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write on feeding deer and birds*



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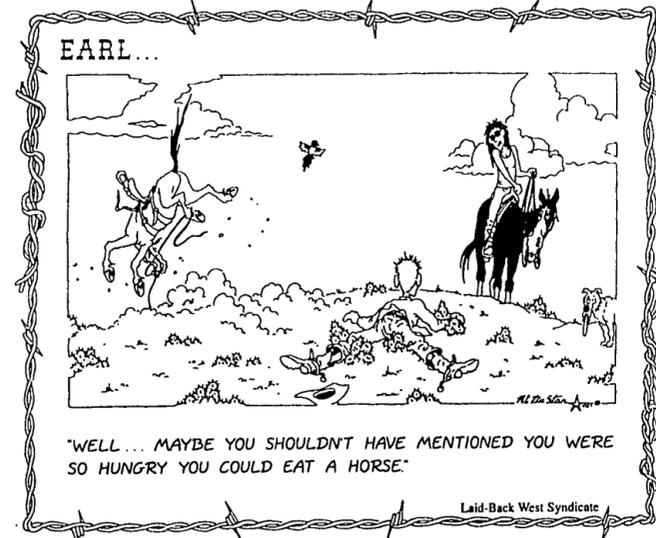
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G. Noland photo

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OPINION



Laid-Back West Syndicate

Editorial Comment

Chips . . . bits & pieces

The Chamber is working on a video of area attractions and it is mostly complete, but everyone had so much fun on the Fourth, no one remembered to "video," so the Chamber is trying to locate anyone who might have taken a video of the parade and any other activities. If you did, contact Gary Guse at the Fun Center.

We left out a photo of Campground Hosts Pat and Richard Thune in last week's feature story by Donna Love. They are included inside this week, and Donna sent us some tidbits of information that didn't get included in the story: "Forest Service estimates that the Forest Service campgrounds, trailheads and dispersed sites in the Seeley Lake area have approximately 30,000 visitors per summer. They calculate this by what they call "User Days." For instance, if four people are in a campground for five days, they call that 20 user days."

Also, Donna writes, the Senior Citizen luncheon honoring the campground hosts is being held Wednesday, Aug. 8.

ENJOY THE FAIR....

—Gary Noland

No Place to Hide: Drug Abuse in the Heartland

By Gary W. Smith, C.C.D.C Executive Director Narconon Chilocco New Life Center
Part V - Last in a Series
LSD Awakens A Sleeping Giant

America's first War On Drugs was launched in 1920 with the enactment of the Dangerous Drug Act by Congress. Laws to ban over-the-counter sales of narcotics and cocaine were slammed into effect across the country. A special commission was sent to Hollywood by the Feds to clean up Hollywood's image. Their job was to censure the pro-drug messages and examples of promiscuity that had been coming out of Tensile Town via films and tabloids since the movie industry began. At the same time, the Moral

American Majority began a vicious campaign against the use of dangerous narcotics like heroin, cocaine and even marijuana. As a result of these efforts, drug use began to decline in the U.S. The drug problem that had been festering in American culture for nearly 70 years was coming to an end. By the 1950's drug abuse was banished from

America's consciousness for the most part. Although this campaign leaned solely on scare tactics and severe legal penalties for drug users and pushers, it did seem to work and lay to rest the destructive narcotics giant. America began to breathe a sigh of relief.

Unfortunately, what the American public did not know was that shortly after the Dangerous Drug Act was put into effect, a Dr. Albert Hoffman was busy discovering a drug more mind-damaging than any chemical before it. This drug was LSD (Lysergic Acid Diethylamide). This powerful hallucinogenic drug would eventually catapult American culture into a drug crisis from which we have yet to recover.

Although Dr. Hoffman actually developed this drug in the late 1920's, the true mind altering properties on humans were not realized until he sampled the drug himself in 1943. Hoffman's famous account of his bicycle ride through the streets of Basel, Switzerland, while under the influence of LSD became a big hit and ended up being published in psychiatric publications around the world.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a report entitled "LSD In The U.S. - The Drug." In this report the DEA states:

"Sandoz Laboratories, the drug's sole producer began marketing LSD in 1947 under the trade name 'Delysid' and it was introduced into the United States a year later. Sandoz marketed LSD as a psychiatric cure-all and 'hailed it as a cure for everything from schizophrenia to criminal behavior, 'sexual perversions,' and alcoholism. In fact, Sandoz, in its LSD-related literature, suggested that psychiatrists take the drug themselves in order to 'gain an understanding of the subjective experiences of the schizophrenic.' In psychiatry, the use of LSD by students became an accepted practice; it was viewed as a teaching tool in an attempt to understand schizophrenia.

From the late 1940's through the mid-1970's, extensive research and testing were conducted on LSD. During a 15 year period beginning in 1950, research on LSD and other hallucinogens generated over 1,000 scientific papers, several dozen books and 6 International conferences, and LSD was prescribed as treatment to over 40,000 patients." (ref. U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration LSD in the United States)

No other drug in history received the degree of attention and support from the psychiatric community as LSD did. No other drug in history was used so broadly by the very medical practitioners that were prescribing the drug for treating their patients.

