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At chamber sponsored event

Eight candidates make pitch for votes

By Gary Noland

Eight candidates for public office and a stand-in speaker for gubernatorial candidate Stan Stephans gathered in the Seeley Lake Community Hall Monday evening to address the voting public here.

Presenting their political viewpoints were two candidates for Missoula County Commissioner, two for State House District 65, two for State Senate District 33, one for Lieutenant Governor, and one for Secretary of State.

The public forum in which each candidate was allotted a speech of four minutes with a question period later was sponsored by the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and has become known as "Meet the Candidates" night.

A good crowd was on hand to listen and later question candidates in regard to specific issues.

STAN STEPHANS

The first speaker up was not a candidate, but was a stand-in for Stan Stephans, republican gubernatorial candidate. Kermit Schwanke of Missoula touted Stephans as a "self-made, small, successful businessman" who developed radio and television stations in the Havre area.

Stephans served in the Montana Senate from 1969 to 1972 and again from 1975 to 1986 and was "...elected to every major leadership post in the Montana Senate," Schwanke said.

Stephans is looking for and has answers for good economic development in Montana. "...more and better jobs, better education at less cost, and a reduction in the size of state government," Schwanke added.



PAYING ATTENTION—Politicians listen attentively to questions at the "Meet the Candidates" forum Monday. Left to right are Dan Mizner, Buff Hultman, Ann Mary Dussault, Bob Pipinich, and Janet Moore.

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BARBARA SKELTON

Barbara Skelton, democrat for lieutenant governor and running mate of gubernatorial candidate, Tom Judge, countered with comments favorable to Stephans opponent. Referring to Judge's previous eight years as Governor of Montana, Skelton said "...he won't need on-the-job training."

The leading issue in the campaign, Skelton said, is the economy, people, jobs, and leadership. "Montana must become its own middleman," she said, developing value added products and exporting the product instead of just the natural resources like timber, minerals, agriculture, gas and oil.

"The name of the game is partnership," she indicated, stating that all levels of government and the private sector must work together.

PETE STORY

Pete Story, republican candidate for secretary of state, was brief with his remarks and concentrated on his background. Operator of the Story Ranch in the Paradise Valley, he has served 15



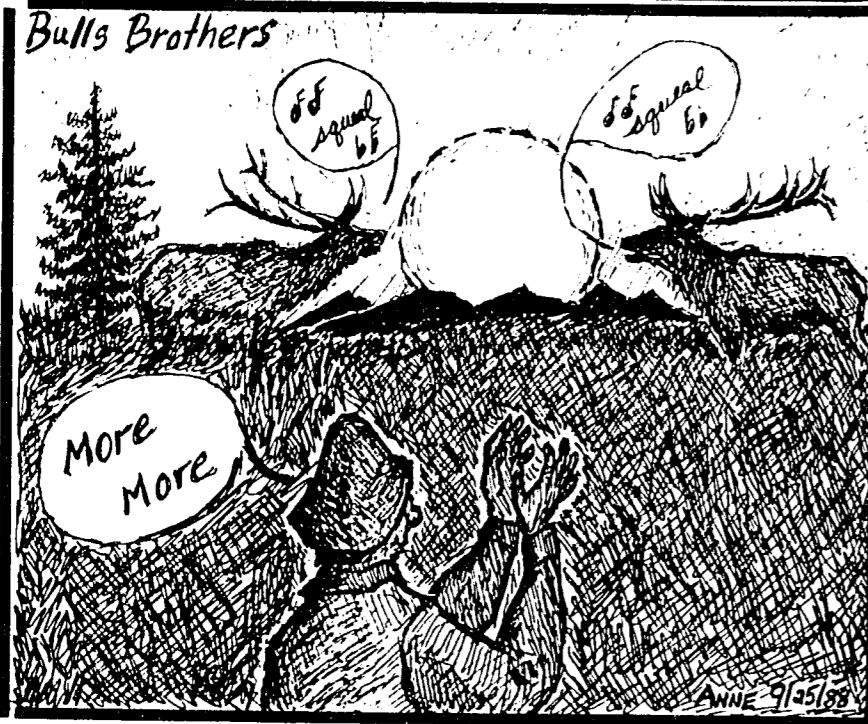
POLITICIANS listened as well as they delivered speeches. From left are Pete Story, Barbara Skelton, and Gary Marbut.

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Inside . . .

Forest Service commissions article explaining the unusual conditions that made possible the blowup of the Canyon Creek Fire on Sept. 6 this year. The article, written by Lilly Tuholske, is based on interviews with Chuck Bushey, a private consultant working under contract with the Forest Service. See story on page 8.

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Editorial comment

Spunky skunks here

Rod Kvamme, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce president, introduced several candidates seeking public office in November's general election with a note of caution Monday night.

"Just a word of admonition before you present yourself," Kvamme began in a light vein. "A famous statesman, and not a bad politician, once said: 'What kills the skunk is the publicity it gives itself.'" That fellow was "Abe" Lincoln.

With that for an ice-breaker, those interested citizens who attended the Chamber's "Meet the Candidates" night were treated to just over an hour of presentations and horn-tooting by eight candidates who appeared here to promote their beliefs and opinions.

And in the interest of brevity, Kvamme limited the candidates to a four-minute presentation, which, for most politicians is hardly enough time to warm up, but was welcomed by the audience who knew they would not be subjected to lengthy orations.

Sometimes it's hard to distinguish between politicians or parties. Without exception they were all for an improved economic climate, better schools and services, less government, and lower taxes. Hard not to vote for those things.

But how to reach these goals became the subject of intense questioning by members in the audience following all the presentations. And that's when the differences in candidates start showing up. With pointed questions and accusations from the floor, the candidates needed all the "spunk" they could muster.

Whether you agree or not with any of the candidates, you can't help but admire the "spunk" it does take to run for public office and take the flak that gets aimed at you.

Kvamme quoted another statesman, Prince Charles, who said "A land free enough to examine its own conscience is a country worth living in and a nation to be envied." And that is the cause promoted by the Chamber's effort to bring politicians here for public scrutiny.

-Gary Noland

Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall

We watched the fog lift this morning. It took the smells of summer with it and left autumn behind. The hawthorn bushes turned red overnight; the serviceberry turned orange and the cottonwood leaves changed from pale green to yellow. We can tell the larch trees from the lodgepole on the hillsides now. Their needles are lighter and soon will be gold—in sharp contrast to the evergreen needles of the other conifers.

The message left by the rising mist was clear: winter is coming. Our summer birds have flown south, and last night we heard geese on the river. By November, the honkers will be traveling south in large flocks.

No more dusky voices from the nighthawks. They, too, have left our neighborhood. The blue jays and camp robbers have moved in, looking for suet and stealing peanuts from the squirrels.

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon
Swan Valley

The deer mice are looking for warmer quarters (our basement, to be exact). As if to confirm our suspicions about the mass (nice?) migration, we saw the weasel near the woodshed. We rarely see him unless the hunting is exceptionally good near the house.

The elk were feeding beneath the light of the full moon in nearby meadows last week. By daylight, they were gone. This full moon also marks the beginning of the salmon spawning season in the Clearwater Valley. The kokanee will soon make their way to the spawning gravels in and out of the chain of lakes. The spawning usually peaks in November.

