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Lake Alva fire halted

By Gary Noland

A powerline-caused fire swept through 220 acres near Lake Alva and Lake Inez last Friday, but was contained by Saturday morning as fire crews launched men, women and machines into the area in quick response.

The fire spread eastward from a shorted powerline on the east side of Highway 83 near the Richmond Ridge road intersection and burned through 220 acres of Forest Service and Plum Crcek lands.

DeLon Potter, incident commander of the fire management team, said that at the fire's peak around 200 firefighters were involved with support from C130 transports dropping retardant Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Eight loads of retardant were dropped on Saturday alone from 9 to 10 a.m., with a load containing 3,000 gallons, he said. Four dozers were brought in, several pumpers, and one helicopter were working Friday afternoon.

The aggressive action by Forest Service and Department of State Land personnel, supported by many local contractors and the cooperators including Plum Creek brought the fire under control by noon Saturday.

A tree limb coming in contact with the powerline caused the fire, and winds are suspected of causing the connection.

The fire remained east of Highway 83 and homes in the Lake Inez west of the highway were not threatened.

Sceley Lake District Ranger Dennis Johnson and the fire management team expressed gratitude for widespread support during the fire. The Elkhorn, Barney's and The Filling Station provided numerous meals. The Seeley Lake Motel, Duck Inn, and Wilderness Gateway motels, the towns of Condon and Seeley Lake, and Seeley Lake Elementary school provided sleeping facilities for firefighters during the cold, wet nights. Many people provided other assistance such as law enforcement, busses, pickups, heavy equipment, all to numerous to mention, but not forgotten, the Forest Service said in a release Tuesday.

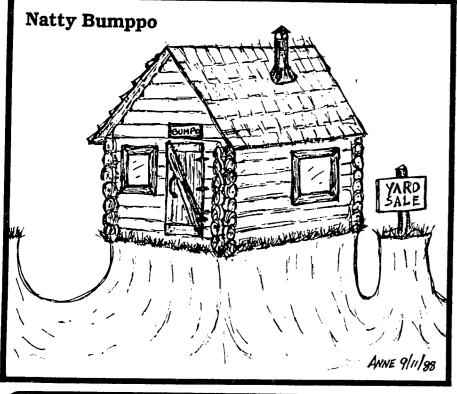
Mop-up operations are still underway. Several engines and quite a few people will be there until Thursday, Potter said.



Men and Women and Machines battle Lake Alva Fire



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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

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Public Meetings/Clubs & Organizations

September 15, Upper Swan Historical Society, 7:30pm, Swan Valley library

September 15, Seeley Lake Elementary Board, 7:30pm, Elem School

September 15, Wilderness Sports-man's Club meets, 7:30pm, Leisure Lodge

September 19, Seeley Lake Community Council, 7pm, Comm Hall

September 19, Seeley Lake PTA, 7:30pm, Elem School

September 20, Seeley Lake Fire Board, 7:30pm, Fire Hall

September 27, Seeley Lake

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September 28, Seeley Lake Water Board, 7pm, REA Bldg

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Seeley Lake Public Library (Seeley Lake): School Days, 9:45am-3:30pm (closed from 11:30am-Noon for lunch); Tue & Thur, 7pm-9pm;

Sat, 10am-4pm Swan Lake Library (Swan Lake):

Wed & Sat, 10am-2pm Swan Valley Library (Condon):

Wed, 10am-6pm; Sat, 10am-3pm (starting 9/10/88)

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Editorial comment

Flatlander assails heights

Thought I'd never make it, did you?

Well, if I'd had to do it solo the first time, you might have been right, as I stumbled in a recent lonely attempt to drive up to Mt. Morrell lookout to visit the young lady who has made the tower her home this summer.

My plight prompted assistance from Colin Moon, supervisor of state fire crews at Sperry Grade who offered to show me the way. For three days, remembering the narrow road winding up the mountain and the heart-stopping sheer drops on the cliffs, I managed to come up with one excuse or another, all quite legitimate in my mind.

Then, one morning Colin pulled into my driveway, and I knew the time had arrived. How many days are we going to be gone, I asked. "Forty-five minutes to the top," he replied. (He's surely joking, I thought, as I recalled getting within only seven miles of the summit in about an hour).

The drive took 50 minutes exactly. Fortunately, smoke filled much of the valley that day and blunted the height perception as I occasionally dropped my intense study of the truck's dashboard and instruments to peer out the window. Fifty minutes is about right, I rationalized to Colin. "Your truck has

eight cylinders and mine is only a fourbanger. Thus, half the time."

One thing I learned as we rounded a sharp curve near the top was to dispense with the reporters' habit of asking questions. "What's the summit elevation?" I asked routinely. Colin grabbed a nearby map and proceeded to read the fine print of 7,790 feet as he navigated the curve and I stared dumbly into the space where the road seemed to end. "Close enough to 8,000," I sighed with relief when he replaced the map. End of questions.

Even though I've now conquered Mr. Morrell, (that's a subconscious typo revealing my respect for the mountain), with the help of an accomplished pilot, it doesn't seem to impress very many locals, and I understand some of the boys are suggesting a ride for me up Morrell in a large, tractor-trailer logging truck, but not until there's snow-cover on the road.

What happened to the good old days when all they did was tar and feather the editor!

-Gary Noland

Harvest season

Everywhere we go, people are talking about the harvest season. Seems it isn't just farmers who have battled with grasshoppers and hot weather this year.

Grasshoppers aren't the worst offenders in the Swan. It's the whitetail deer who ravage the gardens at harvest time. They seem to know just when the strawberry patch is about ready to bear fruit; when the fall cabbage should be cut; and of course, when the apples are ripe. And why they insist on stripping the raspberry bushes right down to the stalks, I'll never know.

We harvested most of our edible apples (and raspberries) this month. For the past two years, we have left one apple tree just for the deer. It's a small tree, gone wild years ago. Three years ago, we harvested that tree. The deer wanted revenge. They hopped over the four foot fence surrounding our yard, and ate all of our domestic apples not ten feet from where our mighty watchdog lay sleeping.