The Sandoz Chemical company went as far as promoting LSD as a potential secret chemical warfare weapon to the U.S. Government. Their main selling point in this was that a small amount in a main water supply or sprayed in the air could disorient and turn psychotic an entire company of soldiers leaving them harmless and unable to fight.

From 1947 to 1970 LSD (and various more potent versions like its super counter part BZ) were used in top secret mind control and military experiments on selective mental patients, soldiers and very possibly unsuspecting sections of the American public. The military's interest was sparked by the fact that it took only a minute amount of the drug to create complete psychosis in a human mind, as well as the fact that the drug could be assimilated into the body by touch or breathing its fumes.

During the Bay of Pigs crisis, slipping LSD to Castro was under serious consideration by the Kennedy administration and the CIA as a means to neutralize the Cuban leader. Further research and experimentation with LSD sought also to determine its usefulness in altering the mind to the point that an individual could be programmed to kill on cue. BZ, which is 1000 times stronger than LSD, was used during the Viet Nam

War by members of the U.S. First Cavalry Airmobile Division, with devastating effects on Viet Cong irregulars.

LSD had risen to a drug of prominence within the psychiatric community long before the drug ever found it's way to the streets. It was, in fact, this endorsement that set the stage for LSD's acceptance into a large sector of American culture. There is no doubt that the actions taken by the manufacturer of the drug and those LSD proponents within the psychiatric community were what kicked off the marketing campaign to promote LSD to the public at large. By the end of the 60's, the sleeping giant of drug abuse would awaken to the LSD anthem and re-launch America into a drug crisis which would leave millions of young people emotionally scared and American society changed forever.

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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. Chamber, 2nd Thur. 7am, Filling Station
S.L. QRU, 2nd Thur. 7pm, fire hall
American Legion, 2nd Fri. 7pm, Swan Valley Comm. hall
Seeley-Swan Health Bd. 2nd Mon. 6pm, Med. Ctr.
S.L. Elem Bd, 2nd Tues. 6pm
Swan Valley School Bd. 2nd Tues. 7:30pm, school library

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

Overeaters Anonymous: every Thursday, 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.

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

SSTEP Crisis Help Line: 677-3177. Domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, community outreach & education

Food Bank: Tues. 12-4pm, next to Multi-purpose Room, S.L. Elementary, 677-5025
Loving Hearts Thrift Store: Open Wed, 12:00-5:30, Sat, 11-3, 677-5683 (emergency 677-2110)
Seeley Lake Community Hall: For hall rental, call Cheri Thompson, 677-2454

LIBRARIES:
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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.

Feeding or attracting big game is illegal here

A Few Notes Concerning Feeding Wildlife

Dear Editor:

Before the rocks get too big over this seemingly sensitive issue, I would offer a perspective or two.

A. Feeding or attracting big game animals in this state is illegal.

B. It is also unethical and immoral.

C. Feeding birds in this state is legal, ethical, and moral.

When one puts out hay or grain for the deer, in the wintertime especially, it is usually done with a kindness of heart and spirit, as if "in the best interest of the animals." Oddly, it turns out maybe not.

By attracting deer to one's yard, it also attracts the things that eat deer. In this neighborhood, those things are called mountain lions. Lions eat deer, Fido and small children. "Oh my God, there's a mountain lion in my yard." You did that all by yourself, and now a mountain lion dies needlessly. What about your neighbor's child? Not my kid, not my worry?

Feeding deer may attract them from the other side of the highway. Locally, I know who feeds deer or not, by the number of road-killed deer I pick up at certain crossings. One can easily conclude that feeding deer kills more than it helps locally.

Leftover grain from feeding deer in the wintertime will attract bears in the spring. (Note: I did not say "might attract," I said "will attract.") Since bears can smell old grain for miles, which translates as 'easy eats,' it will often attract bears from the other side of the highway; which one summer left me to either execute or disarticulate seven black bears locally during one month a few years ago. The bears

ranged in size from about 15 pounds to about 300 pounds. The fifteen pounder was "flat as a pancake." I don't think it is written anywhere that a mother bear has babies specifically so they can get squished on the highway. I don't think bears endure breeding for this purpose at all; I doubt little passion in the process.

When either an elk or deer or bear gets hit by a car, the collision usually shatters the animals' pelvis, causing the animal to drag itself off using front legs only - the lucky ones get found and shot. I say that, as having butchered over 2000 road-killed animals (elk, deer, bears) to feed the eagles in my care. However, these crippled and suffering deer make easier work for mountain lions. Lions need our help to catch deer now?

The folks living along the highway who feed deer actually do me a big favor, and save the Raptor Center thousands on the food bill every year. But, in all honesty, I am really tired of butchering dead animals that should not have to die the way they do. (My record, by the way, is to have a dead deer into the freezer in four minutes flat.)

Not all deer are supposed to live through the winter - not the intent of either Mother Nature or God. And especially during these years of easy winters, too many are surviving. A certain percentage of all species die before age one. They are supposed to. Some bird species have a first-year mortality rate of 90 percent. The more deer we have, the more lions we have, then the deer eat all their forage, causing both populations to plummet as they both starve off. Deer and lions have been doing fine locally for about 7000 years without our help. If you truly care for deer, please do not feed or attract them.

However, for the system to stay in balance even the maggots have to eat.

Now how about attracting and feeding birds? Birds have been doing fine for thousands of years without us, no? Owl fossils recovered in Wyoming date back 60 million years.

