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# Whitetail Cabins Burn

By Gary Noland

One day short of one week after a grand opening the new owners of the Whitetail Cabins five miles north of Seeley Lake were awakened early Tuesday morning by a fire that claimed four of the twelve rental cabins they recently purchased.

Two of the cabins burned to the ground with the exterior sides of two adjacent cabins charred and scorched to the point where they will probably be torn down rather than repaired.

The fire started in cabin number seven which was occupied by Wanda Weaver, Seeley Lake. No one was injured although Weaver was treated at the scene by the Seeley Lake QRU and released there. A car belonging to Weaver that was parked outside the cabin was completely destroyed.

Weaver managed to escape her smoke-filled cabin and awaken the owners, Tip and Pat Hooser. "By the time we got outside, it was blazing," Pat Hooser said.

Cause of the fire is still under investigation, according to Lloyd Hall-gren, deputy sheriff.

Dave Sisk, Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department chief, said the call came in at 3:30 a.m. and the department responded with both engines on the scene about 17 minutes later.

The area shortly was swarming with additional firemen and trucks from the Condon Fire Department, the Forest Service, and Plum Creek Timber.

"There were 27 firemen involved in addition to the QRU people," Sisk said.

Colin Moon of the Seeley Lake Fire Department was in charge of the fire fighting effort.

"By the time we got there, two of the buildings and a car were fully involved and we had our hands full right off the bat," he said.

The cabins are outside the Seeley Lake water district and both engines, one holding 750 gallons and the other 500 gallons, were out of water about 15



-Pat Hooser inspects the fire damage at the Hooser Whitetail Cabins-

minutes after reaching the scene.

The trucks were refilled from a hydrant at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station and later a drop tank holding 1500 gallons was brought in with trucks pumping water into the tank to keep it full.

Moon praised the mutual effort from the other services with special note of appreciation to the Condon fire department. "We were really pleased with their work this morning. They did a really good job," he said.

He also expressed appreciation to Don Weaver, Missoula Electric Co-op lineman, who worked to disconnect electrical lines and Hallgren and Ron Ogden who directed traffic.

Traffic was a problem with heavy snow coming to the area at the same time.

Pat Hooser said the cabins were not insured, but expressed determination to rebuild. "This won't stop us," she said. "But it hurts."

The Hoosers, from Globe, Arizona, purchased the cabins in July and after

extensive remodeling held an open house on Wednesday, November 23.

Despite the loss, she was thankful that no one was injured. "All the cabins were occupied except the ones that burned," she added.

## Shiner benefit here Saturday

Organizers of a Rudy Shiner benefit are planning a festive day Saturday, December 3, at the Community Hall in Seeley Lake.

Shiner, a long time Seeley Lake resident, is hospitalized at St. Patrick's hospital in Missoula and is suffering from a serious illness.

Organizers are planning an auction, a potluck dinner, and live music.

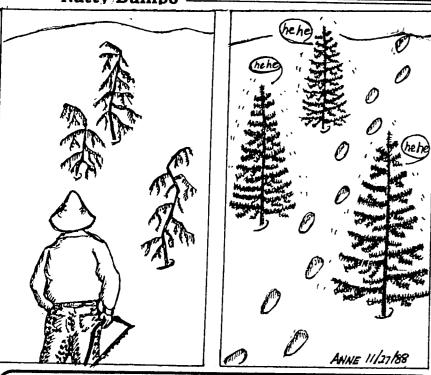
Laura Pulliam said the Community

Hall will be open for anyone who wants to bring auction items at 11:30 Saturday. The auction will get underway at 1:30 Saturday.

At 6:30 there will be a potluck dinner and live music begins at 8 p.m.

For information on the auction, contact Laura Pulliam (677-2299), Donna Porter (677-2658), Gail Christiansen (677-2051), or Ruth Sylvester (677-2153).

#### == Natty Bumpo ==



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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

December 2, Women's Club Annual Christmas Bazaar, Seeley Lake Com. Hall, 9am-5pm Dec. 4, Pre-school puppet presentation 'My Pal Peggy", 1:30pm, Seeley Lake Com. Hall December 10 & 11, Swan Valley Christian Singers concerts (see article this issue)

#### Public Meetings/Clubs & Organizations

December 1, Wilderness Sportsmen's Club meets 7:30pm, REA Bldg.

December 1, Tops Club meets 10am, REA bldg.

