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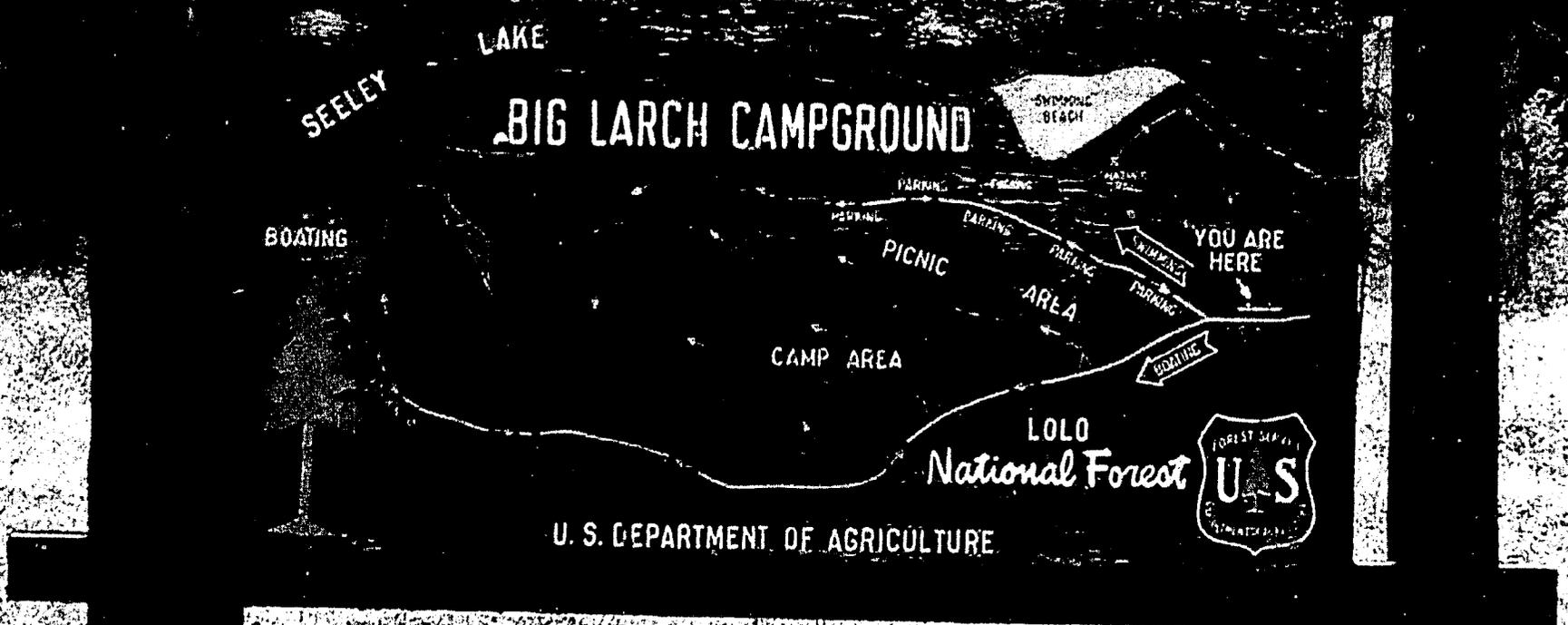
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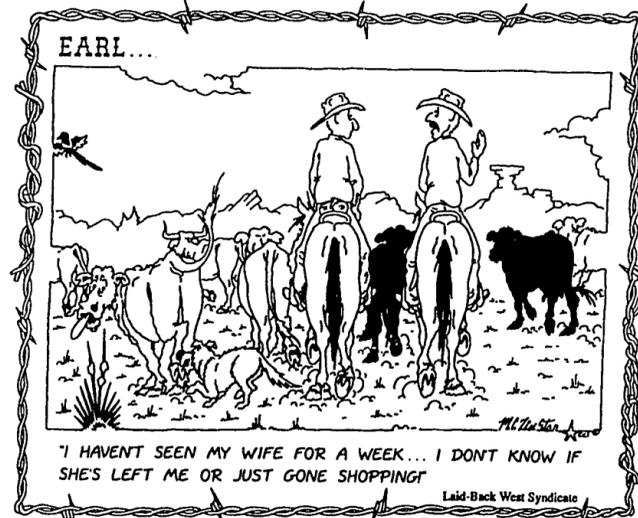
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Editorial Comment

Chips . . . bits & pieces

Would you tell a lie to save your life? Most of us would, so we're not sure if there is a moral lesson from the story reprinted below, but at least it will make you pause and think.

The truth, like most things these days, is subject to change, and change is inevitable...not necessarily good, but inevitable. Truth has always been fickle and elusive and sometimes belongs to the one with the loudest voice... which may not speak the truth.

In olden days not too long ago the truth seemed to be more touchable. Today we sprinkle a smattering of truth on a large plate of falsehoods hoping the seasoning will carry the dish. Most often, we're not sure what we have eaten.

The story below was brought to us by Marvin Hayes who lives a long stone's throw away.

—Gary Noland

The truth cost him his life

Boy Wouldn't Lie, Paid With His Life
by Susan Lampert Smith
Story reprinted from Wisconsin State Journal, Saturday, July 21, 2001

This is a story of truth and lies, a story tinged with nostalgia for the good old days - and a reminder that some of those good old days were truly evil.

It is the story of Emmanuel Dannan, who has been described as Wisconsin's "boy martyr to the truth."

Little Emmanuel is buried under a tombstone in rural Marquette County, Wisconsin, noting that he was "the boy who would not tell a lie." You'll remember that in the case of our country's first president, this was a great recommendation of character. But for Emmanuel - who lived not on a Virginia plantation replete with cherry trees, but on the harsh frontier of Wisconsin - it got him killed.

Emmanuel Dannan lived a life that was short, and not very sweet.

He was born in England in 1843, and immigrated to Milwaukee, on the frontier of the United States, when he was just a toddler. His mother died in 1847, and his father a year later. He lived for a time in the poorhouse, then with an uncle who died, too.

By 1850 or so, he was taken in by Samuel Norton and his wife, who were homesteading in the town of Buffalo south of Montello. It wasn't unusual at that time for farmers to adopt orphans to help them bust the prairie. What was unusual was that the Nortons, according to historical and court records, were murderers. Emmanuel apparently witnessed the Nortons killing a peddler for his horse, then told his foster father, "Pa, I will not lie."

To break his spirit, the Nortons lashed him by his thumbs to the rafters of the log cabin and beat him, breaking a dozen willow switches. Throughout the two-hour beating, Emmanuel refused to lie, ultimately said, "Pa, I'm so cold," and died.

The Nortons served seven years in prison, and news coverage of their trial attracted nationwide attention in 1851. Several Milwaukee church groups raised \$1,099 to buy Emmanuel a suitable tombstone, only to see the money stolen by a charlatan they hired to raise more funds. So little Emmanuel's body lay under a simple rock, in the church graveyard of the Greenwood Presbyterian Church.