Recent studies show many songbird populations, especially the migratory ones, dropping tremendously. Studies show that wintertime feeding birds may help some survive. Yes, we humans are the cause of the declines in bird populations - both at summer and winter habitats and every inch in between. The Sears Tower in Chicago kills 25,000 birds annually (hitting it at night during migrations - many songbird species migrate at night, in flocks thick enough to be detected by radar). Thousands of Swainson's hawks were poisoned in Argentina with a grasshopper poison one winter a few years ago - a hawk that eats mice in Montana in the winter in Argentina. We humans are 'doing a job' on migratory birds, killing them faster than we're helping them.

So why is it OK to feed birds around here? Because birds fly. Because we owe them. Because it is legal. Because it is enjoyable to watch. Because it helps, not hurts.

And no, it is not possible to keep hummingbirds from migrating by feeding late in the year. One unexpected bonus to feeding birds is to be able to see the occasional pygmy owl swoop in and grab one of your chickadees. This is called "feeding birds to feed birds." This is the way it is, out there in the real world. Or maybe a sharp-shinned hawk just sort of explodes at the feeder, and flies off with one of your grosbeaks. Feel extremely privileged to see such a marvel.

Wildlife is neither "good" nor "bad." Wildlife just is. Wildlife does best left wild. With a little consideration on our part, along with a true understanding of and an appreciation for, we can co-exist. This is possible without feeding any wild species. I put up bird feed-

ers and birdhouses to help mitigate for the bird habitat I destroyed by my very being here. Since we manage the weeds and underbrush on our place, we had 14 head of elk visit here this spring; and deer wander through just about every day. We sort of feed deer because this place grows nice grass, and we are surrounded on three sides by knapweed. Without hay, without grain, but with a seven foot fence to keep them out of the back yard. Just by trying to blend into the neighborhood. You? The neighborhood was here longer than you or I (I've been in this one since the 1940s), and it is our obligation to blend in as unobtrusively as we can.

Ken Wolff
Condon, Montana

Leave No Trace presentation at Salmon

Kevin Foss of the Ninemile Ranger District will be giving a great presentation about Leave No Trace and backcountry ethics on Saturday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Salmon Lake State Park Amphitheater. Learn how to leave it the way you found it. Kevin will be showing you how to set up camp, hang bear bags, and many more rules about Leave No Trace camping.

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Bird feeders okay until bears arrive

by Mike Thompson
Wildlife Biologist
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

I enjoyed the letter by J. L. Ashmore in last week's *Pathfinder*. He (or she) offered provocative thoughts in a concise fashion, as we would hope to do more often here on page 4, if for no other reason than to keep our readers on their toes.

To the point, then, Mr. Ashmore asks if we wildlife experts would clarify how we determine "which animals it is okay to feed and which are off limits." Although he credited another writer for his motivation, I would suggest that Mr. Ashmore could just as easily have been prompted to write after reading any of several of my columns about feeding, or not feeding, deer and bears in the past year or two.

Wildlife officials have been delivering a consistent message of late. Especially in rural areas, we're advising people to store garbage in bear-proof containers, keep dog food cleaned up, place birdseed out of reach, and avoid feeding deer or other furry wildlife altogether. Failure to do so can cause wild animals to abandon their natural foraging habits for a panhandling lifestyle. Once an animal makes this transition, there seems

to be no going back. Especially in the case of bears, they often become bolder and more aggressive until they must be removed or killed. Sometimes, wardens or biologists remove numerous bears in an area before the problem is finally traced back to the source attractants in someone's backyard.

The message seems to be, "Don't feed wildlife!" But, show me a wildlife biologist without a bird feeder in his or her yard and I'll show you someone in the minority. So, as Mr. Ashmore asks, "Which animals is it okay to feed and which are off limits?"

I think we all know there's not a simple answer to this question, once you start scratching beneath the surface. Nevertheless, the issue is important enough for the Montana Legislature to have addressed it on more than one occasion, most recently with clarification signed into law by Governor Martz earlier this year:

A person may not provide supplemental feed attractants to game animals by: (a) purposely or knowingly attracting bears with supplemental feed attractants; (b) after having received a previous warning, negligently failing to properly store supplemental feed attractants and allowing bears access to the supplemental feed attractants; or (c) purposely or know-

Game Range Ramblings

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



ingly providing supplemental feed attractants in a manner that results in an artificial concentration of game animals that may potentially contribute to the transmission of disease or that constitutes a threat to public safety. 87-3-130, Montana Codes Annotated.

So, we do have some guidance in law to answer the question of when it's okay to feed and when it is not. Let's explore the bird-feeding question.

First, the law only speaks to the attraction of "game animals." So, this law does not prohibit bird-feeding.

However, we know that bird-feeding can attract bears, and the law addresses this when it prohibits the practice of "attracting bears with supplemental feed attractants" or "after having received a previous warning, negligently failing to properly store supplemental feed attractants and allowing bears access to the supplemental feed attractants."

I read this to mean that Montana law allows us to feed birds until we know we are attracting a bear in this manner, or until it is pointed out to us by an official of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). At that point, we are required to stop feeding the birds in a manner that continues to attract a bear.