There are some inspiring harvest stories this year. One woman I visited with had ripe tomatoes on the vine (not in a greenhouse) for the first time in 12 years. Now that's what a long hot summer can do for you in the Seeley Swan.

Other people reported record crops of berries. And the flowers this year did really well in most everyone's gardens.

We'll be talking about different sorts of harvests in the weeks to come.



Janet, in "her" office

The general hunting season seems to be just around the corner. The eagles will soon fly over Glacier and the Swan, looking for the red, spawning salmon at the inlets and outlets of our lakes. Mushroom fans will soon begin scouting the back roads for their annual allotments of shaggy manes.

And don't forget the rose hips. They are a great addition to homemade tea. Try drying them with alfalfa and mint and store them away for a January day.



Toxic pollutants threat to our air

To the Editor:

letters we have written to the PATHFINDER to call public attention to congressional action on S. 1894, the strongest of the pending clean air legislations.

Toxic air pollutants are the most insidious threat to our air. Every year, thousands of pounds of toxic chemicals are routinely released into the air from factories, refineries, vehicles and other sources. These chemicals -- including cadmium, dioxin and PCBs -- cause cancer, birth defects and other serious diseases. They also poison fish and wildlife and make our rivers and lakes unfit for drinking and recreation. Airborne concentrations of toxic chemicals that seem tiny may mean an enormous potential for absorbing deadly molecules into our bloodstreams. These dangers are not just theoretical. Counties that are downwind from a petrochemical complex have significantly higher respiratory cancer rates than counties that are upwind...there are 156 such counties in 27 states and 20 percent of such counties suffer from the highest cancer rates in the nation. Toxic chemicals are generated by too many sources, travel too far and are dangerous in such low concentrations that they must be controlled at their source. Presently there are no effective standards to control airborne toxic chemicals.

Many people think if you ignore the problem it will go away. We believe if we face the problem we can find a solution. We wish we had the resources to contact each member of Congress and plead our case for facing the problem and finding a solution. Big industry does have that kind of money--and they are spending it to defeat enactment of strong clean air legislation. But, as is so often the case, individual commitment will have to substitute for big bucks. You can help the battle for clean air enormously by setting aside a few minutes to write a letter to Senator John Melcher telling him why you think he should work hard to pass S. 1894. We know we are asking you to do something you

may not previously have done: to write a letter to your Senator. But only strong expression of public opinion will convince our elected representative that we are serious about our demand for clean air.

Betty and Dean Halverson Lincoln, Montana

Belated Congratulations

To the Editor: To the Seeley Lakers Mens Fast-Pitch team: A belated "Congratulations!" on your first place trophy won in the June 25, 26 tournament held here in Seeley Lake.

David Ash Seeley Lake

OPINION

LETTERS

This is the last in a series of four

Five Valley Coalition meeting here

Four speakers from around the State will address land use policies at a meeting here Tuesday, Sept. 20, of the Five Valley Economic Coalition, a grassroots Missoula organization that is part of Communities for a Great Northwest.

The Great Northwest organization sponsored the recent "Great Northwest Log Haul" to Darby in a showing of support for logging and timber interests.

Speaking at the general membership meeting will be Bruce A Vincent, executive director of Communities for a Great Northwest, Libby; Bob Armstrong, first vice-president of the Lincoln Economic Development Corporation, Lincoln; Warren Elli, timber lands and mineral officer of Flathead National Forest, Kalispell; and Bob Bushnell, president of the Montana Snowmobile Association, Helena.

The public meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Secley Lake Community Hall.

Roger Johnson, president of Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc., Seeley Lake, said the agenda will concentrate on "...issues that affect land use."

"There are land use policies developed daily that impact us. The Forest Service is constantly seeking input. We hope to awaken the silent majority and help them become informed," he said.

According to Johnson, goals of the coalition are to:

1) Keep the citizens of Northwest Montana informed of the facts concerning public land use. This information will help people evaluate how changes in public land use policies will affect them

2) Solicit responses from the public on proposed changes in public land use policies when those changes impact individuals and communities. 3) Seek results from policymakers

which reflect public responses. "Our chief concern is the economic

stability of local communities," Johnson said.

VFW Post organizing in Seeley-Swan

The first organizational meeting for a new Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in the Seeley Swan Valley will be held this Saturday, according to organizers Dan and Joy Rumph.

The meeting, at 5 p.m. at the Community Hall in Seeley Lake, will feature several State Line Officers who will be on hand to answer questions and help organize the post.

Officers expected to be at the meeting are Jerry Colins, department commander, Wolf Point; Al Kirkeby, senior vice commander, Helena; Tom Pouliet, junior vice commander, Helena; Larry Longfellow, adjutant/quartermaster, Helena; and VFW Auxiliary president Fran Hippe, Froid.

Dan and Joy served as officers in District 6 at Broadus, with Dan serving as post commander and Joy as president of the auxiliary.

"Through community activities and youth programs conducted by VFW organizations, everyone will benefit by coming together and forming a VFW post in this arc," Joy said.

If you are interested, but unable to attend, or if you need transportation, you can contact Dan Rumph at 677-2694



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crosswise) with sugar and cream sherry. Dot with butter, grate on a little nutmeg and pop into a 350 degree oven for about 15 minutes. Top with chilled, almostwhipped cream and crunchy praline.

*** Did you know that Americans consume 3 billion pounds of chocolate a year? Are you doing your part?



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September 17, 1:30 pm Seeley at Philipsburg September 24, 1:30 pm Hot Springs at Seeley

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Public Library Opens

by Loretta Cooper

The public is invited to check out the new Seeley Lake Public Library. The library, located in the Secley-Swan High School Library, will open September 15 for public access to the high school library collection. This collection contains some 8,000 adult and young adult books and 70 current periodicals.