December 2, Friday Forum meets 8pm-Swan Valley Com. Hall December 2, Hospice Training-Swan Valley Com. Hall, 8:30am-

December 5, AARP, 6pm, Swan Valley Com. Hall. Potluck and

December 5, DFWP Public meeting, Seeley Lake Com. Hall. 'Dreyer Ranch' proposal, 7pm

December 6, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, meets 7pm, Filling Station



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#### December 6, Salmon Prairie/Swan Lake Elem. Bd.

December 9, Amer. Legion, Swan Valley Post #63-6:30pm potluck & Christmas Party, Swan Valley Com. Hall

#### **Other**

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

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

·Young People's Meeting, Every Fri, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley

Al Anon •Seeley Lake: Thur, 7pm, 449

Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal Site, Sat. &

Wed. only, 10am-4pm (winter hours) Seeley Lake Public Library (Seeley Lake): School Days, 9:45am-3:30pm (closed from 11:30am-Noon for lunch); Tue & Thur, 7pm-9pm; Sat, 10am-4pm

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Editorial comment

**OPINION** 

Chips . . . bits & pieces

Our feelings go out this week to the Hoosers—Pat, Tip, Rambo and Tiffany. They came to this area about the same time we did and we can relate to the long hours they've been putting in adjusting to a new climate and a new business. Then, to suddenly have a good chunk of that effort go up in smoke. Discouraging in the least. But we've met them, they're strong people, and we suspect good things will rise from the ashes.

We can hardly think of a more worthy cause than the Hospice program now being organized, so give it some thought. They need volunteers for the training program this Friday, Dec. 2, at the Swan Valley Community Hall. This is an area-wide effort and volunteers are needed from every nook and cranny of the Seeley Swan. The service is invaluable to families dealing with the sometimes long and poignant process of dying. Details of Friday's program were published in last week's Pathfinder. Refer to that or call Del Pockrus at 754-2475 or Ann

Now that winter's maybe slowed your pace somewhat why not take time out with other chamber members at next Tuesday's social at The Filling Station. It will be a relaxing evening and probably informative and stimulating with a casual discussion by Ev Moore on how best to treat a customer. We all need to be reminded of that at times.

With well over a foot of old and new snow piling up, we've been thinking of skiing, snowmobiling, sledding, hot chocolate, and warm fires. But some dichards may still be thinking of fishing though it's a bit early for chopping a hole in the ice. Anyway, Dan Cainan wants you fishermen to know that Sceley Lake was recently stocked with Rainbow Trout—94 of them at 6.25 lbs. each; 56 three-year-old retired brood females at 5.9 lbs. each; and 40 four-year-old retired brood females at 10.1 lbs. each. Let us know which one you catch.

Last week end one of the local kids took a bad spill sledding down the hill by the elementary school. The QRU took him to Missoula, but he bounced back that afternoon, shaken a little from a hard spill. The snow's fun, but take a little time. . . . watch out for injuries.

Have a good week. . . . be careful.

—Gary Noland

### Blizzard season arrives

Monday morning we woke up to the sound of the wind rattling the tin on the woodshed. Outside, the snow was swirling next to the house. We couldn't see the yard or the trees beyond the front steps. Mother Nature had stirred up the first blizzard of the season.

Several times this weekend the sky turned dark at midday. We watched the violet clouds written with shades of gray, and read their winter message: bundle up, the snow is coming. On Saturday, the sky was darker than it usually is at five o'clock in the evening. Snow began to settle around us. Some of the huge white flakes were as big as quarters. By Monday afternoon, we measured about 10 inches of snow on

the ground. The "base" beneath this new powder is skimpy, but several friends of ours shuffled their skinny skis through the woods on Sunday anyway. Most of us will try night skiing at least once this week, while the moon still lights up the trees and colors them silver

As the storms settled over us Saturday night, we heard geese honking. It wasn't their usual chorus. They sounded confused-a honk here, and a honk there, as if to say, "Where's the water, guys? Any lakeside hotels open tonight?" They came from the direction of Holland Lake. Why they didn't stop over to visit Howard and Loris is anybody's guess. I'm sure the welcome mat was out

#### Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon Swan Valley

By Sunday night, the 14-degree temperatures had closed most of the smaller lakes for the winter, including Rainy Lake and Summit Lake. Inez and Alva were still open on Monday.