Madison radio personality Jonathan Little grew up on a farm nearby, and sometimes had the job of mowing the cemetery.

"We would ask Aunt Winnie why there was just a little stone on the grave, and she would gather us around and tell us the story of the boy who would not lie," Little recalls. When Little was small, in the early 1950s, the story became more than just a local legend. A Milwaukee Sentinel reporter, Charlie House, unearthed the story of little Emmanuel and gave it such attention that 100 years after the boy's death, donors came forward to give a monument of the finest Montello red granite.

To dedicate the monument, the church held the first-ever "Truth Day," at the Greenwood Church cemetery on May 2, 1954. And what an event it was. Fanned by publicity in the Milwaukee Sentinel, more than 2,500 people crowded into the tiny cemetery, many of them schoolchildren who arrived on buses from Milwaukee. F. Rogers Constance, a Montello teacher and poet, read a ballad he wrote for the occasion.

"I recall being there and singing in the choir," Little says. "There were a couple of thousand people, busloads came from Milwaukee. It reminds me of how much the world has changed since then."

The Rev. Ray Bayley, who served the church in the 1970s and '80s, resurrected "Truth Day" in 1980 with speeches and the like. The church eventually closed in October 1990 and Bayley preached a eulogy for the tiny rural church.

"I said that (in 1901) when the church was built, an 80-acre farm was a big farm, a family of seven kids was a small family and 10 miles was a long journey," he says. "Now, none of these things are true. The closing of this church wasn't a funeral, it's a mission accomplished, because the need no longer exists."

While we may have outgrown our need for rural churches, we haven't outgrown our longing for the truth, says Bayley, who is helping Little put together the 2001 version of "Truth Day," in honor of the little church's 100th anniversary. They plan an old-fashioned event, with music, speeches, and a pie and ice cream social. Bayley hopes they'll raise enough to fund an "Emmanuel Dannan Truth Scholarship" for local youth interested in attending the seminary.

It sounds like a neat event, intertwining history and ethics. But I won't be invited to speak on Truth Day, and here's why: If I was around in 1851, I would have urged little Emmanuel to lie. I think the life of an 8-year-old is worth more than the truth. And while his story is certainly worthy of honor, I'm still sad that little Emmanuel didn't love himself enough to lie.

A different slant on subjects of recent opinion

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on two recent articles that appeared in the Pathfinder.

In the July 26th edition Rod Kvamme comments on road rage. May I suggest to Mr. Kvamme that in addition to invoking the divine gift of patience he might also secure his load to insure that "stuff not blow out of the pickup box", and when he is traveling 20 mph slower than the posted limit he could pull over (there are numerous areas in which to do so between Seeley and Woodworth Road) and allow those drivers who wish to go faster to do so.

In a previous edition, Don Wood used his "expertise" to admonish those of us who feed animals. I notice that he has a hummingbird feeder and a seed feeder hanging on his deck. Not having the "expertise" with which Mr. Wood is credited, perhaps, in a future article he could us how he determines which animals it is okay to feed and which are off limits.

Sincerely, J. L. Ashmore,
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NO PLACE TO HIDE:
DRUG ABUSE IN THE HEARTLAND
By Gary W. Smith, C.C.D.C.,
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Part IV

Cocaine in its various forms is derived from the coca plant which is native to the high mountain ranges of South America. The coca leaves were used by natives of this region and acted upon the user as a stimulant. The stimulating effects of the drug increase breathing which increases oxygen intake. This afforded native laborers of the region the stamina to perform their duties in the thin air at high altitudes. In time science figured out how to maximize the strength and effect of the drug contained in the Coca leaves. Through chemically synthesizing the coca leaves the white crystal powder we have come to know as cocaine was created. As time passed newer methods to magnify the euphoric effects of the drug were invented which has led us to the most potent and addictive form of the drug, Crack. Crack cocaine is the most popularly used version of cocaine today. Smoking cocaine rocks began in the late 1970's. Rocking-up cocaine powder and smoking it was originally the method developed so distributors of cocaine could test the purity of the drug before it was purchased from the manufacturers. Crack has destroyed millions of lives since it was first introduced to the streets of America. Crack is a relatively new drug on the scene compared to drugs like opium or heroin; nonetheless, it has been part of our history and culture for nearly 150 years.

COCAINE'S ROLE IN AMERICAN HISTORY
Cocaine was first synthesized in

1855. It was not until 1880, however, that its effects were recognized by the medical world. The first recognized authority and advocate for this drug was world famous psychologist, Sigmund Freud. Early in his career, Freud broadly promoted cocaine as a safe and useful tonic that could cure depression and sexual impotence. Cocaine got a further boost in acceptability when in 1886 John Pemberton included cocaine as the main ingredient in his new soft drink, Coca Cola. It was cocaine's euphoric and energizing effects on the consumer that was mostly responsible for skyrocketing Coca Cola into its place as the most popular soft drink in history.

From the 1850's to the early 1900's, cocaine and opium laced elixirs, tonics and wines were broadly used by people of all social classes. This is a fact that is for the most part hidden in American history. The truth is that at this time there was a large drug culture effecting a broad sector of American society. Other famous people that promoted the "miraculous" effects of cocaine elixirs were Thomas Edison and actress Sarah Bernhart. Because there were no restrictions placed on acquiring these drugs in the early 1900's, narcotics were an acceptable way of life for a large number of people, many of whom were people of stature. Cocaine was a main stay in the silent film industry. The pro-drug messages coming out of Hollywood at this time were receiving international attention which influenced the attitudes of millions of people about cocaine.

In fact, it was the negative side effects of habitual cocaine use that was responsible for coining the phrase, "dope fiend". This terminology came about because of the behavior of a person abusing cocaine for prolonged periods of time. Because cocaine is such a powerful stimulant prolonged daily use of the drug creates severe sleep deprivation and loss of appetite.

As a rule, famous people are role models that can and do influence the masses. Star power has proven time and again to be the most potent form of advertising.

Think about it: The worlds most famous psychologist; the man that invented the light bulb; a stable of Hollywood silent film stars; and the inventor of the most popular soft drink in history - All on the pro-cocaine band wagon. All promoting the drugs positive effects. Some did it through personal testimonials that ran in printed page across the nation. Others (in particular the silent film stars) promoted cocaine's acceptability through the examples they set by their well publicized life styles.

In the same way as other narcotics like opium and heroin during this time, cocaine also began to be used as an active ingredient in a variety of "cure all", tonics and beverages. In many of the tonics that drug companies were producing at this time, cocaine would be mixed with opiates and administered freely to old and young alike. It wasn't until some years later that the dangers of these drugs became apparent.