It is certainly fair to question whether bird-feeding is actually good for the birds. The answer is,

not necessarily. But, there has been quite a bit of work done on the subject to help serious feeders avoid transmitting diseases to the birds that congregate at their feeders. I think society is telling us that people want to feed birds, and we need to find ways to do so responsibly.

Which brings us back to the secondary effects of bird-feeding on other animals, most notably bears. We can envision that bird-feeding is generally going to be less of a potential attractant to bears when it is done in areas that bears do not normally roam, such as in downtown Seeley Lake. As we move further into the more remote habitats that bears must continue to call home if we are to continue having



bears, bird-feeding ranks as a higher risk for attracting them. That's when FWP advises that people take preventative actions to avoid problems, such as making the feeder and food inaccessible to bears, and scaling back on the number of feeders and amount of food provided.

In the end, I still managed to use as much space as ever to make one simple point. Society tells us that we can continue feeding birds as long as we don't attract bears. FWP asks that if you respect the bears in your area, or would like to continue getting along with your neighbors, take special precautions in your bird-feeding practices now to avoid problems in the future.

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.

Monday, August 13

Beef Pot Pies

Tuesday, August 14

German Meatballs

Wednesday, August 15

Happy Birthday - Baked Chicken

Thursday, August 16

Baked Salmon Loaf

Friday, August 17

Beef Pasties

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Passages

by Pastor Bill Bogardus
Fundamental Baptist Church

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If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore... you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

(Author Unknown)

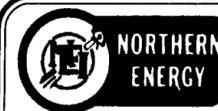
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demned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:16-18)

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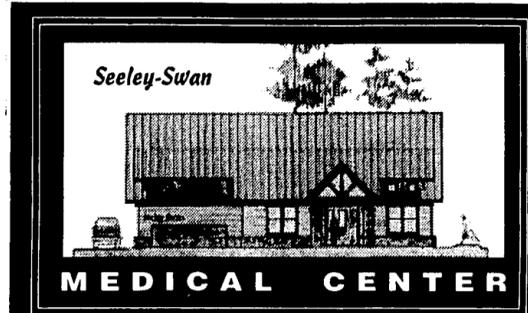
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Worship-10:30 a.m. Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
Hwy 83 North Phone-677-2220
Pastor-Gary Wayne

Fundamental Baptist Church
Worship-11:00 a.m. Sunday School-9:45 a.m.
Hwy 83 South Phone-677-2268
Pastor-Bill Bogardus

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship-6:00 p.m.
Vacancy Pastor-Dave Renfro 1655 Airport Rd.
Phone-677-2281, 677-2143, or 1-406-549-2364

Living Water Catholic Church
Worship Mass: Saturday-5:00 p.m.
152 SOS Road
Ph: 677-2688 or 258-6815
Pastor-Father Ray Gilmore

Mountain Lakes Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Worship-10:00 a.m.
3292 Hwy 83 North Phone-677-3575
Pastor-Scott Anthony

Spirit of Christ Episcopal Fellowship
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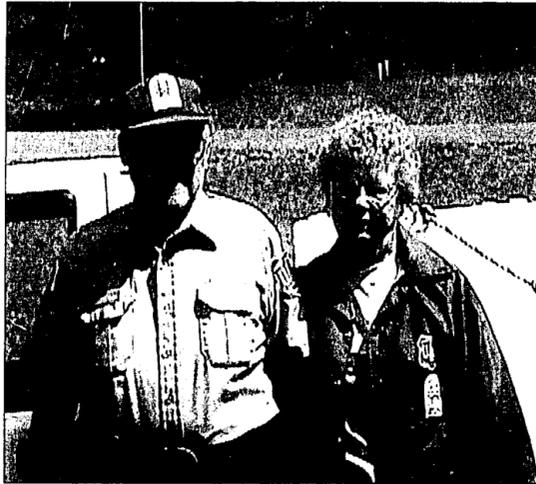
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Campground Hosts



Pictured are Pat and Richard Thune, Forest Service camp ground hosts whose photo was inadvertently left out of last week's feature article by Donna Love. The Thunes live at River Point Campground and travel to attend dispersed campgrounds at Clearwater Lake, Rainy Lake, trailheads and other sites, including Coopers Lake in Ovando. They are from Great Falls, spend their winters in Arizona, and have been campground hosts for 12 years. "Hosting is a great way to be of service, stay active, meet new people, and enjoy a beautiful environment," they said.

Swan Song

Luella Ogden Needles

OVANDO - Luella Ogden Needles, 85, of Ovando, went to be with her friend Jesus on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2001. She passed away at her son's home in Missoula.

She was born on Christmas Day, 1915, the daughter of Fred and Maggie (Shaw) Ogden, in the small town of Mills, Neb., a town founded by her family.

She had many fond memories of her life as a child in Mills and it was there she was introduced to the lord Jesus who would become the cornerstone of her life.

Her mother died while she was still a young girl and papa Fred did his best to raise his family during lean times. Luella moved to Crawford, Neb., where she met and married Arthur Needles on Nov. 4, 1933. They homesteaded near Crawford for a while before moving the family to Ovando in 1939. They lived in the Ovando and Missoula areas the rest of their lives.

