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Stan Lynde guest speaker for banquet

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce announced that Stan Lynde, nationally syndicated cartoonist, will be guest speaker for the Annual Banquet to be held Tuesday, May 17, 1988. Lynde, famous for his cartoon Rick O'Shay and Hip Shot, will speak on the topic — "Montana-the Best of What's Next."

In addition to the excitement generated by having Stan Lynde as guest speaker, President Rod Kvamme has completed the program with local talents, Dave and Mary Jane Gustin, who will lead a Western Sing-along! The Western theme of this year's banquet to be held at Lindey's Prime Steak House will feature a Western Barbecue under the supervision of Marion Kincaid.

Approximately fifteen local artists have donated work for door prizes which will be a special bonus to the evening for those fortunate to take one home. Among those donating door prizes: Karen Tanberg, Clearwater Stained

Glass; Larry Pagett, Clearwater Basketry; Pam Sikkink, Mountain View Basketry; Ed Domer, well known watercolor artist from Placid Lake and others to be recognized in subsequent articles.

Pam Sikkink, chairperson for artwork, announced that nationally renowned artist Ron Ukrainetz will feature two works of art, one which will be raffled and one to be auctioned. An original painting of a hummingbird will be raffled and a remarked limited edition artist's proof print of a mountain lion will be auctioned.

A print depicting a pack string, donated by Dr. Bruce Vorhauer, will also be auctioned during the banquet.

The 3rd Annual Citizen of the Year Award will be presented by President Rod Kvamme. Dan Cainan received the first annual award and last year Wilma Nicholson was honored when she received the 1987 Citizen of the Year Award.

Ukrainetz donates print, original painting



Ron Ukrainetz

Lindbergh Lake artist Ron Ukrainetz has donated two paintings to the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. A special remarked print of a mountain lion will be auctioned during the Chamber's annual banquet. The original painting of a hummingbird will be raffled.

Ukrainetz is a favored local artist who has become well known regionally for his detailed wildlife art. Some of his credits include Runner Up, Best of Show, Western Heritage Art Show, Great Falls, 1988; Best of Show Award, Libby Fine Art Festival, 1987; Artists Choice, Libby Fine Arts Festival, 1987; Best of Show, Western Heritage Art Show, 1987. Ron's work has also been featured in the C.M. Russell Museum art shop and in many private collections in the United States, Canada and most recently, in Beijing, China in the Industrial Design Department at Tunghai University.

Highway 83 widening being planned

If all goes well, starting about 1993 much of Highway 83 will be widened from its current 24 feet to 28 feet (two 12-foot lanes and two 2-foot shoulders). According to Bob Lajoie of the state highway department, four separate projects are being considered for widening the highway. If completed, the projects would result in a 65-mile continuous stretch of widened roadway, starting at Clearwater Junction.

Lajoie made the announcement at last week's meeting of the Seeley Lake Economic Task Force. He stressed that the plans are very preliminary and that there is no assurance that funding will be available in 1993; funding currently exists as a result of action taken by the 1983 legislature.

In addition to widening, the highway department will use the opportunity to replace all the bridges on the route, most of which are nearly 40 years old.

The plans call for installing an extra-wide section, starting at the entrance to the Double Arrow Ranch and extending north through the town of Seeley Lake. The roadway in this section would be 40-foot wide, consisting of two 12-foot lanes and two 8-foot shoulders.



"Rides for Hire." Wayne and Mark Cahoon provided carriage rides to family and friends in Seeley Lake last Saturday afternoon. The Cahoons have been raising Clydesdale horses for many years, and recently sold "Dale" who is pictured here pulling this carriage.

Natty Bumppo



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As we all know, the U.S. Postal Service recently instituted some pretty hefty rate hikes. What we at Pathfinder didn't know was how bad it was going to be for second class mailers such as ourselves. The National Newspaper Association had given us constant assurances over the past year that second class rates would be largely "spared." Well, it turned out that the NNA lobbyists focused on a few of the second class rates and, indeed, managed to keep them relatively low. In the real world, though, there is a wide range of second class rates and the increases, at least for Pathfinder, exceed 20%. As a result, we are compelled to increase our subscription rates. Local subscriptions are now \$12 per year; out-of-area subscriptions are now \$15. Of course, we are not alone. Other weeklies are raising their rates and, when the dust settles, we expect our rates will still be among the lowest in the state.