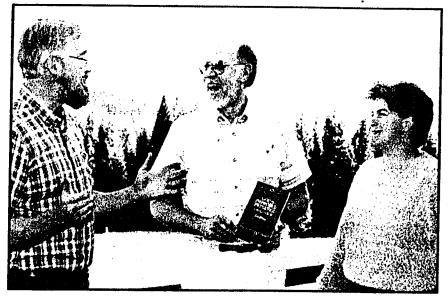
The grand opening of the public library has been set for October 4. At that time, the new shelving will be in place and an additional 2,000 books from the Missoula Public Library will be ready for use. This collection will include books for all ages from preschool through adult.

Lorrie Gobel has been hired as the public library aide and will operate the library during non-school hours. Loretta Cooper, high school librarian, will operate the library during school hours.

Hours for public use of the library are: 9:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (except during high school lunch from 11:30 a.m. to noon) on every school day. After school hours are Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The public will find parking at the east end of the high school and a convenient door on the south side of the library.

The people of Seeley Lake have done an outstanding job to create this library. Many have donated time. money, ideas, books and a lot of hard work.

Take time to visit your local library!



Dick Potter, left, and Jeane Moon, right, relax with Rod Kvamme, author of another book for which Dick did the composition and Jeane the design work.

G. Noland Photo

Pastor authors his fourth book

Pastor Rodney A. Kvamme of Seeley Lake has authored his fourth book and has titled it GOD'SIMPROVED PRESENCE - A Guidebook on the Holy Spirit for Individual or Group Use. Published by Griggs Printing and Publishing of Havre, the cover design is by Jeanne Moon and the composition by Richard Potter, both of Seeley Lake.

In the foreword, Dr. Alvin N. Rogness, President Emeritus of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota says, "No Christian can read it without serious, sometimes troubled, self-examination. Have we ignored gifts that God is eager to give us? Have we been indifferent to the power and joy and comfort that might have been ours? Could the fellowship in the congregation be the richer if we became more open to the prodding of the Spirit?

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Pastor Kvamme writes from his experience of over thirty years as a parish pastor and air force chaplain. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He and his wife, Pauline, live in Secley Lake and are involved in a ministry of writing, speaking and conducting weekend retreats. He also is currently serving as Interim Pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Missoula.

Other books by the author are PROFILES OF THE CHRIST (We See Jesus...), CARELESS AND LOVING IT! (Clues for Living from the Confessions of a Happy Pastor), and MIRACLES TODAY (Understanding How God Participates in Our Lives). At the request of the Montana State Library in Helena, these three books have been recorded by the author and are available at no charge to the visually or physically impaired.

Copies of all the books are available at The Stage Station in Seeley Lake or from the author.

Sportsman's raffle

Winchester 7mm Mag - Art Wohl, Sceley Lake

Shakespeare Ugly Stick - Bill Terrill, Lolo, MT

Simmons binoculars - Ralph Cahoon, Sceley Lake

Kershaw knife - Brian Morris, Missoula, MT

Gift certificate - Dick Barnes, Great Falls, MT

Barney Jette pendant - Kathy Titus, Colstrip, MT

Floral lamp - Peggy Cahoon, Seeley Lake

Basket - Pat Gunsch, Seelcy Lake Cloisonne pendant - Mary Ann

Morin, Seeley Lake Wind sock - Dick Duncan, Secley

The Wilderness Sportsman's Club wishes to thank Dan's Discount and Dan and Daisy Cainan for their help in selling tickets and providing prizes, and all individuals who purchased tickets for your support and participation. Revenue from these raffles will go toward construction of the new informational sign for the Blackfoot-Clearwater Wildlife Management Area and for construction of the club's proposed shooting range.





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JERRIE AND EDDIE COYLE with Joan Hall and Kathleen O'Malley—two of Hollywoods starlets who were staying at the Double Arrow Ranch in 1953.(Pictured left to right— Jerrie Coyle, Kathleen O'Mally, Joan Hall and Eddie Coyle.) Eddie & Jerrie Coyle came to Seeley Lake in 1946, right after World War II. In March, 1947, they built what is now The Filling Station Bar. It opened for business on St. Patrick's Day. It was while they owned this bar that Eddie began to compile his famous "Coyle Collection" of black and white photos. Nearly two thousand photos lined the walls and ceiling of the bar at one time. What was business like in Seeley Lake in 1947. "We still used gas lamps and put ice up, out of the lake, for the bar," Eddie explained. They used a 1500 watt Army light plant to pump water from their well. Coyle's installed the first indoor toilets in Seeley Lake at that time. They continued to operate the bar and cafe until 1972. They now operate Coyle's RV Park located directly behind the laundromat. Jerrie also works at Valley Market. The Coyles have two children, Perry & Benita, who both now live and work in Las Vegas; and two grandsons, Kurt and Cayson.

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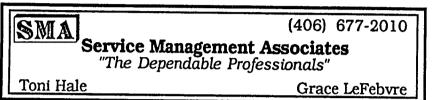
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Sheri Bardo readying for her grand opening

Bardo's opening new floral shop

Dick and Sheri Bardo were busy last week with preparations for the grand opening of a new floral shop this week end in the Condon area.

The Bardo's also own and operate Bardo's Organic Greenhouse and nursery off Lindbergh Lake Road.

The new floral shop is located just off Highway 83 at the first turn off past mile marker 41.

The Bardo's recently purchased a home at this location that was built into an earthen embankment. That will help keep flowers and plants at a constant temperature, Sheri said.

The floral shop will offer fresh flower arrangements in a wide price range to fit most occasions. They also will offer dried arrangements in silks, herbal teas, and medicinal herbs.

A wire service will be offered two days a week. Delivery for now is planned in the Condon area with future plans calling for delivery to Seeley Lake.

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designer with many years of experience, will be doing arrangements. She will also do wedding consulting, helping with flowers, bouquets and arrangements.

