

**Ortenbergs support
Pyramid with loan**

**Land Board approves
Game Range exchanges**



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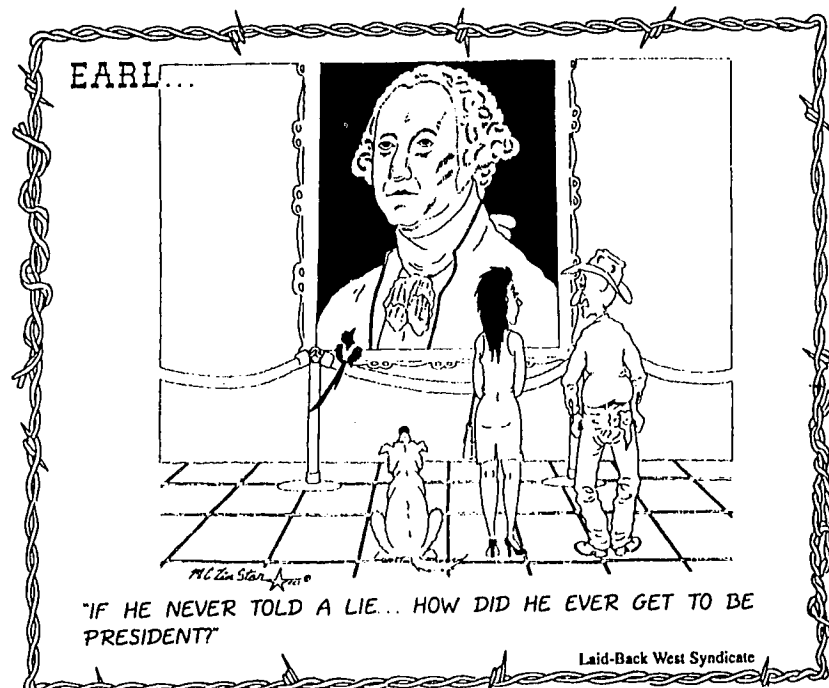
Bird Banding

Birds are being captured and banded in a program at the north end of Seeley Lake, and the public is free to stop in and watch. See schedule inside.



Donna Love photo

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Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.; call 677-2022

PUBLIC MEETINGS

S.L. Water Bd. 5/30, 5pm.
Water Dist. plant
AARP, 1st Mon. noon.
Condon Comm. Hall
Salmon Prairie/Swan Lake Elem Bd. 1st Tues.
S.L. Fire Dept. 1st Tues.
7pm. fire hall
What's happening at SEC? June 6 - Native Garden Field Trip to U of M - meet at SEC at 8:30AM 7 - Education Committee Mtg. - 9AM at SEC

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Alcoholics Anonymous: (help for those with a suspected drinking problem)
-Condon: Faith Lutheran Church. every Sunday, 5pm
-Seeley Lake: Every Wed. 7pm. Living Water Catholic Church, on SOS Rd. For info: 677-3271 or 677-2892.
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-Condon: Call 754-3165
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Missoula County Commissioners Public Mtg. every Wed. Courthouse Annex, Room 201, Missoula, 1:30 pm.
T.O.P.S. Mtg. every Thurs. Mission Bible Fellowship bldg., Seeley Lake, 10am.

MONTHLY SERVICES: FAIM Outreach Specialist, 1st & 3rd Thur, 9:30-3. Seeley-Swan Med. Ctr. Pinochle, every 1st Sat. S.L. Comm. Hall, 7pm; every 3rd Sat., Senior Citizens Center

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Editorial Comment

Chips . . . bits & pieces

Art & Liz help out at Pyramid . . .

Long time benefactors of Seeley Swan schools and communities, Art Ortenberg and Liz Claiborne have once again demonstrated a commitment to the area with a \$250,000 loan that will benefit Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc.

