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November 10, 1988

Bank declares dividend

The 1st Valley Bank, Seeley Lake, after three years of profitable operations, declared its first dividend to stockholders on November 1, Jim Cowan, bank president, said.

A \$4 per share dividend was declared for the 10,000 outstanding shares, Cowan said.

The bank is the highest rated bank in Montana and ranks in the top two percent of banks in the country, Cowan said.

That ranking is provided by Sheshunoff, a national rating firm that gathers information on all banks and savings and loans in the nation.

1st Valley Bank is three and onehalf years old, opening in April of 1985.

"Most new banks are lucky to get in the black in the first three years of operation," Cowan said. "

Due to start up expense write-offs, the bank lost money in its first six months of operations, broke even in the next three months, and has been prof-

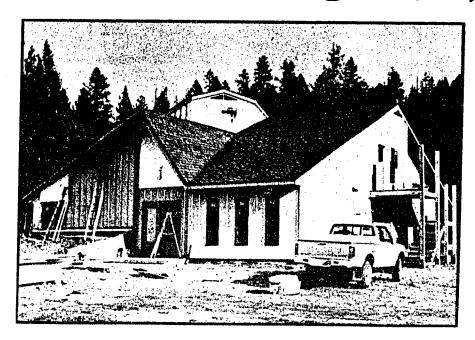
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SING ME A SONG—And, maybe I'll listen! Sheila Devins entertains with songs and stories at childrens' story hour at the Seeley Lake Library. Some of the youngsters are a little relaxed as this particular song came near the end of the 45-minute story hour. Young children like these, and people of all ages have been enjoying the new public library facilities at the Seeley Swan High School.

-G. Noland Photo

Catholic church gets \$60,000 construction grant



Father D. A. Okorn of the Secley Lake Catholic Church was recently notified that the church has received a grant of \$60,000 to be applied toward the construction costs of the new church.

"It's a very good grant, and the maximum they would give," Father Okom said.

The grant is coming from the Catholic Church Extension Society headquartered in Chicago.

"This U.S. organization is long existing, over 75 years," Father Okorn said. "They have a way of finding donors to help build churches in areas where the church population is small," he added.

The Seeley Lake parish has a membership of around 40 families.

The new church will cost a total of \$165,000, Father Okom said. About a

third of that has been raised locally, the grant will cover another third, and the balance is being financed by a low interest loan from the Diocese.

Ann Copenhaver, chairman of the church building committee, also received additional good news this week when a large donation came from Ann Pennypacker. This money will be used to complete the church kitchen.

Mrs. Pennypacker, of Gainsville, Florida, is making the donation in memory of her late husband, Henry. They used to spend summers at a home in the Swan Valley.

The new church is nearing completion with all plumbing and electrical completed. Sheetrock was being installed this week, the roof is on, and the siding nearly complete.

Father Okorn said a dedication is being planned for December.

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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

November 9, Vigilante Players presenting "Wildthings" at Seeley-Swan High School, 7pm (1:15pm 'free' for grade schoolers) November 10, 'Wildthings' presented at Swan Valley school, 7:30pm November 10, Swan Valley Parent-teacher conferences. School out at 1:15pm

November 16, Seeley Lake Parent-teacher conferences at Grade School-2 to 5, 6-8

Public Meetings/Clubs & Organizations

November 10-TOPS meets REA November 11, Joint meeting-

Amer. Legion & Ladies Aux. following potluck @ 6:30pm, Swan Valley Com. Hall November 11, Amer. Legion

S.V. Post#63, Veteran Day Service, 11am at Flag pole, Swan Valley Com. Hall-public invited November 12, Amer. Legion 'Hunting Season' Dance, 9pm-1am, Swan Valley Com. Hall-public November 13, Swan Valley Christian Singers practice-7:30-9:30pm-Holy Cross Luth. Church November 13-Seeley Lake Driftriders membership drive, 1:30-4pm-Homestead Cabin (see article) November 14-Pinochle at Seeley Lake Com. Hall 1-4pm, open to

November 14-SOS Health Board meets 7:30pm at Health

November 15-Seeley Lake Fire Board meets 7:30, Fire Hall November 16-MT Veteran's Officer at 1st Valley Bank from 2:45-4pm

Other

GED Classes (9-21 thru 11-23), 7pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon

Alcoholics Anonymous •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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Editorial Comment

OPINION

Chips bits and pieces

Fall seems to have definitely succumbed to the first breaths of winter this week as Seeley Lake received a thin blanket of white flakes, much of it melting at first glance, but patches lingering on. Looking forward to our first winter in Montana, we shout "snow" at each other each time one of us spots a more intense flurry of flakes. Some of the locals look askance at our excitement, but good naturedly indulge our fascination.

We find it difficult yet to imagine Seeley Lake frozen over with a covering of ice, but we have to believe it will happen or why else would Frank Wolfram and the Montana Mushers be planning a dog sled race around it and on it. A new event, without a name yet, but one that seems sure to garner a lot of interest with this race being planned for spectator viewing throughout the entire race where normally only the start and finish are apparent. A good idea, we think...may be the start of something big.

