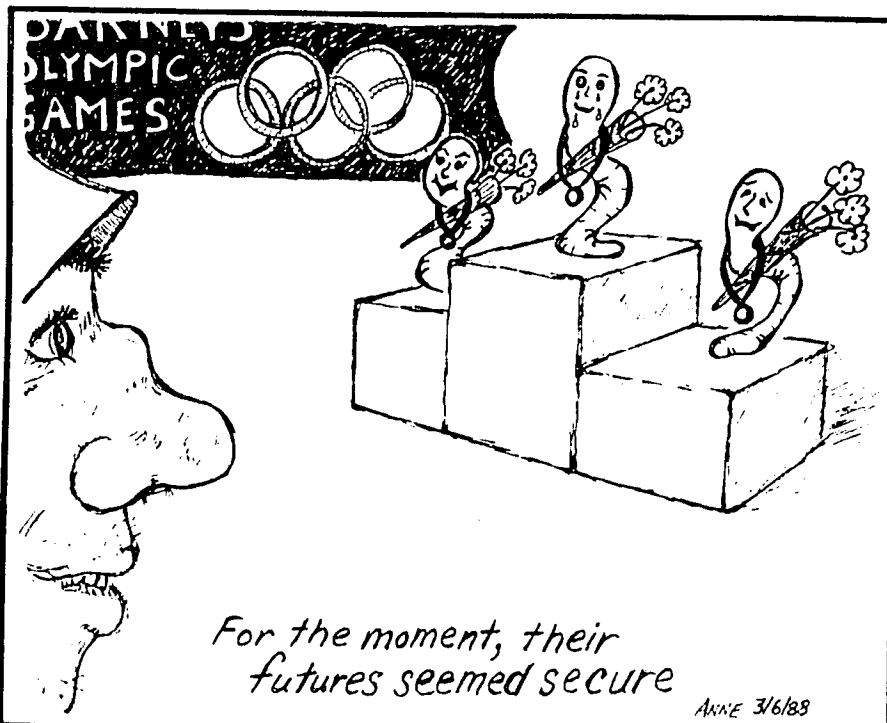
Directors on the newly formed Seeley Lake Community Coun-

cil are up for election this spring. Seven members were chosen by the Missoula County Commissioners last fall. Six of these will now have to be elected. The county commissioners will appoint a seventh member of the council.

Seeley Lake area residents who have filed for the Community Council are: (vote for six) Robert (Bud) Johnson, Kent Brown, Jeff Macon, Addrien Marx, Melvin Kelland and Norman Baier. (Dan Mizner and Bud Berckmoes served on the council last winter but did not re-file.)

# OPINION

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## The Sporting Life

In some circles, horse racing is the pinnacle of sport. Known as the "sport of kings," those who choose to race their own steeds are well-advised to have a royal treasury at their disposal. In Seeley Lake, though, pocketbooks aren't quite so deep and thoroughbred racing is definitely out of favor.

Instead, we have the annual rite of maggot racing. There is no pretentiousness here—we know our economic station in life. (We will also stop at nothing to alleviate cabin fever.)

And who's to say that maggot racing is any less exciting than horse racing? Don't tell Warren Cork it isn't exciting—his magnificently trained steed, named "Secretariat" of course, set a new world's record during the semi-final rounds last Sunday (right here in Seeley Lake): 36.7 seconds. Unfortunately, Secretariat was too tired after his record run (er, crawl) and doubtless was still excited—so, he (she?) could manage no better than a second place finish in the finals.

And, who's to say that maggot racing is any less elegant than horse racing? Don't tell Roy Brown it isn't elegant. He has served nobly as racing steward for the last three years and is undeniably resplendent in his powder blue tuxedo.

And, who's to say that maggots aren't thoroughbreds? Don't tell the Acme Bait Company their maggots have questionable pedigrees. They've been in the business a long time—only the finest maggots have begat other maggots.

Let's you think there is no art or skill involved in the sport, you need only reflect upon this year's winner—"Sundown's Pet Revisited" (which even

sounds like a racehorse). This superb animal, a descendant of last year's winner (who reportedly was put out to stud in a garbage can somewhere in Kentucky), ran a superb race, giving it his (her?) all from the starting gate to the non-photo finish. Sundown's owner is

## Editorial

Annette Cleary of Condon. Ms. Cleary's entrants have taken the title two years in a row; three years ago, she captured second place. This can't be an accident and Ms. Cleary clearly runs a top-notch stable.