A story in the Monday issue of *The Missoulian* said the Lindbergh Lake couple had agreed to let Dick King, executive director of the Missoula Area Economic Development Corp. which will administer the loan, make public their involvement, which previously had been confidential, in Pyramid's financial re-organization package.

Ortenberg told The Pathfinder Monday that he and Liz were happy to play a role in helping Pyramid through difficult times, but that their support was never meant as a gift, which was mentioned in the *Missoulian* story.

It is, however, an interest-free loan, he said, that will help Pyramid secure some needed equipment.

The article also referred to the couple as supporters of environmental causes, and Ortenberg took exception to the implied label, affirming their past support of "conservation and education" projects. They have been involved with Pyramid through the Swan Valley Ecosystem Center on a restoration project.

Two weeks ago we mentioned in this column several people, institutions or organizations that we thanked for their involvement in Pyramid's recovery following an announced closure last November. We left out Senator Max Baucus who recently visited Pyramid after helping arrange for federal guarantees on bank loans, and now we need to add Art and Liz to that list. They were there all along.

—Gary Noland

Because the Fourth falls on a Wednesday, the *Pathfinder* will print and mail on Monday of that week, two days earlier than normal.

Ranger District interpretive program schedule

The Seeley Lake Ranger District will host the following interactive and informative activities. The programs are FREE and all ages are welcome.

You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket for your comfort, insect repellent and marshmallows for roasting by the fire.

For more detailed information please call the Seeley Lake Ranger District at 677-2233. In the event of rain, the programs will take place at the Seeley Creek Trailhead Shelter.

Friday, June 22 @ 7:30 PM @ Big Larch Campground Interpretive Area THE LYNX AND THE HARE With Researchers Jay Kolbe and Allison Landro

Wednesday, June 27 @ 7:30 PM @ Riverpoint Campground Day Use Area HORNS AND ANTLERS With Beth Kennedy, USFS Wildlife Biologist

Friday, June 29 @ 7:30 PM @ 7:30 PM @ Big Larch Campground Interpretive Area LOONS ON THE LAKE With Tim Dykstra, the Loon Ranger

WEATHER REPORT

| | HIGH | LOW | CONDITIONS |
|---------|------|-----|---|
| June 3 | 73 | 35 | .35 precip., trace of snow, overcast with mixed rain & snow |
| June 4 | 52 | 31 | 1.19 precip., 4.0" snow, heavy rain turned to heavy snow last p.m., mostly cloudy |
| June 5 | 63 | 23 | Mostly cloudy a.m., overcast p.m. |
| June 6 | 65 | 33 | Overcast a.m., partly cloudy p.m. |
| June 7 | 67 | 36 | Partly cloudy a.m., mostly cloudy p.m. |
| June 8 | 74 | 35 | Clear a.m., partly cloudy p.m. |
| June 9 | 73 | 47 | .42 precip., thundershowers early a.m., overcast p.m. |
| June 10 | 70 | 41 | Mostly cloudy |
| June 11 | 64 | 30 | Mostly cloudy |
| June 12 | 56 | 41 | .55 precip., rain last night, overcast, occasional p.m. rain |
| June 13 | 60 | 36 | .24 precip., rain last p.m., mostly cloudy |
| June 14 | 60 | 35 | Mostly cloudy, thundershowers in p.m. |
| June 15 | 63 | 39 | .30 precip., mostly cloudy early, then partly cloudy |
| June 16 | 74 | 30 | Fog early, then clear in a.m., partly cloudy p.m. |

Larsons to Arizona

Dear Editor,

Jill and I have received many expressions of sorrow at our leaving Seeley Lake and best wishes for our move to a new community. We would like to express profound appreciation to our good friends and students for their care and wonderful friendships during the past ten years. Thank you!