Just before dark on Sunday night we saw a nice four- or five-point buck slipping through the lodgepole in back of the house. We chuckled as he turned broadside to us. He knew that hunting season had come to an end for another year. I hope he survives 'til next fall. but the odds are against him. A friend

who travels the highway before daylight each morning also saw the buck-in the middle of the road. Old "mister big" won't live long with habits like that.

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#### Subject: Water System

To the Editor:

In reference to Leo Perro's letter to the Editor in the November 10th issue of the Pathfinder, the Water Board does not agree with all of Mr. Perro's conclusions.

One of the major leaks required the replacement of 600' of A.C. pipe on Black Bear Lane at substantial cost to the District. The fact that the A.C. pipe is less than 4' underground in some places and not at the required 6' in may others, plus the fact that the pipe has not been properly beded according to specification in many, many places in both the original district and Phases 1A and II of Double Arrow, leaves the District at risk for large dollar outlays for repairs and replacement. THE SYSTEM IS NOT IN SUCH GREAT SHAPE.

The October, 1988 Income and Expense Statement for the first 10 months of 1988 shows a total operating loss of \$30,015.70 and net loss (when adjusted for Double Arrow debt Amortization) of \$5,499.95. A good share of the operating loss was caused by the cost of repairing leaks and the leak detection program. A portion of the District's revenue comes from nonoperation income, installation fees,

construction, pro-rate fees and materials sold, therefore, this income varies depending on activity. THE WATER SYSTEM IS NOT SO FINANCIALLY SOUND.

System up-dates are required and will be a part of the Water Boards on going program for improved service and reduced expense. There are fire hydrants that have insufficient pressure. Engineering firms have been telling us since 1984 that our storage capacity is marginal for sustained fire fighting capability. The Board will be taking a hard look at installing additional storage. The Board intends to install mechanical and electronic monitoring systems to insure proper accountability for all water produced. Because of the age and suspect quality of the construction of the system, an on-going leak detection program will be continued. Action in these areas cost money. The Board does not intend to leave the system "status quo"- it has been neglected too many years.

A point to remember — the costly problem of filtration may still have to be dealt with.

Both Mr. Perro and the Water District Manager have down played the success of the leak detection program. The program identified most of the major leaks with the exception of the Tamaracks (which surfaced and was

reported by a passer-by). It further identified valves and lines that had not been previously located. They mapped all service locations in the district. They also checked all fire hydrants. The program operated from July through the first part of September at a minimum cost and the part-time employees did an outstanding job. The program also saved the district money. The manager had been using a leak detection company at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00 per

day, with little or no result. Again-contrary to some opinions—there is a lot of work to be done and considerable expense involved to make the water district a first class

Bob Scott, Water Board Member

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#### Community Activities A busy December is planned

By Carol Miller

Are you ready for December? Besides the normal hustle and bustle of the season there are a great many things going on in this community of ours in the next few weeks.

On December 2, this Friday, the Seeley Lake Women's Club will be hosting their annual 'Christmas Bazaar' at the Seeley Lake Community Hall starting at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m. This bazaar will include the handwork of many local craft persons as well as the homemade items and wonderful baked goods by the Women's Club.

December 4th there will be a Preschool sponsored puppet show by "Miss Peggy" starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Community Hall for all of our area children to enjoy.

Also on December 4th there will be open house at the 'Stage Station' from 1 to 4:00 p.m. and at 3:00 Shiela Devins will host a 'story hour' at the open

The Swan Valley Christian Singers (approximately 40 of our area's singers) will be presenting two concerts of 'O Holy Night' in the community - one on December 10th at the Seeley Lake Community Hall and one on December 11th at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Both concerts start at 7:30 p.m. and are presented free.

In our elementary schools and high school there will be Christmas programs put on by our children. In the Swan Valley their program is scheduled for December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary gym. In Seeley Lake their

program is scheduled for December 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Seeley-Swan High School. This will be a K through 12 concert with the elementary and high school combining their efforts.

Santa Claus will be coming to town to Dan's Discount on Tuesday December 20th, for all you youngsters - no matter what your age.

High School boy's basketball will soon start and the first home game for you sports enthusiasts will be on December 20 when the 'Blackhawks' will host the team from Augusta. There will also be pre-Christmas games at home on December 22 with Flathead Christian and on December 23 with Two-Eagle River.