The lesson in all this is that the NNA needs to fire their lobbyists and hire the postal union lobbyists. It turns out that the reason for the postage hikes is to cover spiraling wages for postal workers—wages won by some very astute lobbying. Wages for postal workers have been rising at a rate 50% greater than that for comparable government jobs. The average salary of letter carriers and postal clerks now stands at \$27,000.

This would be okay if there were accompanying increases in worker productivity. However, the only significant productivity increases have resulted from requiring mailers to handle more of the presorting. The Postal Service's own figures show a productivity gain of only 0.1% for last year.

Now, this is not meant as an indictment of postal workers. They have simply done an exceptional job of improving their own lot—not an uncommon human aspiration. More power to them. No, the real villains in the piece

Country Journal

Hiked a ridge above the house last weekend. The ninebark was nearly leafed out in many places, as was the alder in the draws. Can't believe we haven't seen hummingbirds yet. Most of the lakes are open, the tamaracks are turning green and the daffodils finally decided to bloom.

The sunny weather on Saturday coaxed that vanilla-sweet smell from the ponderosa pines near Owl Creek. It seemed as though the warmth would never end. Even the rain that began on Monday was warm.

The wild critters are nearly tame now. Ken Wolff escorted a moose down Kraft Creek Road and through his yard the other night. Well, maybe escort isn't the right word. Bullwinkle broke into a gangly trot as Ken was driving down the road. Rather than cross the fence or the highway, the moose strode through

Editorial

are, guess who?—our friends in Congress. Back in 1970, the Postal Service was spun off as an "independent" government agency—to be managed solely by an independent board of governors. Well, the plan has gone awry and what we have ended up with is the postal board being bludgeoned and browbeaten by various Congressional meddlers. The result has been total capitulation on labor bargaining. All of this has consequences—one small element of which is seen in the opening paragraph of this editorial. Gosh, you might think that members of Congress have more important things to attend to—such as addressing the budget deficit.

Company's Coming...Let's Get Cleaned Up!

This Saturday marks the annual community cleanup sponsored by the Chamber. Many, many thanks to the groups and individuals who have volunteered their time for this "spring cleaning." The list includes the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Lions, Awana, Seeley Lake Elementary and Seeley Swan High School. Why not add your name to the list? This is a project which produces instantaneous and highly visible results. Indulge yourself in total self-gratification—come to the "staging area" at the Timberline building (next to 1st Valley Bank) at 10 a.m. Saturday morning.

—Dick Potter

by Suzanne Vernon
Swan Valley

Ken's yard and headed back toward the meadows.

Folks are seeing more and more "spring birds" this week. The sandhill cranes are back, and we'll be listening for an American bittern.

Swan Valley Elementary School students were greeted by a strange sight one morning last week. As they walked into class they saw a huge hole in the window, shattered glass and a dead grouse on the floor. We've seen many birds hit those picture windows, but this is the first time I've heard of a grouse breaking the glass. Only in the Swan, huh?

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Save the Kootenai

To the Editor:

It is important that the large contingent of migratory trout fishermen in the Seeley Lake area be alerted to the proposed destruction of one of their favorite nearby haunts. Damming again threatens the Kootenai River in Lincoln County. The Kootenai River, below Libby Dam, is a "blue ribbon," free-flowing, large river rainbow trout fishery that fishermen from all over western Montana have come to rely on for recreation. It is a river ranked among the top five percent of Montana's waterways for sport fishing.

The construction of Libby Dam in the late '60s flooded 100 miles of beautiful and productive Kootenai River waters. Attempts to dam additional reaches of the Kootenai since then have, with great effort, been over ruled. Now, once again, we find ourselves digging trenches. A few of Libby's misguided politicians, out to dam the river before someone else does, have resurrected a once-defeated dam proposal. This project, now called the Jennings Rapids Dam, would inundate another ten miles of natural river, and create a slack-water pool barely capable of sustaining even rough fish.

The best solution to continued attempts to dam the Kootenai River is to have the river designated a "recreational river" under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. This will prevent, once and for all, the dam-builders from desecrating the precious little remaining Kootenai River in Montana. I urge those readers who fish the Kootenai or otherwise appreciate its natural beauty to write to the

Montana Congressional delegation requesting action to save an important part of our heritage.