I will be teaching in Huachuca City, Arizona, and probably living in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Tom Larson
Seeley Lake, Montana

Celtic Concert Much Appreciated

From: Lynn Gumenberg
<papanlynn@blackfoot.net>
To: Pathfinder
<pathfinder@montana.com>
Subject: special concert

Friday June 15, 2001
Letter to the editor

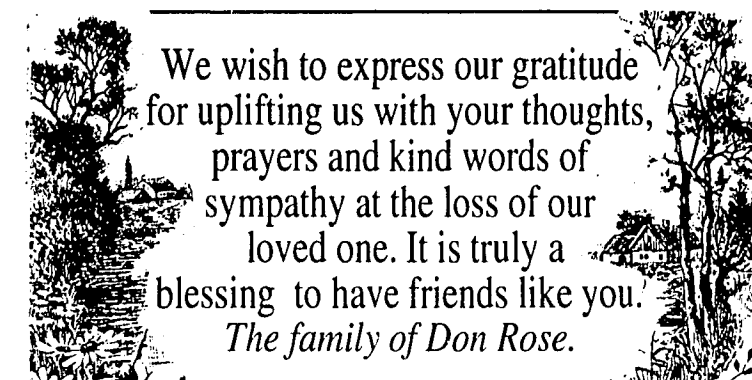
I would like to thank all those involved in bringing Missoula's Celtic Dragon Pipe Band to Seeley Lake. The special concert at Camp Paxson last Thursday evening was simply spectacular!

The unique melodies of the Bagpipers accompanied by the different types of drums, in such a breathtaking setting as the Amphitheatre, made the event unforgettable. Information and ban-

ter the entertainers shared with the audience was outstanding. The special guest artists, dancers and the band all gave a truly magnificent evening to all who braved the cold and chance of rain.

If they come back again, I urge everyone to take the time to see and hear something truly different and unique. Thanks again, great job!

Lynn Gumenberg



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Land Exchange approved by Land Board

by Mike Thompson

We'll wait until after closing to celebrate.

But, Phase II of the 50th Anniversary Project came one giant step closer to completion with its unanimous approval by the State Board of Land Commissioners on Monday morning at the Capitol building, in Helena. The Board is comprised of the Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Now it's up to specialists in Plum Creek Timber Company, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) to pull the final paperwork together and complete the transfer of about 3,000 acres in the heart of the Game Range from Plum Creek to DNRC. Closing is expected in the next few weeks.

Combined with the Phase I purchase of 856 acres last year, the up-

coming completion of Phase II will bring project partners more than half-way to their 50th Anniversary Project goal of transferring 7,800 acres in the Game Range from Plum Creek to public ownership.

Art Sikkink, Chair of the Game Range Citizens' Advisory Council, made the trip to Helena on Monday and spoke in favor of the proposed Phase II land exchange. Art emphasized the need for maintaining the integrity of the winter range for the elk and deer populations that migrate from the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area, and he viewed the Phase II proposal as "a win-win situation."

Steve Kelly, representing the Friends of the Wild Swan, offered the only other comment from the public. Steve urged the State to buy the lands in the Game Range from Plum Creek, rather than trading other State lands. His concern was that Plum Creek would harvest timber at an accelerated rate on lands it acquired in exchange

Game Range Ramblings

by Mike Thompson, Wildlife Biologist
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks



from DNRC, and that resulting impacts to wildlife species on those scattered tracts, albeit minor (as predicted in the State's environmental impact statement), should be avoided.

Actually, FWP originally approached Plum Creek, and Champion International Corporation before them, with the idea of purchasing a conservation easement and exchanging timber on the lands that now define the 50th Anniversary Project. However, neither corporation was interested in selling a conservation easement to FWP. Instead, Plum Creek indicated an interest in developing a land exchange with DNRC.

And so, the Phase II strategy was born.

That's when FWP began collaborating with DNRC, not only in the process of developing an exchange package that would move as much Plum Creek land in the Game Range as possible, but also in the identification and evaluation of potential DNRC tracts for exchange.