Swan Valley **Elementary** News

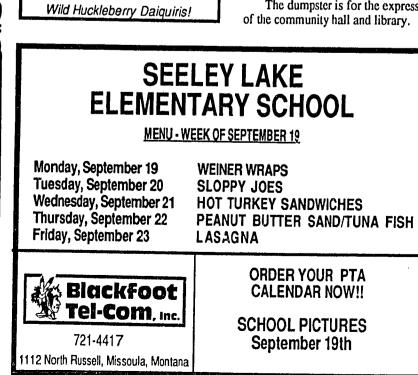
The Swan Valley Elementary welcomed back 53 former students and 12 new students which included 7 kindergarten students.

All of the former staff returned for another teaching year. In addition Lois Ekstedt will be the Special Education Aide and Cindy Goodman will be the kindergarten teacher.

There will be a School Board meeting on September 13 and an Open House is scheduled for September 27 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The rubbish dumpster at the Swan Valley Community Hall is not for public use and anyone caught using it for household rubbish or garbage will be fined accordingly. The dumpster is for the express use of the community hall and library.





Ken Wolff and 'Red,' a resident Redtail Hawk, outside the new Raptor Room

Raptor Room needs donations of food

The Raptor Room is in constant need of food for all birds, and especially birds of prey (raptors). The food needed is as varied as the species of birds that come to the Raptor Room for treatment. Worm caters, bug caters, fish caters, grain eaters, meat eaters: ducks, grouse, woodpeckers, eagles, robins, warblers, grebes, hawks and owls and more! A steady supply of foods is needed and an adequate amount to be frozen or stored for any specie incoming patient or those that are 'wintered over' for spring release.

In June and July of this year, the Raptor Room fed 645 pounds of meat. It is anticipated that up to 6,000 pounds of various food stuffs will be consumed in 1989. A starved eagle will eat 3

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pounds a day; a healthy owl may eat 300 mice per month; a juvenile Kestrel (a small falcon) currently eats over 100 grasshoppers, plus 2-3 mice per day. Many birds require several months of rehabilitation before they are either released or transferred. Donated food may be frozen fresh

and stored in zip bags or freezer paper. The birds won't eat locker burned meat or spoiled things. Wild occurring foods or those of compatible substitutions are preferred.

Acceptable foods needed are: Small fish, 2-8"; mealworms, mice-both white and brown, ground squirrels (gophers), small quail and grouse, dead small birds, hearts and liv-

ers (not pig), grasshoppers and large in-

sects, voles, moles, shrews, squirrels, gerbils, hamsters, grains, dried sheep milk, dried goat milk, hay and bird seed.

The Raptor Room cannot accept food tainted with LEAD, POISONS OR CHEMICALS. Small animals should be killed with solid bullets only or trapped. Birds should come from window or auto crashes only.

The Raptor Room will pour concrete for the new hospital on Monday, August 8. 90% of the building materials are paid for and on site — looks like a huge puzzle.

\$17,000 has been collected thus far --- \$12,000 is still needed for 1988 to build cages and pen and flight areas.

Several other items are needed for the facility.



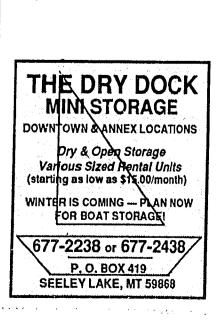


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Raptor room construction underway

Construction is well underway on The Raptor Room, a wildlife rehabilitation facility in the Swan Valley, and board members of the parent Grounded Eagle Foundation toured the facility Saturday, following a regular board meeting at Holland Lake Lodge.

Wall framing is being completed on the hospital portion of the 56' x 72' "T"-shaped building.

This part of the structure measures 24' x 28' and will house treatment areas, food storage room, examination and medication room, office and library space.

When completed, this unit also will provide office space for The Upper Swan Valley History Project, and will serve as a clearinghouse for veterans' information, according to Ken Wolff, director of The Raptor Room and chairman of the local history preservation group. Wolff also is Service Officer for the local American Legion Post.

Fundraising efforts are underway to .raise an additional \$11,000 for construction of housing and exercise areas, cage and pen areas, winter housing for education and rehabilitation birds.

Last winter, Wolff shared his home with eagles, hawks, gulls, and deer. He performed surgery on the kitchen table, kept a deer in the pantry, a gull in the bathtub, and eagles in greenhouses.

"We simply need proper facilities." he said.

The Raptor Room has been designed specifically as a wildlife hospital. one of only a few in the United States. It will comply with accreditation standards of the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association.

While treating sick and injured wildlife, the ultimate goal is to heal the injuries and return the patient to the wild.

Directors for the foundation are Jim Cowan, 1st Valley Bank, Seeley Lake; Dr. Joe Thompson, veterinarian, Seeley Lake and Missoula; Don Wood, forester, Victor; William "Uke" Ukrainetz, marketing specialist, Lindbergh Lake; Rod Ash, Swan Valley educator and conservationist; and Ken Wolff, wildlife rehabilitator.

Wednesdays and Sundays are "Volunteer Days" at The Raptor Room. Advisors, sponsors, and friends meet every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

SEELEY LAKE

Senior Nutrition Program Menu

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 Sceley Lake Community Hall. Reservations please, 677-2008.

Monday, September 19 Fish Nuggets

Tuesday, September 20 Turkey

Wednesday, September 21 Lasagna

Bingo, sponsored by the Senior Citizens, is on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7p.m. at the Sceley Lake Community Hall.

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'Forget Me Nots' donation drive

Volunteers will be accepting cash donations for the "Forget Me Nots," the Disabled American Veterans association, according to Lloyd Knecht, Seeley Lake. The drive for donations is to raise

funds to help the disabled veterans of Missoula County. "We need between \$8,000 and

\$10,000 each year." Knecht said. The money is used to help disabled veterans who are out of work and who may need help making house payments,

paying rent, or buying gas for travel, Knecht said. The money also is used to operate the DAV van used to transport veterans

to the VA Hospital at Fort Harrison. There are over 1000 disabled veterans in Missoula County, Knecht said.