Ray Ottulich
Libby

Plight of the Small Logger

To the Editor:

I have a problem with the caption the *Inter Lake* used above a letter to the editor. It said, "at times loggers can't see the forest for the stumps." Since the letter was about the Forest Service managers, the caption should have said, "at times the Forest Service can't see the forest for the stumps."

There is a big difference between loggers and timber bosses. The Forest Service bosses are not loggers. Not even close. The Forest Service is no friend of the small logger.

Due to the nice relationship of the Forest Service and the big timber companies, it is now difficult for a small logger to even bid on many timber sales because of the dictated road construction. The bonds are too expensive. Just like the Battery Mountain sale that Sunday's letter to the editor was about.

A lot of loggers remember the days before the Forest Service dictated huge clearcuts. Why the expensive roads and huge clearcuts? To fatten Supervisor Ed Brannon's administrative budget, that's why. We can do our logging without these expensive roads to nowhere.

Patrick Foley
Bigfork

COMMUNITY

Christian Youth Rally set

The youth of the Fundamental Baptist Church will attend a two-day rally at Whitefish on April 29-30. The youth will leave from the church after school on Friday.

Any young person in 7-12th grades is invited to come. There is a small fee for the activities. Transportation will be provided. Please contact the Fundamental Baptist Church at 677-2268 for any other information.

Honor Roll Correction

Two names were inadvertently left off the Seeley Lake Elementary Honor Roll for 3rd quarter. Congratulations to Ray Koch and Nick Miller, 8th Grade students

Missionary at Baptist Church

Dennis Hickman, Pastor of the Fundamental Baptist Church of Seeley Lake says that missionary Paul Domen will be ministering at the church on the evening of April 27th. Mr. and Mrs. Domen are missionaries to their native home of Hawaii. They are with the Baptist Mid-Missions mission agency.

The public is invited to the Wednesday service which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Blood Drive scheduled

An American Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by American Legion Post 63 will be held at the Condon Community Hall on April 21, between the hours of 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. Contact Dale Aldrich, 754-2546, for further information.

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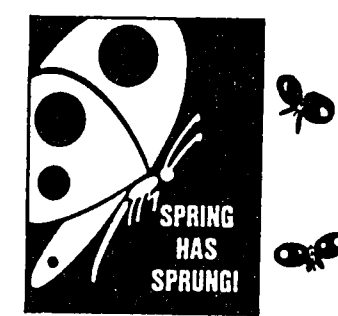
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Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 6 pm; call 677-2022 or 754-2365.

Events

- Apr 21, American Red Cross Blood Drive, Swan Valley Comm. Hall, Condon, 2:30-5:30 pm.
- Apr 23, Community Clean Up Day, Timberline Building, 10am.
- Apr 23 Small World Festival, University of Montana, 10 am - 1pm—FREE..
- Apr 27, Kindergarten Roundup, Seeley Lake Elementary.
- Apr 27, High Country Gardening, Swan Valley Library, Condon, 2 p.m.
- Apr 30-May 1, Gun Show, sponsored by Wilderness Sportsman's Club, Seeley Lake Community Hall.

Public Meetings

- Apr 21, Seeley Lake Elem School trustees meet, school library 7:30pm.
- Apr 27, Seeley Lake Water District Board, REA building, 7 pm

Clubs & Organizations

- Apr 21, Condon Community Club, Swan Valley Comm Hall, 8pm
- Apr 28, Swan Valley History Group, Mrs. Evelyn Jette residence, 1:30 pm

Other

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Condon: Every Thursday night, Swan Valley School, 7:30pm
- Seeley Lake: Sunday nights, 449 Grizzly Road, Seeley Lake, 7pm; Weds nights, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd; Thursdays at noon, 449 Grizzly Rd;
- Young People's Meeting, Every Friday nite, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd
- Al Anon
- Seeley Lake: Thursday nights, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake, 7pm
- Bookmobile:
- Apr 27: Potomac School, 10-11:30am; Sunset School, 12-1pm; Clearwater Junction, 1:30-2:30pm; Seeley Lake, 3-5:30pm.
- Apr 28: Seeley Lake Elem, 9am-Noon; Seeley Lake Town, 12:45-2:30pm.
- Refuse Disposal Site, Oct thru April: Weds & Sat, 10am-4pm.
- Swan Lake Library (Swan Lake): Weds, Sat, 10am-2pm.
- Swan Valley Library (Condon): Weds, 10am-6pm, Sat, 10am-3pm.
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Grass fire squelched near Condon

The Swan Valley Volunteer Fire Department suppressed a grass fire that got out of control on private land near the Guest Ranch Road Saturday afternoon.