Some believe her success is also partly attributable to her frequent exhortations during a race, promising the gallant steed copious portions of fried chicken. (You did make good on your promise, didn't you, Annette?)

Maggots have gotten a lot of bad press over the years, and it's hard to understand why. Maggots aren't into drugs. Not a single maggot has ever been convicted of a felony. Nor has any maggot ever broken a campaign promise. All in all, fine fellows—and valiant racers. Maggot racing may not be the sport of kings but, given the ennobling aspects of the sport, perhaps it could be regarded as a sport of kings. Well, maybe on a trial basis?

—Dick Potter



And the winner is...Annette Cleary of Condon! Annette won last week's W.O.R.M. Magathon for the third year in a row with her 'specially trained maggot, Sundown's Pet Revisited.

## Country Journal

There's still nearly two feet of snow on the ground here, but signs of spring are all around us, including the warm rains last week. The water formed beads on the hawthorne branches and raindrops pelted the hard surface of the remaining snow.

Watch the avalanche chutes this week. We saw one "break loose" last week north of Holland Peak.

The blackbirds arrived in the river-bottom last Sunday, right on schedule. About fifty members of the red-winged choir have been serenading Swan Valley residents near Rustics. According to folks who live close by, you can't even carry on a conversation when the birds are singing in nearby trees. But it's a joyful noise—a celebration of spring!

We also saw a few common mergansers flying overhead, looking for open water on the river. We haven't seen

by Suzanne Vernon  
Swan Valley

any on the Swan River yet, though there have been reports of some along the Blackfoot.

One unmistakable sign of spring is the sudden appearance of red flags waving alongside Highway 83. Driving to Salmon Prairie on Monday I almost wished the kids had been with me to

enjoy the roller-coaster ride. Even if the water isn't running on the road every day, there's no doubt that spring breakup has begun. Fishermen report that the ice on many of the lakes is still solid—but it won't be for long. Noticed the open water at the inlet of Salmon Lake grows a little larger each day.

# LETTERS

## Just cabin fever

To the Editor:

I took note this morning over a cup of coffee while listening to KOFI radio news, that Bigfork Chamber of Commerce is calling a special meeting concerning the water issue up there. That reminded me of their earlier battle with Noisy Face.

The news then reported the selection of the new slogan to be used in promoting tourism in Montana to the tune of about \$5 million:

"UNSPOILED & UNFORGETTABLE". These words can mean most anything to anyone, but the fact is: we are selling the "unspoiled" and we influence the "unforgettable". Folks from all over the country would move to Montana in a minute if only they could find a job. Ironically, the news just mentioned the Anaconda Radio Station went out of

business as well as Whitefish Ski & Sport.

So, when are WE going to address life & living here in the Seeley Swan Valley? A start could be 677-2880.

You have surely seen the new billboard south of Kalispell on Highway 93 next to Montana Log Homes. Folks who hold government office and are required to perform certain duties should take the initiative and do so. Happy early retirement, Bill.

Time for another cup of KOFI.

Al Cluck  
Condon

(Editor's Note: The phone number in Mr. Cluck's letter is the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. The billboard he refers to has been sponsored by the Friends of the Wild Swan—see related article this issue. "Bill" is Bill Pederson, ranger at Swan Lake Ranger District, Bigfork.)

## Garbage on the Highway

To the Editor:

The Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District was formed to reduce the unsightly and unhealthy litter from the community. Removing litter from yards only to scatter it along Highway 83 and Woodworth Road is counterproductive.

The Refuse Board is concerned about this problem, particularly as we approach the time when melting snow exposes several months' accumulation of litter and the resulting clean-up activity.

We have requested increased

surveillance by law enforcement officers during periods when the landfill site is open. Hopefully, this and the cooperation of all citizens will solve the problem. If not, the Refuse Board will be forced to ask the county commissioners to create an ordinance requiring refuse to be covered with netting or tarps.