Fishing Report

Folks are finding some big trout in Seeley Lake this week, thanks to a recent fish plant by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Jim Crepeau of the Jocko River Hatchery drove here last Monday and unloaded over 100 rainbow trout into Seeley Lake at Big Larch Campground. The rainbows—retired brood stock—averaged five pounds each.

Bass fishing in Seeley Lake has been slow this week, though plenty of people have been testing the water, according to fishermen stopping by Dan's Discount in Seeley Lake.

The salmon snagging is slow, too, according to most reports. The kokanee are beginning to spawn, but turned orange or red yet. Salmon snagging is open only in the lower Clearwater Valley this year, which includes Seeley and Placid Lakes.

Harper's Lake has been giving up

some nice rainbows from an August fish plant. Folks at the Roundup Bar at Greenough have recorded a six-pounder and a seven-pounder in recent weeks. The fishing is still "sort of slow" since the rainy weather began, but Dorothy Pulliam reports that sales of nightcrawlers were up this weekend.

Folks stopping by the Swan Village Market this week have been catching a few bull trout on plugs, spoons and rapelas. The store has been selling a lot of corn and needlefish—last week several people boasted good catches of kokanee from Swan Lake.

Sam and Toppi Otto said that folks stopping by the Alpine Chalet in Swan Lake have also been catching a few trout. A few of the old timers predict that the fishing will stay on the slow side until the weather evens out for a few days.

Speaking out!

The Pathfinder encourages letters to the editor on topics of public interest. Letters reflect the subjective opinion of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the publishers of Pathfinder. We suggest that letters be limited to around 300 words or less and carry the writer's name, address and telephone number (telephone numbers are for verification only and will not be published). Letters are subject to condensation and the right is reserved to reject or edit letters when deemed appropriate.

Wants Flathead FS to admit error

To the Editor:

Always double check information distributed by the Flathead National Forest. In its Summer 1988 Focus publication, also distributed as an insert to the Kalispell Daily InterLake, it lists a dollar amount of "Total Income to Communities", from timber harvest, \$400,000,000 in excess of its own calculation. That's right, a four hundred million dollar reporting error!

The Flathead knew of this error in mid-July. It did not run an ad or story in local newspapers which specifically calls the public's attention to the error and supplies the correct figures. Nor did it print a correction in its following issue of Focus, which was recently released.

The Flathead also has erred in its Fiscal Year 1987 Monitoring Report. On page 2, it lists ten "appeals of site specific decision filed in FY 1987". In fact, two of appeals listed were filed in Fiscal Year 1988. Will they be counted again next report?

Another appeal, the Flathead now admits, is incorrectly attributed to Swan View Coalition. To add insult to injury, this was a case in which Swan View expressed its support of the Forest Service decision! It would appear that greater discretion is being practiced in the filing of appeals than in Forest Service monitoring of those appeals.

The Monitoring Report does not indicate how many decisions on the Flathead were not appealed. In fact, the Flathead does not keep track of this at all! Why then is Flathead Timber Officer Warren Illi quoted in the Seeley Swan Pathfinder as saying, "There are some people who appeal virtually everything we do"? Only half of the ten appeals listed in the Monitoring Report were filed by environmental groups. Who is Warren talking about and what does he base his statement on?

It appears that there is some rather selective bookkeeping going on at the Flathead National Forest. We recommend that interested persons ask to be put on the Flathead's timber sale report list. Then they can monitor for themselves the majority of timber sales which get sold, without appeal, on a routine basis. As for the four hundred million dollar Focus error: To err is human; to not immediately admit and correct the error is deceitful.

Keith J. Hammer, Chairman
Swan Valley Coalition, Inc.
Kalispell, MT

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Seeley Lake Elementary board meeting

On Thursday, September 15, 1988 the Seeley Lake Elementary board of education held their regular monthly meeting in the school library. All members of the board were present as well as guests Principal John Hebnes and Kathy Teague, school district clerk.

Several areas were addressed by the board as follows:

John Hebnes presented a proposed AIDS policy for students for the board's review. He will also prepare a policy pertaining to employees.

Hebnes reported that the building is ready for the school year with the exception of some small projects.

Sherry Foti, Resource Room Teacher will make the final choice to fill the position of Special Ed Aide now that the board has narrowed the applications down to two after their review.

Hebnes reported that the opening of school enrollment was 216 students.

Members voted to pay student insurance for school time coverage.

Members voted to accept Brett Lindsay of Ovando and Duane Van Vallis of Potomac as tuition students and charge tuition.

Board members voted to accept transportation reimbursement from Walter Hooser on a contingency basis for their kindergarten student.

Discussion was held on the operation of vehicles in the parking lot when children are present and what can be done to insure the safety of the children.

District's bills were voted to be paid and the minutes of the August 18, 1988 meeting were accepted as presented.

The next regular meeting of the school board will be October 20th at the elementary school building.

Swan Valley Elem. news

The Swan Valley Elementary School announces some of their upcoming events as follows: September 30, mid-term; October 11, School Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.; October 15, PTA Carnival; October 20 and 21, no school due to teacher in-service and on October 25 there will be a national assembly at 2:00 p.m.

They would like to remind all students planning on participating in any sport during the school year that they will need to have a sports physical and proof of insurance before being eligible to participate. It is suggested that students act now to avoid the rush prior to basketball season.



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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

October 3, Presidential election registration at Seeley Post Office lobby, 11am to 2pm.

Public Meetings/Clubs & Organizations

September 28, Seeley Lake Water District board meets, 7pm, REA Bldg.

October 3, AARP 1st fall meeting, 6pm, Swan Valley Comm Hall-potluck

October 4, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce General Membership Mtg, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake

October 4, Salmon Prairie/Swan Lake Elem. Bd. meeting

October 4, Seeley Lake Women's Club meets, 1:30pm, Community Hall

October 7, Friday Forum, 8pm, Swan Valley Comm. Hall-guest speaker, Lynn Kelly "the Loon Lady"

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•Condon: Every Thur, 7:30pm, Swan Valley School

•Seeley Lake: Sun, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake; Wed, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd; Thur, Noon, 449 Grizzly Rd

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Swan Valley Library (Condon): Wed, 10am-6pm; Sat, 10am-3pm