Excitement and pride were high this past week when the Seeley Swan Lady Blackhawks upset the number one rated Class B team in the state. The Frenchtown Broncs came to Seeley Swan with a perfect 17-0 record and left with a 17-1 record. The Lady Hawks now 14-3 in Class C competition move into district tournament play this week. Good luck, and congrats on an outstanding upset.

Getting to the top is not always easy, and never as easy as it appears when you're there. Behind that achievement are lots of hard work, planning, and talent. All those ingredients must be present to earn a score of 99/A-plus from Sheshunoff, a financial rating firm which gave that score to 1st Valley Bank. Seeley Lake, placing the bank in the top 2 percent of banks in the nation. There were no higher scores. This month that score was converted to dividends, the first declared by the bank since its founding in 1985. Jim Cowan, bank president and board chairman, the board, the bank's staff, and the stockholders can be

Significant accomplishments are falling like snowflakes in the Seeley Swan this week. Father D. A. Okorn announces that the new catholic church in Seeley Lake has received a grant of \$60,000 for construction of the new church, now almost complete. That grant defrays a significant portion of the \$160,000 construction cost, a significant achievement coming very close to the day of

As we typed away Tuesday evening, trying to put this issue to bed, election races in Montana were running very close in most major contests. Like many others, we'll wait until Wednesday morning to read the results, and will have local precinct numbers in next week's paper. At least it's over.

Have a good, snow-filled week!

-Gary Noland

A few words about rocks

There's a lot to be said for taking time off, finding a quiet spot in the woods, sitting on a rock. I used to wonder what those gray-green boulders were good for, until the first time, several years ago, that I hiked alone near our cabin.

I get lost easy in the woods and after we moved here I quickly learned to study the rocks and use them as guides. One of our "landmark" boulders is about four feet wide and six feet long; perfeetly flat on top. A large fir tree grows beside it. Juniper brush and young trees warm the rounded corners of the stone. Weathered needles and cones form a deep carpet at its base. Most of the rock is probably beneath the ground. Only the table top is visible.

From our perch here we can look down through fifty yards of lodgepole across a shallow draw and watch the activities in a small marsh. I always expect to see an elk wallowing there in the mud. We have often seen their sign. early in the fall, and once we saw a spike bull wander through the trees. But mostly we see squirrels. The area was logged years ago and the rotting stumps which were left behind are now fully decorated with lichens—pixic cups and

Country Journal Suzanne Vernon, Swan Vallev

reindeer moss. This is where the squirrels eat their dinners. The papery lestovers fill the gaps between the loose bark and the rotting wood still attached

Small trees have blown down within the lodgepole stand. Like matchsticks tossed at random some have fallen on the ground others are caught diagonally in the branches of larger trees. Several times we have watched grouse waddle back and forth on these natural balance beams.

The Great Horned Owls spend some of their days here. We've found owl pellets near the stump. No doubt they keep the grouse and squirrel populations in check.

Last week we spooked a snowshoe hare from under a log. He was white and an easy target for owls or coyotes as he bounded over the hill. He won't be such as easy target this week-we finally woke to find two inches of new snow covering the ground here on Monday!

Environmental movement — power struggle?

To the Editor:

The environmental activists would like us to believe that they have the noblest of motivations. Who, after all, can argue with the desirability of clean air, clean water and a healthy habitat for all. Certainly, the public has viewed the activities of the environmentalists as having those ends. However, the let burn policy and the appeals situation exposes some peculiar contradictions to those noble motivations.

If we are really concerned about air pollution, why is it okay to pollute the air for thousands of miles downwind of a forest fire, as long as the fire was started by lightning. If we are really concerned about the grizzly bear habitat, why is it just fine to let the Canyon Creek fire burn up a quarter million acres of prime grizzly bear habitat. And if the preservation of the Spotted Owl habitat is so important that it justifies the appeal of every timber sale in an area, why isn't it important enough to require a repeal of the let burn policy. And if old growth timber is such an aesthetically valuable asset, how are we to accept the rationalization that the let burn policy is good because it burns out old growth forests and makes room for new growth. The let burn policy is reprehensible enough in itself, but it does reveal something about the environment activists. These people are not motivated by a desire to clean up and preserve the environment, they are motivated by a zeal for political power.

The fact is, the environmental movement is not a struggle between those who would clean up the environment and those who would pollute it. It is a power struggle that will ultimately determine who is going to control our public lands. It is a power struggle between those who would use natural resources to stabilize the economy and enhance our quality of life and the environmentalist who simply does not care whether we are able to make a living. It is a power struggle between those who want reasonable access to the natural beauty and abundant recreation of our area and the environmentalist who would dictate where and when you can enter our public lands and what you can do when you get there.

It is a power grab and that is why they continue to abuse the appeals process, and that is why they continue to defend a let-burn policy that is so obviously reprehensible. The environmentalists have no interest in developing a reasoned and equitable public lands policy; the important things for them is that they are the ones who dictate policy and control those

Our public land management agencies cannot help but respond to public tinue to have far too much sway in determining land use policy because they are so vocal and because they are expert at lobbying and pressuring these government agencies.