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A person might go days or sometimes weeks without sleeping or eating properly. The user often experiences psychotic behavior. They hallucinate and become illusionary. Coming down from the drug causes a severe state of depression for the person in withdrawal. This person can then become so desperate for more of the drug that they will do just about anything to get more of it, including murder. If the drug is not readily available, the depression one experiences in withdrawal can become so great the user will sometimes become suicidal. It is because of this heinous effect on the user that the word "fiend" became associated with cocaine addiction.

Over the course of the next several years the American majority became more and more aware of the dangers of cocaine. As the severity of this problem became more and more apparent, concern mounted to an eventual public outcry to ban the social use of cocaine. This public pressure forced Pemberton to removed cocaine from Coca Cola in 1903. Eventually the public pressure became so great as to place a national prohibition on cocaine. The country's legislators took notice, and in 1920 cocaine was added to the list of narcotics to be outlawed by the passing of The Dangerous Drug Act of 1920. Unfortunately, as with the opiates like heroin, the dangers of cocaine abuse were recognized by law makers after the fact. The market for cocaine had already been established and was deeply entrenched into American history and culture and is with us today.

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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, 5 p.m.; call 677-2022

PUBLIC MEETINGS
S.L. Cemetery Bd, 1st Thur, 7pm, fire hall
AARP, 1st Mon, noon, Condon Comm. hall
Salmon Prairie/Swan lake Elem Bd, 1st Tues
S.L. Fire Dept, 1st Tues, 7pm, fire hall

7pm, Faith Lutheran Church, Condon, 754-2371
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.

Loving Hearts Thrift Store: Open Wed, 12:00-5:30, Sat, 11-3, 677-5683 (emergency 677-2110)

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LIBRARIES:
Seeley Lake Public Library (Seeley-Swan High School) Summer hours: Wed., 3-8pm, Thur., 10am-3pm. Story Time will resume in September.
Swan Valley Library (Condon) Wed, 10am-6pm; Fri, 10am-4pm
Family History Ctr.-LDS Church: Open Wed, 11am-3pm. Call 677-2642 or 677-2575.

EMERGENCY: Dial 911 if you live in Seeley Lake, Condon, Greenough or Ovando.

Swan Lake Residents: 886-2324 (Fire, QRU or Search & Rescue) or 1-406-752-6161 for Sheriff, Highway Patrol.

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.
*Potomac: 406-244-5204

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

DUMPSTER TRANSFER SITE: Summer hours (May-Sept) - Wed, Sat & Sun, 9am-5pm, 677-3809

Alateen: (help for teenagers of alcoholic families) Hotline 677-2753

SSTEP Crisis Help Line: 677-3177. Domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, community outreach & education
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Sharp tailed Grouse Barely Hanging On

by Mike Thompson
Wildlife Biologist
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

"What a tangled web we weave," clucked the male sharp-tailed grouse as he sized up his unlikely predicament.

It had seemed like any other spring morning on the old breeding grounds near Helmsville. There was even a new hen on the dancing ground. True, she seemed a little stiff, even in the face of the male's most virulent courting displays. But, she did not retreat as the male advanced to perpetuate the species.

Almost as soon as they touched he noticed a restriction in his normal range of movement. First, one leg, then a wing was constrained somehow. Still, he didn't panic until he noticed the cold emptiness in her eyes.

Fortunately, help was only

moments away. Before he knew it, he found himself in the skilled and gentle hands of Ben Deeble, and he understood that he'd met his own "lady in red." It was a set up!

Too late. The radio transmitter was already affixed to his body, blood had been drawn, and his weight recorded. Suddenly, he was aware of his freedom and as he fluttered past the object of his earlier affection he saw clearly that she was just a dummy. A product of taxidermy, that is. With a deviously concocted tangle of slipknots hanging from all parts of her stuffed carcass.

His last image of the incident was the sweep of Ben's huge hand grabbing the petite decoy by a leg and swinging it beside him all the way back to the pickup truck.

For five bonus points toward

Game Range Ramblings
by Mike Thompson, Wildlife Biologist
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks



an as yet undetermined prize of no worth whatsoever, what game bird that is native to the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range no longer occurs there?

Unfortunately, this is not a trick question. It is, indeed, the sharp-tailed grouse that we've apparently lost on the Game Range, and across most of the Ovando-Helmsville valley, in the past 20 years or so.

Yet, sharp-tails are otherwise widely distributed and locally abundant east of the Continental Divide in Montana, the Dakotas, Michigan, Wisconsin and southern Canada, and populations persist (although some are declining) in other states west of the Divide. They seem to be doing especially well in Idaho.

Why not here?

That's a question that Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) first asked Ben Deeble when he began his masters thesis at the University of Montana in 1993, and is still asking today while Ben continues his work on a part-time basis as a consulting biologist.

Possible answers are many and varied. The most obvious factor, perhaps, is of very limited importance in this case. Sharp-tailed grouse have not been legal

to hunt west of the Continental Divide in Montana for about 40 years.

The taxonomy of sharp-tails is a complicating factor. Two subspecies are currently recognized. The plains sharp-tail is the one that occurs in great abundance east of the Divide. Generally, the more isolated and less abundant populations west of the Divide are considered to be of the Columbian subspecies. Whether there is a genetic explanation for the general declining trend in the Columbian subspecies is anybody's guess at this time.

The Helmsville population persists quite close to the Divide, and within about 35 miles of the nearest known population of plains sharp-tails. One of Ben's objectives has been to collect blood samples from Helmsville birds for genetic analysis to determine whether we have the plains or Columbian subspecies.

But, he's been running out of birds to capture. Last spring, he observed only one male at the Helmsville dancing ground, and rumors only support the existence of another 20 birds or so in the entire valley.

Managers are contemplating the pros and cons of supplementing the Helmsville population with



birds from Idaho or elsewhere to take advantage of the presence of native birds as teachers for others, before all historic knowledge of dancing grounds and habitats is lost forever.

And, boy, does one old male have a story to tell!

Senior Nutrition Program Menu

The following meals will be served next week promptly at noon at the Seeley Lake Senior Citizens Center. Reservations please - 677-2008. Call before 10:00 a.m.

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- Tuesday, August 7**
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Researcher says think twice before raising your own huckleberries

MSU Experiments: Montana Huckleberries Resist Cultivation

by Annette Trinity-Stevens
MSU Research Editor

BOZEMAN—Wouldn't it be great to have a little huckleberry patch in the back yard or a commercial plot for making jams and candies?

Sure, agrees Bob Gough, a Montana State University plant scientist and Extension Service horticulturist. But after three years of trying to cultivate the Montana blue huckleberry in the Gallatin Valley, Gough has graciously admitted defeat.

"The difficulties are legion," said Gough, known around the state for his weekly gardening column, a summertime horticulture hotline and regular appearances on Montana Ag Live on Montana Public TV.