As the State's wildlife steward, FWP could not promote a solution for the Game Range that would seriously compromise critical wildlife habitat elsewhere. So, we worked very diligently on the analysis of potential negative impacts to wildlife that was presented in the environmental impact statement. If there were likely impacts of a serious consequence to wildlife, we wanted to identify them and replace contentious tracts with other DNRC lands that might be better suited for exchange.

Our analysis showed that none

of the DNRC parcels that were identified for exchange to Plum Creek contained critical wildlife habitat. This does not mean that wildlife does not occur on the State lands, nor that individual or family groups of animals will not be affected by a future change in management under Plum Creek ownership. It simply means that the DNRC lands do not contain exceptional or strategically located habitats that populations of wildlife depend upon. Any future changes in land management brought about by Plum Creek on these parcels are not expected to markedly alter the persistence and abundance of wildlife across the landscape.

In contrast, the continued integrity of the Game Range as winter range for entire populations of elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer and their associated predators and scavengers is very much dependent on the future disposition of lands currently owned by Plum Creek. That's why it is in the best interest of wildlife to complete Phase II.

Also in attendance at the Land Board meeting was Jerry Sorensen of Plum Creek Timber Company. Jerry reconfirmed his company's interest in completing all phases of the 50th Anniversary Project, and expressed his support for the State to continue moving forward.

I think now is a good time to re-

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We hope we did not forget to include someone.

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Pastor—Gary Wayne

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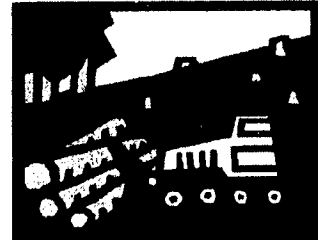
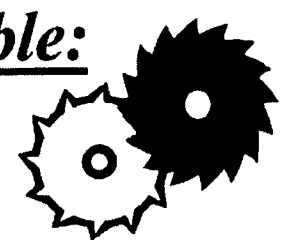
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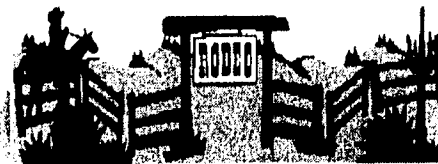
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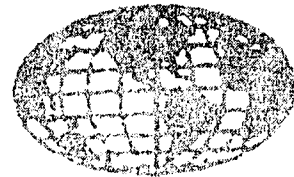