Don't allow this handful of environmental zealots to determine how you can use the public lands. All of us who live and work and recreate in Western Montana should make sure our feelings are known. We should make sure that the environmentalists are not allowed to lock us out of our economic livelihood and that they are not the ones who determine what activities can and cannot take place on public lands.

Make your feelings and needs known to our congressional delegation and the Forest Service and our State Department of Lands.

Douglas K. Mood Vice President Pyramid Mountain Lumber Inc.

Subject: Water System

To the Editor:

I would like to make three points to the people of Seeley Lake about their water system. (These conclusions are based on studies of water system records).

1st-The Water System is in great shape

2nd-The Water System is financially sound

3rd-The Water System can support 200 to 300 new users without expensive upgrading

Before discussing the above points, I think it is in order to give credit to Bud Anderson, General Manager: Doreen Culver, Auditor/Secretary, and the many unselfish volunteer Water Board members who have made the above possible. People should attend the board meetings, see these people in action and be aware.

In the past many opinions have surfaced: the system is broken down and out dated, out of water and going broke. The facts do not support this view!

The pumps and support equipment at the pump house are operating today as efficiently as the day they were installed.

The distribution system (mains, feeders and valves) friction losses are as installed.

The AC pipe has often been criticized, but it is doing its job well. This summer four major leaks were found and fixed. These leaks accounted for almost 80% of the reduction of the water waste. None of these leaks were due to use of AC pipe. The other 20% of the reduction was due to the leak detection program the district used and in no case was AC pipe at fault.

The second point: Since 1981 the long-term liabilities have decreased by more than \$100,000.00 The equity the people have in the system has increased by more than\$150,000.00. And the savings are more than \$70,000.00.

The last point: When the water waste was brought under control, the average usage per customer was reduced from 2,000 gallons per day to less than 400. Still a little high, but even so, 200 to 300 new customers could be added without any system update. Think of what that would do to revenues! The district would be able to reduce rates. And if the district starts encouraging new hook-ups through such things as amortizing the hook-up fees, the improved revenue flow will occur much earlier.

Again—contrary to some opinions—the water system, the Board and its employees are serving the people of Seeley Lake well.

Leo Perro, Retired Systems Engineer Seeley Lake

Old growth liquidation effects labor

To the Editor:

The liquidation of old growth timber on BN and Champion lands has had serious effects on labor over the past few years. 1987 was a record year for timber volume harvested, but the numbers of workers again declined and the average wage per worker dropped.

Remedial action is needed to insure a productive future for recently laid-off woods workers and those soon to be displaced. Montana should create a retraining fund that provides educational opportunities for displaced workers.

Many states have joined industry and unions to provide job transition programs. These states have found that worker retraining returns big benefits to the state, making them more adaptable to business shifts and thus more competitive. Montana talks of becoming "more competitive". Now is the time to invest our money where our mouth is.

If Champion, BN and other multinationals are really in Montana for the "long haul", worker retraining should fit nicely into their long range planning schemes. If "long-term commitments" are public relations gimmicks to stall state government intervention and regulation, workers will have to fo it alone, as they have in the past.

It's time to demand that corporations who deplete Montana's resources, labor unions and state government all begin to take responsibility for improving the competitiveness of our labor force. Montana needs worker retraining opportunities to help workers weather the boom and bust cycles of corporate socialism.

It will take a unified workforce to start the ball rolling. Before agreeing to participate in the next "log haul" or anti-wilderness rally, consider whom you are benefiting. Industry has profit on their minds. Have they shared the wealth? Will your employer be helping you secure new employment if you are permanently laid-off?

In the future, Montana's economic competitiveness will largely depend on how well we prepare ourselves for the inevitable business changes ahead. Investing in a cost shared retraining program for Montana's workers is in the best interest of all Montanas. Job retraining is a sound investment that should be made immediately.

Sincerely, Steve Kelly For Friends of The Wild Swan Missoula, Montana

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Driftriders plan picnic for paid-up members

The Seeley Lake Driftriders will have their annual membership drive on Sunday, November 13th from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Double Arrow Homestead Cabin.

There will be hamburgers for the kids and steak for adults. You will provide salads, beans or desserts. The Club will furnish beverages.

We're asking that your memberships be purchased by Saturday, the 12th of November, so we can have a head count for the attendance.

Memberships can be purchased at Dan's Discount, the Saloon and from Jerry Ding at 677-2041.

Missoula bike auction Nov. 17

by Mary Cheryl Hall, Bicycle Coordinator

A bike auction has been scheduled for Thursday, November 17 at City Hall, 201 West Spruce in Missoula.

Bikes will be on view from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. Bikes in the auction have been in the City Bike Room at least 90 days. There are about 40 bikes of different styles and conditions.

If you have lost a bike, file a stolen report with the City Policy Department or the County Sheriff's Office. Only after you have filed a stolen report may you view the bikes in the bike room. The bike room is available during business hours by checking with the Missoula City Police Department.

For more information, contact the Missoula Bicycle Program at 721-4700,

I.R.S. raises mileage deduction

The Internal Revenue Service will allow business drivers to deduct two more cents a mile from their taxes in 1988, but the deduction for charitable, medical and moving driving expenses stays the same, according to District Director Arnold Wiley.