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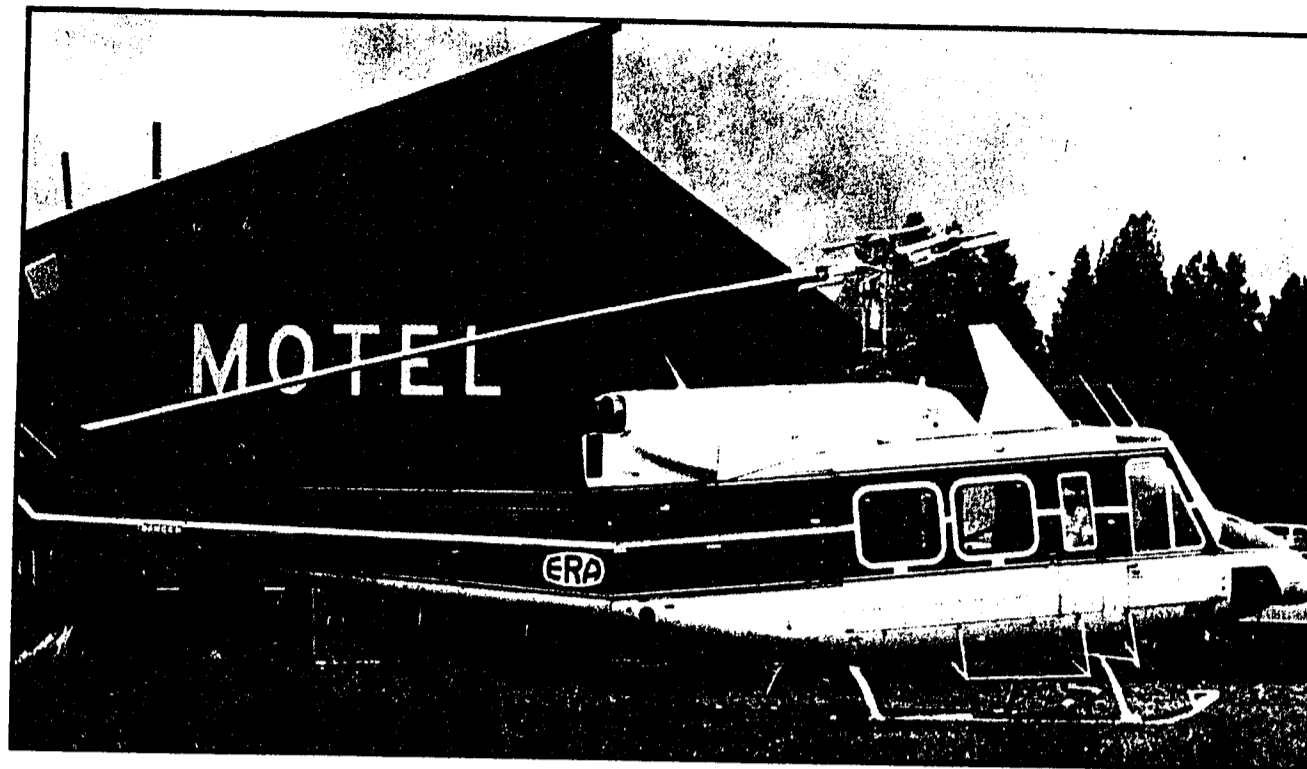
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Seeley Lake Area Chamber to hold general membership meeting

On Tuesday, October 4, 1988, at 7:00 p.m., the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce will hold their general membership meeting at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. Featured guest speakers will be Mars Scott and Bob Brandenberger of Lolo Peak Economic Committee. The topic will be "Lolo Peak Destination Resort." There will be a slide presentation as well.

Mars Scott is a partner in the law firm of Mulroney, Delaney & Scott in Missoula. He is an active outdoor enthusiast and has previously worked for Senator Max Baucus in Washington, D.C., as a legislative aid and was his specialist for economic development, transportation and military affairs.

Bob Brandenberger is self-employed performing private consulting work for ski areas in the Pacific Northwest. He is retired from the Forest Service after 35 years as the Regional Winter Sports Specialist. He is a nationally known expert in ski area planning and familiar with the ski industry in Colorado and the Pacific northwest.

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to join us for this informative evening.

Water board happy with progress

Board members of the Seeley Lake Water District met last Wednesday, Sept. 21, in regular session and expressed satisfaction with the progress that has been made this summer in many areas, especially the leak detection survey that has been finished.

A final, written report was submitted to the board by Brian Novak, an engineering student from MSU who was hired by the board to conduct the leak survey.

Bud Anderson, district manager, was pleased with the summer help. "We did a lot of good and got a lot of things accomplished," he said.

More praise came from Bob Scott, board chairman, who instructed that a letter of commendation be sent to MSU in regards to Novak.

"I was very happy with the project. They gave us an exceptional man and we were very impressed," he said.

Scott, while not diminishing the significance of the water saved, added that it was not quite realistic that the water system could support 5,000 more people on the savings as indicated in a recent Pathfinder article. He said he would work with Anderson in an attempt to put the results in perspective for the public to understand.

The repairing of major leaks has resulted in saving hundreds of thousands of gallons daily.

In his report, Novak wrote: "The entire system has been tested and all major leaks have been fixed. However,

there are some smaller leaks that could not be pinpointed. I don't think that they are big enough to be cost effective to find and fix them."

Should a large leak seem to occur, however, Novak recommended several places to start inspecting.

He also suggested future improvements.

"I realize that these improvements will not be cheap and will have to be funded somehow," he wrote.

Those suggestions are:

1. Relocate pump house so there is less linear feet between the pump and tank. Also put a 10-inch line from pump to tank.

2. Implement a meter installation system for residential, commercial, and also on the main lines.

3. Install another storage tank on the hill.

4. Push for looping the system to tie up the dead ends.

5. Take a close look at the state lots. This leg of the system had major, constant fluctuations in pressure.

Good news regarding the district's water quality came in a report from the Montana Environmental Laboratory which reported that a recent test sampling showed "in addition no giardia present, there also was no coccidia nor plant debris which would have indicated recent fecal pollution."

In other business, the board discussed several measures to curb costs as the district tries to narrow operating losses.

Board members present were Mary Adams, Dan Cainan, Bud Johnson, Bob Scott, and secretary Doreen Culver. Dick Duncan was out of town attending a convention.

Anglers consider forming bass club in Seeley Lake

Fishermen who enjoy catching bass in Seeley Lake may soon be forming a Bass Masters Club here, according to Tom Ward of the Big Sky Bass Masters in Missoula.

Ward pointed out that the waters here are ideal for bass fishing and that many local fishermen have inquired about joining the Missoula club.

"It just seems like people in the area would benefit from a club," he said, pointing out that most Seeley Lake residents are unable to attend the Missoula meetings.

Ward is planning to schedule a meeting here in November to see how many people would be interested in or-

ganizing a new club. Specifics of the meeting will be announced next month. Residents who may be unable to attend that meeting may contact Ward in Missoula at 721-6277 (work) or 549-1770 (evenings).

Ward added that the president and the secretary of the Montana Bass Federation also plan to attend the November meeting in Seeley Lake. The Montana Bass Federation has offered support to local groups in many communities. Members in Missoula helped to sponsor the Kevin Maki Benefit Bass Fishing Tournament held in Seeley Lake in June.

New rates for fires

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, the board of trustees of the Seeley Lake Rural Fire District voted unanimously to adopt new rates for "out of District" calls, as proposed by the Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

The new rates apply only to fire-fighting outside of the Rural Fire District boundaries. The new rates range from \$55 per hour to \$100 per hour, depending on which of the three trucks respond. On long duration calls, minimum daily rates of from \$650 to \$1200 may apply.

The new rates were recommended by the Fire Department in response to increasing costs, and the liabilities involved in firefighting outside of the Rural Fire District. All Trustees agreed that these added costs should not be paid by the tax payers in the district.

For more information on the new rates call Chief Dave Sisk at 677-2233 or trustee Colin Moon at 677-2892. For information on how to annex into the Rural Fire District, contact any district trustee, or the county legal office.