About 10 firefighters responded with an engine and tanker truck from the volunteer fire company. Forest Service personnel also responded.

According to Bill Shoup, spokesman for Swan Valley's emergency response groups, the fire involved about 1-1/2 acres. Firefighters stopped flames about 10 feet away from a summer home structure, saving the building and a nearby camper-trailer.

Shoup reminds local residents to dial 9-1-1 for all emergencies in the Swan Valley-Condon area.

High country gardening to be discussed

The Swan Valley Community Library is sponsoring a one-hour program on high country gardening next Wednesday, April 27, at 2 p.m.

Sheri Bardo from Bardo's Organic Greenhouse at Lindbergh Lake will conduct the program and bring samples from her greenhouse. The program will specifically address the types of flowers and vegetables that grow best in the Swan Valley, with an emphasis on perennial flowers.

Children welcome at UM's Small World Festival on Saturday

Saturday, April 23, is Kid's Day during the annual Small World Festival at the University of Montana. Children grades kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome to attend a morning of fun-filled events on the UM campus, according to Kari Gunderson, Swan Valley.

Gunderson is helping to coordinate this year's event. She is the environmental education coordinator for the Wilderness Institute in Missoula and has often conducted nature programs for local schools. She also works as a wilderness ranger in the Mission Mountains during the summer months.

Saturday's Small World activities will include:

- Environmental Education activities
- New games
- Native American dancers
- Lunch with Woodsey Owl
- Acoustical music with sing-alongs
- Peace balloon send off as the "Grand Finale"
- Films including "The Lorax" and wildlife films selected as winners by children during the International Wildlife Film Festival

Children and their parents are welcome to attend the day's activities. The Small World Festival will take place in the center of the Oval on campus from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch or money to buy lunch at the University Center.

Children should wear comfortable clothing and be ready to have fun in the outdoors, according to Gunderson.

For further information call Kari Gunderson, Environmental Education Coordinator at the Wilderness Institute, Missoula, 243-5361. The Small World Festival is sponsored by Environmental Studies Advocates, Associated Students of the University of Montana, Student Action Center, and the Wilderness Institute.

Honor Roll (Seeley-Swan High School, 3rd quarter)

Seeley-Swan High School has announced the 3rd Quarter Honor Roll as follows:

Debbie Johnson	3.85
Darren Baratta	3.80
Pam Styler	3.66
Sandy DeLeo	3.66
Mike Meehan	3.66
Jeff Fitzgerald	3.60
Willie Jo Ogden	3.57
Pirkko Oksanen	3.50
Racene Friede	3.50
Sean Thompson	3.42
Jack Shoupe	3.40
Billie Copenhaver	3.33
Stacy Bartlett	3.33
Tommy Jo Dreyer	3.33
Pam Pohlman	3.33
Gareth Cooper	3.33
Stephanie Owens	3.20
Carl Verworm	3.20
Tom Leonard	3.16
Brian Morin	3.16
Les Meyer	3.00
Alvina Vannoy	3.00
James Freyholtz	3.00
Cass Wing	3.00
Leanne Dillree	3.00
Stacy Hermance	3.00
Tracy Malone	3.00
Kristen Paxton	3.00
Jo Vannoy	3.00
Cliff Hawkins	3.00
Tony Scollick	3.00

Swan plan may help bring back native trout

by Suzanne Vernon

Westslope cutthroat trout are a species of special concern to Montana anglers. Fishermen surveys and public comments during a series of meetings conducted by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Forest Service in recent months have confirmed that most Swan Valley residents want to "bring back" the native trout, according to Mike Enk, resource manager with the Swan Lake Ranger District.

But can the native fish be resurrected in the waters of the Swan Valley?

Forest Service resource managers think they can. For many years cutthroat trout thrived in the Swan River and Swan Lake. However, a

variety of influences during the past 20 years—including introduction of rainbow trout, increased fishing pressure, and changes in riparian habitat in key areas—have contributed to the disappearance of the native trout.

The first stream to be affected by the westslope cutthroat recovery plan will be Wyman Creek according to Enk.

Soup Creek and Hall Creek are also key streams in the recovery plan. The Forest Service hopes to host public meetings and solicit comments from private landowners in the Hall Creek area this summer. The state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks will be responsible for the Soup Creek plan, Enk explained.