For starters, the plants, named *Vaccinium globulare*, are actually related to the wild blueberry, although people have used "blueberry" and "huckleberry" interchangeably for more than 100 years.

Topping the list of troubles is a sparse root system that makes transplanting difficult. The plants don't absorb nutrients very well, so a grower would have to pay a lot of attention to irrigation and fertilizer, Gough found.

Propagation is the next problem. Growers would have to start their patch from seedlings because the plants don't root well from cuttings. And the seedlings may not propagate "true-to-type," meaning growers may not get offspring with characteristics similar to the parent plant. From seedling to fruit can take up to 10 years.

And then there's the soil. Montana blue huckleberries need acidic well-drained soil (a pH of 5), which eliminates much of the agricultural lands in the eastern part of the state, Gough said. The more acidic soils typically are found at higher elevations in western Montana, where growers perhaps would have better luck getting the plants to take hold.

The plants probably aren't quite winter hardy enough outside their mountain habitat. Close relatives of the Montana blue huckleberry show stem dieback at 20 degrees below zero. In the mountains, snow cover shields the plants, but low-lying valleys and open prairie would offer little protection from cold and winds.

Finally, deer and moose and other animals browse the shoot tips, destroying the flower buds. "So I'm not saying you couldn't do it, but it would be difficult to do it on any kind of scale in Montana, given the species I work with," said Gough. "We don't have the right conditions and it's not economically feasible to make the conditions right."

Four years ago, Gough wasn't so sure. Armed with a \$3,000 grant from the Montana Department of Agriculture, Gough began trying to transform a 1,000 square-foot section of the MSU horticulture farm into a thriving huckleberry patch.

He wanted some answers for the people who call him every year, typically in September after berry-picking season ends, wanting to know where to buy the plants and how to grow them.

He spent the first year of the project just trying to improve the soil. To get the right acidity, he added 16 gallons of sulfuric acid. Two pairs of blue jeans later, Gough got the soil to a pH of 4.5, but it began climbing again just six weeks later.

He planted 100 seedlings in the fall of 1996 and 100 in the spring of 1997. Half were mulched, and half weren't. The plants were covered by varying degrees of shade. Needless to say, the plants didn't thrive.

"Then I took my data and said, 'I'm glad this is over,'" said Gough.

Gretchen Gates of Eva Gates Homemade Preserves in Bigfork said she was aware of efforts to cultivate Montana huckleberries.

"We just rely on people who go into the mountains and pick them," Gates said. "It's not easy, but it's easier than trying to grow them."

Currently they pay about \$3 per pound for the berries, Gates said. The company has been making huckleberry jam, syrup and toppings since 1949.

Even though he plowed the test plot under, Gough plans to continue his studies of Montana blue huckleberries in the wild. He published a paper in 1998 on plant growth and development and expects additional papers on pollen viability and root systems.

"Someday if someone figures out how to work with them commercially, that knowledge will be there," he said.

But for now, Gough suggests that people who want to grow the berries either go into the mountains and pick them or try growing other kinds of berries. Currants, buffaloberries,

gooseberries, chokecherries, serviceberries, strawberries and raspberries all grow well in Montana, Gough said, but some of these probably need good marketing to become as popular commercially as the Montana blue huckleberry.

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Pastor Ken Wutzke

Local chapter of Lewis & Clark granted affiliation with National Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation

The Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation announced the affiliation of the Blackfoot River Chapter

The headquarters of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation recently announced the Blackfoot River Chapter is recognized as an entity of the national organization.

Each Chapter is a separate and distinct entity, but all chapters share a common bond with the Foundation—an interest in the

Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The purpose of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and its Chapters is to stimulate public interest in the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the contributions to American history made by the Expedition members, and events of time and place concerning the Expedition which are of historical importance to our nation.

The local Chapter will specialize in the "River of the Road to the Buffalo" portion of the return leg of the trip in western

Montana from Bonner to Lewis & Clark Pass northeast of Lincoln. They will encourage local interest in following the tracks of Lewis and Clark and similar cultural trails and events.

As stewards of the trail the Chapter will monitor the condition and alert the National Foundation to situations affecting trail-related sites or facilities in the Blackfoot River corridor.

With the bicentennial of the Corps of Discovery approaching, members of the Lewis and Clark

Trail Heritage Foundation and its local chapters will be local contacts for that event. Although Captain Lewis missed the Seeley-Swan valley, tourists following the trail are not likely to.

Officers are: President—Al Cluck, Vice Pres—Addrien Marx, Secretary—Marilyn Peterson, Treasurer—Pauline Kvamme, and Program Director—Elva Cox.

Blackfoot River Chapter membership is open to the general public. The Blackfoot Chapter holds regular meetings, usually the

third Thursday of the month, at special locations in the community. Programs and activities include: medical aspects of the expedition, expeditions to archaeological sites, music on the expedition, field trips to follow the "The River of the Road to the Buffalo," and educational programs for local residents. The next event will be a guided tour to Lewis and Clark Pass northeast of Lincoln.

For more information see <http://blackfootctrail.homestead.com>

WEATHER REPORT

| | HIGH | LOW | CONDITIONS |
|---------|------|-----|---|
| July 22 | 77 | 45 | Partly cloudy |
| July 23 | 79 | 39 | Partly cloudy |
| July 24 | 80 | 42 | Clear in a.m., partly cloudy in p.m. |
| July 25 | 81 | 42 | Partly cloudy, clear late p.m. |
| July 26 | 82 | 41 | Mostly clear |
| July 27 | 86 | 39 | Mostly clear |
| July 28 | 87 | 41 | Trace of precip., clear in a.m., partly cloudy in p.m. with trace of rain |

Sheriff's Report

(911 calls compiled with the cooperation and assistance of Sheriff Doug Chase and Captain Scott McDonald.)

July 22 - 29, 2001

- 7/22, 11:23 p.m. - Missing person - Seeley Lake - found
- 7/23, 9:05 a.m. - Cows on highway - Hwy. 83, MM 3
- 7/23, 5:15 p.m. - Missing plane - Seeley Lake - found
- 7/23, 5:25 p.m. - Property destruction - Potomac
- 7/23, 7:56 p.m. - Restraining order violation - Potomac
- 7/23, 8:27 p.m. - Welfare check - Seeley Lake
- 7/23, 9:52 p.m. - Vehicle blocking driveway - Seeley Lake
- 7/23, 10:40 p.m. - Assault - Seeley Lake
- 7/23, 11:28 p.m. - Message delivery - Potomac
- 7/24, 5:22 p.m. - Speeding vehicle - Seeley Lake
- 7/24, 7:53 p.m. - Possible animal abuse - Seeley Lake
- 7/25, 3:19 a.m. - Alarm - Clearwater Junction
- 7/25, 6:09 a.m. - Vehicle accident - Hwy. 83, MM 12
- 7/25, 11:19 a.m. - Vehicle inspection - Condon
- 7/25, 12:45 p.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake
- 7/25, 6:20 p.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake
- 7/25, 7:50 p.m. - Wreckless driving - Placid Lake
- 7/25, 8:03 p.m. - Tree on fire - Seeley Lake
- 7/25, 8:09 p.m. - Wreckless driving - Seeley Lake
- 7/25, 8:42 p.m. - Medical call - Seeley Lake
- 7/25, 10:18 p.m. - Welfare check -