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organizational meeting

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They are signing up charter members now. Those who belong to the VFW elsewhere can still transfer their membership and be a charter member of the Seeley Lake VFW Post.

All veterans share a common bond and stand to lose many entitlements if they don't join together and lend their voices and efforts toward their common goals.

Fellowship, assistance for veterans and their families, community activities and youth programs are what the VFW is about. We need you—so come to the next meeting scheduled for Friday, September 30, at 7:30 p.m. to be held at Dan and Joy Rumph's. Call 677-2694 for directions. Bring your ladies as the woman's auxiliary will be meeting too.

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Flathead Audubon has once again announced that they will be selling 50-pound sacks of black oil sunflower seeds.

Birds prefer black oil sunflower seeds. A survey conducted by Brent Mitchell shows that birds favor the black oil seed two to one over striped seeds.

Flathead Audubon is selling the hefty sacks of seeds for \$15 each. For more information, local residents may call Swan Valley resident, June Ash, at 754-2289. Orders are due by October 6.

AARP schedules 1st fall meeting

The Swan Valley Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons is kicking off their first meeting of this fall on October 3rd at 6:00 p.m., at Swan Valley Community Hall with a potluck and a guest speaker.

Guest speaker will be Craig Hess, Public Relations Director for the Flathead Basin Commission which is an education and information group which handles the water basin for the entire northwestern corner of Montana. He will speak on the work of the Basin Commission as it attempts to protect the high quality of this watershed. Mr. Hess will illustrate his speech with slides.

The AARP meets the first Monday of each month starting in October of each year and continues through June. Each meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Swan Valley Community Hall. At this first meeting they will be initiating this coming years program.

FWP News—Sheep season closures

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, hunting district 301, which lies north and west of Yellowstone National Park in portions of Gallatin and Madison counties, closed to all hunting of bighorn sheep, effective one-half hour after sunset on Sunday, September 18, 1988.

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, hunting district 300, which lies north of Yellowstone National Park in Gallatin and Park counties, will be closed to all hunting of bighorn sheep, effective one-half hour after sunset on Saturday, September 24, 1988.

Hunting districts 301 and 300 are districts for which an unlimited number of sheep hunting permits were available. The season for hunting bighorns in these districts opened on September 12.

According to Arnold Olsen, Administrator of the Wildlife Division for the department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the districts were closed because the authorized 1988 harvest quota in these areas were met.

Regulations call for the season to be closed in a district on 48-hour notice once the sheep quota in that district is reached.

Flathead asks for comments

Summer residents reminded to submit new addresses

The Flathead National Forest is now reminding summer residents who have requested information about forest management activities to submit their winter addresses before they leave the Swan Valley.

Year round residents who have specific concerns about forest management are also being reminded that opportunities for field trips are becoming more limited.

"Regardless of whether you will be leaving for the winter or live (here) year round, please contact me if there is something particular about . . . these areas that you would like to point out in the fall prior to winter snows," Dave Ondov, forester, said in a recent letter.

Flathead restrictions rescinded

The Flathead National Forest, in cooperation with the Kootenai National Forest, Montana Department of State Lands and private landowners, has rescinded all previous fire restrictions in effect on the Forest as of September 18, 1988, at 8:00 a.m.

Closures still in effect are:

- 1) The closure of the North Fork area (north of Big Creek) due to the Red Bench Fire.
- 2) Sanders County on the Lolo National Forest is still subject to Level II fire restrictions.

The special restriction placed on the Glacier View Ranger District on September 14, 1988, will be rescinded as of September 20, 1988 at 8:00 a.m. The restriction was put into effect to help insure public safety during the extreme fire emergency. The following area is now open for public use: the Canadian Border on the north; down the North Fork of the Flathead River south to Glacier View Mountain; west 1 mile past Moose Peak; up the Whitefish Divide northwest to Diamond Peak, Upper Whitefish Lake, Mount Locke and Tuchuck. Those traveling in this area should be aware that the North Fork road could become subject to closure if the need arises. Forest users should be aware of the Red Bench fire and there is still a danger of falling snags.

Firewood cutting is now allowed on the Flathead National Forest, as is the use of wood burning stoves for cooking and heating. "Hoot Owl" restrictions are no longer in effect, and campfires are allowed in designated campgrounds as well as backcountry areas.

"Fire prevention efforts in northwest Montana have really paid off," said Ed Brannon, Flathead National Forest Supervisor. "The wet weather allows us to relax the restrictions, but the potential still exists for a problem fire especially in the low elevation areas around local communities."

Brannon went on to say that local forests contain much more dead and dormant foliage than normal. These fuels dry rapidly, so that with a little the agencies will continually monitor the situation and reinforce restrictions if conditions warrant.

The areas that Ondov was referring to include the Jim-Fatty, Van-Alder, Beaver Creek, Lindbergh Lake, Glacier Creek, Cold Creek and Woodward Creek areas. All of these areas are either now being studied or soon will be studied.

Obvious management activities which can affect the economy, character and recreation opportunities of these areas include timber sales, road construction and road closures.

"One of our problems is finding out who has interests in a certain area or who could be affected by management activities (or lack of them) in that area," Ondov said.

People who would like more information about the forest planning process or site specific studies in the Swan Valley may contact Dave Ondov at the Swan Lake Ranger Station, Bigfork, 837-5081.

sun and wind, fire danger can build up rapidly. Brannon concluded by saying

Recycling can be for the birds

Recycling aluminum cans is "for the birds" according to Ken Wolff, director of The Raptor Room in the Swan Valley.

Wolff has announced a major recycling and fundraising drive for The Raptor Room. "Recycling aluminum cans to help recycle injured wildlife" is the motto of the new campaign.

Local service groups and individuals are encouraged to save their aluminum cans and donate them to The Raptor Room's recycling effort. Funds received from the sale of recycled cans will be used to care for injured wildlife at the Swan Valley facility.

Wolff believes that human garbage is the second most severe threat to wildlife. "We have all seen photos of the birds wrapped up in plastic beverage containers, choked on filth, belly up from acid rain, poisoned with oil spills. Our refuse is the biggest threat." Recycling for the critters, he says, can help alleviate garbage-related wildlife injuries. "The next step, is a societal change away from our throw-away attitude," Wolff said.

Aluminum cans may be dropped off at The Raptor Room located at the corner of Kraft Creek Road and Highway 83 in the Swan Valley.

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Flathead County reports three rabies cases

Pet owners reminded to immunize dogs and cats

by Suzanne Vernon

Three rabid bats have been captured recently in separate incidents in Flathead County.

"It's been really weird," according to Dan Dickman, public health nurse for Flathead County. "It's unusually that bats are out latching onto people."

Two children were bitten by rabid bats earlier this month in separate incidents. A rabid bat bit a child at his home in Somers on Flathead Lake. About a week later, a rabid bat bit a young girl who was camping in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. In both of those cases, the parents caught the bat, which was later tested and showed positive for rabies. The children have both begun the series of rabies shots and are tolerating them quite well, Dickman said.

In a third incident, a man caught a bat that he thought was acting in a strange manner. That bat also later tested positive for rabies.

Dickman was careful not to panic people about bats. He added that most

bats will soon be hibernating for the winter. Rabies cases such as these are extremely rare in the Flathead Valley, Dickman said. Rabid animals have also been reported in Ovation (Powell County) and Missoula this year but animal control officials were unavailable for comment.