#### Swan Valley Elementary news

There are some interesting things coming up at the Swan Valley Elementary in December:

December 2 there will be a bake December 8 will be the first boy's

basketball game held in the Swan Valley gym at 5:00 pm December 13 is the regular school

board meeting at 7:30 pm December 20 is the date set for the Christmas Program which will start at 7:00 pm

December 21 the PTA is sponsoring a Toy Sale December 21 to January 2 is

"Christmas Vacation"

Stage Station
Open House
December 4th I-4pm Christmas featuring Local Artists: Sheila Devins Patti Barllett Dunlas Barney Jette Rod Koamme Jeanne Moon Carol Poppenga Jeff O'Boyle 9-5pm Thurs: 9-5:30

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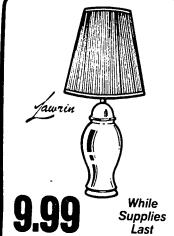
by Gary Noland

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turned into durable hand-finished toys "Made in Montana," in fact right here in Sceley Lake in a fledgling operation started in October this year.

The Fun Times Toys company is an offshoot of people at the Good Times retail store in Seeley Lake where the toys are offered for sale.

"It was an idea born at the kitchen table by myself, my son, Patrick, and my daughter-in-law, Leslie," said Susan Shea, Good Times owner.

The idea has turned into a lot of work for Warren Gault who also became involved and now cuts out all the component parts and assembles the toys.

"The toys are made mostly of pine with some fir and larch being used, and the wheels are made out of Igem, an imported Philippine hardwood," Gault said.

Joy Clemens, local artist, has helped out with many of the ideas, Shea said, drawing designs and templates for many of the toys.

The product is catching on even though starting in a small way and shipments of orders have been made to Columbia Falls, Chicago and New York, Shea said.

Three sales reps are now promoting the toys, she added.

The product line keeps getting more varied with wooden Christmas tree ornaments, rocking horses and cradles, and several different push and pull toys.

"My grandson, Benjamin, is the toy tester," Shea said, indicating that if Benjamin likes it, it must be okay.

The toys get a hand-rubbed oil finish and accent paint.

All the oils and paint products used on the toys have passed approval by the poison control board and are non-toxic, Shea and Gault stressed. At one point, the ingredients in one product were read to the board over the telephone and a computer check showed no toxics.

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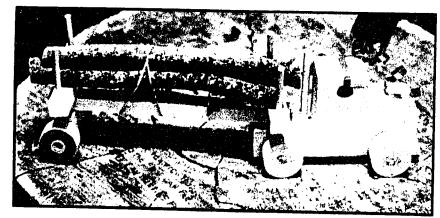
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Susan Shea and Warren Gault with a sampling of toys

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# SPORTS

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Seeley-Swan High School

December 9
Tournament at Big Fork
December 10
Tournament at Big Fork
December 16, 4 30
Seeley at Drummond A,B,C

#### BOYS BASKETBALI

Swan Valley Elementary School December 8, 5:00 pm Potomac at Swan Valley A & B

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## ... An invitation to a party...

AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS PARTY—Geri Netherton, owner of The State Station in Seeley Lake, points out some of the many books upstairs in "The Children's Book Corner" that are available for Christmas shoppers. The State Station is planning an old fashioned Christmas party this Sunday featuring local artists. There will be storytelling for children in the new book corner, and shoppers will find locally designed and produced jewelry, books, artwork, crafts and calligraphy. . . . a host of Christmas ideas.

-G. Noland Photo

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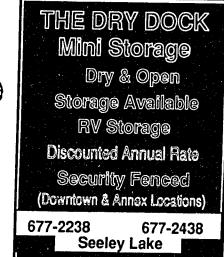
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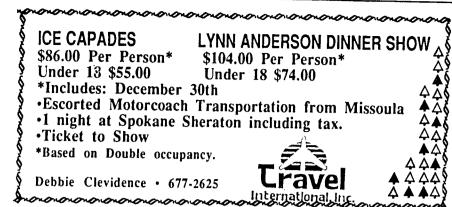
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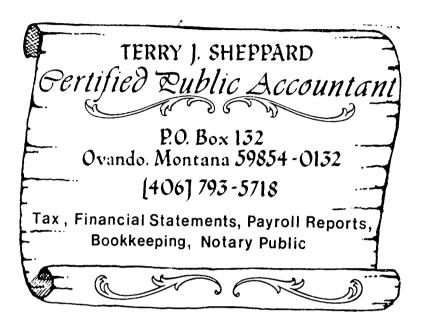
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#### Study on elk migration habits topic of Wilderness Club meeting

by Art Sikkink, President W.S.C.