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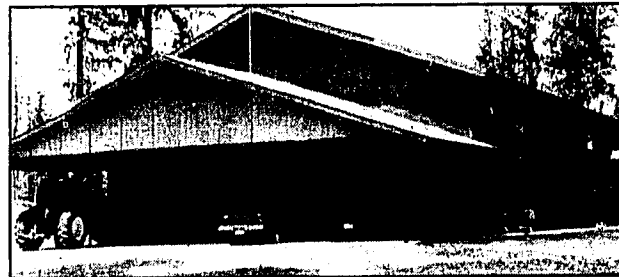
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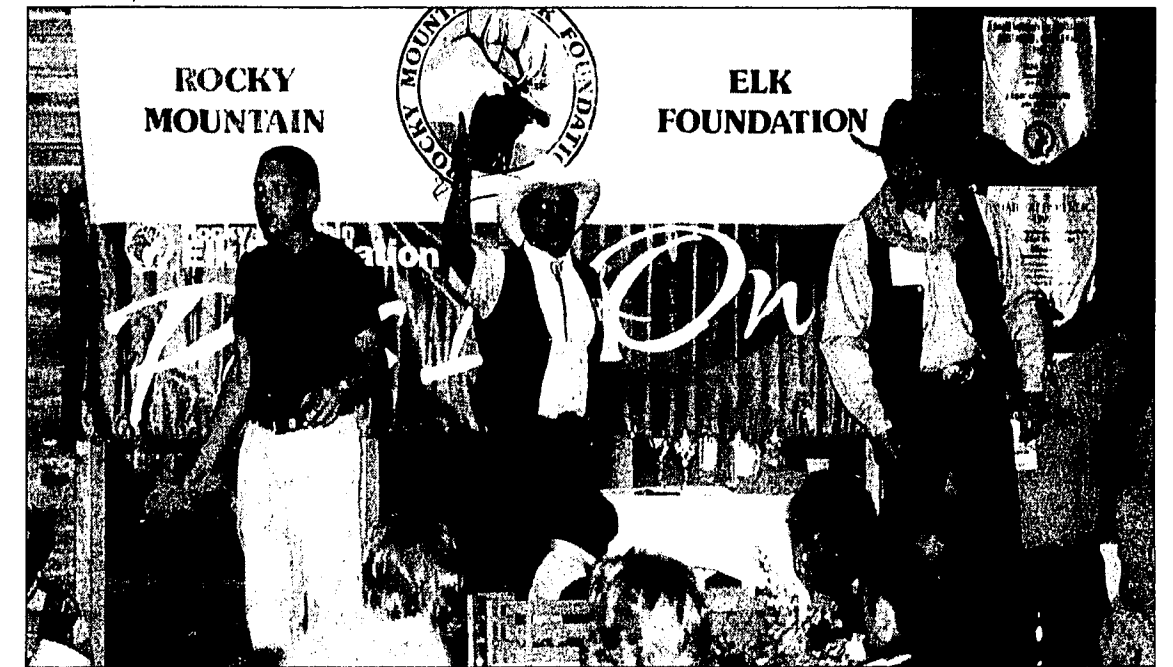
Blackfoot Chapter of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation holds another successful banquet at Double Arrow Resort

The Blackfoot Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation held its annual banquet at the Double Arrow Resort June 9, 2001.

The local chapter has been instrumental in raising funds for the exchange of lands on the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range.

This year's banquet was chaired by Conrad Rowe and co-chaired by John Keller.

Banquet photos
by Deborah Stack



Jason Wold, left, and Ralph Cahoon, right, assist auctioneer Dwight Geppart raise live auction funds for Elk.



Robin Matthews and Kasey Kelley.



A happy youngster.



Todd Johnson displays live auction art.



Charlie & Elinor Williamson



Mr. & Mrs. Jim Johnson, winners of the rock.



Emmy Kats, Mary Johnson, and Karen Soss



Brad Borden, Wayne & Rene Heaton



Jack Rich & Ralph Cahoon



Mike Mahoney, left, and Jack Rich help Linda Foshee.



Todd & Twyla Johnson



Guests Terri & Mike Flatum



Bonnie & Bob Wasson



Eileen and Don Barnes at center visiting with a couple at the dinner table.



Gary & Cheryl Lewis



Laura & Ed Lamb



Rose & Lynn Carey



Virginia and Ed Reiley



Auctioneer Dwight Geppart.



Linda Foshee at games.



Ron Bullock, rifle winner.



Elk Art for the Auction



Larry & Addrien Marx

RMEF Banquet Photos by Deborah Stack



Banquet guests browse through a tent filled with live auction items.



Gary & Rhonda Malecha



?????



Bonnie Wasson and Sharon Rowe



Klaus & Beate VonStutterheim



Ed Lamb, center, and Scott Kennedy checking games.



Wendy & Kevin Wetherell.



Conrad Rowe, this year's banquet chairman.



The Wolds — Jason, Bruce, Kelli & Christopher



Elinor Williamson tries her hand at games. Behind and to her right are Beverly White, Arlene Dickinson, and Luella Poleette.

Ron Ogden is Retiring!

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We welcome any old time stories, all funny, of course, to share with friends, family and fellow workers.