Dickman stressed that pet owners should remember to have their dogs and cats immunized against rabies. "Rabies is around, and pets are susceptible," he said.

Dr. Joe Thompson, who operates the Seeley Veterinary Service in Seeley Lake, explained that dogs may be immunized as early as three months of age. Dogs in Missoula County are required to have rabies shots every two years.

Cats are actually more likely than dogs to expose people to rabies, Dr. Thompson said. Cats also may be immunized as early as three months of age and are required to have booster shots every year thereafter.

The Seeley Veterinary Service provides rabies immunizations for pets and is open every Wednesday. Local residents are advised to call ahead for appointments for their pets.

Loon Lady to speak October 7

Lynn Kelly, alias "the Loon Lady", will be the guest speaker at the October 7 Friday Forum sponsored by The Grounded Eagle Foundation in the Swan Valley. Kelly has become acquainted with many local residents as a result of her research about the large, black and white birds which return each year to several lakes in the Seeley Swan. Her loon studies have included hundreds of hours spent watching the nesting pairs of loons on Seeley Lake.

Lynn Kelly is a 7th grade science teacher in Polson. She has been researching loons in the Clearwater and Swan valleys and in the Eureka area for the past three years, and is compiling her data for an advanced degree in wildlife biology. Kelly has been instrumental in the formation of a statewide loon society and is involved in the national loon awareness effort. Kelly is also a facilitator for Project Wild—a training program for elementary school teachers.

The haunting cry or laugh of the loon is one of the oldest of bird songs and is the sound most associated with remoteness. There are only 30 lakes in the West with annually returning loons and only about 200 of the rare birds in western Montana. The loon is designated as a sensitive species by the Forest Service. A Loon Management Plan is currently being written by Forest Service managers.

Friday Forum is a free public presentation and is held the first Friday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Swan Valley Community Hall at Condon.

Swan Song

Gertie J. Fenby, 78, of Swan Lake, died of natural causes Saturday, September 17, 1988 at her home.

She was born June 25, 1910, in Salem, Oregon to Frank and Martha Ellen Hoppeter. In 1916 she moved with her family to the upper Swan area.

On November 12, 1927, she married Ray Fenby in Kalispell. They lived in the upper Swan area until moving to Swan Lake in the early 1930's.

A member of the Swan Chapel and Swan Lake Women's Club, she enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling and reading. Her husband died in 1976.

Survivors include two daughters, Della Luckow, British Columbia and Patricia Luckow of Swan Lake; two brothers, Roxy Hoppeter, Swan Lake and John Hoppeter, Kalispell; two sisters, Evelyn Taylor, Kalispell and Jessamyn Ladd, Gervais, Oregon; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were 1:00 p.m. Saturday, September 24, 1988 at the Swan Chapel with the Rev. Ron Pierce officiating.

The family suggests memorials to the Swan Lake Library, Swan Chapel or the ALERT Foundation.

Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of Johnson Mortuary of Kalispell.

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Seven factors occurred simultaneously

Rare conditions caused Canyon Creek blowup

By Lilly Tuholske
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Area residents who witnessed the September 6 blowup of the Canyon Creek fire, which drove the fire out onto the plains and more than tripled its acreage, saw a rare spectacle brought on by extremely unique burning conditions. The fire grew nearly 180,000 acres overnight, displaying a frightening inferno, visible for miles against the

nighttime sky.

According to prescribed fire specialist, Chuck Bushey, a private consultant working under contract for the U.S. Forest Service, no less than seven conditions have to occur simultaneously in order for such a huge fire event to occur. He has analyzed the history of previous catastrophic fires similar to the Canyon Creek blowup to determine which factors contribute to their occurrence.

The first of these factors is

lightning which ignited the fire on June 25th. The second and third—dry, heavy forest fuels and mountainous terrain, played a major role in the Canyon Creek fire for many weeks. These 3 factors were also present in the fires that have burned in the Northern Rockies this summer. However, fires that are catastrophic in nature will not develop until other, weather-related factors occur in a series.

The fourth factor is the development of a high pressure ridge in

the area of an existing fire. The fifth of Bushey's list of 7 ingredients is created by the formation of alternate bands of dry and moist air.

Sixth, a cold front must move into the area, followed by strong winds. Bushey believes that usually, the winds will be blowing in direction parallel to the mountain range, creating the effect of a wind tunnel. Such a situation sets the stage for the fire to make a huge run in a northeasterly direction.

Bushey's research demonstrates that the seventh factor is a reverse wind profile. A reverse wind profile develops when wind layers of varying speed develop behind the invading cold front. The reverse wind profile is crucial because without it, a catastrophic fire on the order of the Canyon Creek blowup will not occur.

Then, the final factor, the reverse wind profiles hit on September 6. The science of studying these wind profiles as they relate to forest fires is so new, however, that Bushey could only issue a warning over the entire region. He could not predict exactly which fires would be affected by the reverse profile wind patterns.

From his base at the Regional Incident Coordinating Organization (RICO) office, Bushey issued a warning to fire incident commanders throughout the Northern Region and in the greater Yellowstone area. The only place where the deadly wind profiles occurred was over the Canyon Creek Fire. While firefighters experienced difficult conditions on other fires throughout the Northwest that day, none were as devastating as the Canyon Creek blowup.

Reverse wind profiles were developed when a layer of faster moving air flows over a slower layer. As the fire burns, the convection column of smoke travels up through the wind layers. When the smoke column hits the faster wind layer, it is drawn up, as if the system were in a huge chimney flue. New air rushes into the fire burning below. The effect of the phenomenon is an instantaneous run of a crowning fire.

Had the seven conditions not developed, it is unlikely that the fire would have blown out onto the plains, destroying fences and outbuildings and killing cattle.

Unlike underburns or typical stand replacement fires, catastrophic burns are not regulated by forest fuel types. Bushey explained once they get going, they are driven like a blow torch and do not stop until the weather changes or they run out of fuel, whichever comes first. In the case of the Canyon Creek blowup, when the fire hit the plains, it essentially ran out of fuel and lost much of its vigor.

According to Bushey, blowups of this nature are so unusual that it was not until this fire that anyone had an opportunity to witness and record the seven ingredients which cause them while a burn was in progress. Though it was terrifying for those who saw it, it did so under conditions unmatched in the recorded history of the Scapegoat-Bob Marshall complex. And, it is unlikely that it will be seen again in this area in our lifetime, or for many generations to come.

Eight candidates make pitch for votes

(continued from page 1)

years as a state senator.

"I have worked with all the committees that deal with the secretary of state office and I am well acquainted with those needs," Story said. His background includes six years as chairman of the State Administration Committee which works closely with the Secretary of State in its watchdog role over state election laws, administrative rules and organization, his literature studies.

He also has seen service on legislative committees for public health, natural resources, local government, finance and claims, and agriculture.

JANET MOORE

Incumbent representative of House District 65, Janet Moore, democrat from Condon, declared "...people are my top priority," when she took the podium.

"We can work together to promote the good things already happening in Montana like the steady improvement in the overall economy, the growth of environmentally sensitive tourism, the near settlement of the federal wilderness issue coupled with release for management of appropriate roadless lands, trends toward more people working at needed jobs and the growing conviction that our quality of living depends a great deal on a healthy outdoor environment," she said.