The heart swells in memory of what Grandma was to each of the people she touched. First and foremost she was a glowing example of God's love. Her lifelong goal was to impart the love of God to every member of her family. Grandma was a farm girl and a lover of the rural life. She worked hard as a young farm wife raising her family. She loved to cook and the memories of homemade bread and cinnamon rolls, hot cocoa, macaroni and tomatoes, fried potatoes and hunting season elk stew still make our mouths water.

Grandma loved unconditionally. She taught right from wrong all her life, but her loved ones always knew no mistake was too big to be forgiven. Each one truly believed he or she was Grandma's favorite. Grandma loved her houseplants and flowers, her family photos and her special friend, her dog Cricket. Christmas was always extra special because it was her birthday.

A few words cannot express the love influence this warm, wonderful woman had on the lives of all who knew her.

Special thanks to Dr. Thomas and his staff, Dr. Priddy and Dr. Jarrett, and to Roberta and Audrey of Hospice who became a special part of Grandma's life the last couple of weeks. We thank them all for their very special help.

Luella was preceded in death by her husband Arthur Needles; her son, Frank Needles; her son-in-law, Bob Barney; her grandson, John Needles; her granddaughter, Tammy L. Rodriguez; and her two sisters, Ethel Buckles and Velma Hammer.

She is survived by her children and their families: daughter Veronna Schlueter, husband Rudi and their children, Nick Schlueter and wife Verna, Lynn Murphy and husband Ted, Mike Schlueter and

wife Andrea and Scott Schlueter and wife Gladys; daughter-in-law Jackie Needles (Frank) and her children, Joe Needles and wife Betsy, Jeannie Needles, Janet Willis and husband Billy, and Sharon Kragelund and husband Steen; her son, Ronald Needles, wife Lyla and their children, Bonnie Britt and husband Tom and Shane Needles and wife Kimberly; her daughter Joann Barney (Bob) and her children, Lad Barney and wife Kristin and Buck Barney and wife Jenni; her daughter Sandra Rodriguez, husband Roy and their children, Betsy Kimmel, Tammy Stedman and husband Gene, Diana Spurlock and husband Jerry and Tom Rodriguez; and her son Gary Needles, wife Suzi and their son Gary Needles II.

Also surviving are 31 great-grandchildren: Eric Schlueter; Laurie, Jennie, Amanda, Tom and Mattie Murphy; Brandon, Jessica and Marcus Schlueter; Samantha Potter; Chris, Billy, Cassie, Aurora, Dakota, Frankie, Brady, Nicholas,

Lyla, Jeremiah and Joshua Needles; Troy Barney; Abbey and Kaitlin Kimmel; Amanda, Brandon, Joshua and Tyler Stedman; and Mathew, Megan and Jamie Spurlock; one great-grandchild, Taylor Dawn Needles; two sisters, Marie Lawr and Beulah Westphalen; two brothers, Glen Ogden and wife Arvilla and Clinton Ogden and wife Charlene; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Visitation took place Friday.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Trinity Baptist Church, 3020 South Ave. W., with a reception following at the church. Graveside services were held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Hospice, 500 N. Higgins Ave., Missoula, MT 59802.

Arrangements are under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory in Missoula.

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Susan Campbell Reneau, left, with Tony Gallegos, new SSSHS principal.
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"School Safety Wish List" Program Presents Cash Donation to Seeley-Swan High School

Susan Campbell Reneau, a founder of the "School Safety Wish List" program, presented a \$500 cash donation to Seeley-Swan High School on Wednesday, July 25 at the high school in Seeley Lake.

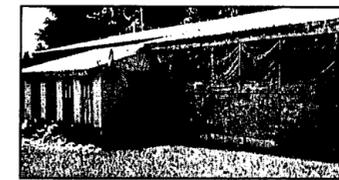
Tony Gallegos, principal of Seeley-Swan High School, was on hand to receive the donation.

The donation represents a collection of various cash gifts made throughout the past year to the "School Safety Wish List" account at First Security Bank in Missoula. The account was established in 1999 by a group of community members who wanted to raise money for safety-related items that weren't being funded in the general school budget.

Each summer Reneau takes all but \$10 in the account and gives it to a school to be used to purchase safety-related equipment or materials. Reneau presented a \$600 check in the spring of 2000 to Sentinel High School, which was used to purchase a digital camera to photograph school vandalism and other crime.

Donations to the "School Safety Wish List" account can be made at any First Security Bank branch in Missoula - checks should be made out to "School Safety Wish List." To receive an acknowledgement of your donation, please send the donation to Susan Campbell Reneau at 5425 Skyway Drive, Missoula MT 59804, and she will deposit the check and mail a thank you. For more information, contact Campbell Reneau at 406-251-3372, or e-mail her at bluemountain@montana.com.

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Eighth Graders explore writing and illustrating books

The 8th grade English teacher, Mrs. Jenny Rammell, introduced her students to the world of writing their own book last spring.

"The students talked about some of their favorite books and some of my favorite books. They had a brief brainstorming session to develop their plots. We kept it short because I wanted them to use their creative thinking instead of logic."

They learned about character development as well as how to create a clear beginning, middle and end. They worked on both basic and advanced story elements. The project lasted six weeks and resulted in twenty new authors with

bound books. And each author had to do her or his own illustrations for their books. Following is an example of some of their work.

Compiled by
Patricia Swan Smith
For the Pathfinder

Kaci the Mouse!