- Seeley Lake
- 7/26, 7:57 a.m. - Message delivery - Seeley Lake
- 7/26, 11:44 a.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake
- 7/26, 3:17 p.m. - Medical call - Seeley Lake - Lifeflight transported
- 7/27, 3:08 p.m. - Wreckless driving - Seeley Lake
- 7/27, 5:16 p.m. - Wreckless driving - Hwy. 83, MM 11
- 7/27, 5:37 p.m. - Speeding vehicles - Condon
- 7/27, 9:09 p.m. - Medical call - Salmon Lake Campground - Lifeflight transported
- 7/27, 10:43 p.m. - Noise complaint - Big Larch Campground
- 7/27, 10:52 p.m. - Traffic violation - Seeley Lake - 1 cited
- 7/28, 2:17 a.m. - Kegger - Seeley Lake - several cited
- 7/28, 4:34 a.m. - Medical call - Seeley Lake
- 7/28, 6:07 a.m. - Suspicious activity - Potomac
- 7/28, 6:58 a.m. - Follow-up on assault - Seeley Lake

- 7/28, 9:07 a.m. - Injured deer - Placid Lake area
- 7/28, 11:21 a.m. - Speeding vehicle - Potomac
- 7/28, 12:44 p.m. - Moving violation on Seeley Lake
- 7/28, 1:09 p.m. - Disturbance - Potomac
- 7/28, 5:18 p.m. - No boat registration - Lindbergh Lake
- 7/28, 7:39 p.m. - Medical call - Condon
- 7/28, 7:41 p.m. - Loud party - Lindbergh Lake
- 7/28, 9:41 p.m. - Suspicious activity - Potomac
- 7/29, 12:43 a.m. - Assault - medical call - Potomac
- 7/29, 9:11 a.m. - Boat found - Placid Lake
- 7/29, 6:46 p.m. - Motorbikes on ski trail - Seeley Lake
- 7/29, 6:50 p.m. - Wreckless driving - Clearwater Junction
- 7/29, 7:38 p.m. - Shots heard - Seeley Lake
- 7/29, 8:42 p.m. - Theft from vehicle - Seeley Lake
- 7/29, 11:28 p.m. - Suspicious activity - Potomac

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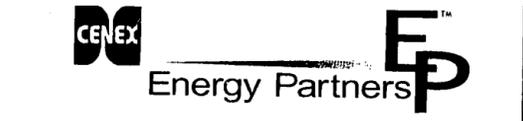
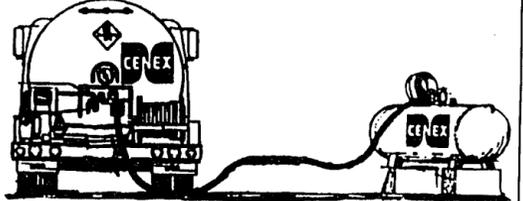
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Campground Hosts are retired volunteers

Meet the Forest Service Campground Hosts of Seeley Lake

By Donna Love
For the Pathfinder

So you're retired, ready to kick back, put your feet up, and rest awhile. What do you do? Buy an RV, head for Seeley Lake, park in one of the most beautiful campgrounds in the world, and clean

toilets. Clean toilets! That's right! You've just become a Forest Service Campground Host.

Forest Service Campground Hosts are volunteers who live in a campground and monitor its use. Along with cleaning toilets they provide many services that help vacationers have a pleasant camping experience.

This year seventeen campground hosts work in the Seeley Lake area.

Eleanor Cooley, Hilda Barrett and Shirley Herrick manage Seeley Lake Campground. Eleanor is originally from Victor, MT, but now spends her winters in Georgia. She has been a campground host for eleven years.

Hilda and Shirley are from Florida. This is their second year to be hosts.

Jack and Barbara Meek manage River Point Campground. They are from Missoula, but now spend their winters in Arizona where they "go to play." They are also in their second year as hosts.

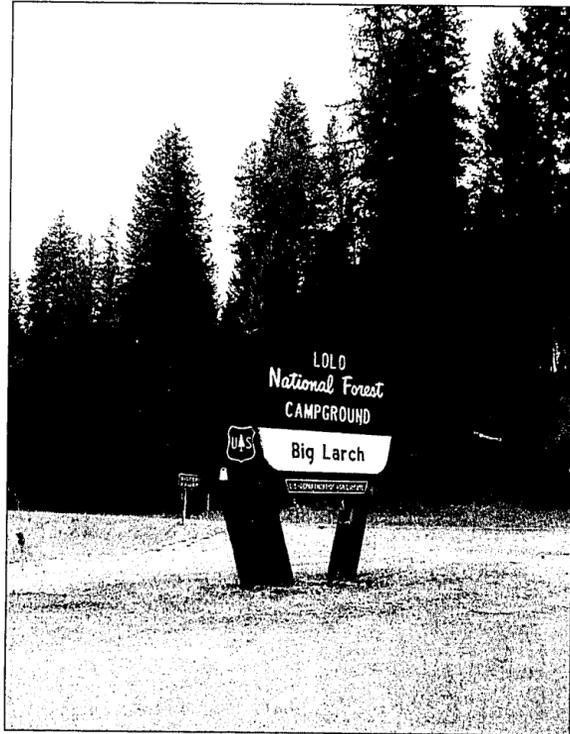
Two couples, **Bert and Darlene Davids**, and **Roy and Sarah Shriner** attend Big Larch. Bert and Darlene are originally from Oregon, but now they winter in Arizona "where it is warm." They have been hosts for two years. Roy and Sarah are closer to home. They live in Missoula and are in their third year as hosts.

Dick and Pat Tullar and Earlene Turnquist manage Alva Lake Campground. Dick and Pat are most recently from Minnesota, but now winter in Arizona. They have been hosts for seven years, five of which have been in Seeley Lake.

Earlene, the "Latrine Queen" hails from Missoula. She is in her first year as a campground host.

The Forest Service also has several "dispersed campgrounds" including Clearwater Lake, Rainy Lake, trailheads and other sites, including Coopers Lake in Ovando. **Richard and Pat Thune** live at River Point Campground and travel to attend these sites.

They are from Great Falls, but spend their winters in Arizona. They have been campground hosts for twelve years.



Entrance to Big Larch Campgrounds off Highway 83 at the north edge of Seeley Lake.

Another set of campground hosts, **Dean and Teddy Clawson**, live at the Monture Guard Station near Ovando. They manage the Monture Trailhead Campground and care for the administrative site where Forest Service stock is pastured.