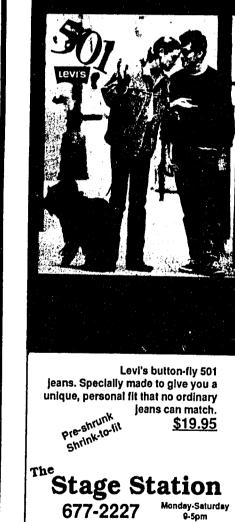
"We don't have too many here in the Seeley-Swan area, but we do have approximately 300 veterans here," he

Volunteers are needed to accept donations at Valley Market and possibly other businesses on Friday and Saturday.



Bud Anderson, center, plugging the dike downtown

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<u>Pluaaina the dike</u> Leak detection saves lots of water

A survey for leaks in the Secley Lake Water District ended this week with another sizeable leak being stopped downtown and a total savings of around 500,000 gallons a day that was just leaking away.

Crews dug beneath the street in front of the Stage Station and Rovero's Hardware to plug another leak in a summer long effort to shore up the water system.

"That leak was caused by a one-inch copper pipe coupler that had eroded, and it was probably 20 years old," Bud Anderson, water district manager, said. "A similar thing happened at the Mormon Church line recently," he added.

The connection led into Rovero's, but was detected when water surfaced by the curb box for the Stage Station. "It was probably losing around 70,000 gal-

lons a day, and we're not sure how long it's been leaking, but it had to be sometime in the past two years when I put in the State Station line," Anderson said.

Brian Novak, an engineering student on loan from MSU for the summer, finished his work on the leak survey Friday and returned to school.

"We're 100% complete on the survey, and we've taken care of the major ones, but there will always be minor leaks," Anderson said.

The results are impressive with usage dropping from 828,000 gallons per day to \$324,000. At an average usage of 100 gallons per day per person, that's enough water saved for 5,000 more people, according to Anderson.

"We're now running one hour with the city pump on and two hours off where we used to run 23 hours a day. And, we're experiencing a full storage tank for the first time," he added.

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She enjoys life as a 'lookout'

By Gary Noland "You have to be comfortable being alone," responded Janet Spender when queried about the long days and nights she spends living the life of a lookout on remote mountain tops.

"I'll continue to do this until I'm too blind to see through the binoculars," she said to this reporter who finally made it to her post at the top of Mt. Morrell just east of Seeley Lake.

one of the busiest of fire seasons ever, as a lookout for the State Department of Lands. Last summer was her first as a lookout, a job she volunteered for just to get the chance.

"This position is usually swamped with applications, " she said. "So starting as a volunteer is a good way to get the job." She served her first year as a lookout on an isolated post reached by walking six miles in the Lewis and Clark Forest.

Mt. Morrell lookout is quite luxurious by lookout standards, she said, pointing out her refrigerator, breeze cupboard, cooking stove, and propane heating stove arranged neatly in a 14 x 14-foot windowed enclosure reached by climbing several steps from the base of the tower.

good spot for the kind of isolation writers sometimes crave, with views extending 80 miles on clear days. And Janet does spend time writing when she's not searching the mountainsides for possible fires.

She and her husband, Jerry, both of Helena, publish a newsletter called "Tidbits," with Jerry working at it in the summer and Janet in the winter when she comes down for an extended stay.

Additionally, she works over her portable computer on two books, one an instructional manual for lookouts and the other a book for the general public on life as a lookout.

She spends sometimes two weeks in her outpost before driving down to pick up some groceries and take care of laundry. Her husband tries to get up on weekends with supplies.

The isolation is broken by many visitors who cautiously brave the road



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Colin Moon, State Lands supervisor, confers with 'lookout'Janet Spencer

But that's a life that suits her fine.

Janet has worked here this summer,

It did look quite comfortable, a

leading to her domain. "I've had 300 visitors this summer, averaging about 4.5 per day," she said. One couple, driving a motor home, hit a rock on the return trip, rolling down an embankment about 25 feet before coming to rest against trees, she said.

There have been some busy days with fires this summer and Janet was ordered to evacuate her post in late July when supervisors thought the Huckleberry Fire in Swamp Creck might race up the mountain.

A lightning bolt fired a tree a few feet from her outhouse one day and became known as the "Outhouse Fire" with a helicopter flying in to save the structure. That prompted several jokes from her supervisors requesting that she send more "paperwork" on this one.

A constant companion relieving the isolation is "woman's best friend," in this case. Her dog, "Fibber."

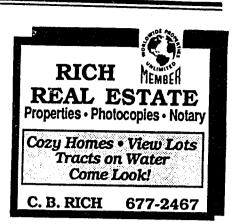
"I call him that because he barks at one end and wags at the other end," she laughed.

Janct puts in long hours, officially



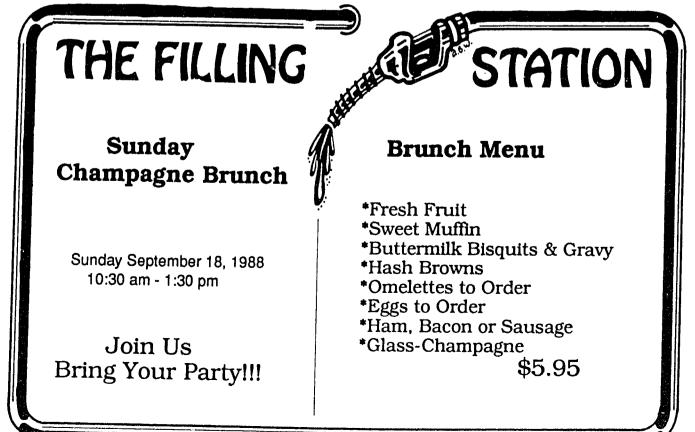
from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., but has time in the mornings and late evenings for walking trips around the mountain.