Once we have gone to the trouble to pick up our refuse and load it in a vehicle, with just a little more effort we can keep it there until we get to the dump site.

Byrl Thompson, Chairman  
Seeley Lake Refuse  
Disposal District

## PASSAGES

### A Person—Not a System

Mark Twain, in his book *Life On the Mississippi*, seems understandably confused about the practices of various religious systems we human beings come up with. Discussing, for example, the history of the Mississippi River, Twain gives an account of explorers Joliet (a merchant) and Marquette (a priest) in 1673:

"...they crossed the country and reached the banks of the Mississippi...In that day, all explorers traveled with an outfit of priests. DeSoto had 24 with him. LaSalle had several. The expeditions were often out of meat, and scant of clothes, but they always had the furniture and other requisites for the mass; they were always prepared...to 'explain hell to the savages'."

While we may not all agree with Twain's religious persuasion, we have to admit that his point here is well taken. People have a real tendency to come up with some pretty strange ideas, practices and systems in this area we call "religion." If you do such and such you are heaven bound, we are told, and if you fail to do something else you're in big trouble. Everyone seems to have their system of rules to follow. Trouble is, the rules vary from system to system.

The beauty of the good news Jesus Christ came to tell us is that we need not follow any system of "do's and don'ts" anymore. All rules do is make us want to break them anyway (like a "wet paint" or "keep off the grass sign"). So, if following them is what is takes to get in God's good graces, we are all in big trouble.

No, Jesus said some refreshing

things to us. He said God is not so concerned about what you do as He is about who you are. He said, in the Sermon on the Mount, that those who God accepts are "poor in spirit" (humble), "gentle," "merciful," and so on. Such people will automatically, by nature, do what pleases God because of who they are.

How do you get to be like that? God has to change you. And he will if you ask Him to. Tell Him you know you aren't the kind of person He asks us to be and that, because Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins, you know He can forgive you and make you all over again. I would hope that Mark Twain would not object to a "religion" like that.

## Senior Nutrition

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

Monday, March 14

Macaroni and cheese

Tuesday, March 15

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Wednesday, March 16

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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

Mar 12, Slide Show on Wolves, 3:30 pm, Holland Lake Lodge

Mar 12, Pinochle Players Card Party, 7 pm, Seeley Lake Comm. Hall

Mar 13, Mission Mountains Messengers Mini Concert, 11 a.m. Condon Community Church (potluck to follow)

Mar 15, Hunters Safety classes begin, 7-9pm, Seeley Lake Elem. School

### Public Meetings

Mar 10, Seeley Lake Elem. School trustees special meeting (to set mill levy), 7:30pm, Seeley Lake Elem. School

Mar 11, American Legion, Swan Valley Post, 8pm. Swan Valley Community Hall

Mar 14, SOS Health Center trustees meet, 7pm, SOS Health Center, Seeley Lake

Mar 15, Seeley Lake Rural Fire District meets, 7:30pm, Fire Hall

Mar 14, Writers Club, 1pm, Seeley Lake Community Hall

Mar 14, Driftriders Snowmobile Club, 6:30pm, Seeley Lake Community Hall, Condon

Mar 15, Swan Valley PTA, 1:30pm, Swan Valley Elem. School

Mar 15, PTA Story Hour 6:30 pm, Seeley Lake Elem School

### Other

Alcoholics Anonymous

•Condon: Every Thursday night, Swan Valley School, 7:30pm

•Seeley Lake: Sunday nights, mill basement, Seeley Lake, 7pm; Weds nights, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd; Thursdays at noon, 449 Grizzly Rd;

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•Young People's Meeting, Every Friday nite, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd

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## Business of the Week

### HOLY CROSS PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Holy Cross Pre-Kindergarten of Seeley Lake offers a Christian-oriented preparatory program for pre-kindergarteners. Silvia Cassidy and Fran Schiefelheim work together as a teaching team. "Silvia and I have a very good working relationship, and we have a high pupil-teacher ratio—5 kids to 1 teacher," Fran commented. Up to 12 children per session (consisting of 4 and 5-year-olds) are accepted for enrollment.