The business-use rate will be 24 cents a mile for the first 15,000 miles for a car that is not fully depreciated, up from the 22.5 cents a mile allowed for

The rate after the first 15,000 miles of business use of an automobile that is not fully depreciated and for all business use of an automobile that is fully depreciated is the same as in 1987-11 cents a mile.

The mileage rate for business transportation was also raised from 22.5 cents to 24 cents per mile.

For use of an automobile for charitable activities, the rate will remain at 12 cents a mile for the 1988 tax returns. For medical and moving expense purposes, the rate remains at nine cents a mile.

Taxpayers may deduct either the business standard mileage rate or the actual expenses of operating a car for business. In addition to the standard mileage rate, taxpayers may deduct the business portion of parking fees and tolls, the IRS said.

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1st Valley Bank received a score of 99/A-plus, with no bank anywhere receiving any higher rating.

A bank holding company, 1st Valley Bank Corp., was recently approved by the Federal Reserve. The holding company, which is owned by the originating stockholders, owns 81.3 percent of 1st Valley Bank.

The formation of the holding company involved no changes in the bank's principals or its operations, Cowan said.

The bank's board of directors are: Jim Cowan, president and board chairman; Larry Copenhaver, Donna Crevar, Len Kobylenski, Wayne Mahugh, and Glenn (Bucky) Walters. Honorary directors are Bob Ford and Bruce Vorhauer.

The bank's staff consists of Aaron Morse, vice-president; Marlene Bartlett, cashier; and customer service personnel Cheryl Lewis, Cheryl Casano, and Elda (Ellie) Greenough.

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Pathfinder reporter wins award

The Seeley Swan Pathfinder has won a national award for coverage of environmental news, the National Newspaper Association recently announced. The prize was officially announced on October 28 as part of the NNA's 1988 National Better Newspaper Contest.

The NNA presented an honorable mention award to Suzanne Vernon for a series of articles published last fall about controversial forest practices in the Clearwater and Swan valleys. Vernon is a former co-owner of the Pathfinder. She was the news editor for

the paper from May 1986 to July 1988.

The honorable mention award is significant because the Pathfinder competed against larger weekly newspapers throughout the United States. Circulation, or the size of the paper, was not a qualifying factor in the 'coverage of environmental news" category. Judges presented awards to those papers which provided the most positive coverage of environmental issues-coverage which "was aimed at improving a condition rather than simply calling at-



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Flathead Audubon meets Monday

Flathead Audubon members will meet on Monday November 14 at the Korner Kitchen in Bigfork.

The business meeting will begin at 7:30, followed by the main program at 8 p.m. Ken Wolff from the Raptor Room, Swan Valley, will share some of his experiences with injured birds at the wildlife rehabilitation facility.



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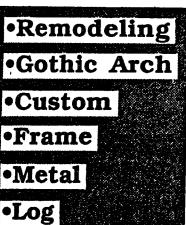
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"Wild Things" performance Nov. 10 at Swan Elementary

The Swan Valley Performing Arts is hosting 'Wild Things' on Thursday, November 10th at the Swan Valley

'Wild Things' is a hilarious 50-minute play which is well worth attending.

Tickets are on sale at the door and are \$4.00 for adults and children under There will be door prizes and pie and coffee will be served following the performance.

'Wild Things' is a wacky look at the Greater Yellowstone. . Crisis?

The Swan Valley Performing Arts encourages everyone to attend this entertaining performance.

Students collect for UNICEF

According to 'Friday News Notes' an informational publication from the Swan Valley Elementary school, some students participated in the UNICEF Halloween collection Halloween eve; \$30.00 was collected! Great job done by all the students who participated and to the community members who donated.

This year's basketball season will begin with our first after-school practice for students in grades 5-8 on November 9, Wednesday, from 3:15-5:00 p.m.

Practice will be every weekday, except for Tuesdays, at that time. All participants must have a current physical and have proof of accident insurance. Parents, permission slips filled out by you are necessary before your child can participate.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for November 10. There will be school that day until 1:15 with the first conferences beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Fish, Wildlife and Parks:

Read hunting regs

With 27 of Montana's elk hunting districts now managed under special branch-antlered bull only regulations, the state's top wildlife enforcement official is urging sportsmen to be sure they know the regulations before pulling the trigger.

"The message is: carefully read the regulations, know where you are hunting, know what is legal to take and what is not legal to take and be sure of your target," said Erv Kent, Enforcement Division Administrator for the DFWP in Helena.

Since the general big game hunting season opened October 23, several reports of sportsmen taking spike bulls in branch-antlered bull-only hunting districts have been received via the state's "Turn In Poachers, Montana," or TIP-MONT, telephone hotline.

In all branch-antlered bull only hunting districts, sportsmen with general elk licenses are restricted to harvesting only bull elk that have at least one main antler with a visible branching of at least one four-inch tine.

The maximum fine for illegally shooting an elk is \$1,000 and/or six months in jail. In addition, those found guilty could also be assessed a \$500 civil restitution penalty, Kent said.
The majority of the branch-antlered

bull only hunting districts are in DFWP administrative Region 3, in the southwestern portion of Montana. However, there are also some branchantlered bull only hunting districts in Regions 2 and 4.