Janet has been on Mt. Morrell since the end of June and normally would have been down by this time. The extended drought and extreme fire danger has lengthened her stay this year.

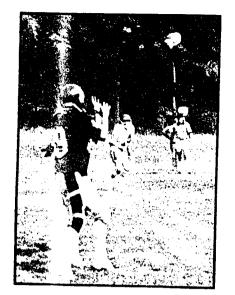








SPORTS





It looks like a sure catch, at first glance in the far left picture, as Blackhawk Derek Broderick, No. 89, waits near the end zone for a pass. Then a defender, barely visible behind Derek, leaps up to deflect the ball in the second frame, and in the third frame Derek

loses his balance watching the ball fly away. The Hawks won easily, however, against Mullan, Idaho, and now after downing St. Regis have run up a total of 100 points in two games while holding their opponents to only 12.



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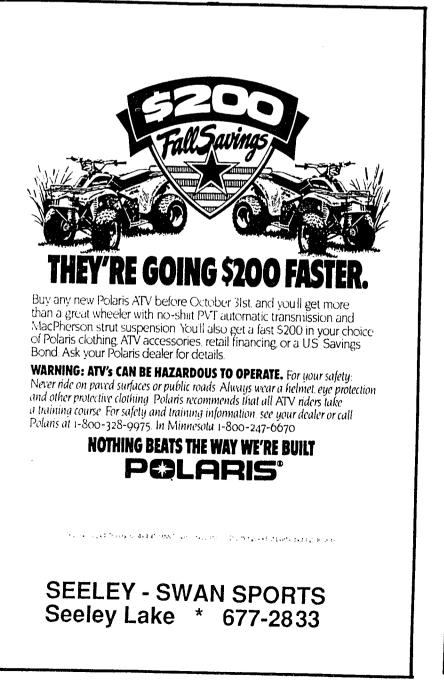


Hawks shut out St. Regis 46-0

by Dustin Gordon

On Saturday, September 10 the Hawks played the St. Regis Tigers at St. Regis. For their second game of the 1988 season, the Hawks won 46-0.

The Hawks game plan was to jump on the Tigers early, and that's just what they did. The Blackhawk offense scored on every one of its offensive possessions, ending the game early in the third quarter.



Quarterback Dustin Gordon tied up with senior end Levco Siloti for three touchdowns and Dcrek Broderick for two conversions. Running back, Leelyn Cahoon, carried for another 100 yard

> DcLeo pounded out the inside for short yardage gains scoring one touchdown. The Hawk defense dominated the game causing five turnovers and holding the Tigers to 90 yards of total offense.

> game and scored once, while Barry

Drummond downs Hawks

by Debbie Johnson

On Friday night the Hawks had their first loss of the season to Drummond, 58-53. They now have a record of 2-1.

Debbie Johnson was high score for the Hawks with 16 points, followed by Sandy DeLeo with 13. Drummond's MaryAnn Buck led the game with 23 points. Tara Pasha had their next highest score with 11.



Lady Hawks Split Games

by Terry Bartlett

Although the Lady Blackhawks were defeated by the Drummond Trojans on Friday, they pulled through and stomped the Arlee Scarlets 57 to 23 on Saturday.

The top scorer for Saturday night was Sandy DeLeo with 14 points; Brittnie Hebnes and Debbie Johnson each scored 10 points. The Lady Blackhawks kept the lead the entire game and found an easy victory. The girl's overall record is now 3-1.

Williams on UM's Dean's List

The University of Montana recently announced the students who made the 1988 summer quarter Dean's List. To place on the list, a student must carn a 3.5 GPA (B+) and take 80 percent of his or her credits for a letter grade. Of those students on the Dean's List, 283 earned a grade-point average of 4.0 (straight A).

Amy Williams of Seeley Lake, majoring in English, earned straight A's for the summer quarter.

"Warm Places" energy efficient homes

Seventy-seven energy efficient Montana homes are described in a new book published by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

The free book, "Warm Places." contains floor plans, photographs and interviews with owners of passive solar, superinsulated, photovoltaic, earthsheltered and log homes. Located throughout the state, the homes range in size from 862 square feet to 7,000 square feet.

The book is designed to show potential home builders that the house they have always wanted can be energy efficient without sacrificing the features they desire.

The book is available from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, 1520 East 6th Ave., Helena, Montana 59860, or from your county extension agent.



Air transport planes dropping fire retardant were common sights near Seeley Lake this past week end.

Price of National Forest maps increases

The price of National Forest maps has been increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00 each. The new \$2.00 price applies to National Forest visitor maps, National Forest Travel Plan maps and wilderness maps for National Forests of the fourstate Northern Region (Montana, northern Idaho, North Dakota and northwestern South Dakota.)

the \$2.00 each at National Forest headquarters, Ranger Stations and the Northern Region Headquarters. They can also be purchased through the mail. Make checks/money orders out to "USDA Forest Service."



OUTDOORS



Superintendent Gil Lusk is dedicated to extending the shoulder seasons in Glacier National Park and is pleased to announce that the facilities and services listed below will be available to park visitors after the Labor Day weckend.

Visitor Centers: Apgar: open daily until December; Logan Pass: open until September 18; St. Mary: open until October 2.

Campgrounds: Open Until... Apgar: September 30 (Apgar Picnic area is open to primitive camping in winter); Avalanche: September 30; Bowman Lake: September 25; Cut Bank: September 10; Kintla Lake: September 25; Logging Creek: September 25; Many Glacier: September 17; Rising Sun: September 30; St. Mary Lake: September 17 (open to primitive camping in winter); Two Medicine: September 10. Bowman Lake, Cut Bank, Kintla Lake, Logging Creck, River and Two Medicine campgrounds are open to primitive camping until closed by snow.

Entrance Stations: Open Until... Many Glacier: September 22: Polebridge: September 11; St. Mary: October 7; Two Medicine: September 9; West: October 7.