Two meetings are upcoming this week which should be of interest to anyone concerned with area big game

The December 1 regular meeting of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club will be at 7:30 p.m. at the REA building. Mike Thompson and Mark Hurley will be presenting preliminary results of the first year of Mark's study on the Blackfoot-Clearwater elk population and mi-gration. They began last winter trapping and collaring bull elk with radio collars. Last spring a population survey was run and throughout the summer and fall the radio-collared animals have been tracked to determine migration areas and habits. This should be a very informative pro-

A second meeting hosted by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife

and Parks will be held this next Monday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. at Seeley Lake Community Hall. This will be a public meeting for discussion of the proposed purchase of the Dreyer Ranch for addition to the Blackfoot-Clearwater Management Area and is very important to all area sportsmen and anyone involved in any way with hunting in the

The department is in need of public input to proceed with plans. As the Blackfoot-Clearwater is the major wintering ground, and the Dreyer ranch a primary migration route and wintering area for elk utilizing the Sceley Lake area, it is of the utmost importance that we, as area sportsmen, show strong support for this purchase.

If you cannot make both meetings, please plan to attend the meeting December 5th at the Seeley Lake Community Hall and voice your support of the area elk herd.

#### Fish, Wildlife & Parks Hearing on Dreyer Ranch purchase

A public hearing by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks will offer the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed purchase of the Dreyer Ranch, near Clearwater

The hearing will be held Monday, December 5, 1988, at the Secley Lake Community Hall, in Secley Lake at

The Dreyer Ranch is adjacent to the FWP Blackfoot-Clearwater Wildlife

Management Area, and the proposed purchase would protect and enhance wildlife habitat and an important migration corridor for about 1,500 elk. Funding for the acquisition would come from hunting license fee increases authorized under House Bill 526 in 1987 by the State Legislature.

A proposed Wildlife Area Management Plan for the Dreyer Ranch is available at FWP headquarters in

#### Forestry discussion to highlight meeting

Integrated forestry will be the topic of the Raptor Room's Friday Forum to be held December 2 at 8 p.m., Swan Valley Community Hall, Condon.

Donald M. Wood, private forester, will discuss different aspects of forest management, with an emphasis on protection of wildlife habitat.

Wood has 28 years experience in forest management: 13 years with state forest agencies in Montana, Alaska, Idaho and 15 years as a private forestry consultant. He is an active supporter and past chairman of the Montana Tree Farm Program and also serves on the Governor's Ad Hoc Committee on Forest Resources. Wood also serves on the Board of Directors for the Raptor Room, Swan Valley's wildlife rehabilitation

Friday Forum is presented the first Friday of each month as a public service of The Grounded Eagle Foundation.

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#### **Mount Ovando** 4-H Club News

by Tawnya Badgett, reporter

The second meeting of the Mount Ovando 4-H Club was held at the Ovando Community Church Building on November 7, 1988.

The meeting was called to order by President DeAnna Dreyer. New and old business was discussed. All of the record books were handed out.

We have a new member in our club; his name is Brent Lindsy. He is interested in judging in our 4-H group. Good luck Brent!

The next meeting of the Mount Ovando 4-H Club will be held at the Community Church Building in Ovando on December 5 at 6:30 p.m.



Denton B. Kensmoe, 56, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound Thursday, November 24, 1988, at his home in Clearwater Junction.

Swan Song

Denton B. Kensmoe

Born September 11, 1932, in Gallatin Gateway to Harry and Jennie Kensmoe, he was raised and educated in Bozeman. He worked for Northern Pacific Railroad in Livingston as a locomotive fireman and engineer.

He moved to Missoula, where he was an insurance agent for Tom R. Hillier & Associates. He also owned and operated a Farmer's Insurance Agency. For the past nine years, he was employed by the State Highway Department and was stationed at Clearwater Junction since 1985.

Mr. Kensmoe enjoyed fishing and riding snowmobiles and motorcycles. He was preceded in death by a

brother, Robert, and a sister, Helen Lee. Survivors include three sons, Denny, Dean and Dale, all in Montana:

a stepbrother, Hollis Snyder, Canyon City, Texas and two grandchildren. Graveside services were at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29, at

Missoula Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Gay officiating. The family suggests memorials to a

charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were under the direction of Squire, Simmons & Carr

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Community Hall -10th

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#### Senior Nutrition Program Menu

The following noon meals, which are open to the public, will be served next week promptly at noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Sceley Lake Community Hall. Reservations please, 677-2008.