Licensed by the state and fully insured, Silvia remarked that the school meets or exceeds the state's pre-school requirements. Silvia explained, "This is not a play group. We prepare the children for school with structured lesson plans: science projects, math concepts and language arts—music, crafts, books (reading), outside play, nutritious snacks (provided by the parents) and lots of hands-on experiences. The program introduces the most basic of Christian concepts, which can be applied to the daily lives of the children." According to Fran and Silvia, the program provides a "loving, nurturing and accepting first school environment." The classroom itself offers a "cheery atmosphere for children," Fran added.

The pre-kindergarten is an outreach of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Children of all denominations are welcome. Open from September through May, morning and afternoon pre-kindergarten sessions are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Presently, there are openings for both sessions. "No priority is given to anyone—we accept on a first-come, first-served basis," Silvia said.



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## Sixty attend Rustics annual dealers meeting

Rustics of Lindbergh Lake hosted their annual dealers meeting last week near Kalispell. More than 60 dealers and their spouses from all over the United States attended the meeting and also visited the Rustics log yard near Condon on Friday.

The group also toured area log homes and enjoyed a luncheon at the Hungry Bear Chalet, another Rustics log building.

The main meeting was held at the Ramada Inn at Somers and awards were given at the Saturday night banquet. Guest speaker was Bob Boylan, a nationally known motivational speaker.

Dealer of the Year for 1987 was Tom Wagner of Alexandria, Minnesota. Wagner also took first place honors in a log home sales contest and was awarded a wildlife bronze by Kalispell artist Les Welliver. Billy Sheritt of Truckee,

California and Jeff Rich of Creswell, Oregon took second and third place honors respectively.

Rustics' Swan Valley crew chiefs, department heads and their spouses also attended the banquet.

Last year's annual meeting was held in Reno, Nevada. Next year Rustics will hold their annual meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. Dealers plan to tour the 24,000 square foot log home belonging to Ken Dudney and Barbara Mandrell which Rustics began constructing during 1987. That home is the world's largest log home. According to Ann Ford, advertising manager for Rustics, the Mandrell home is expected to be completed by June, 1988. Several well known people own Rustics log homes including Willie Nelson, Burl Ives, Dan Fouts, Lynn Anderson, Dr. Bruce Vorhauer and Liz Claiborne.

## SWAN SONGS

### Bob Binley

*Pathfinder* has received word that Bob Binley, 58, of South Laguna, California, passed away on January 30, 1988 after an 8-year bout with cancer. He was born on January 28, 1930.

Binley was a longtime summer resident of Lindbergh Lake in the Swan Valley and was much loved and respected by his friends. He enjoyed fishing, water skiing and water sports of all kinds.

He is survived by his wife, Meta, three sons and a daughter.

### Catherine Gilmore

Catherine LeGere Gilmore died February 27, 1988 at Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown, New Jersey, after a long illness. She was 56.

She was born in Chicago, and made her home in Morris Township for the last 12 years. She was a summer resident of the Swan Valley for twenty years, most recently at Holland Lake.

Mrs. Gilmore was an administrative assistant at the Church of the Assumption, Morristown for several years, and then served in the same capacity at St. Theresa's parish, Succasunna.

She attended Marygrove College, Detroit, and was a member of the Springbrook Country Club, Morristown.

Survivors include her husband, Richard F.; a daughter Catherine F., Santa Rosa, California; her mother Catherine A. LeGere, Ludington, Michigan; two brothers, Robert J., Elmhurst, Illinois, and James E., Hinsdale, Illinois.

Arrangements were by Doyle Funeral Home, 106 Maple Avenue, Morristown. Swan Valley memorial services may be announced at a later date.



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## Weather

SEELEY LAKE—Snowfall recorded at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station during February was 34.5 inches, bringing the total cumulative for the year up to 85.35 inches for the 1987-88 winter season through February. That's still only about 70% of average according to information received from the Soil Conservation Service.

The ranger station had 17 inches of snow on the ground on the last day of February.

Total precipitation for the month was 2.86 inches. That compares with a low of .18 in 1973 and a high of 3.64 in 1986.

High temperature for the month was 55 degrees Fahrenheit recorded on February 21 and 27. Low for the month was minus 21 degrees on February 2.