One of the first steps in implementing the new fisheries plan will be to eliminate the eastern brook trout in project streams and key sections of the Swan River. Eastern brook trout compete with cutthroat trout for habitat, spawning areas and food. State FWP

personnel are now laying the groundwork to evaluate the effects of using rotenone to poison eastern brook trout. Barriers will be erected in various sections of key streams and the river to prevent more brook trout from spawning in protected areas.

After the eastern brook trout populations are eliminated in key areas, then the streams will be restocked with migratory westslope cutthroat trout.

Plans revised for new elk viewing site

Mike Thompson, manager of the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range, has unveiled a new plan for constructing a viewing facility adjacent to the range. The major change in the plan is to locate the facility on the west side of Highway 83, rather than on the east side as proposed earlier. The new location would be much closer to Clearwater Junction (three-tenths of a mile north of the junction) and would provide better viewing of the winter elk herd, according to Thompson. Thompson acknowledged that passing traffic would occasionally disrupt viewing, but he pointed out that traffic flow is light in the winter and disruption should be minimal.

The proposed location was announced at last week's meeting of the Seeley Lake Economic Task Force, where construction plans were also displayed. The structure, about sixteen feet in length, resembles a small, covered shelter—with three panels serving as rear walls. A large informational sign would occupy each panel, and the signs would be updated as necessary. The exterior materials consist primarily of cedar. Similar structures have been constructed in other parts of the state and the design is intended to blend into a prairie-like setting—such as that in the vicinity of Clearwater Junction.

Fish and Game has agreed to foot the cost of the signs and all maintenance

costs. Construction would be provided for free by either the Navy Sea-bees or Vo-Tech students. The state highway department has agreed to plow the site, which is on an existing pullout, in winter. However, Thompson said that the community would have to pay for the materials used in construction. Materials cost is expected to be about \$1000.

Art Sikkink, representing the Wilderness Sportsman's Club, indicated that the club's board has expressed interest in the project and that, potentially, the Club could raise the necessary funds. Sikkink said the matter would be pursued further with the club's membership.



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Cornucopia by Michele Potter

Capitalize on the tender, tasty vegetables of spring. One of the oldest foods known to man, artichokes appear in everything from appetizers and salads to pizzas and casseroles. Artichokes are available year-round but have two peak seasons—February to May and in October.

Before cooking artichokes, pull off lower petals of artichoke. Cut stem to one inch or less. Cut off top quarter of artichoke and, if desired, snip tips off remaining petals. Stand one prepared artichoke in pot with 3 inches boiling, salted water. (If desired, oil, lemon juice and seasonings can be added to cooking water.) Cover and boil gently about 25 to 40 minutes, depending on size, or until petal near center pulls out easily. Stand upside down to drain. Or to microwave, set one medium artichoke upside down in a small glass bowl with 1/4 cup of water, 1 teaspoon each of lemon juice and cooking oil. Cover with plastic wrap. Cook on high 6 to 7 minutes, turning one quarter half way. Let stand covered 5 minutes after cooking.

Artichokes may be served hot or cold. To eat, pull off outer petals one at a time, dip base of petal into sauce, and pull through teeth to remove soft, pulpy portion of petal. Carefully scrape away the fuzz (thistle-like portion) with a knife to reveal the artichoke heart—gourmet delight and luscious treasure. With your knife and fork cut into bite-sized pieces, dip, savor and enjoy!

Try these new dips with your cooked artichokes.

Artichoke Sour Cream Soy Dip

1 cup dairy sour cream
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon garlic wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon curry powder

Combine all ingredients and chill in refrigerator for one hour or more to allow flavors to blend. Makes about 1-1/4 cups.

Artichokes with Lime Mayonnaise

1 cup vegetable oil, divided
1 egg
2 tablespoons lime juice
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon grated lime peel
1/4 teaspoon each thyme, crushed and salt
Dash White Pepper
Cooked artichokes

Combine 1/4 cup oil and remaining ingredients except artichokes in blender or food processor; blend on high or process 10 seconds. With motor running, gradually add remaining 3/4 cup oil. Blend 30 seconds. Cover and chill thoroughly. Serve artichokes with dip or remove fuzzy centers of artichokes and fill with dip. Makes about 1-1/4 cups dip. Recipe compliments of Pacific Kitchens, Seattle, Washington.