Dean and Teddy are from California and spend their winters

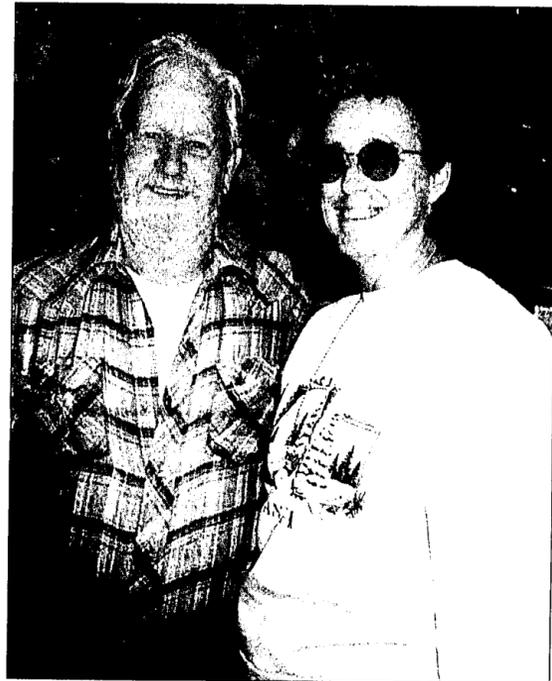
in Utah. They have also been campground hosts for twelve years.

The Campground Hosts call Seeley Lake home from Memorial Day through Labor Day and become members of the community.

Seeley Lake resident, **Nora Ketland**, who has cooked for the Seeley Lake Senior Citizen's Cen-



Roy and Sarah Shriner - Big Larch



Jack and Barbara Meek - River Point Campground Hosts



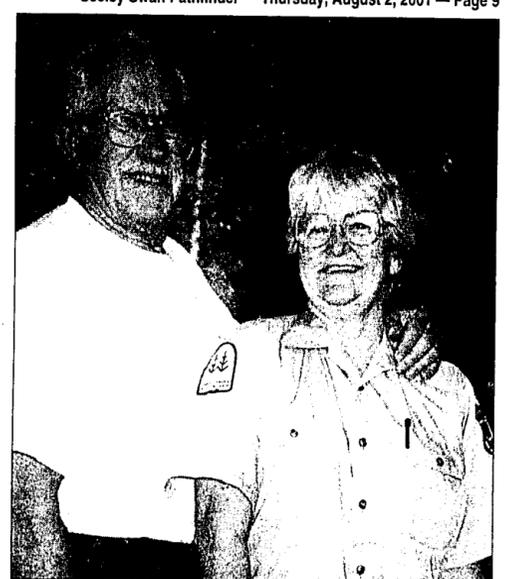
Dean and Teddy Clawson - Monture Campground Hosts



Earlene Turnquist - Lake Alva Host



Richard and Pat Tullar - Lake Alva Hosts



Bud and Darlene Davids - Big Larch Hosts

Photos by Donna Love

ter for the past ten years, says that throughout the summer the hosts frequently eat at the Center and in the spring "everyone is anxious for their return." Near the end of the season the Center hosts a meal in their honor.

A campground host's job is not an easy one. Their main duty is to spruce up a newly vacated camp site by picking up litter, washing the picnic table, cleaning the fire pit and raking the site to remove all trace of the former inhabitants. They clean several sites each day.

They also monitor the beaches and remind folks to keep their pets on a leash. They provide a helping hand when needed, and give out information on what to see and do in the area.

It is also their job to check that each camper has paid for the campsite, but the hosts don't handle the money. They just look for the pay stub in the vehicle's window.

"They are wonderful ambassadors for the Forest Service," said Seeley Lake District Ranger Tim Love, and added, "Their work reflects well on public service."

Campground Hosts are volunteers. The only compensation they receive is free rent, electricity, water, sewer, and telephones in their trailers for local calls.

Bruce Johnson, Resource Management Assistant in charge of Recreation for the Seeley Lake Ranger Station said, "We [the Forest Service] essentially couldn't run the campgrounds without them. They are indispensable."

Johnson explained, "We've got one of the largest campground

programs in the area because Seeley is a regional destination so there are a lot of campgrounds that go with that."

Other Forests in Montana with large campground programs are in the Gallatin and Kootenia National Forests.

When asked how the Forest Service recruits their hosts, Johnson said, "The best way has been through word of mouth." Often campers learn about the job by talking with hosts. If it sounds like a great way to spend the summer they come to the Forest Service Office for an application.

Others are recruited when hosts return home and tell friends what a fun summer they had.

Another source is the Good Sam's Club, a club for RV owners. Job advertisements instruct potential hosts to call the Regional Office in Missoula.

When someone interviews to be a campground host Johnson "makes it clear to them what they have to do" and let's them decide if they can do it.

Cleaning toilets is the least liked part of the job, but Johnson said, "If they don't have a problem cleaning toilets they can usually handle the rest."

The hosts are never asked to lift anything heavy or handle disturbances. "They call for help if it is needed," Johnson said.

Usually safety is not an issue, but sometimes precautions are taken. The Forest Service moved the hosts out of the campgrounds last year when the Hell's Angles visited Missoula.

The hosts still attended their



From left: Eleanor Cooley, Shirley Herrick, and Hilda Barrett - Seeley Lake Campgrounds Hosts

daily duties, but they weren't in the campgrounds overnight.

"Ordinarily," Johnson said, "family campers surround the hosts so even if there is one bad apple they are still surrounded by good people willing to help if there is a need."

The Forest Service provides backup with regular tours in "green trucks," and the campgrounds have further support from local law enforcement.

Most of the time the problems are simple to solve. One host helped a young camper who was afraid to go into the restroom until it was checked for spiders.

At Big Larch campers once brought a hot tub with them on

their truck. Imagine their surprise when other campers decided to take a dip in their pool in the middle of the night.

So why would a retiree want to become a campground host? Reasons vary, but mostly its because they love the outdoors.

Eleanor "needed something to do after her husband died." She and her husband had worked at the Tamarack Resort and she loved the area.

Hilda and Shirley wanted to spend some time in Montana. They know it caused a mess, but they thoroughly enjoyed the recent snow that we had.

Roy and Sarah say its because they "like to meet people." Bert

and Darlene thought it would be interesting.

Jack and Barbara became fulltime RVer's when they sold their house in Missoula. They were looking for a way to spend their summers in Montana, and travel south in the winter.

Richard and Pat have family in the area. Dean and Teddy enjoy being near the Forest Service stock.

Earlene volunteered because Dick and Pat were good friends and she wanted to help them.

Dick and Pat summed it up nicely saying, "Hosting is a great way to be of service, stay active, meet new people, and enjoy a beautiful environment."