"If you have any doubt of what your target is, don't shoot; don't take the chance," Kent cautioned.

Kent also said that sportsmen should be aware that in Hunting District 380, near Helena, elk regulations state that only spike bulls can be taken by sportsmen with a general elk hunting license. Only those 50 hunters holding special permits obtained through the state's annual special license and permit drawings last summer can legally take branch-antlered bulls in this district.

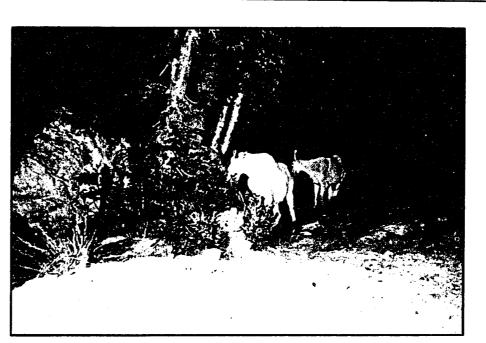
Next year's fishing regs on Commission agenda

Commission will meet Wednesday, November 16, at the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks headquarters building, 1420 East Sixth Avenue in

Included on Wednesday's agenda will be the approval of tentative fishing regulations that would be in effect from March 1, 1989 through February 28, 1990. Montana's fishing regulations are now set for two-year periods, but they must be adopted each year as an annual



Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the General Public who participated in the Raffle of the Log Home for thier support and hard work.



SHOOTING IN THE DARK-George Frasca, Seeley Lake, didn't know what he might come up with when on a recent overnight trip in the Mission Wilderness, he aimed his camera in pitch darkness at noises outside his tent, and captured on film several Mountain Goats feasting on a bush near his tent. Frasca aimed his camera from inside the tent and the flash startled the goats who left momentarily. They continued, however, to keep Frasca awake for over two hours as they stripped the bush of all its foliage during the night.

Race 'around the Lake' planned for dog sleds

A new winter event, planned with the spectator in mind, will be held for the first time in February when dog sled races will be run on a course around Seeley Lake.

"All the races (and several are planned) will be held on the lake where people can see them," Frank Wolfram, organizer for the Montana Mushers,

People staying at Leisure Lodge or Seeley Lake Motel on the lake will be able to see the race from their rooms, Wolfram said.

A course around the lake will be marked off and groomed with four, six, eight and ten-dog teams competing in laps around the course.

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce endorsed the event at a recent board of directors meeting, and will be coming up with a name, Wolfram said. The new event is believed to be the

first race of its kind where spectator involvement will be primary. In other races spectators only get to see teams

leave the starting point or cross the finish line.

This new race will bring the number of dog sled races in the area to five. along with the Polcbridge 150, Holland Lake Race to the Lake, the Seeley Lake 200, and the Governor's Cup 500.

Dates for the races, are set for February 4 and 5, the same week end as the OSCAR cross country ski races.

Wolfram stressed that the dog sled races are being held at this time to complement the OSCAR race and not to compete with it. "This will give spectators something else to watch while the skiers are away," Wolfram

"It will be a fun thing," he added. "It will be open to everyone with dogs and will not be a real heated, competitive sort of thing. There will be prizes and the various size teams will run races of from four to 10 miles."

Hopefully, this will be a real plug" for Seeley Lake, especially the ake-side motels, Wolfram said.

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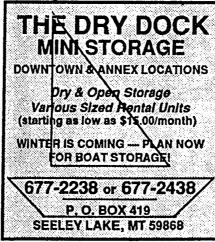
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Fishing Report

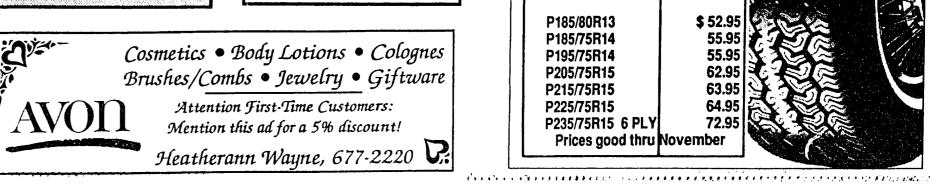
Folks are catching some nice rainbow trout out of Seeley Lake and the Clearwater River this week. Several people have caught fish in the five-tosix pound category. They don't appear to be "planters" either. The "colder the water the prettier the fish" they say.

The salmon are "red and running" in the Clearwater Valley. A few bald eagles have even arrived according to some reports. Salmon snagging slowed down a bit this past week, the fish seemed to be going into the deeper holes by daylight, when most of the human fishermen arrived on the scene. There's always just enough stragglers to keep the fishing stories circulating.



Folks are still catching a few-very few-bull trout in the Swan Lake area. A few reports of anglers hooking northern pike too. Won't be long now and we'll all have to "sit tight" and wait for the lakes to freeze solid. Several of the smaller potholes and ponds were rimmed with ice on Tuesday morning







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The American Legion

Helping veterans — and the community

by Suzanne Vernon

Of all the service organizations in the Seeley Swan area, the American Legion Swan Valley Post #63 is easily one of the most active.