Monday, December 5 Fish Nuggets Tuesday, December 6 Baked chicken breasts Wednesday, December 7 Pot roast

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

## Stork Report

Kenny and Pam Pitman of Sceley Lake are the parents of a new baby boy. Steven Richmond was born on November 21, 1988, and weighed 7

lbs. and 10 oz. Little Steven will join his older brother, David, age 5, at home.

Grandparents are Larry and Ann Copenhaver of Sceley Lake and Mary Francis of Helena and Richmond Pitman of Anaconda.

Congratulations to Shelley and Josh Robinson of Grand Rapids, Minnesota on the birth of Wilson Bain, 7 lb. 4 oz. baby boy born November

Shelley is the daughter of Bertha and the late Wm. Morton, former long time residents of Seeley Lake.

The Robinsons also have one daughter, Panaka Dawn.

## Commodity distribution 12/1

There will be a distribution of commodities on December 1st at the Sceley Lake Community Hall. Distribution will be on a Thursday this time, instead of Friday.

Commodities will be given out between 12:30 and 3:00 p.m.

#### Chamber plans — "Time Out" Evening

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce will have a "Time Out" Evening with a light program Tuesday, December 6, 1988 at 7:00 p.m., at the Filling Station.

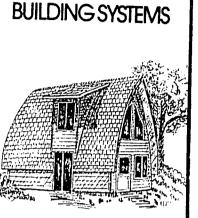
Our featured speaker will be Ev Moore and the topic will be "Treating the Customer Right." The nominating committee will announce the 1989 slate of candidates as well.

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We hope you will join us for this enjoyable evening.

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#### Dan Rumph named to national post

Dan Rumph of Seeley Lake, associated with VFW Post 1595, Broadus, Montana, has been appointed a National Deputy Chief of Staff by Commander-in-Chief, Larry W. Rivers, of Alexandria, Louisiana. He will serve during 1988-1989.

Rivers, head of the over two million member organization of overseas veterans said, "Comrade Rumph's position in the VFW will be to help establish new VFW Posts throughout the State of Montana."

The VFW's programs are community oriented. Many men and women become members because of the wide range of benefits for both the community and the veteran provided.

"Comrade Rumph is an effective leader in the organization and I am sure he will be most helpful in the VFW efforts this year," says Rivers.

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### What is an Animal Inn?

by Kathy Davis

Students in the third grade at Seeley Lake and Ovando learned just what an 'Animal Inn' was through a new program sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service. The program was made especially for students in the 3rd grade. It is supposed to help people understand why animals need places to stay and what we all can do to make sure that they have homes left in the woods for them. Many of these homes are in special kinds of trees that have places of shelter for wildlife of all kinds; including insects and birds. The purpose of the program is to teach people how to recognize wildlife trees and encourage them to save the trees.

Animal Inn was started on the Deschutes National Forest in Oregon in July of 1986. It began as a cooperative between Oregon, Washington and the Forest Service. Its objective is to get woodcutters to save certain kinds of trees reserved for Animal's Inns and to raise awareness with the general public about the values of dead trees as wildlife

Wildlife trees can be recognized by the cavities, broken tops, sawdust around the base of the trees from ants or by paint on the tree where foresters mark "leave tree". There are over 40 different birds and mammals that live in the snags in our area and the best type of trees for wildlife are larch, ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir. This program was designed NOT to discourage firewood cutting — but to save certain dead trees. We want to encourage people to confine their woodcutting to:

\* Snags with 'spike tops' or trees

where the tops are intact.

\* Trees without visible rot (this will make better firewood anyway)

\* Downed material (this material, usually available, can be harvested without the risk of sawing accidents)

Kay Enyeart of the Seeley Lake Ranger Station presented the program and talked to the children about the concept of "Animal Inns". At the end of the program, Smokey Bear, alias Margaret Doherty, gave the students a Smokey Bear trash bag with a Smokey bookmark, ruler, sticker, balloon and

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#### Girl's Basketball Divisional Tournament

#### Blackhawks upset Wildcats

by Brittnic Hebnes

The Blackhawks won their first tournament game during the Western Class C. Divisional tournament on Thursday, November 17, against the Harrison Wildcats, 61-47.

Starting out strong the Hawks were in the lead the first and second quarters. Then in the third quarter Harrison pulled within two points of the Blackhawks, but the Hawks, keeping their heads, came away with their first tournament victory.