Interpretive programs scheduled by Ranger District at Campgrounds

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, and marshmallows for roasting by the fire.

In the event of rain, the programs will take place at the Seeley Creek Trailhead Shelter.

For more information please call the Seeley Lake Ranger District at 677-2233.

Friday, August 3 @ 7:30 PM

@ Big Larch Campground Interpretive Area THE "BULL" ON TROUT Join Barry Cummings and take a close look at the threatened bull trout. Learn how we can help save Montana's native trout.

Saturday, August 4 @ 7:30 PM @ Lake Alva Campground Day Use Area SIZE 'EM UP: SMALL MAMMALS Join Researcher, Reesa Yale, and learn about the many small critters that live here and the roles they play in our ecosystem.

Wednesday, August 8 @ 7:30 PM @ Riverpoint Campground

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Friday, August 10 @ 7:30 PM @ Big Larch Campground Interpretive Area RAMBLES AND BRAMBLES: STORIES OF OLD DAYS & NEW WAYS Join Bud Moore, author of The Lochsa Story, as he spins some yarns of hunting, trapping and exploring the mountains of Montana.

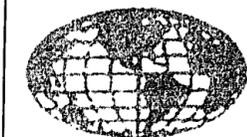
Legion names Deputy Parcell as Montana Law Officer of the Year



File photo of Deputy Bob Parcell taken earlier this year during rescue exercises on Seeley Lake. —by Donna Love.

On June 29, 2001, Senior Deputy R.E. "Bob" Parcell was recognized by the American Legion as "Montana Law Officer of the Year." Deputy Parcell was honored at the State Convention at the Great Falls Holiday Inn and was presented with a plaque denoting this award. He is currently the Montana candidate for the National American Legion Law Officer of the Year Award. Deputy Parcell is a 19 year veteran of the Missoula County Sheriff's Department, assigned to Condon for the past 12 years. Deputy Parcell is also a Colonel with the United States Marines Corps Reserve.

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Huckleberry Festival in Swan Lake Aug. 11

The Swan Lake Huckleberry Festival will take place Saturday, Aug. 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Flathead National Forest Swan Lake Day Use Campground just south of MT Hwy. 83 mile marker 72.

The annual festival offers made-in-Montana merchandise from 30 vendors, a huckleberry pancake breakfast, musical entertainment, a huckleberry baking contest, food and beer gardens, all-day raffles, a silent auction and children's games, all on the shores of one of northwest Montana's most pristine lakes.

New to this year's festival are the "Hungry Five," a Flathead Valley brass ensemble. The band will play from 10-11 a.m., and crowd favorite Roy Wilhelm will provide music and song from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

An ongoing raffle offers chances to win prizes donated by more than 60 Flathead and Lake County merchants and businesses. Additional raffles are for a huckleberry-themed basket worth \$100, a luxurious chenille throw valued at \$225 and a

child's fishing gear package.

Merchandise includes quilts and other needlecraft items, jewelry, wood crafts, handmade fishing nets, ceramics, art works, stained glass and other unique offerings. The silent auction for original art works in watercolors and oils, folding camp chairs and antiques and collectibles will close at 4 p.m.

A highlight of the festival is the Huckleberry Baking Contest. Innovative recipes are entered each year, and judges will award prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 for first through third places, respectively. This year's judges are huckleberry aficionados Blue Funk of Bigfork's Showthyme Restaurant, Kay Bjork of northwest Montana photojournalism fame and long-time Swan Lake resident Cindy Love.

Contest entries must be huckleberry-based and must be a minimum of three servings. Excess entry servings will be sold at the Swan Lake Volunteer Fire Department booth. Judging begins at 11 a.m., so all entries should be submitted before then

to the contest location easily found next to the fire department booth.

The Swan Valley Search and Rescue team will be on hand with equipment and literature describing its mission, and volunteer firemen will show children how their truck and team work to keep rural communities safe from fires.

Admission to the festival and parking are free. Festival proceeds will be allocated to non-profit organizations, including the local library and fire department, to charities and to community improvements.

Festival sponsors are the Village of Swan Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Swan Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

Condon Area Senior Lunch

The Hungry Bear Steak House is serving lunch to Condon area seniors on Mondays and Thursdays at 11:30 AM. Please call the Hungry Bear at 754-2240 for reservations prior to 5:00 PM the day before. This program is sponsored by Swan Valley Senior

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When poison or anti-freeze is left out, it kills pets, deer, lawns, squirrels, birds, bears, and it could kill a child, everything we hold as treasures. The penalty for doing such evil should be swift and severe. I voiced my opinion as to how to deal with such an individual, but Gary would not print it, and there were so many people who volunteered to help. There is no excuse for abuse of any kind, and the worse yet is the abuse of a child or pet, the innocents.

Paws Up

To Kudo, the Wasem German Shepherd who loved playing with tennis balls, and ended up eating one. Well half came up, but the other half stayed in, and expensive surgery was required to retrieve the half that stayed in. Guess what, Kudo has been cut off the tennis balls and now has new toys.

Paws Up and Congratulations!

to Vicki Scalise and Ed Jackson on their new darling puppy! Scooter is a little girl and a Border Collie. Boy Scooter, you lucked out!

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At The Rainbow Bridge

It was afternoon and the cats were napping. Some of the dogs were wading in the water under the Bridge and some were watching Elsee on her motorcycle rounding up those pesky lambs. It is always safe and fun for all at The Rainbow Bridge. The sun was warm and the breeze refreshing. Then, as though the breeze was carrying it, came music. The cats awoke; the dogs came out of the water. They all sat, and Elsee shut her motorcycle off. The music was "Queen of my Heart." Tasia and Heidi, in unison, said, "Oh, it must be a queen!" The mist cleared and there were murmurs of "Oh, yes, she looks like a queen." Kashena, a beautiful Akita, stood with head held high. CeCe spoke to the Schaff duo, "Oh how regal." Holding herself like a queen, Kashena began, "Please I am not a queen, but I was a queen to Pam and Jack, and I was treated like a queen. Pam and Jack came for me when I was eight weeks old, and I was with them until I became ill. Once I scared a mountain lion away from my Pam. Pam was safe with me." Old Spud spoke up, "Now that's my kind of gal." All the other little animals gathered around Kashena and exclaimed their admiration for such a brave dog. Kashena felt welcomed and she felt well and loved. Kashena continued, "Unlike some of you, I was loved every day and I loved Pam and Jack every day. I had it all. Pam and Jack did not want to let me go, but sometimes it is the right and best thing for all, and I love them all the more for it." Kashena looked around and said "Spud will you escort me to the Memory Tree so I can hang Pam and Jack's star?" Spud stepped up, and with pride showing, escorted a queen to the Memory Tree. Pam and Jack's stars were placed where Kashena would always be able to see them bright and clear. Then there was great rejoicing among the little animals, for they loved the Queen Kashena.