To the people of Seeley Lake, the Swan Valley and Ovando Areas,

I would like to express my gratitude for your support and patronage during my tenure as Physician Assistant at the Seeley Swan Medical Center. I have enjoyed being of service to each of you.
As of June 29, 2001 I will no longer be associated with the Seeley Swan Medical Center. Therefore, I will not be seeing patients at the Seeley Swan Medical Center after June 28, 2001. I apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. I encourage you to continue your support of the local Seeley Swan Medical Center Board of Directors and the providers of care at the Seeley Swan Medical Center. Your medical records and associated accounts will remain in the care of the Seeley Swan Medical Center.

I also would like to thank all of you for the wonderful send-off at the Community Hall this past Sunday. It was a great way to say good bye. I just wished I could have greeted each of you individually. Know that I will miss you all.

Thank you once again . . . Ben Lindeman, PAC

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Swan Valley Recreation Update: Week of June 18th

A cool spring in the Swan Valley has contributed to wet trail conditions in the backcountry. Snow is lingering at higher (above 6,000 feet) elevation lakes. Hikers and stock users are advised to be prepared for hypothermic conditions and high water at stream crossings. Bring rain gear, warm clothes, and also mosquito repellent!

Along the Swan Front, the East Holland Lake Connector Trail

#415 is once again open to hikers and stock users. Forest Service trail crews finished clearing a large rock slide there last week. The Holland Falls Trail #416 is under construction and hikers may encounter trail crews working in the area. Crews will begin work on other trails along the Swan Front this week, including the Holland-Gordon Trail #35 leading from the Owl Creek Packer Camp. Blowdown

has been reported along that trail, and some snow remains on the pass.

The Holland Lake Campground is closed for the summer due to reconstruction. The swimming beach and boat launch will remain open intermittently. Holland Lake Lodge and the Owl Creek Packer Camp are open.

In the Mission Mountains, main trails to Glacier Lake, Cold Lake, Crystal, Heart and Cedar Lake in the Mission Mountains have been opened but hikers may find some downfall on the trail from last week's storms, and snow near Cedar and Heart lakes. Shoreline areas at Glacier and Cold lakes are closed to overnight camping. Trails from Lindbergh Lake and Meadow-Bunyan to Crystal Lake are open. The trail from Beaver Creek to Crystal Lake has not been cleared.

Please remember to store food items in bear resistant containers or out of reach of bears when camping overnight. Wilderness rangers suggest that if you are on a day trip and intend to bring fish out of the high mountain lakes, consider packing them out whole and cleaning them later to reduce bear attractants.

For more information contact the Swan Ecosystem Center located in the Forest Service building at Condon, 754-3137.

Program at Salmon Lake State Park

Wildlife and the Habitat Connection

Join elk lover Dick Solum from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation on Saturday, June 23 at 8:00 p.m. at Salmon Lake State Park, as he discusses the importance of habitat. He will take a special look at elk and the role habitat plays in their life. There will also be elk hides, antlers, hooves, and elk calls to describe the elk and its biology.

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The phone calls, visits, prayers, messages, cards, food, flowers & plants.

The love and support from everyone is what makes the most difference in being able to go on from day to day.

We want to thank Gene and Kelly for having our anniversary party at the Chicken Coop. Thanks to Gene and Kelly for all the chicken and the beautiful cake.

Thank you to all who made the other extra special food. It made our day even more special having such a wonderful turn out of all of you to help share in the celebration of our Special Anniversary.

—Lloyd & Patsy Hallgren

ATTENTION

**The Seeley Lake Transfer Site
on Woodworth Road will be
closed Wednesday, July 4th.**

Public invited to watch bird banding study

Mist Netting and Banding Birds

Interested in learning more about wildlife and wildlife research? Interested in birds? Want to learn to identify birds by sight and by their songs and calls?

The Wildlife Research and Education Network will be operating a bird mist-netting and banding station this summer in the wetland preserve at the north end of Seeley Lake. The station will be operated once every ten days throughout the summer and is open to the public. All are welcome! Bring your family and friends. Students interested in careers in wildlife research and management or forestry are especially encouraged to participate in the banding operations, and will have the opportunity to work alongside and interact with professional wildlife biologists, foresters, and naturalists. Student groups are encouraged! Please pass this information on to anyone you know who may be interested in learning more about wildlife!