The leading scorers for the Blackhawks were Brittnie Hebnes with 26 and Sandy DeLeo with 20. Sally Norvic had 19 points for the Wildcats.

#### Lady Hawks downed by Lady Savages

by Lorena Cahoon

On Friday, November 18, the Lady Hawks were outdone in their second contest of the Divisional Tournament, 55-49. The matchup was close throughout the entire game, but the Hawks had reached their climax earlier in the season and there was a visible difference in their performance.

Our seniors who played for the Blackhawks had a good season all

Sandy DeLeo scored a high of 18 points followed by Jenny Klebenow with 13 points. For the Hot Springs Savages, Jennifer Chisholm held the high of 20 points and Jennifer Jolma scored 9.

Congratulations to all the girls who played for the Lady Hawks and made it as far as they did. Also, to Coach Les Gordon — 'maybe next year, Coach'.

We appreciated the carnation corsages also, Mr. and Mrs. Copenhaver.

#### by Marilyn Kaiser

The junior high girls recently ended a very successful season of basketball at Seeley Lake Elementary.

Fourteen girls competed from 5th, 6th and 7th grades. They worked hard and improved greatly throughout the season. They faced tough competition, but were still able to win.

The 8th grade team ended their season with a characteristic 20-point win against Lincoln. Although their record for the year was 15 wins and 5 losses, I would consider it an undefeated

season because they never once gave up. They were a joy to coach and I'll

#### Seeley Lake Men's Basketball

Ballbouncers produce win #2 by Michael Biggins

Dominic Casano's Hitmen scored a season high 88 points last week. But all for nought as their opponent Craig Tanner's Trickshooters scored 100.

The Ballbouncers played impressively as John Devins weaved in and out of the defense and Bill Pena was hot from the outside canning most everything he put up. The only problem was they had no opponent, they were playing against themselves. The other team failed to show. Give the Ballbouncers win number 2.

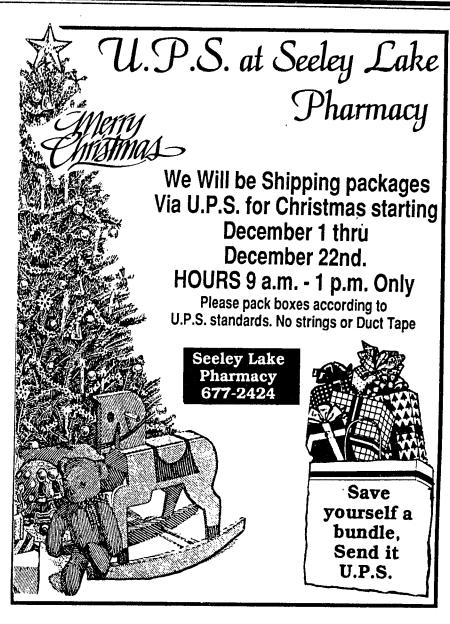
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Have you ever died?

The Bible makes it very clear that Jesus Christ is asking each one of us this same question — "have you ever died?". But He is not referring to some out-of-body experience. Rather, Jesus has in mind the paradoxical truth that if you I ever expect to be in heaven, that is, if we expect live forever, we must die and be brought back to life as a completely new person. Is this reincarnation? Hardly. Listen as the Apostle Paul explains it -

"Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with (Christ), that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin." (Romans 6:6)

When you were born as a baby, you were born, as Paul says, a "slave to sin." Sin is the master of every human being. Our nature we are born with

#### H.S. 'open gym' for Intermurals

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How does this happen? Only through Jesus Christ. Only He can nail the old you to the cross, bury you with Him in the tomb, and bring you back to life as a brand new son of God. That's what Jesus meant when he told Nicodemus, "you must be born again."

Jesus is ready to re-create you. The question is, are you ready to let Him? He only acts by invitation - your invitation. Ask Him and you can say with Paul:

"I have been crucified with Christ: and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. (Galatians 2:20)

#### Fourth Annual Christmas Concert

by Rev. Herb Schiefelbein.

The Swan Valley Christian Singers will present their 'fourth annual Christmas Concert' on Saturday, December 10th at the Community Hall in Seeley Lake, and again on Sunday, December 11th at Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Seeley Lake - both concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m.

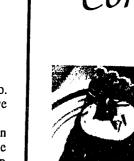
This year's presentation is entitled 'O Holy Night', and includes just the old and familiar Christmas Carols and songs, together with some narration and candle lighting; accompanied by piano and organ. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be received.