SWAN VALLEY—Precipitation so far this year in the Swan Valley is still a little below average according to weather observer, Marty Kux, Lindbergh Lake. However, February's precipitation was just about normal, he explained.

Kux recorded 2.70 inches of precipitation during February at Lindbergh Lake. That compares with a high of 4.61 recorded in 1982 and a low of .48 recorded in 1973. Total precipitation for both January and February was only 6.08 inches.

Cumulative snowfall for the 1987-88 winter season by the end of February was 108.4 inches. Average cumulative for the Lindbergh Lake area is 123.9 inches. "We're still a little on the low side," Kux noted. Cumulative snowfall last year (1986-87) was 108.9 inches.

Snowfall for February added up to 41.5 inches—the greatest amount in any one month so far this winter. That compares to 47 inches of snowfall recorded February 1966 and a low of 4 inches recorded in February 1968.

Kux recorded 23 inches of snow on the ground on February 29. Last year in February there was 19 inches of snow on the ground on the last day of the

month. The highest snow depth recorded this February was 34 inches on February 10. Highest snow on the ground in recent years was 38 inches recorded in February 1985.

High temperature for the month was 55 degrees Fahrenheit recorded on February 27. The lowest temperature was minus 18 on February 1. Average maximum temperature for the month was 37-1/2 degrees. That's a little higher than the six-year average, Kux explained. The minimum average temperature was 18.6 degrees (about average) and the overall average temperature for February was 28.1 degrees, also about average.

## Conservation group installs billboard

Next time you're driving south of Kalispell on Highway 93 you'll be entertained by a billboard-size cartoon drawn by Bigfork artist, Elmer Sprunger.

Sprunger designed and donated the artwork to the Friends of the Wild Swan, a conservation group whose headquarters are in Swan Lake. The group became well-known locally last summer because of their widespread opposition to clearcuts in the Swan Valley.

According to the group's recent newsletter, the idea of the billboard is to make people aware of the importance of preserving forests, wilderness areas, wildlife and water quality. "Montana is a special place in all our hearts, and it would sure be nice to put a halt to the ravaging of our land," the newsletter states.

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## Primitive skills award goes to Seeley Lake District bridge crew

The Seeley Lake Ranger District bridge crew, Lolo National Forest, has won the 12th Annual Northern Region Primitive Skills Award.

Regional Forester, James C. Overbay, said the bridge crew will receive the award for the use of primitive skills in rebuilding a long-span bridge across the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, 15 miles northeast of Ovando, Montana, in the Scapegoat Wilderness.

Announcement of the winner was made by Overbay and Bill Worf, Stevensville, MT, retired Director of Recreation, Wilderness & Lands for the Forest Service's Northern Region. Presentation of the award will be in the spring.

Last year the Seeley Lake crew removed the old bridge in the Scapegoat Wilderness and replaced it with a new bridge built from log materials. The work was completed without the use of motorized equipment. Three spans of the 90-foot bridge, and the abutments and piers were replaced.

Overbay said the work was completed within the allocated time and under the budgeted funds.

Dennis L. Johnson, Seeley Lake District Ranger, said Dave Schilz was the foreman of the crew at the start of the project and Jerry Printz assumed the role of foreman during the completion of the work.

Other members of the bridge crew were Joe Foster, Tony Drahos, Rick Reynolds, Bob Holden, Shayne Flinders, John Heffernan and Keith Schultz.

Johnson said Randy Borniger, Ernie Lundberg and Dean Solheim horse packed the materials to the wilderness construction site. Borniger and Lundberg completed the cleanup and rehabilitation work after the construction.

"No construction project can be successful without extensive planning, designing and overall supervision," Johnson said. "This support made the actual construction go smoothly." Kirk Thompson was the project engineer. Jim Blackburn and Jim De Herrera provided Ranger District supervision and support.



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At registration you will receive a ticket which you will present at the door upstairs for the luncheon and meeting. Each person will need a ticket, so don't forget to ask at the registration table for the number of tickets you need.

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# COMMUNITY

## Cornucopia by Michele Potter

Marcia Freedman from Houston, Texas passed the following recipe onto me. "The Elegante Tuna is delicious served in an avocado half, hollowed out tomato or simply piled onto a lettuce cup and topped with deviled egg and ripe olives."