Honor Society students from Seeley-Swan High School are, left to right: Darren Baretta, Billie Copenhaver, Willie Jo Ogden, Sandi DeLeo, Debbie Johnson and Jeff Fitzgerald.

Honor Society serves at Founders Day dinner

The Honor Society students from Seeley-Swan High School served pancake dinners at the 2nd Annual Founders Day celebration sponsored by the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce last Sunday.

The six Honor Society students this year are Darren Baretta and Jeff Fitzgerald, seniors; and Willie Jo Ogden, Billie Copenhaver, Debbie Johnson and Sandi DeLeo, juniors.

These students have been chosen for

Honor Society based on their scholastic achievement, leadership and the results of a faculty evaluation, according to Art Sikkink, teacher at Seeley-Swan High School.

Honor Society students must achieve a 3.5 (B+) or better grade point average through the first half of their junior year in high school. They must maintain the 3.5 average throughout their junior and senior years in order to keep their Honor Society standing.



The Early Days of Seeley Lake was the theme for the Founders Day dinner last weekend. Ed Coyle, left, displayed dozens of old photos which he took during the 1950s and 1960s in Seeley Lake. Coyle used to operate the tavern that is now known as The Filling Station. Watch for reprints of Coyle's photos in future issues of Pathfinder.

SOS needs help

Voters in the SOS Hospital District defeated a proposed 2-year mill levy on April 5 to help fund operation of the Health Center in Seeley Lake. According to nurse administrator, Wilma Nicholson, loss of the mill levy generated considerable discussion at the recent SOS board of trustees meeting.

"The board of trustees and the staff of the Health Center are asking our patients for help by paying their outstanding debts, so we can make our budget for the next year," she explained. "It's important to alert people that we do have a problem," she added.

The SOS trustees will be taking a closer look at overdue accounts at their next regular meeting on May 11. They will also begin to re-work the budget at that time.

The proposed mill levy was not a "new" levy, but one that has been run before. Defeat of the levy means a loss of about \$15,000 to the Hospital District budget for next fiscal year.



The Three Generations Band entertained folks in Seeley Lake on Sunday afternoon. The Missoula group plays old time and bluegrass music. Pictured left to right are: Jan Young, Jeff Campfield, Bill Cook, Aaron Bendickson, Sharon Lukes, Jim Bendickson, Art Erikson, Bob Hoedel, Otis Bendickson, Nathan Cook.

Lions Club installs new PA system

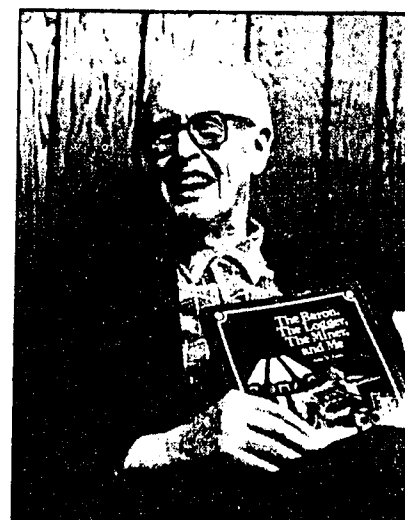
Members of the Seeley Lake Lions Club, assisted by local residents and businesses, recently completed the installation of a new public address system at the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

The memorial project was organized in honor of Leonard Sorenson, longtime Lions Club member who passed away last winter.

The new public address system was used by the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce during the 2nd Annual Founders Day celebration last weekend.



LeRoy Vick, right, was assisted by Tom Porter, left, during the 2nd Annual Founders' Day Pancake Dinner last Sunday in Seeley Lake.



John Toole, long time seasonal resident of Seeley Lake, was the guest speaker at the Founders Day celebration last weekend.

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Reviewed by Dick Potter

This is probably the funniest film to come along since *Ruthless People*, which also starred Danny DeVito. DeVito, who seems to be John Belushi incarnate, displays his usual style—which is best described as endearingly repulsive. Both he and Dreyfuss portray aluminum siding salesmen who are pitted against each other. The acting is brilliant. Forget all the usual stereotyped comedy plots to which we've grown accustomed—this story is unique and very well scripted.

The setting is Baltimore in the early 60's and a great effort has been made to recreate the period. Most conspicuously, fanned fleets of vintage Cadillacs, the siding peddler's hallmark, have been resurrected for the occasion. The music (mostly background) is pure period, too, and is uniformly superb.