"My voting record, which reflects my basic beliefs, supports programs for education, the individual worker, small business, senior citizens, veterans and wise use and management of our natural resources.

"I've vigorously opposed a general sales tax and voted against increases in taxes on gasoline and diesel. And, I opposed the notion of spending from Montana's Coal Trust Fund which provides nearly \$40 million annually in interest to be used to finance government programs instead of taxing people," she stated.

BOB PIPINICH

Bob Pipinich, democrat, made his pitch for Senate District 33 by declaring that "...we must support all working people with fair wages. If we lose more jobs, our young people will not be able to stay here."

An Anaconda native, Pipinich worked at the Anaconda Smelter for 20 years and owned his own small business.

"Only one or two out of ten we educate remain in Montana. My family has left the state to find work," he said.

"People want quality service and fair taxes. We don't need tax loopholes," Pipinich added, and also declared himself against "right to work" laws and a sales tax, and came out in favor of increasing the minimum wage.

BUFF HULTMAN

Opposing Pipinich for Senate District 33 was Buff Hultman, republican candidate for that office.

Hultman came out for more equitable distribution of school tax monies and further development of recreation, mining, and timber.

"We need a good base economy. We've got to keep our young people at home. We're getting to be a state of older people," he said.

The state government should be

streamlined, he said, not so much to save money, but to divert money into investments that will create jobs.

There are 48 states that rank above Montana in the overall environment for small business, Hultman said. We've got to take care of small businesses, he said, by making changes and lowering personal property taxes on equipment needed by small businesses.

DAN MIZNER

Dan Mizner, republican candidate opposite Moore in the House District 65 race, came out strongly for fiscal responsibility. A Lake Inez resident, Mizner has 30 years experience in local and state government and has been a city alderman and county commissioner, serving on many state boards under appointments from five different state governors.

Since 1959 he has attended all but one legislative session, he said.

"I've listened to and learned from a cross-section of the people of this district and found their concerns support my beliefs" he said. "They want fiscal responsibility, reduction of state spending, and adequate funding of education with local control."

Government spending has outstripped individual incomes and the trend must be stopped, according to Mizner.

"From 1970 to 1987 state government income increased 383 percent while personal income in the same time increased 247%," Mizner said, adding that the average cost of state government for each person increased from \$1,885 to \$2,005 in the two-year period 1985-87.

GARY MARBUT

Gary Marbut, republican candidate for Missoula County Commissioner, said he is in the race because "...the people of Missoula County are ready for something different."

"We can have a stronger economy and we deserve it. The biggest obstacle is local regulatory authority that has prevented jobs from coming here," he added.

"We need to be hospitable to people that will employ our children. We can no longer have taxes rise faster than our income," he said.

Marbut said he grew up west of Missoula, spent three years in the army, and has worked as an auto mechanic, millworker, ranch hand, retail sales, and paramedic. "I have a wide variety of experience in understanding needs," he said.

ANN MARY DUSSAULT

Striving for re-election as Missoula County Commissioner is Ann Mary Dussault, democratic incumbent.

The 1980's were difficult times for government and the private sector, Dussault explained, as both were involved in scale-backs and learning to manage resources better.

"The 1960's and '70's strategies didn't work for the '80's, and likewise the strategies of the '80's won't work for the '90's," she said.

She called for more partnership between state, local and private sectors, development of a better work force, additional construction of infrastructure,

and strengthening of local government. "Seeley Lake is on the cutting edge of these four issues. The main street of Seeley Lake looks a lot different than it

did five or six years ago," she said. "In fact, it is one of the primary growth places in Missoula County," she added.

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BLACKHAWK ROYALTY—Twila Salomon, left, and Derek Broderick were voted homecoming King and Queen by the Seeley Swan High School student body and were recognized at the Saturday homecoming game against Hot Springs. The other candidates were Sandy DeLeo, Tracy Malone, Carrie West, Levko Siloti, Dustin Gordon, and Jason Marshall.

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Hawks thump Savages 58-8

By Ron Gossard

Blackhawk running backs Leelyn Cahoon and Barry DeLeo combined for 7 touchdowns as the Seeley-Swan football team rolled to a 58-8 victory over the Hot Springs Savages.

The Savages were shut down offensively except in the second quarter when they managed one touchdown. Seeley also had a touchdown scored by Derek Broderick from a pass by Dustin Gordon.

The Blackhawks' record is 4-0 and they are in a tie with Arlee for the conference lead. The Savages fell to 0-4.

Seeley rolls over P'Burg 52-0

By Heath Harper

The Seeley-Swan JV-s rolled over Philipsburg in last Monday's JV game. Seeley pounced on P'burg from the start scoring on every offensive series and beating them by the second half. Touchdowns were made by Brian Payton, Heath Harper, Seth Ennis, Donnie Frederick and Jeff Posthumus. Tony Scollick scored 3 conversions. The defense held P'burg to only 1 first down with an interception by Scott Olson and a fumble recovery by Heath Harper.



OOPS—Derek Broderick can't seem to find the handle on this one as the ball goes sailing by. The Hawks continued their unbroken string of victories, however, with an easy win 58-8 over Hot Springs in Saturday's homecoming game.

G. Noland Photo



A LITTLE HELP, PLEASE—Brittnie Hebnes seems to be looking for some help as she finds herself boxed in by opponents from Victor in the homecoming game Saturday night. There was plenty of help, though, as the Ladyhawks breezed to a 76-17 victory.

G. Noland Photo

Lady Hawks dominate the Victor Pirates

By Kalin Raible

Saturday night's Homecoming game for the Lady Hawks was against the Victor Pirates. The Hawks had a good game from the start and kept Victor from scoring at all in the second half. The Hawks won by a score of 76-17.

The easy win allowed everyone to play. The leading scorer for the Lady Hawks was Sandy DeLeo with 23 points followed by Billie Copenhaver with 11 points and Brittnie Hebnes with 10 points. The leading scorer for the Victor Pirates was Terra Falk with 7 points followed by Jess Gingerich with 6 points. The Blackhawks are 5-2 in the conference and the Pirates are 0-8.

Lady B'hawks defeat Lincoln Lynx

By Billie Copenhaver

Friday night the Seeley-Swan Blackhawks defeated the Lincoln Lynx 66-34. The victory raised the Hawk's record to 4-2.

The Hawks dominating scoring was led by Junior forward, Jenny Klebenow with 16, and Junior center, Brittnie Hebnes for 14. Cara McPheaters had a high of 17 for the Lynx and Jennifer Johnson had 8.

This victory helped to rebuild the Hawks confidence after a devastating loss to Philipsburg the weekend before.

Fish, Wildlife, Parks—News

By Bill Thomas

With Several hunting seasons ready to begin soon and the general big game season opening October 23, the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is again providing landowners with signs and permission booklets to assist them in identifying private lands and recording who has permission to use it for hunting.

The free signs have various messages, including those which state that hunting is allowed by permission only, that access is allowed through the courtesy of the landowner and that vehicles are allowed only on designated roads and parking areas.