Weather permitting, bird mist netting and banding will be conducted during morning sessions on designated Saturdays and Tuesdays (except as noted otherwise) starting June 2nd and going through August 4th. Dates are subject to change. Nets will be opened at sunrise and left open for six hours. Feel free to stop in for a long as you like any time during these sessions.

Tentative Summer Bird Banding Schedule at Seeley Lake:

| Date | Day | Start Time | End Time |
|----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| June 23 | Saturday | 5:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. |
| July 4th | Wednesday | 5:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m. |
| July 14 | Saturday | 5:40 a.m. | 11:40 a.m. |
| July 24 | Tuesday | 5:50 a.m. | 11:50 a.m. |
| August 4 | Saturday | 6:00 a.m. | noon |

The banding station will be located along the edge of the marsh at the north end of Seeley Lake. To get to the banding station, follow the trail leading north from the Seeley Lake Ranger Station past the bird blind and across the small foot bridge, to "the bend" in the Clearwater River. Or, park at the Clearwater Canoe Trailhead and follow the foot trail south into the Seeley Lake Preserve until you reach "the bend."

Pending feasibility and interest, banding may continue later into the year to monitor the fall migration of birds as they head south toward their wintering grounds.

Additional Avian Population Research

Currently, a study is being conducted of Olive-sided Flycatcher distribution and nesting success among different types of managed and unmanaged forest types in western Montana. Although the Olive-sided Flycatcher is commonly found in managed forest, long term monitoring data indicate that its numbers are declining throughout North and South



At left kids watch Ty Smucker of the Wildlife Research and Education Network band a bird. At right Ty and Sue Reel of the Forest Service take notes on their research. —Donna Love photos

America. It is currently listed as a Species of Concern.

Wildlife Research and Education Network

is a fledgling nonprofit organization established for the purpose of engaging in and promoting objective scientific research and education to further public

understanding and awareness of wildlife ecology and conservation. One way this goal is pursued is by providing opportunities for public involvement and encouraging participation in ongoing wildlife research.

Additionally, there will be organized field trips and educational

sessions with biologists studying other wildlife, including Canadian lynx, snowshoe hares, and wolves throughout Montana and the West.

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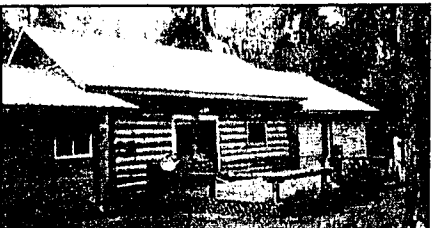
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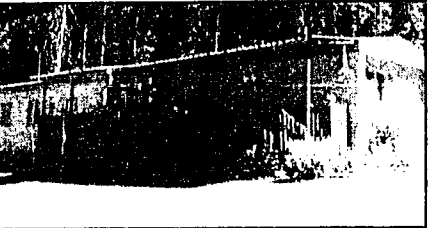
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to Becky Kiner and Amy Tongea, Jan and David Stewart, Bill Shoup, Jerje Motschman, Hank and Sandy Sommerdyke, Ed and Virginia Riley, and Mel and Norma Ketland for the great and so needed donations. So nice to hear from people outside our community who get the Pathfinder also. All of your kind words regarding the column are so appreciated.

Happy Ending

for one of the Malamute dogs dumped at Harper's Lake. Many people who read my column called on these dogs, and the smaller one was adopted to special people. The larger dog had to be put down as, due to trauma it turned vicious. How very sad. It is also very sad that we do not have someone step forward and report the people who dumped these beautiful dogs. They should be charged with animal cruelty. Once again, this column saved a life that had been thrown away. The dog that was saved is very frightened and shows signs of trauma, but is coming around well. She has a second chance in life and hopefully love will right the terrible wrong.