Serve these delicate Lemon Ice Box Cookies for dessert with a cup of lemon herb tea.

### The Elegante Tuna

1 can tuna (6-1/2 oz)	1/2 cup celery, chopped
12 oz frozen crab meat	1 tablespoon parsley, chopped
or imitation crab meat	2 hard-cooked eggs,
12 oz frozen shrimp	coarsely chopped
1 small onion, finely chopped	2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
or 1/4 cup green onion, finely chopped	1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup green pepper, chopped	Salt and pepper, to taste

Break seafood into flakes. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Add onion, green pepper, celery, parsley and eggs, tossing lightly after each addition. Lightly mix in mayonnaise and season to taste. Chill. Serves four generously.

### Lemon Ice Box Cookies

3 cups unbleached flour	1/4 pound butter, softened
1/2 teaspoon baking soda	1 whole egg
1/2 teaspoon baking powder	Juice of 2 lemons
Pinch of salt	2 tablespoons grated lemon rind
1 cup sugar	Granulated sugar

Stir together flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. In a separate bowl, beat together sugar and butter until light. Beat in egg. Add lemon juice and rind. Add the flour mixture. Form into a roll and wrap in waxed paper. Refrigerate until firm.

Unwrap dough and slice very thin. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Sprinkle the cookies with sugar and bake on an ungreased cookie sheet at 400 degrees for 6 minutes. Cool on a rack.

The following tips come from the *Dear Betty Crocker* column from General Mills: (1) A small onion, chopped, will measure about 1/4 cup; a medium onion will yield about 1/2 cup of chopped onion and a large onion will measure about 1 cup when chopped; (2) Recipes no longer specify sifting flour because flour is already sifted many times during the milling process. For the most consistent results when baking, dip the measuring cup into flour and level it with a straight-edged knife. Take care not to tap or shake the cup.

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## Paines celebrate "50th"

Louie and Ann Paine of Seeley Lake recently celebrated fifty years of marriage. They were honored by a surprise celebration hosted by friends and relatives at the Seeley Lake Community Hall on February 20. More than 60 people attended the celebration.

When asked if they had any advice about how others might succeed in keeping a marriage together for fifty years, Ann replied, "It's a lot of understanding and love. You have to have a lot of respect for the other person's wishes. It's a 50-50 proposition."

Louie Paine and Ann Turner were married on February 19, 1938 in Helena, Montana. They then moved to Billings, Montana where Louie first worked for Elliott's Home Furnishings. Later, he went to work for the Billings Gazette in the advertising department, working in sales until his retirement in 1975. Ann worked for the Diana store in Billings, selling women's ready-to-wear clothing. She retired as manager in 1973 after 35 years with that company.

Louie and Ann Paine moved to Seeley Lake in 1977 following their re-



**Ann and Louie Paine.** tirement. They both enjoy "puttering" according to Ann and they work together on hobbies which include outdoor gardening and raising flowers. They also have "a lot of lovely nieces and nephews" that they enjoy spending time with.

## Cowboy poets gather

Cowpokes, horse wranglers and other outdoors folks are now preparing for the Northwest's first cowboy poetry recital: The Holland Lake Cowboy Poetry Gatherin', set for March 19 at Holland Lake Lodge.

The all-day event begins with a no-host brunch in the morning followed by a slide show, "Montana Barnwood" by Al Cluck, Condon, at noon.

The poetry recital begins at 1 p.m. with an introduction to cowboy poetry by Val Geissler, cowboy entertainer from Hamilton, Montana, and recently from Cody, Wyoming. The recital is

free and open to the public. Amateur poets and storytellers, along with professionals, are invited to join the recital, according to Anne Dahl of Montana Info, one of the sponsors of the event.

Val Geissler will conclude the Gatherin' with an evening performance of songs and recitations. There is a charge for his performance.

The event is also sponsored by D.K. Mitchell, Swan Valley cowboy poet, and Holland Lake Lodge.

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## MEC Annual Reports mailed this week

The Annual Report of the Missoula Electric Cooperative will be mailed to local residents this week, just in time for the Coop's Annual Meeting which will be held in Missoula on March 19.