The Veterans Day activities which the Legion has scheduled for Friday, along with the hunting season dance at Condon on Saturday night are just a few examples of the varied projects that local veterans are organizing and supporting.

According to post commander, Bob Reed, the local Legion members focus on projects which help veterans, young people and the community. Each Veterans Day they hold memorial services for those Americans who died during times of war. This year, with the installation of the new flagpole at the Community Hall, they have also organized for Memorial Flags to be flown in honor of deceased veterans. (Families may request such services by contacting any Legion member.) The Swan Valley Legion sponsors four community dances each year, sells soda pop and beer at local community events and has supported the annual Boys State program for many years. (The Legion Auxiliary supports the Girls State program.)

The community dances in particular have brought a sense of community spirit back to the Swan Valley.

"This community used to have lots of dances and activities," Reed said, referring to days when the area boasted an active saddle club.

As interest in the Swan Valley Saddle Club dwindled during the 1970s, the support for other community events seem to dwindle, also. About four years ago, Legion members decided to try

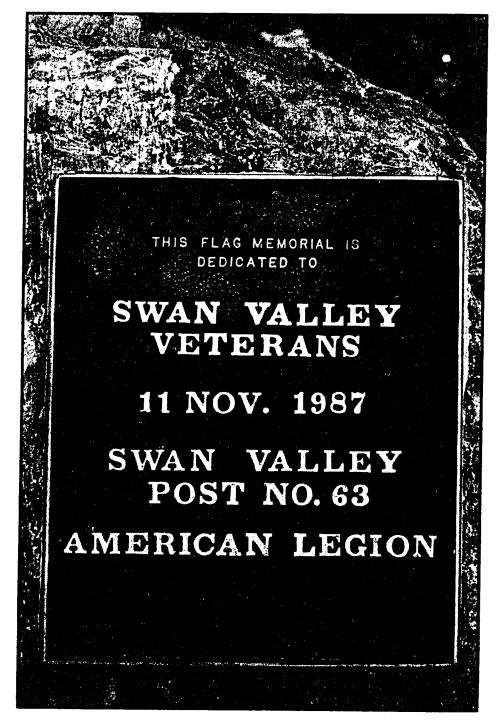
hosting community dances. "We knew it was important to get something fun going within the community again. . . something that the whole family could enjoy," Reed explained.

The dances have been popular. The Legion, Reed says, often is complimented for keeping the dances "clean" and encouraging young people to come with their parents.

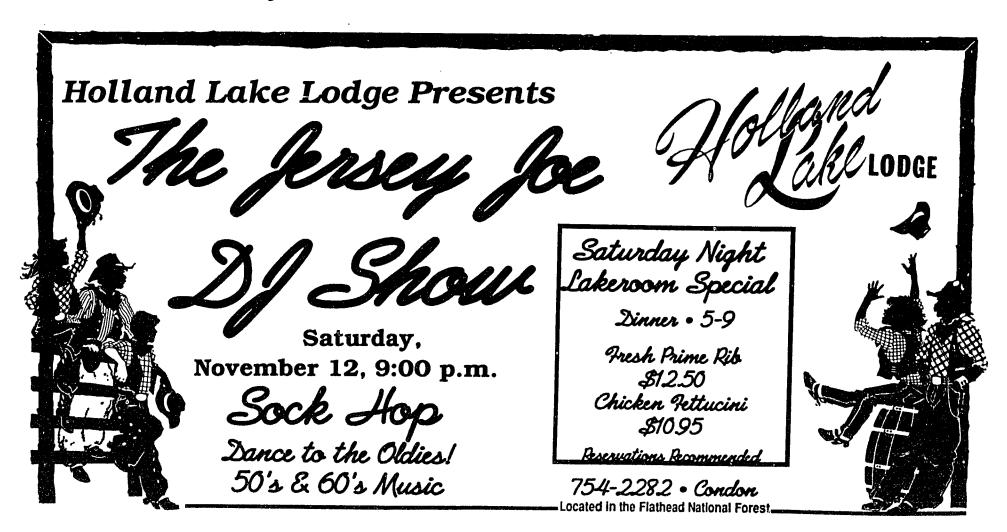
"It's important for parents to have an opportunity to teach that 10-year-old boy not to fall all over his feet," Reed chuckled. He admits that Legion members can't prevent the consumption of alcohol outside the Community Hall at the dances, but adds that, so far, there have been no major problems.

Many of the Legion's recent projects have been held at the Swan Valley Community Hall, with the exception of their Wreath-In-The-River ceremony held at the Cold Creek Bridge on Memorial Day. Hence, the Legion has taken some steps to make improvements at the Hall. Last year they installed a flagpole. On Friday they will honor several local families who contributed time and money to that project. A special veterans memorial plaque has been set into a large boulder at the base of the flagpole.

Projects which they would like to tackle in the future include the purchase of a PA system (for use during parades, meetings, and special events) and a community sign at the Hall which would alert residents to meeting times and allow for other messages. Legion members have also discussed the idea of hosting community picnics in the Swan Valley. The Centennial Year, according to Reed, will also be a good time to spruce up the Legion's patriotic programs.



VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAQUE— The American Legion host memorial services this Friday at the Swan Valley Community Hall in Condon where this memorial plaque has been placed.



Veteran's Day— Nov. 11

Veteran's Day is an important time for the American Legion to explain their purpose and ideals of support for the Veteran Youth Community and respect for the United States flag.

Swan Valley Post #63 wishes to invite the public to the Veteran's Day Services that will be held at the memorial flag pole at the Swan Valley Community Hall in Condon. The services start at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11th.

The public is also invited to the American Legion Hunting Season dance

at the Swan Valley Community Hall on Saturday evening, November 12th. Roy Wilhelm Trio, our local popular country Western musicians, will play from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Families and youngsters are especially welcome.

Assorted bags of meat and food for Thanksgiving dinners provided by the Legion will be raffled.

American Legion members and those interested in joining the post are reminded of the joint meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary on Friday, November 11th. The meeting will be preceded by a potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Homeschoolers to entertain veterans

A musical program honoring veterans will end a two month study of freedom in America by the home school students in the valley. On Veteran's Day they will be presenting Stars & Stripes at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls. Their home concert will be on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Lutheran church in Seeley Lake.

Research projects and various speakers helped the children to an

understanding of and appreciation for the sacrifices made by veterans.

Representative Janet Moore spoke to the students in October about how America's government was designed by the Constitution to guarantee freedom. They learned about the responsibility of citizens to participate in the governmental processes to protect and preserve freedom.

The American Legion Swan Valley Post #63

Information provided by Dave Nebel

The Swan Valley Post #63 of the American Legion was started about 11 years ago. Some of the original members, many of whom are still active, were Ken Wolff, Dobb Wilhelm, Curt Nebel, Chuck Roll, Boyd Kessler, Robert Kaser, Shorty Hill, Bernard Melton, Joe Raible, Walt Styler, Lee Anderson and Ken Workman.

The Legion membership reauirements are pretty straightforward: men who have been in the service (over 90 days) during a war time period are eleigible to join. War time periods are defined as:

WWI: April 6, 1917 to Nov. 17 1919 WWII: Dec 7, 1941 to Dec 31, 1946

Korean War: June 25, 1950 to Jan 31, 1955 Vietnam War: Dec 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975

(Dave Nebel notes that the conflict on Grenada is expected to soon be included in the above list.)

For more information about joining the American Legion or to find out ways in which you may help support their programs, contact: Dave Nebel, 754-2283, adjutant.

American Legion Auxiliary

Anybody who is a spouse of a veteran or connected with the veterans in that way is eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary helps to support all of the Legion's activities and also helps to raise money for their group. Last year the auxiliary made a quilt to raise money, a project which they also plan to do this year.

This Friday, during Veterans Day activities, the Auxiliary members will be making a special flag presentation to the Salmon Prairie School.

For information about joining the Swan Valley American Legion Auxiliary, or for information about meeting times call Beth Hammer at 754-2370 or Darlene Kaser at 754-2356.



District 12-C Tournament Big Sky High School November 9 through 11

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hawks beat Frenchtown

by Debbie Johnson

In their last home game of the season, the Lady Blackhawks defeated the No. 1 ranked Frenchtown Brones. 44-34. The Hawk defense held Frenchtown's center Jenny Hoverson and guard Kristi Lucier to 8 and 11 points, respectively. The Hawk's scoring was led by Sandy DeLeo with 11 points and Billie Copenhaver and Brittnie Hebnes

The Broncs had a 17-0 record before coming to Seeley. They are now 17-1 while the Blackhawks improved to 14-3. The Hawks will now be preparing for District Tournament which starts this week on November 9.

The Hawks would like to extend a special thanks to everyone who supported them this past season. It was all greatly appreciated. We hope to see you at the tournaments.

FOOTBALL

Blackhawks overcome by **Ennis Mustangs**

by Lorena Cahoon

On Saturday, the 29th of October, the Seeley-Swan Blackhawks lost a hard fought game to the Ennis Mustangs. Seeley scored 36 points to Ennis' 58.

Barry DeLeo scored three touchdowns and gave a pass for another touchdown. Leelyn Cahoon rushed for 116 yards total. Levko Siloti received a pass from Derek Broderick and made a touchdown. Kevin Lake received a pass from Dustin Gordon and made a

The Blackhawks had a great season this year in football, thanks to some hard work by the entire team and an excellent job of coaching by Dennis Schneiter and assistant coaches Mark Darrow and Terry Williams.

Good luck next year guys.

UM Days for H.S. students II/19

The University of Montana invites junior and senior high school students and their parents to UM days November 19th at UM's Missoula campus.

The free special program, scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m, is designed to introduce students and parents to UM and help students with college and career decisions.

UM President James V. Koch will open the program with a speech to students and parents. Koch's speech will be followed by a slide presentation, "This is the Life at UM," and a Good Morning University show featuring UM Advocates.

In addition, a variety of workshops will be offered by academic schools and departments with an emphasis on career opportunities. Other workshop topics will include: financial aid: campus life and activities; choosing a college and what parents need to know about planning for their son or daughter's college years.