Abandoned

Three 3 week old kittens abandoned in a box at the Clearwater Rest Stoo. How sad. How sick that a human could do such an act. Renee is caring for the little ones. We cannot take cats as we have no facility for such. This case was life or death, however. Please do not bring cats to Paws Up Safe Home.

Note

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Donna Love will describe and illustrate common loon activity in the Swan Valley for chapter members and their guests. Love is a loon study coordinator for the Montana Loon Society.

The program on loons will be preceded by a potluck picnic lunch. Members will meet at noon with lunch following at 12:30 p.m. The picnic will be held at the Swan Ecosystem Center picnic area on the grounds of the Condon Work Station. Attendees should bring chairs.

The loon program will start at approximately 1:30 p.m. and will be presented in the meeting room of the Swan Ecosystem Center.

The public is invited to attend the program.

Western Montana Butterflies at Salmon Lake

Will Kerling, a Missoula naturalist, will give a fascinating fireside chat on Western Montana's most beautiful insect, the butterfly on Saturday, August 4 at 8:00 p.m. at the Salmon Lake State Park Amphitheater. He will be discussing and showing some of the different species found in western Montana as well as some of the more interesting things that butterflies do.

Come fifteen minutes early to enjoy hot chocolate and hot apple cider and meet our guest speaker.

For more information, please contact Brian Sundeen of Fish, Wildlife & Parks at (406) 542-5533.

Pay Day Loans are high interest, publication explains the industry

Extension Publication Investigates Short Term Loans

by MSU News Services

BOZEMAN - No credit check! Quick money! Sounds pretty good, doesn't it? The payday loan industry in Montana has emerged in response to consumer demands for loans from \$50 to \$300 for short periods, one to 30 days. These "payday loans" are usually made by non-traditional lenders.

A free publication from the Montana State University Extension Service, titled Payday Loans - Laws Protecting Montana Borrowers (MT 200101), examines these loans and points out the rights and responsibilities of the

lenders and borrowers.

Fees charged for payday loans are often higher than loans from traditional lenders. For example, the fee for a \$100 loan for four days can be \$10, with an annual percentage rate, or APR, of 913 percent. Traditional banks charge an APR of 10-18 percent. People who habitually over-use loans with high APRs can find themselves on the road to financial disaster.

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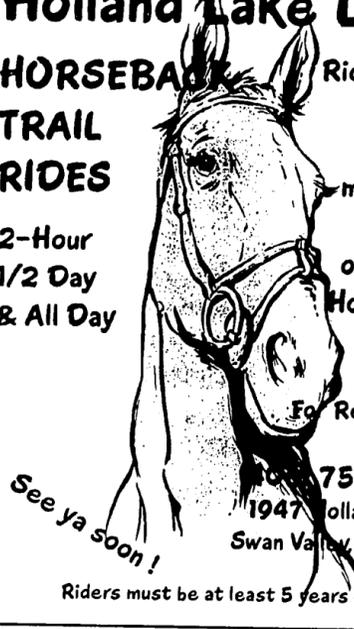
in an emergency or if borrowers have no access to money any other way. However, there are other ways of raising short term cash, including loans from traditional banking institutions, cash advance on credit card and asking your creditors for more time to pay. If you find you are having to use payday loans often, you may need to re-examine your financial management practices. The MSU Extension Service has a number of publications that can help you.

To order the Payday Montguide, contact your county Extension agent or look for it free on the Web at <http://www.montana.edu/wwwpb/pubs/mgfinance.html>

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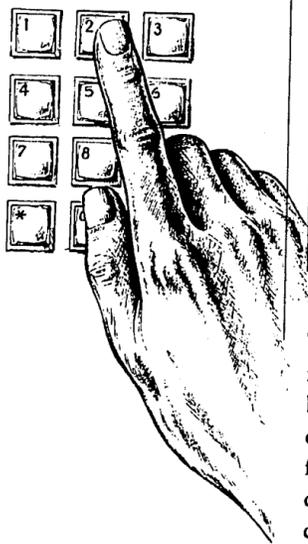
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Swan history topic of next campfire

Long-time Swan Valley residents will be on hand to share a few stories on Monday, August 6, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Swan Ecosystem Center in Condon. The campfire program, sponsored by Swan Ecosystem Center, will be held at the conference room inside the Condon Work Center, across from the Forest Service airstrip in Condon.

Local history is a popular topic in this area. Swan Valley communities including Condon and Salmon Prairie remained remote until the late 1950s when a new highway was built through the valley. Stories of pioneer living abound.

Monday's campfire program will focus on life in the Swan Valley from the 1930s through the early 1950s. This time period brought dramatic changes to the local economy, culture and communities of the Swan. Come to the

Swan Ecosystem Center on August 6 and enjoy stories ranging from Depression-era survival tactics to post-World War II logging and sawmill activities. Please bring your own lawn chair! For more information call 754-3137.

Pony Lake Bike/Hike set for next week

A bike-hike to Pony Lake in the Swan Valley is being sponsored next week as part of the outdoor education activities in the Swan Valley this summer. The Pony Lake trail, a three-mile climb which can be accessed via bicycle on a closed Forest Service road, is described as "short but steep" and a good one for people with "strong legs and hearts." Pony Lake is located on the east side of the Swan Valley northeast of the Condon airstrip. Hikers will meet at the Swan Ecosystem Center at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 9, and return to the Center around 4 p.m. Hikers 10 years old and up are welcome. Please call ahead for carpool information, 754-3137.

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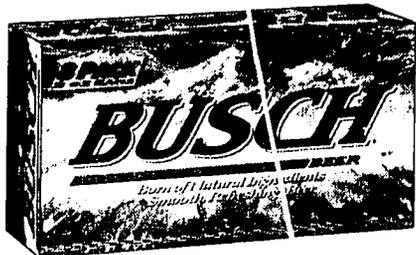
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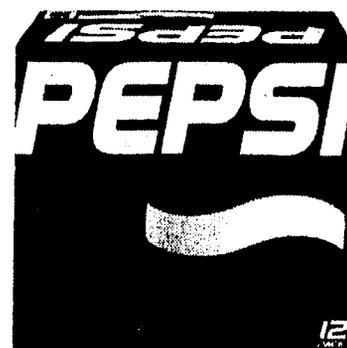
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A BIG THANK YOU to the Swan Ecosystem Center for providing a great place for the Outdoor Fun Camp. Special thanks to all the volunteers, Diann Erickson, Vikki Bachurski, Donna Love, Neil and Dixie Meyer, Anne Dahl and Dannie Parcell, Paula Clarke and all the Moms who helped, and Boyd Kessler from the American Legion. You made the week at Outdoor Fun Camp a very special experience for all the kids!! Thanks again from Kathy Teague and Kathie O'Brien.

Please call 677-3330 for information on any of our programs or stop by the office and pick up a brochure. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 am to noon, and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.