Concessions: Glacier Park, Inc. Rising Sun Motor Inn: open until September 26. (All services will be available at Rising Sun, including lodging, service station, restaurant and campstore.) Village Inn: open until September 26. (Other lodging and restaurant facilities in Apgar and the town of West Glacier.) The red bus tours will also be available between Rising Sun and the Village Inn until September 26.

Glacier Wilderness Guides: guided backcountry trips operating until closed by snow.

Lake McDonald Boat Company: small boat and canoe rentals -- limited services until September 25 (weather permitting).

Glacier Park Boat Company: scenic boat cruises on St. Mary Lake until September 25 (weather permitting). National Park Service naturalist programs will be available on some cruises.

Glacier Park Outfitters: guided horseback trips operating until September 10.

Backcountry: access to backcountry areas of the park is available year-round. Backcountry permits are required.

Naturalist Programs: limited National Park Service programs will be available. (listed in the park newspaper or at the visitor centers).



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Glacier Park superintendent Gil Lusk at a recent talk before the Seeley Lake Chamber of Commerce.

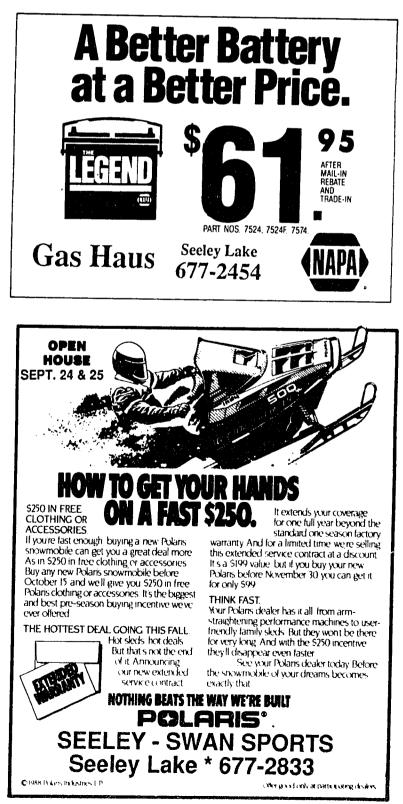
EQC meeting Sept. 28 in Missoula

Chairman Halligan has scheduled the next EQC meeting for Wednesday, September 28 in Missoula. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Missoula-Parkside (formerly the Sheraton). The meeting will consist primarily of forest practices topics. along with administrative issues.

The first part of the meeting will be devoted to administrative matters and to preliminary study findings and program options for the HJR 49 Forest Practices Study. Following the morning session, the EQC will tour forest practices in the Boles Creek drainage of Placid Lake in the Seeley Swan area. Members of the public must provide their own transportation.



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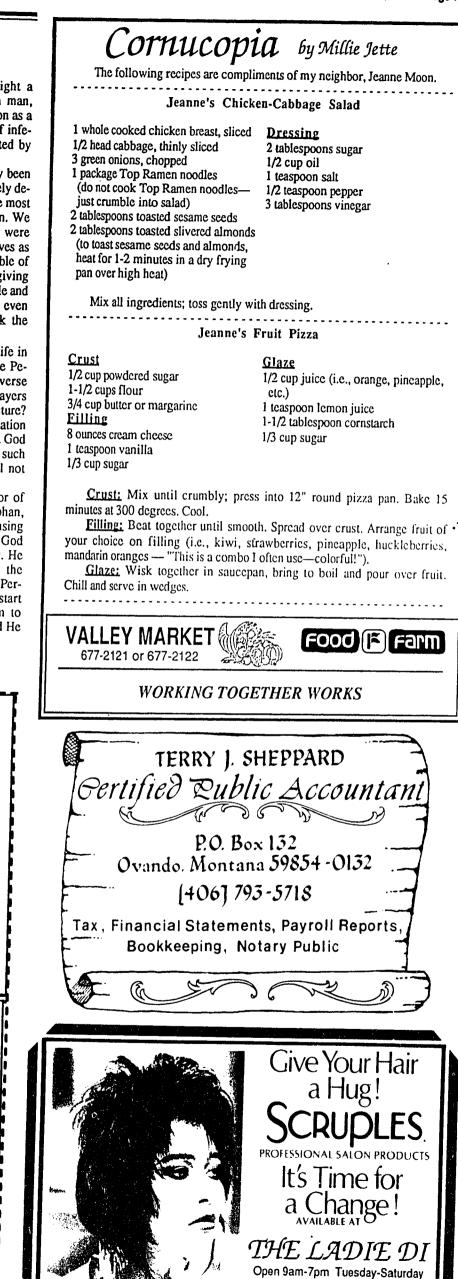




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How do you rate as a husband?

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"You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way; as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellowheir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered." (1 Peter

Men, what is God's evaluation of you as a husband? Most of us would rate ourselves as being at least satisfactory marriage partners--we could probably even get our friends to tell us we are doing pretty good jobs as husbands. After all, we hold down a regular job, we provide our wife with food, clothing, shelter, and so on. But how would we fare if God filled out annual evaluation forms on our job performance? For that matter, just what kind of qualities would God be rating us on? Let me suggest a few to you that I know He would be

1. Treats his wife in an understanding, caring way, frequently trying to imagine he were her and seeing things

2. Treats his wife tenderly, remembering that God did not create her to cut, split and stack 10 cords of wood each summer, raise the kids by herself. deal with bill collectors and so on while her husband has "more important things

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3. Realize that in God's sight a woman is just as valuable as a man, that she is just as much of a person as a man, that she is not some sort of inferior creation of God's to be treated by the man in any way he sees fit.

As a pastor, I have frequently been contacted by wives who are severely depressed. And husbands, we are the most common source of this depression. We try to rule our wives as if we were absolute despots. We trust our wives as if they were little children incapable of making intelligent decisions or giving us sound advise. We use our muscle and try to intimidate. Some husbands even go so far as to physically attack the woman God has given them.