The registration deadline for UM Days is November 14. Registration forms are available at high school

Elementary discipline policy to be reviewed

During the November regular meeting, the Board of Trustees of Secley Lake Elementary School District #34, will be reviewing the newly implemented 'Assertive Discipline Policy'.

Parents and all other interested parties are urged to attend this meeting to make comments and offer input on the new discipline policy.

The meeting will be held at Seeley Lake Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 1988. The Board of Trustees invites the public to attend all of its meetings and communicate on issues at large.

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One of things that I have noticed about happy, thankful people is that everything in their life is not necessarily working out to perfection. In fact, the opposite seems to be true. The more trials, struggles, and hardships people have, the greater their capacity to give thanks for the good things.

An old man was teaching a young boy that riches did not necessarily bring happiness by asking the question, "When is a man rich enough?" The young boy quickly answered, "One million dollars...two million...ten million...one hundred million dollars." To each of these, the old man's answer was "No!" Exasperated, the young boy said, "I give up!" The old man answered gravely, "When he has a little more than he has, and that is never." This states quite clearly the attitude of most people today. They have a terrible time being thankful because they never have enough

In Philippians 4:11, Paul stated the true Christian attitude by saying, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am. therewith to be content." In Philippians 4:4 he states more emphatically, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I

Sceley Lake Men's Basketball

Trickshooters still lead

by Michael Biggins

opened a 12-point first quarter lead over

Craig Tanner's Trickshooters. The

margin did not hold up, as the

Trickshooters finally got on track and

survived a potential forfeit by picking

up the scorekeeper to put a team on the

court. Once together, they defeated Mike

Biggins and his Ballbouncers 84-60.

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Dominic Casano's team the Hitmen

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 Seeley Lake Community Hall.

Monday, November 14

Tuesday, November 15 Chicken and noodles Barbequed pork sandwich

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say, Rejoice!" In I Thessalonians 5:18 we are commanded, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

You might say, "Preacher, you are looking for the ideal Christian if you want this to be true. Besides, did God really know the kinds of trouble we would have today in the 20th century when He had these words penned?" will let Scripture answer this. I Peter 1:6-7,9 states, "In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trails, that the proof of your faith being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ...obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls."

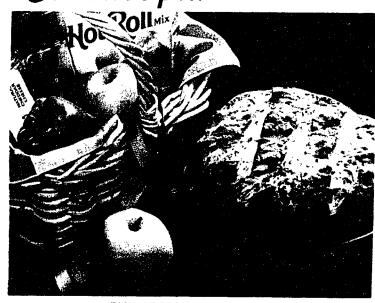
Our prayer should be "Lord, help me to go through life with a thankful attitude, realizing that by living a life of faith in the finished work of my Saviour Jesus Christ I can trust in the eternal salvation which makes this world's

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1 teaspoons baking soda 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon each salt and ground nutmeg

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Melt butter in skillet; blend in sugar. Add apples; simmer, covered, until tender. Cool. Combine dry ingredients; mix with fruit and nuts. Combine apple mixture with dry ingredients; mix thoroughly. Spoon into 4 parchment or waxed paper-lined, greased 5-1/2 x 3 x 2-1/4 inch loaf pans. Bake at 300° F. 75 minutes or until wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool in pans; remove parchment paper from cakes Makes 4 loaves.

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New outdoors programs

Hundreds of youth are exploring nature and firearm safety through new 4-H wildlife and shooting programs.

There are wildlife programs in about half of Montana's counties now according to Mike Cavey, Montana State University Extension Service project coordinator. They plan the programs in all of Montana's counties as soon as there are enough volunteer leaders. As long as there a group of 10 or more people the project will go anywhere in the state to train them.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program fits a niche between the State Fish, Wildlife and Park's Hunter Safety Classes and competitive shooting opportunities that might be provided by groups like the National Rifle

The 4-H shooting sports program gives youngsters safe firearms experiences and is a program encouraged by the FWP because it offers hands-on practice where the Hunter Safety Program is often classroom experience.

The 4-H program emphasizes getting that experience under the guidance of trained adult volunteers.

The wildlife programs appeal to an even broader spectrum of youth, using project materials which were developed by naturalists.

"With all the natural beauty and wildlife Montana has, an interest in nature develops very early. This program teaches a lot about ecology and both game game and non-game animals. It takes the study of the outdoors to kids at a level they're fascinated with," said

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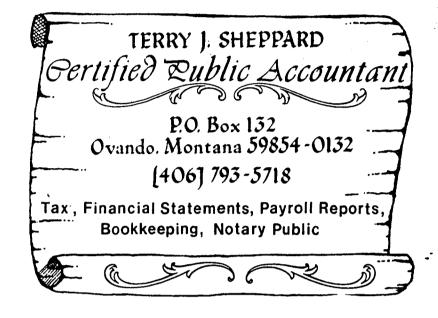


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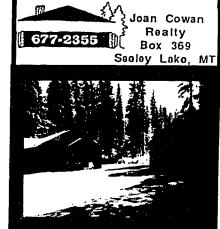
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