Permission booklets allow landowners to list a hunter by name, address and vehicle number. A space is also provided so the landowner can indicate what property is open to hunting. The forms automatically make two copies, so the sportsman can have the original and the landowner can keep the other for his reference.

The free signs and permission booklets are available at the regional headquarters of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 3201 Spurgin, Missoula.

Waterfowl Season regulation changes and reminders

Waterfowl hunters should be aware of major changes in the duck and goose hunting seasons and bag limits for western Montana.

The 1988 waterfowl hunting season opens for geese Saturday, October 1, and ducks on October 8 and hunters need to review the general regulations that are unique to all waterfowl hunting.

The FWP reminds waterfowl hunters that:

- They need both a 1988 **STATE WATERFOWL STAMP** and a federal waterfowl stamp.

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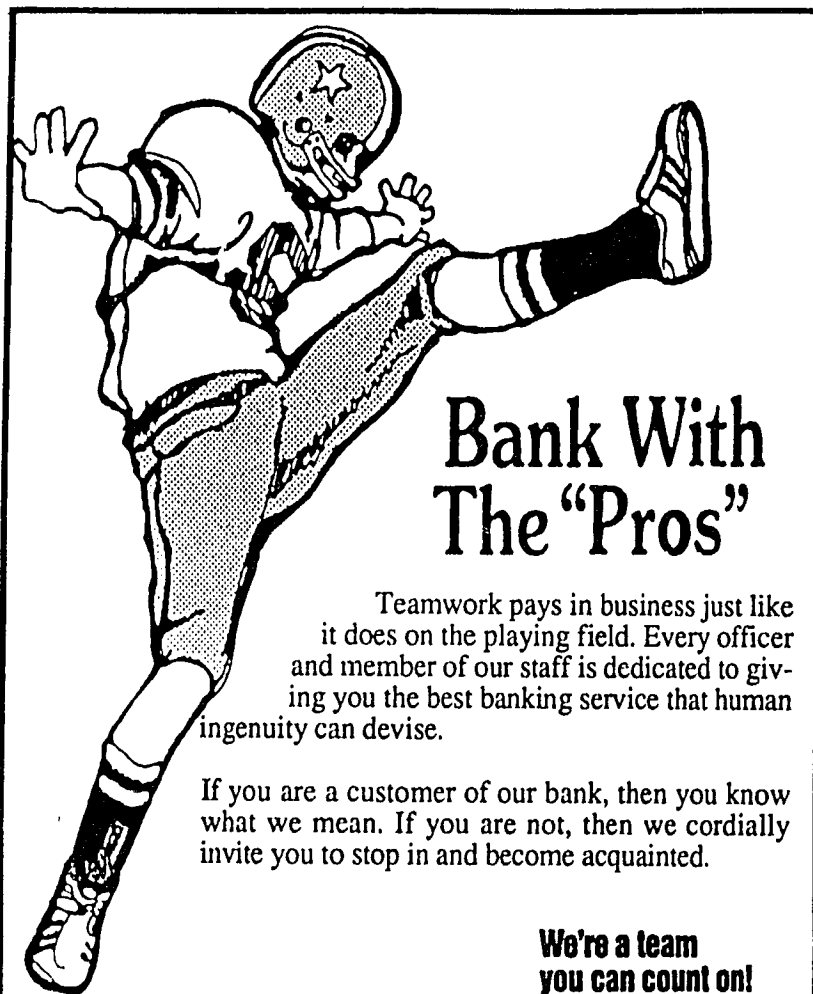
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Don't miss the party

PASSAGES

Pastor Rod Kvamme

I like celebrations. Pauline and I just got back from a 75th anniversary celebration. We told them it was too much fun to wait that long for another party!

Actually, every day calls for a celebration. If you know the sins of your past are forgiven, then you wake up each day with a reason to celebrate. If you don't know that, you are missing a grand party.

If you realize that each day you are meant to bear the high title of a son or daughter of God, then you have reason to walk tall through good times and bad times. If you don't realize that, you only get up to hump under the weight of another day's worries and problems.

If you know that a heavenly future

is assured no matter how uncertain things become in this world, then joy has a greater part of your every day than do fear and despair. If not, then questions and apprehensions steal your joy.

All promises are in black and white in the Bible. God has signed them with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Once you know them, accept them and act on them, you have cause to celebrate. Don't miss the party.

Christmas bazaar set for Dec. 2

What often turns out to be the biggest event of the Christmas season in Seeley Lake has been scheduled for December 2 this year.

The Seeley Lake Women's Club set the date for their annual bazaar last week at their first meeting of the season.

The annual bazaar is the main fund raiser for this service group. Everything from Christmas decorations to fine art will be displayed for sale by members of the club along with local artists and crafts people.

Proceeds from the event help the women's club prepare food baskets for needy families, contribute to charities such as the Poverello Center in Missoula, and pay for other community oriented projects.

Table space at the bazaar will be offered for rent as usual. Interested crafts people and artists may contact Marge Flere in Seeley Lake for more information.

The Seeley Lake Women's Club resumed meetings for the season on September 20. Meetings will be held each Tuesday throughout the winter at 1:30 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

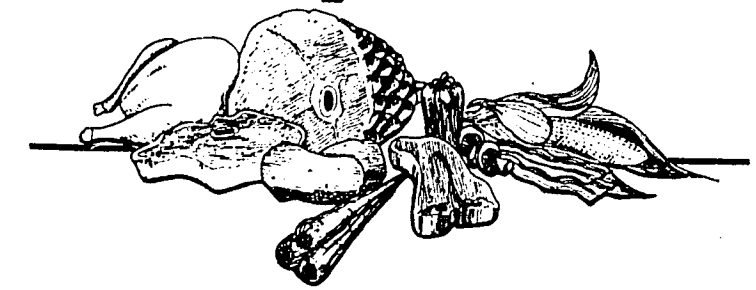
Senior Nutrition

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. Reservations please, 677-2008.

Monday, October 3
Macaroni and cheese
Tuesday, October 4
Roast beef
Wednesday, October 5
Turkey

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

Cornucopia by Millie Jette



Perk up meals with traditional fall flavors

Eating for fitness and good health while maintaining variety in your diet can be a challenge. Because chicken is adaptable to many recipes, easy to cook and nutritious, it has become a family favorite.

One way to enhance the naturally delicious flavor of chicken without adding to its low calorie, sodium and cholesterol content is to prepare it with seasonal fruits and spices. Fall is the perfect time of year to try the following Baked Chicken and Apples recipe. The apples, whether you've picked them yourself or purchased them at the grocery store, add a savory touch of natural sweetness to the chicken and accompanying spices.

BAKED CHICKEN AND APPLES

8 broiler-fryer chicken parts with skin removed	1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon pepper	Vegetable cooking spray
1/4 teaspoon ginger	1/4 cup water
1/4 teaspoon curry powder	3 apples, cored and sliced

In small bowl, mix together pepper, ginger, curry and cinnamon; set aside one fourth of this mixture (1/2 teaspoon). Sprinkle chicken with remaining spice mixture.

Spray non-stick frypan with vegetable cooking spray; heat over medium temperature. Add chicken and cook, turning every 15 minutes or until brown on all sides.