The 40-member Swan Valley Christian Singer choir, under the direction of Marge Smith, will give the same concert at the St. Ignatius Mission on Sunday, December 18th at 4:00 p.m.

The public is invited to any of the concerts. "No cost" admission tickets for either Seeley Lake concert are available from the singers, or by calling Betty Livingston at 677-2095 or 677-2773 — please indicate which concert you will be attending.

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Cocoa and stir until disolved. Add hot water and stir again. With wire wisk blend in sugar, flour, salt, extract and evaporated milk. Stir until batter is smooth. Mix in pecans and pour into pie crust, Bake on preheated cookie sheet for 50 minutes or until custard sets. Remove from oven and allow to cool for at least 1- 1/2 to 2 hours. Garnish with whipped topping. Recipe from Pet Kitchens.

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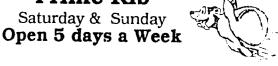
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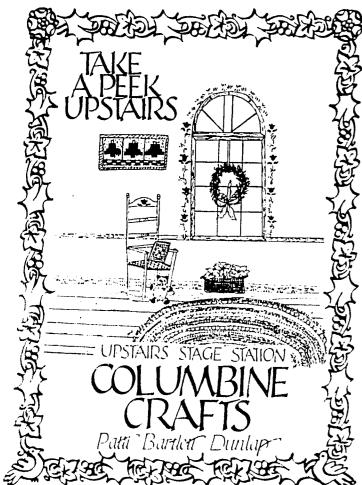
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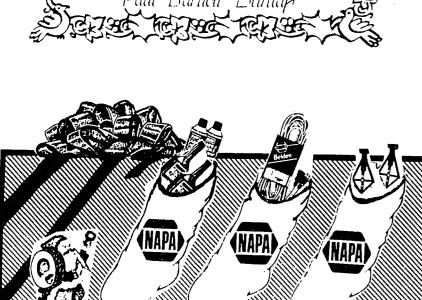


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The program will feature music and 'Christmas Quizzes' by Claudia Kux and Bobbie Fisher. The AARP will have their usual Christmas gift exchange with everybody serving as 'Hostess'. Each member is asked to bring a Christmas decoration for the

#### Condon's new Post Office to open Dec. 6

-G. Noland Photo

Lutheran Brotherhood helps Condon QRU

from Marilyn Rose Monday that will be used to purchase new pagers

for the QRU. The \$1,000 check represented \$500 raised by the QRU

and \$500 that was matched by the Lutheran Brotherhood Shining

Mountain Branch. Frank and Marily Rose are fraternal

Ellie Greenough, left, Condon QRU treasurer, accepted a check

Carla Jensen, Condon's Post Mistress, reports that effective December 6, the newly remodeled Post Office facility will be opening. It is located just next door to the north from the old facility in the Mission Mountain

New keys will be issued to boxholders starting December 6th. The old key must be turned in for

Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and closed from 12:30p.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch. However, the lobby will remain open during this time. There will be Saturday hours from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### Gun shot results in arrest

A preliminary examination is scheduled for December 12 for a Condon woman charged with felony assault when she allegedly fired a pistol near several people in a Condon bar, according to Deputy Missoula County Attorny Fred Van Valkenburg.

Yvonne Buckner, 43, allegedly fired

a .25-caliber pistol around 1:30 to 2 a.m. Saturday morning. An arrest was made Saturday afternoon after the sheriff's office was contacted by a citizen, Valkenburg said.

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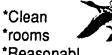
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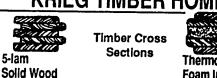
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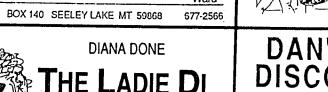
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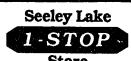
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Comments on this proposal are solicited and can either be sent to the Missoula District Office or to the Public Hearings Office in Helena. For more specific details on the project, please contact Mr. Vern Borden, District Engineer at 2100 West Broadway, in Missoula; telephone 549-6491.

To save time, reduce public expense, and based on the primarily beneficial impacts of the proposed project, a public hearing will not be held unless someone requests one. If your concerns are not adequately answered at the Missoula District Office, a public hearing will be held. Such requests for a public hearing must be submitted in writing to the Department of Highways, Public Hearings Unit, 2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT 59620 and postmarked no later than December 18, 1988, and a public hearing will be scheduled.

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