In a word, this is a great movie. What a refreshing change from the usual drivel.

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- April 30, 10:00 am, Frenchtown
- Seeley Lake Elementary
April 23, 9:00 am
Seeley Lake Inv. at Big Sky
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PASSAGES

A Float House Fellowship

The little path was muddy that took us down to the rocky shore. There were night sounds and the smell of shellfish and saltwater. We could hear waves so gently clapping on the rocks. I marveled, even the water applauds the Great God Jehovah!

It was good to enjoy the fellowship of a fellow believer. Mike and I were an encouragement to each other. We would enjoy a visit with a fellow timber cutter. I remembered his kind, humble manner. It convicted me of the lack of meekness in myself.

Called boot tracks marked the log plank walk that led to the door. Chances were you would find no sloggard here. The lights looked cheerful and friendly—upon entering we truly found it so. His wife greeted us warmly. I took notice that, though the house was only half-finished, it was immaculate. She



Track action for the Blackhawks

by Tricia Parker

Dale Terrillon
Montana Christian Logger

didn't let the drudgery of housework affect her noble soul. God had given her a family to care for—she was thankful.

The aroma of cedar and spruce was a proper setting for a logger's house, and the four-foot spruce it floated on added a nostalgic touch. The Savior worked wood with his hands. He was especially close to the common man. Beautiful apple-checked children sat on a crude but sturdy bench, obedient and quiet. The little girl shyly served us coffee and returned to her seat. Respect from children is getting hard to find these days.

Who were the three men sitting against the wall? They weren't loggers. A story of gloom was written on their faces. Yes, my friend had found them on the edge of town under some plastic, no food, no heat, no job, no hope! Where would they go? There were many main-line churches there, but these were rough looking fellows, huddled in the cold. My friend didn't consider anything but love. He obeyed God.

In the gospel of Luke, Jesus tells a story about a man going down the road from Jericho. It tells of mercy and the service test. What a fellowship! We talked about the Lord being a great help in time of need. We can cast our anxieties upon Him because He cares for us. We even shared scripture and we respected one another, too. Paul's warning tells us to speak the truth in love. We discovered that the more we thought we knew, the more we realized how little we did know.

Too soon, it was time to leave. I prayed the three men found the jobs they were looking for. I shook my friend's hand warmly and told him I loved him—and I meant it. The muddy path we came in on didn't seem quite so bad, maybe because my spirit was lighter. What a great fellowship God had put together. After all, Witnesses for Jehovah don't invite you to their float houses—do they?

Both the boys and girls got fourth place in Saturday's Invitational track meet at Frenchtown. The boys had a total of 40 points and the girls had 30 points. Corvallis was overall winner for the boys with a total of 70 points. Bigfork was the overall winner for the girls with a total of 65-1/2. Individual achievements were as follows:

Jeff Jette, 5th place in discus, 124'4"; the 400 m. relay was taken by the Blackhawk boys with 45.34; Shanun Rammell was third and Jason Marshall was fourth in the 1500 m. run with 5:00.26 and 5:07.56 respectively; Joe Bender placed first in the high jump at 6'0"; Darren Baretta was third in the 800 m. run with 2:08.35; Leelyn Cahoon took fourth in the 200 m. dash with 24.16; Les Meyer took first in the pole vault with 12'0"; Shanun Rammell was second in the 3200 run with 11:13 and Jason Marshall took fifth with 11:31.51. The Seeley boys took fourth in the 1600 relay with 43.55. Richard Klebenow took third in the shotput with a throw of 43'8".

For the girls, Tommie Jo Dreyer won second in the 100 hurdles with 17.49; Jennie Klebenow took first in the triple jump with 31'10-1/4"; Sandy DeLeo took first in the discus with a throw of 105'9"; Cindy Baker got fifth in the 400 dash with 1:06.28 and also second in the long jump with 14'10"; Tommie Jo Dreyer took first in the 300 hurdles with a time of 49.90. The Blackhawk girls took third in the 1600 relay at 4:32.33.

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Bridging the gap

by Suzanne Vernon

You can't talk to your parents the same way you talk about things at CYC, according to one Seeley Lake teenager who has attended the weekly Catholic Youth Coalition gatherings in Seeley Lake this year.

And the need to discuss issues away from the home or high school environment seems to be the reason that most of the 15 or so young adults now active in CYC are so intensely loyal to their group.