Paws Up

to Judy Hagg, who held onto a Golden Retriever until I arrived. The dog was retrieved the next day by the anxious and good owner.

Paws Up

to Jan Schrammack on her new puppy, Mojo. Jan's old dog Binky was one of our first lost and found dogs, after a bear tore the garage open. Binky was 17 when she went to the Rainbow Bridge.

Note

As to my Paws Down response from S. Voight, now everyone knows I am not perfect. I agree fully that good owners of dogs have been through an escape by their dog. Yes, dogs do love to run and play and sniff. I take my two dogs and a little dog I am caring for until we can find a perfect home, on a "fat walk" every evening, as my two dogs are also overweight. My two little dogs are voice trained. However, the other little dog's biggest wish is to run to the neighbor's flowers and go potty and chase the cat. Neighbors do not like this, so he goes on a leash. Whether the pet escapes or is turned loose to run, dogs can face tragic consequences. My little Abby followed my car when I left one day and was shot with a pellet gun 7 times by some young people. Abby weighs 7 pounds and had never left before and it almost ended with her death. She laid close to death for a week. I consider myself a good pet owner. My message was meant to convey that dogs running, whether good or bad owners, can be fatal to your pet. Thank you for your e-mail and reading the column.

Paws Up

and please get well Elsee! Elsee is Vicki Scalise's wonderful and adored dog who was hit and dragged on the highway. There is no one who loves their dog or are better pet owners than Vicki and Ed, but pets, like children, do escape in seconds, and in too many cases it's tragic. Vicki, please let us know and we are all pulling for Elsee, you and Ed. How sad and heart wrenching for the person who hit the dog, Elsee. Our hearts go out to them also.

Update

Elsee made it through the night and things are looking up. Once again, Dr. Strobe, you helped save a life! How lucky we are to have you here! Elsee is now under the care of Dr. Cross.

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Announcing "ID Your Dog" Day

On Saturday, June 23rd between noon and 4:00 p.m., I will be downtown by the Chamber of Commerce cabin at the new Bison & Bear Trading Center to help ID the dogs of the Seeley Lake and surrounding areas. Condon, Placid Lake, Ovando and visitors/campers to the area are more than welcome.

Protect Your Pet!

This has nothing to do with county licensing. It is local ID for residents and vacationers. The only requirement is that you BRING your dog, wearing a collar. Tags will NOT be given out to take home and put on the counter or in the 'I'll get around to it' drawer. We will NOT have collars available. Bring your dog, wearing a collar for a FREE

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There is NO charge for this service. Of course, I'll have the donation can there! If you can donate...fine, but the most im-

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Renee Stowe, co-founder & CPS at P.U.S.H.

Stork Report

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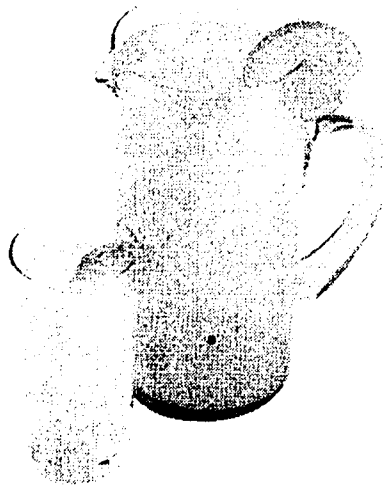
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YMCA News Update on Activities

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Adult soccer started Friday, June 8th and will run from 7:00-8:30 at the Seeley Lake Community Park (next to the grade school). Call YMCA office or Teresa Friede if you would like to join us!

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| Summer program dates: | June 25-29 | Gymnastics |
| | July 9-13 | Outdoor Fun Camp |
| | July 16-21 | Seeley Lake Swim Lessons |
| | July 30-August 4 | Holland Lake Lessons |

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