According to Kirk Flynn of MEC's member services department, members who attend the Annual Meeting will be asked to vote on newly revised bylaws. Brief explanations of the revisions are contained in the Annual Report.

Basically, Flynn said, the bylaws haven't changed but have been "rearranged". "We've moved things around into different categories," he said.

Highlights of this year's meeting include an elaborate Health Fair to be held in the University Center, University of Montana campus, Missoula. The Health Fair, sponsored in conjunction with St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, is new this year.

All across the country the rural electric coops are starting to hold health fairs, Flynn said. Health care in rural areas is seriously lacking, he explained, adding that Health Fairs are a way to expose people to new developments in the field.

Flynn expects the cholesterol testing to be the most popular element of this year's Health Fair and he advises people to pre-register for these blood tests, which will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 19. The cholesterol testing is limited to MEC members only. Flynn adds that people who plan to participate should fast for 12 hours prior to taking the cholesterol tests. "If they don't fast, they can't be assured of quite as much accuracy," he said.

Other elements of the Health Fair include blood pressure checks, health risk appraisals, stress management booth, nutrition information center, senior citizens services, alcohol treatment center information, Life Flight information display and information on new developments in the treatment of cancer.

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## Contest Name O.S.C.R.

Originally, the logo O.S.C.R. stood for Ovando-Seeley Citizens Race, a 50 km cross-country ski race starting in the Ovando area and ending in Seeley. For several years now, the course has been changed to include only the Seeley area. Since Ovando is no longer relevant in the name, we need a new description using the same letters, O.S.C.R.

The winner will receive an official O.S.C.R. T-shirt and \$25.00 — deadline for entries is March 20, 1988. In case of duplication, the first entry received will be judged.

### ENTRY FORM

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P. O. Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868.

## Community encouraged to support tourism

Tourism is projected to be the biggest business in the U.S. by the year 2000 according to Joan Gentri, newly appointed executive director of north-west Montana's tourist promotion group—Glacier Country. Gentri was on hand last week to discuss the potential for tourism in the Seeley Swan with members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Gentri repeatedly emphasized that, if tourism is going to flourish here, it must be supported by the entire community. The biggest reason for failure of tourism is infighting in the community, Gentri said. "I could tell you a hundred stories where they failed."

On the other hand, Gentri mentioned some spectacular success stories—cases where communities have been able to preserve their "small town" character and yet prosper because of tourism.

The three steps in tourism, Gentri explained, are: "Get 'em" (get the word out), "Keep 'em" (give tourists a reason to linger an extra day), and "Bring 'em back" (and make sure they tell their friends).

She made a number of specific suggestions to the Chamber members:

- Do a feasibility study on tourism: determine your strengths and weaknesses; take an inventory of your interesting sights and events. Gentri mentioned that nature is a big attraction and "you have it."

- 200 miles is the usual travel radius for tourists nowadays. Concentrate advertising within this area. Focus especially on senior citizen centers.

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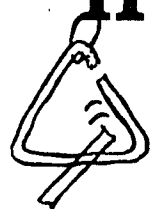
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## SPORTS

## Hornets defeat the Hawks

by DeAnna Dreyer

In the 3rd game of the Class C Divisional Tournament the Seeley-Swan Blackhawks were defeated by the White Sulphur Springs Hornets. The Blackhawks led the Hornets 25-18 at the end of the 1st quarter. Although the Hornets outscored the Blackhawks in the remainder of the game, Joe Bender's 12 first quarter points were remarkable. The Hawks got in foul trouble late in the game with Jeff Fitzgerald, Joe Bender and Dustin Gordon fouling out.

The Blackhawks' leading scorer was Bill VanVallis with 23. Following closely were Les Meyer and Joe Bender with 15 and 12 respectively. The leading scorers for the Hornets were Jason Manger with 33 and Joel Johnson with 15.

In the closing seconds of the 4th quarter, the Hornets' Ian Manger stole the ball and, in a losing attempt, tried for a two-handed dunk, which was missed. The final score for the game was: Seeley-Swan 60, White Sulphur Springs, 67.

## Blackhawks lose to Gardiner

by Dustin Gordon

After winning their first game at the Class C Divisional Tournament the Blackhawks played the District 11C champion, the Gardiner Bruins.