If you are mistreating your wife in any of these or other ways, notice Peter's closing statement in the verse quoted above -- "so that your prayers may not be hindered." Get the picture? Any man who flunks God's evaluation as a husband has no right to expect God to do him any favors. In the day of such a man's troubles, God simply will not hear.

God is known as the protector of the innocent--the widow, the orphan, and so on. husband, if you are abusing your wife, the bottom line is that God is going to get you for it some day. He is the god who will not permit the guilty to go unpunished forever. Perhaps this is the day for you to start fearing the Lord, and asking Him to change you into the kind of husband He commands you to be.



NOTICE TO CREDITORS Probate No. A-15582 MONTANA FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MISSOULA COUNTY, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES E. YOUNG, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to PECGY A. YOUNG, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at P. O. Box 1645, Great Falls, Montana 59403 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. DATED this 24th day of August,

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GRAY CAT, adult neutered male. Left canine tooth broken. Lost in Lake Inez area on 8/25. Please call 677-2520. Reward.

Moisture **Slows** Fires

Snow in the upper elevations and rain helped slow the spread of the Canyon Creck Fire in the Scapegoat Wilderness which expanded over the Labor Day week end to 247,000 acres.

formation update on Monday, the National Guard and some Forest Service employees were assisting people evacuated from Coopers Lake and the North Fork of the Blacktail Road move back into their homes.

The fire is not out, but the change in weather has helped create more favorable fire fighting conditions, the update said.

Week end precipitation measured 32 hundreths at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station. By Monday, most of the snow in the higher elevations had melted during warmer afternoons.

Home Start Serves Seeley Lake

Home Start, a free child development program, is now in its fifth year serving children in the Sceley Lake arca.

Home Start is a component of the Missoula Head Start program and offers the same benefits to families including health, nutrition, education, and social services as Head Start.

Home Start makes it possible to reach smaller communities where the cost of a classroom does not make services feasible. The uniqueness of Home Start is in the use of the family home as the classroom and in the partnership established between parent and teacher.

Home Start builds upon parent's skills as the primary teacher of their children and teaches them to make inexpensive toys and games. Using the home as a learning environment is emphasized.

The program consists of a weekly home visit, a group experience twice per month for all Home Start children and a parent meeting once per month for all Home Start parents.

This structure provides individualized learning during the home visit as well as opportunities for children to develop social skills and gain independence during group meetings. Parent meetings provide

socialization, discussion on parent topics and an opportunity to make craft projects.

Home Start is designed for parents who need to develop parenting skills as well as for those who are motivated in working with their children. To qualify, families must be low income and have a child between the ages of 3-5. Areas currently served include Missoula, Lolo, Clinton, Seeley Lake, Superior, Philipsburg, Drummond and Deer Lodge. For enrollment information, call 728-5460 or (toll-free) 1-800-223-1841.

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Artwork for 1989 Stamp Requested

Montana artists have until October 14 to submit an entry in the 1989 Montana Waterfowl Stamp competition. The theme for the 1989 Montana

Waterfowl Stamp is a Black Labrador Retriever or a Golden Retriever holding a Pintail Drake in its mouth. A head and chest study is suggested and the waterfowl habitat should portray a Montana landscape.

The competition is open to any artist who is a Montana resident.

To obtain the competition rules, Montana artists can call 406/444-2612 or write to the Wildlife Division, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, Helcna, Montana 59620.

Artwork to be considered for the competition must be submitted to the DFWP in Helena by 5:00 p.m., October 14

Bike Auction

by Mary Cheryl Hall Bicycle Coordinator

A Bike Auction has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 27 at City Hall, 201 W. Spruce. Bikes will be on view from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the auction beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bikes in the auction have been at City Hall at least 3 months. There are 40 bikes of different styles and conditions available as well as one scooter and one mountain bike. For more information contact the Missoula Bicycle Program at 721-4700, extension 226.

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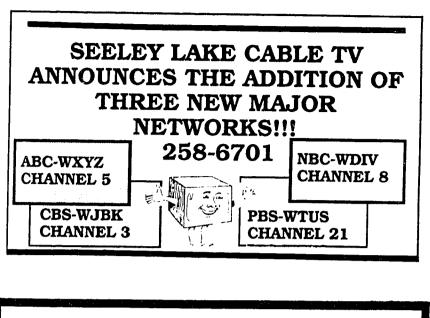
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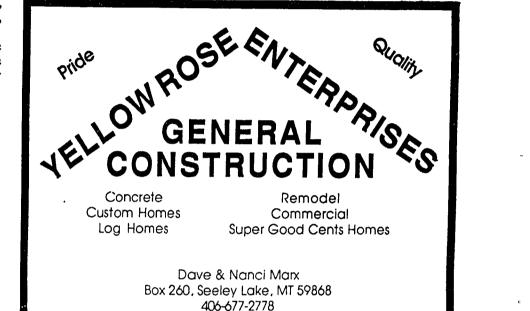
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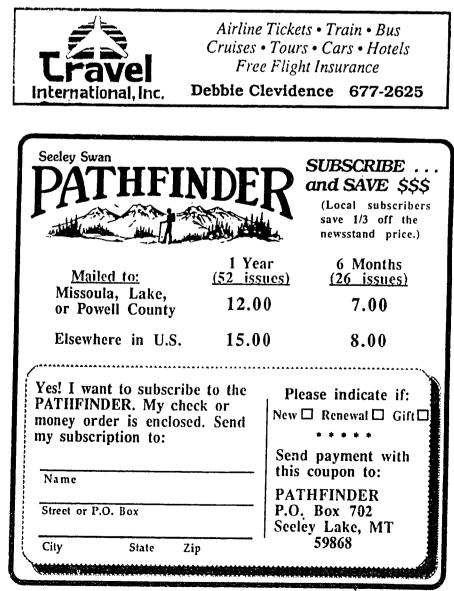
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