Illustrated & Written
by **Token Ferdinand**

One sunny morning, in a little dark hole is a mouse named Kaci. He was just woken up by the alarm clock in the bedroom to the women who owned the cottage. Today would be the day that Kaci would find out that everything doesn't need a

purpose. It is about 6:30 a.m., Kaci gets up and does his morning routine. Suddenly, he decides he should start outside today and explores the big tree and patch of flowers beside the little house. Finally he gets outside to find it's a nice day to start an adventure. He gets to the tree; he sees that it's big and



Illustration by **Token Ferdinand** from his book, *Kaci the Mouse*

round. But he doesn't quite understand why there's trees on the earth. The same feeling happened with the flowers. So he decides to go around the forest and ask why these things are here.

The first animal he sees is a deer; he goes over and asked the deer. "Why do the tree's and flowers happen? What's their purpose for living?" The deer just stops and stares at Kaci for a short while then finally speaks.

What she tells him he doesn't really understand. So he'll just go ask someone else. Finally, after waiting he sees a small squirrel comes along. She stops because Kaci was standing in her way.

The small squirrel asks Kaci, "May I ask what you are doing in the middle of the road in my way?" Kaci simply asked her the same question he asked the deer.

Strangely, she answered the same way the deer did.

Of course, he is still confused. He decides again he will just ask some more animals.

Now Kaci didn't keep track of the time that well, so by the time he had asked over twenty animals in the forest. He got the same answer from all of them; he notices that it has gotten really dark, and he traveled deep into the forest, which he shouldn't have done.

He found a rabbit taking an evening stroll through the forest. He asked the rabbit if he could

get some directions as to which direction to go to get back home.

Of course on the way there Kaci asked the rabbit his question which got him in this mess.

The weirdest thing was that he gave him a different answer than the rest. The rabbit said, "Kaci not everything has a purpose in life, some things are just good for the soul."

Feeling somewhat shocked he stopped and stared at the rabbit not knowing what to say. Finally, he said, "I don't understand how most things have some kind of purpose, and some little things don't"

Now this was very different to Kaci. Because he had gotten such a different answer from everyone else that he had started to believe that there wasn't an answer to his question. Now he gets this answer that is different and sounds like the truth. Kaci says to the rabbit that he is happy that he was able to get his piece of information from him.

Now the moral of this story is that Kaci must decide what he should believe is true. He sees not that no matter how things are not everything has to have a goal.

Something can just live throughout life and not have a purpose and just be good for your soul. So think there's more to life than having a purpose, but to live your life to the fullest.

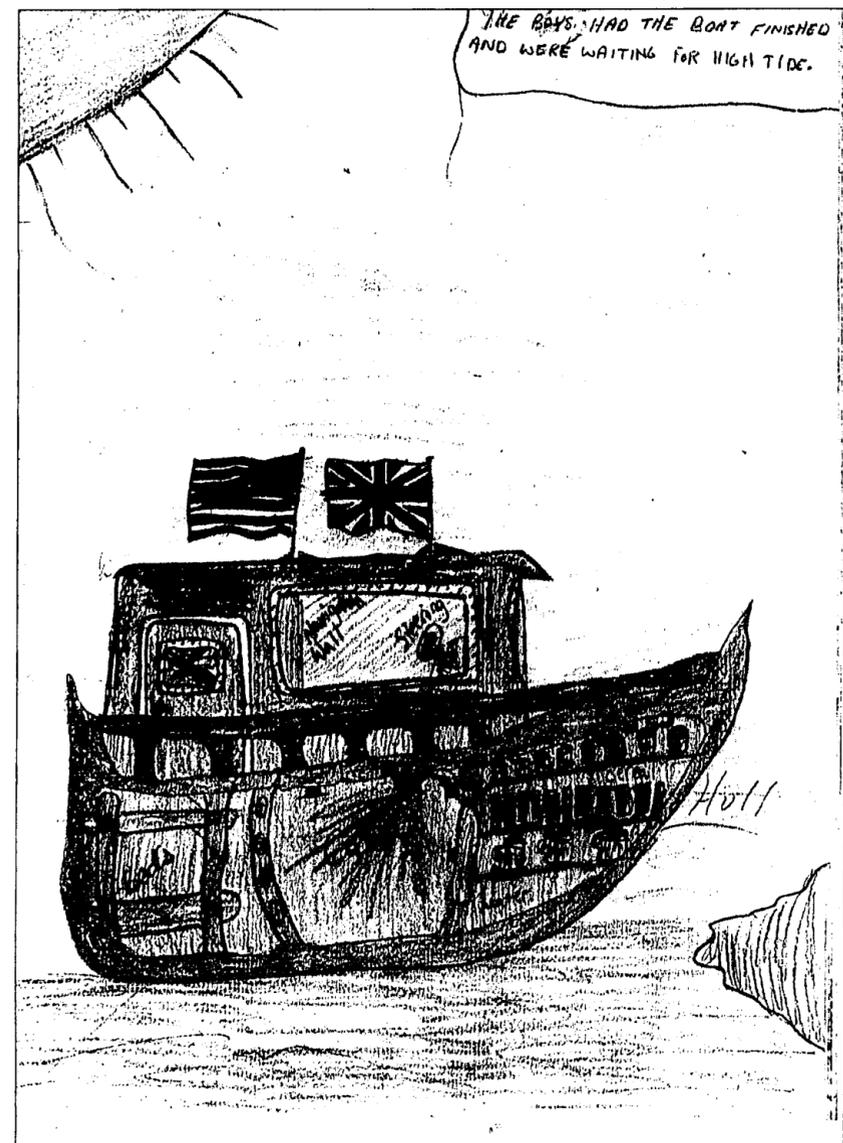


Illustration by **Benjamin W. Stratton** for his book, *The Great Locomotive Theme Park.*