Add water to remaining 1/2 teaspoon of spice mixture. In two-quart baking dish, arrange slices of two of the apples; top with browned chicken. Place remaining apple slices on top. Pour liquid over chicken and apples. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes or until done.

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We don't know who owns the dogs that helped lead the way to find him, but a Thank You also.
It's nice to live among so many nice folks.
Thanks Again
Jim & Ruth Taylor

NOTICE

The second half 1988 Mobile Home Taxes are now due and payable on or before 5:00 p.m., September 30, 1988. Penalty and interest will apply to payments made after this date.

Please be sure to include the tax bill or tax bill number with your payment.

Checks are made payable and mailed to: Missoula County Treasurer, P.O. Box 7249, Missoula, Montana 59807.

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NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER FOR SALE

NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER SALE, FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST, ROAD 10383 BLOWDOWN SALE, located within Section 24, T.22N., R.18 W., P.M.M. SEALED bids will be opened at Swan Lake Ranger District, Bigfork, Montana, at 11:00 a.m. local time at place of bid opening, October 11, 1988, for an estimated 21 M board feet of cedar, larch, Douglas-fir, lodgepole pine, spruce and white pine timber marked or otherwise designated for cutting. In addition there is an estimated 10 M board feet (20 cords) of all species firewood. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. A prospectus is available to the public and interested potential bidders. Bids can be hand-delivered to the Swan Lake Ranger District or mailed to P.O. Box 370, Bigfork, Montana, 59911. Full information concerning the timber, the conditions of the sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Swan Lake District Ranger, Bigfork, Montana.

NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER FOR SALE

NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER SALE, FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST, ROAD 903 BLOWDOWN SALE, located within Sections 22 and 28, T.21N., R.17W., P.M.M. SEALED bids will be opened at Swan Lake Ranger District, Bigfork, Montana, at 11:00 a.m. local time at place of bid opening, October 11, 1988, for an estimated 12 M board feet of lodgepole pine, spruce, Douglas-fir, alpine fir, and other timber marked or otherwise designated for cutting. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. A prospectus is available to the public and interested potential bidders. Bids can be hand-delivered to the Swan Lake Ranger District or mailed to P.O. Box 370, Bigfork, Montana, 59911. Full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Swan Lake District Ranger, Bigfork, Montana.

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BIBLE, GREEN LEATHER BOUND, name: 'Jill E. Ottinger' printed on front. Lost 9/25 evening downtown Seeley area between Barney's, Filling Station & road to Seeley Lk. Motel. Call 677-2434.

BIDS WANTED

BIDS WANTED FOR FIREWOOD: Arrowhead Owners Association now accepting bids for firewood for the condos at Double Arrow Ranch. Specifications are as follows:
NO. OF CORDS: 20
TYPE OF WOOD: Either all larch or a mix of 1/2 larch, 1/4 fir (no subalpine fir) and 1/4 lodgepole. All firewood must be dead wood and dry. Green or rotted wood will not be accepted.
LENGTH: 15 cords - 18 inches
5 cords - 16 inches

OTHER: 14 cords must be split. The remaining 6 cords may be round logs providing each log is no more than 6 inches in diameter. Bid price should include delivery to site specified by Arrowhead Owners Association. Payment will be made upon delivery and acceptance of each load. Bids must be in writing and include a telephone number. Mail bids to: Arrowhead Owners Association, P.O. Box 563, Seeley Lake, MT 59868. Deadline for bids is October 15, 1988

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CHICKEN Double Front

Pitch Blend Products moves to Missoula

Brunners and their Blackfoot Brew outgrow Ovando headquarters

by Suzanne Vernon

When Bill and Patsy Brunner first purchased the Montana Pitch Blend business from Howard Fly of Ovando, they predicted that their business would grow. They were right.

In three years time they have outgrown their Ovando headquarters on the banks of the Blackfoot River and plunged into the world of wholesale manufacturing and distributing. Major national catalogues, specialty sporting goods catalogs and retailers all over the United States are buying their Pitch Blend Leather Dressing made from raw pitch from local trees.

Pitch Blend, the popular leather dressing which is also available at several stores in Seeley Lake and Condon, is made from the pitch that oozes from the lodgepole, pine and fir trees of western Montana.

"We need large quantities of pitch right as it comes out of the tree, or after it hardens on the outside of the tree, or even after it runs down the tree and collects on the ground," Bill Brunner explained.

They need several hundred pounds of pitch on a regular basis. In fact, Brunner is now working very hard to get people interested in gathering pitch for the manufacture of Montana Pitch Blend

Products.

"There is potential for people to make a good amount of money in a short time gathering pitch for us," he said, adding that some of the diseased and bug infested stands of lodgepole in the Seeley Swan contain large volumes of pitch which collects at the base of the trees.

Local residents—especially those who work in the woods—are encouraged to contact Brunner about collecting pitch for pay. "We're also interested in talking with people who might have ideas about how to gather pitch more efficiently," he said.

The new address of Montana Pitch Blend Products Inc. is 2703 Palmer Street, Missoula. Brunners may be reached at their new phone number, 728-0970.

Livestock Report

All classes of feeder cattle were under pressure at the September 22 sale held at Robbins Livestock Auction in Missoula. Light heifers were \$2.00 to \$4.00 off; plain cattle were hard to sell; and there was a lot of pressure on feeder cattle.

Results from last Thursday's auction are as follows:

Slaughter Cows: Utility and Commercial Cows—45.00 to 48.50; High Yielding Cows—47.00 to 50.00; Canner and Cutter Cows—43.00 to 46.00; Thin Shelly Canner Cows—39.00 to 43.00—cows steady.
Slaughter Bulls: YG #1—56.00 to 61.00; YG #2—54.00 to 57.00; Feeder Bulls—59.00 to 60.00.
Steer Calves: 300-400 pounds—85.00 to 96.00; 400-500 pounds—83.00 to 90.00; 500-650 pounds—75.00 to 83.00
Heifer Calves: 300-400 pounds—80.00 to 90.00; 400-500 pounds—75.00 to 83.00; 500-650 pounds—71.00 to 78.00; Plain cattle hard to sell.
Yearling Steers: 675-750 pounds—72.00 to 78.00; 750-850 pounds—71.00 to 76.00; 850-1,000 pounds—66.00 to 74.00; 1,050-1,200 pounds—58.00 to 64.00.
Yearling Heifers: 675-750 pounds—70.00 to 74.00; 750-850 pounds—68.00 to 71.00; 850-1,000 pounds—66.00 to 70.00.
Holstein Steers: 300-500 pounds—65.00 to 72.00; 500-700 pounds—64.00 to 68.00; 700-900 pounds—58.00 to 62.00; 900-1,100 pounds—55.00 to 59.00.
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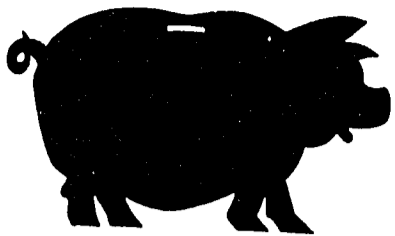
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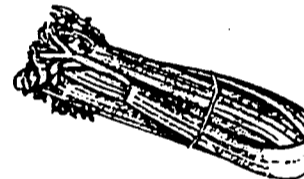
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