The Blackhawks kept pace with the taller Bruins throughout the first half. The Bruins held on to a slim 31-29 lead at halftime. The first half offensive sparkplug for the Blackhawks was Jeff Fitzgerald, who scored 12 points. Bill VanVallis and Jeff Fitzgerald battled the taller Bruins to a standstill on boards.

The roof caved in for the Blackhawks in the third quarter. The Bruins overpowered the local five 25-7 in the stanza. Foul trouble for Fitzgerald and VanVallis proved to be the edge the Bruins needed. A late rally by the Blackhawks was fueled by three shots by Dustin Gordon and Joe Bender. At the buzzer the Blackhawks were still behind 69-54.

The brothers Herriford, Chris and Pat, led all scorers with 28 and 24 respectively. The Blackhawks were led by Joe Bender's 15 points. Bill VanVallis and Jeff Fitzgerald chipped in 13 and 12 respectively.

## Hawks beat St. Regis

by Kalin Raible

During the Blackhawks first Class C Western Divisional game the Hawks beat St. Regis 85-66 keeping them in a good position. The Hawks were in good form and put on an excellent performance. The top scorer for the Blackhawks was Joe Bender with 23 points followed by Les Meyer with 20. The leading scorer for the St. Regis Tigers was Mike Sansom with 21 points and Jon Loewch with 15. Jeff Fitzgerald and Dustin Gordon fouled out during the 2nd half of the game.

## Hunters Safety Class scheduled

Hunters Safety classes will begin in Seeley Lake on Tuesday evening from 7:00-9:00 p.m., on March 15th, at the Seeley Lake Elementary School. Students ages 11 (turning 12 before November 1, 1988) and up to 18 years old are eligible to attend.

The class will continue through April 19, 1988. Materials and registration are free. If you have questions call 677-2499.

## Driftriders' last meeting of the year

The Seeley Lake Driftriders snowmobile club will hold their last meeting of the year on Monday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Hall. A report will be given on ordering a new groomer and discussions held on next year's events. There will also be a salad potluck with a spaghetti dinner to be furnished by the Club.

## Wrestling news

Seeley-Swan took 30 wrestlers to Kalispell and gave a respectable performance.

The results are as follows: 1st place finishers were David Boone, Jason Bousquet, Brett Hallam and Gary Styler. 2nd place finishers were Jacob Baker, Scott Gehrke, Heath Harper and Breck Smith. 3rd place finishers were Olin Fjell, Cory Thompson, Tyler Schwarz, David Gunter and Chris Carter. 4th place finishers were Ryan Nemmers, Richie Styler, Aaron Musick and Derek Muchmore. Honorable mention to Cody Swigert, Danny Boone, Ariah Baker, Wade Christianson, Lelan Anders, Jesse Boone, Mike Muchmore, Cole Christianson, Chris Nord, Albert Frederick, Jeremy Broer and Jason Schwarz.

Coach John Hallam was excited about the performance by the wrestlers. "I congratulate each one of these wrestlers and commend them on their dedication and sportsmanship."

The next meet is at Hellgate High school in Missoula on March 12. The deadline for signing up for wrestling is March 10.

## Swan Valley PTA to meet

The Swan Valley PTA will meet at 1:30 p.m. on March 15, 1988 at the Swan Valley Elementary School. Items on the agenda are: election of officers for 1988-89, discussion of purchasing a trophy case for the new building and a parenting program entitled, "Helping your child be a good friend."

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Honor roll is as follows:

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4th Grade: Mandy Alexander, Cole Christianson, Sarah Cox, Amber Edstedt, Aaron Himes, Brooke Mason.

5th Grade: Traci Styler, Danny Wilhelm.

6th Grade: Carla Anderson, Natalie Anderson, Robert Ekstedt, Angie Himes, Boone Jensen, Scotty McDonald, Ronny Melton, Chandra Styler.

7th Grade: Andrew Anderson, Mike Armstrong, Tonya Broers, Lisa Cox, Holly Mahaffey, Tanya Squillante.

8th Grade: Amy Gourde, Tracy Kearney, Matt Raible, Tracy Thompson.



By  
Laura  
Bogar

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