"It's a place to go and express your feelings without mom or dad or father telling you what to do," Tricia Parker said during an informal CYC gathering earlier this month. Tricia is a sophomore at Seeley-Swan High School and has been involved in CYC for three years. "CYC is really cool. We don't have to come and stare at Bibles. The people who come are not all church freaks."

Indeed, not all of the young people who sometimes participate in the CYC fellowship are even Christians, according to Bill Peña, one of three adults who work with the Seeley Lake program, which is sponsored by the Diocese of Helena, Catholic Church. However, the CYC program is definitely spiritually based.

"This is a social and scriptural springboard to address issues on a different level," Peña explained, adding that CYC brings students together to freely discuss issues, incorporating a spiritual dimension—a Christian perspective—that isn't possible within the high school class structure.

Topics range from "What is community?" and the importance of forgiveness, to whether animals have souls. The discussions help participants learn ways to apply Bible reasoning to everyday life.

"The Bible is our manual," according to Tadd Herbert, also a sophomore at Seeley-Swan High School. Tadd has been involved in three Christian youth organizations in Seeley Lake and he recently compared the programs. "Awana is a Bible memorization group; the Mission Mountain Messengers

gather to sing. At CYC we come to listen and to learn. We can share, and hear other people's opinions."

Bill Peña doesn't lead the weekly CYC discussions. He sees himself more as a facilitator.

"I challenge them to say and express what they are feeling, not what they think somebody else might want them to say," Peña explained. Peña has worked for Legendary Lodge (summer youth camps operated by the Diocese of Helena) for many years and he is adept at communicating with teenagers. When CYC discussions start to wander, he skillfully guides the young people back to scripture. "We touch on issues that deal with faith, concepts of God, and churches. And when it's appropriate, we open the Bible and read."

Trust is a key element within the CYC group. The young adults often talk about subjects that aren't discussed in the peer-pressure world of high school. And that feeling of trust has, over the past few years, created an important support group for Seeley Swan teenagers.

"These kids are constantly challenged," according to Peña. There's considerable pressure on the students to become involved with drugs and alcohol, for example. "If these kids (CYC members) wobble, hopefully they have friends from CYC who will help back them up."

To reinforce the feeling of community within the group, Peña encourages the students to attend the annual CYC convention in Helena. Four Seeley-Swan students—Doug Overman, Jason Marshall, Kelly Malone and Greg Herron—attended the convention this year. Peña would also like to see more teenagers attend at least one week-long Christian youth camp. "The camp experience will stay with them for a lifetime," he added.

The Seeley Lake CYC students are tentatively planning to host a drug-and-alcohol-free dance this spring. The event will mark the end of the CYC gatherings for this year. Next fall, the CYC group will resume their weekly meetings and discussions. Young adults,

Weekly gatherings of the Catholic Youth Coalition give young adults opportunity to talk things out



CYC members, left to right: (front) Tadd Herbert, Bill Peña (sponsor), Tracy Malone, Tricia Parker, Roger Perrier; (back) Jeremy Hebnes, Christian Jette, Bill Koch and Jason Marshall. Not pictured: Billie Copenhaver, Debbie Johnson, Joe Bender, Kelly Malone, Brittanie Hebnes, Derek and Pat Broderick, Twila Salomon, Breck Smith, Scott Olson, Doug Overman, and Jeremy Aumaugher.

including junior high and high school students, are welcome to participate. For more information about the Catholic Youth Coalition, talk to any of the students who are active in the group, or contact the adults who are working with the program: Bill Peña and Diane Parker of Seeley Lake, and Roger Perrier at Legendary Lodge on Salmon Lake.

Voters—register by May 9

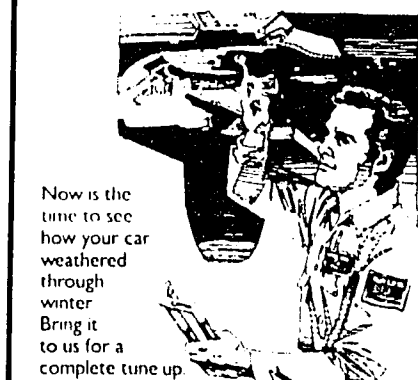
The voter registration deadline for the June primary elections is May 9, according to Beth Hammer, Swan Valley.

People who wish to vote in the upcoming elections should fill out voter registration cards and return them to their county's elections office before May 9. People who voted here in the last presidential election or the recent local elections do not need to re-register.

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