The Princess

Written and Illustrated
by **Ashley Pena**

Once long ago, there lived a beautiful princess with four of her sisters. There was only one thing wrong with her. She was accident-prone. Elise was left out of everything for fear she would hurt herself or somebody else. When her sisters found boyfriends, they never got hurt or anything like that, but every time Elise was around someone she got nervous and tripped and made a fool of herself. She could only hope that one day she would find someone perfect for her. Finally she gave up. Her sisters said that it was about time she realized that she wouldn't find anyone like herself.

One day while Elise was walking around the garden she noticed a garden boy that she had never seen before. He was very handsome and caught her eye. Her sisters immediately noticed that she liked him and laughed at her. They said that even if she did find someone she liked he would never like her back, even if he was only a garden boy. Despite all the teasing, Elise would walk through the garden looking for this boy and watching him as he tended the gardens, hoping he wouldn't notice how clumsy she was.

As she sat on the garden bench one day plucking at the petals of a daisy, the garden boy, whose name happened to be Joseph, noticed her and came over. "I've seen you around a lot lately. Are you looking for something?" he asked Elise. Elise stared at him, not knowing what to say. "Hi," she finally blurted out. She blushed bright red. "I um... was just looking at these beautiful flowers" and she indicated the mutilated daisy in her hand. The boy started laughing. "That looks pretty beat up," Joseph said doubtfully. "Oh, well... I still think it's pretty," Elise stumbled on. "What do you do in the garden all day?" "I was just hired to tend the gardens," Joseph explained. They talked and talked, mostly in single sentences, for what seemed only a few minutes. "Oh! Look how long we've been talking," exclaimed Elise when she finally realized it had been more than a few minutes. "The sun is setting! I have to go before they wonder where I am!" She turned, stumbled and then fled before he could even say goodbye.

Joseph went home and to bed thinking about the homely bouquet the princess had been holding, and determined to pick her a bouquet of REAL flowers the following day. Meanwhile, Elise was in the palace being taunted by her sisters who ridiculed her crush on the garden boy. The next morning, the

sun shone cheerily through the windows, Joseph woke with thoughts of Elise and the bouquet he was going to pick for her. He wanted something that matched her spirit and personality. While working in the garden shortly afterward, he came across a small, delicate golden flower growing among the weeds he was clearing. "This is a perfect flower to put in her bouquet," he said to himself. He went to find some other flowers to add to his collection. When he had gathered them, he arranged the velvet-petaled violet, the rose, the honey-cupped tulip and the golden flower beautifully in a delicately designed crystal vase. Elise and her sisters woke late that morning. While they were walking to breakfast, Joseph presented Elise with the vase. He was quite nervous, and when he went to hand it to her, the vase slipped and he spilled the bouquet all over her lovely gown. Elise thanked him graciously as he picked up the flowers and told him not to worry about the water. She fixed her laughing eyes on him and smiled. Her sisters, of course, burst out laughing (or snickering). Marianna turned to her and said, "Didn't I tell you to stay away from him?" Then her sisters, lifted their chins in the air, turned on their heels and headed to the dining room. Elise stayed there, gazing at the flowers, dripping wet, in her hand.

That night, the king held a reception for the neighboring king. Of course, there was to be dancing. The sisters attended and ate and danced through the evening. Joseph, peering in through the window, looked at Elise dancing and ignored most of her clumsiness for the evening. Joseph began to tap his feet to the music and soon was attempting to do something that resembled a dance out in the garden. He wished he was Elise's partner, and envied the men who danced with her, even though she stepped on their feet. Early in the morning, all the dancers were worn out, and the guests and the princesses headed to bed.

The next day, when Joseph gave her another bouquet, she was startled, but decided she certainly wasn't going to say anything to her sisters. Since they talked to her, she had decided to try to avoid Joseph and follow their haughty example. But now, that seemed hard to do. She started to ask him a question, but abruptly changed her mind when she saw her sisters heading toward them on the garden path. She just hurried away without another word.

The next evening the neighboring king threw another ball. Once again the sisters glided across

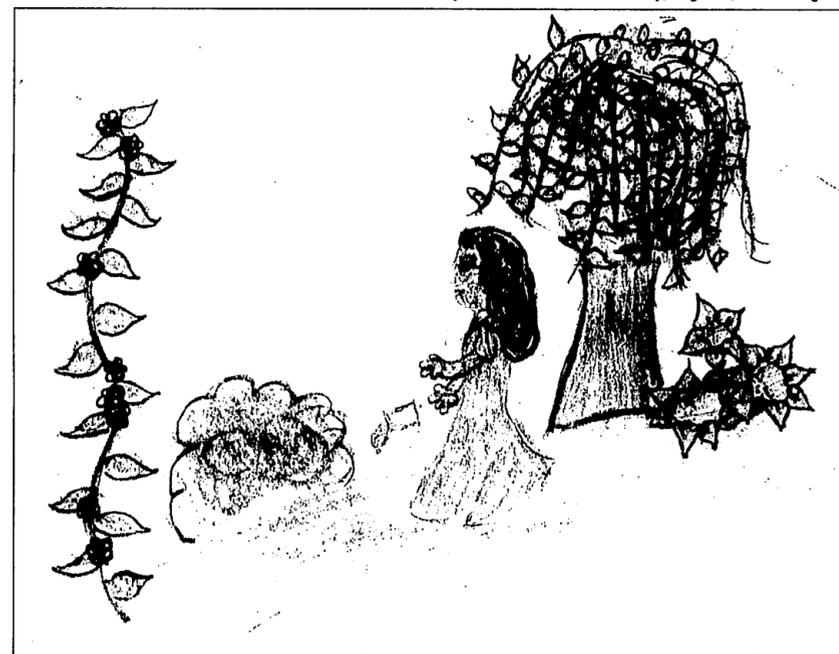


Illustration by **Ashley Pena** for her book, *The Princess.*

the floor. Elise's partners had hurt feet by the time dinner was set on the table. They all sat down to enjoy the wonderful food. Little did Elise know, but Joseph had followed her there and was standing outside the window wishing he was the one sitting by her.

Suddenly Joseph noticed a glowing light coming from a tree nearby. He went over to see what it was. When he got there he realized that it was the flowers from the tree. They glowed like moonlight on a calm lake, he reached up to pick one off the tree. SNAP! The tree branch fell. Joseph, startled, picked up the branch and ran. He ran straight into a mud puddle and fell with a loud SPLAT on his face. The flowers flew out of his hand and into the mud with him. He scrambled to pick up the remaining flowers but only found one. Joseph quickly picked it up and hurried back to the palace before anyone knew where he was.

The next morning Joseph once again gave her a bouquet. It had the one silver flower in it. Half way to the hall Elise stopped and looked at the flowers. If only he were a prince things would be much different. We are so perfect for each other. She thought about it for a moment and finished walking to the hall. Her father sat in is thrown.

"Father," Elise said. "I've found someone I wish to marry. He is perfect for me. If only you could see us together."

"I've heard some rumors going around," he replied. "It's not that garden boy that your sisters have been babbling about is it?"

"But it is father. We are so perfect for each other. If only you would give him a chance."

The King sighed, "I can see that you've fallen for him so I'll give him a chance. You will be married at dawn."

"Oh, thank you father I will tell him right away." Elise hurried away without another word. Joseph was ecstatic when he heard the news.

At dawn the wedding was

held. It was small with very few sharp objects to hurt the nselves with. As they walked down the aisle Elise tripped over the hem of her dress and fell into Joseph. They both toppled onto the floor. They got up laughing and finished walking down the aisle. They said their vows and lived happily ever after.

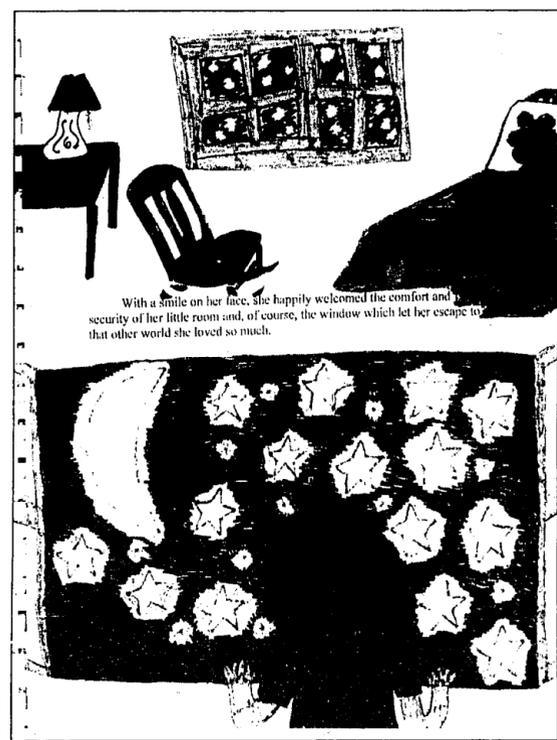


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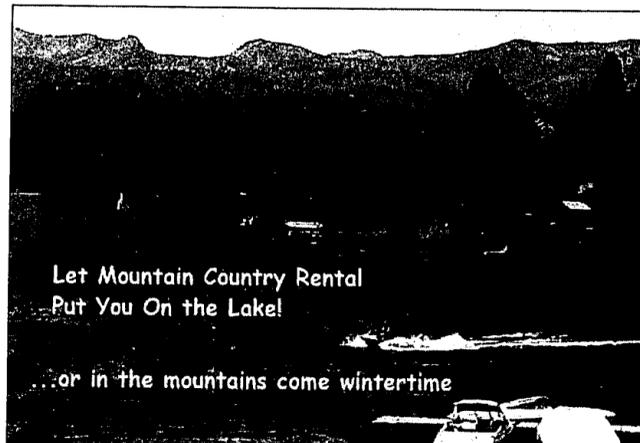
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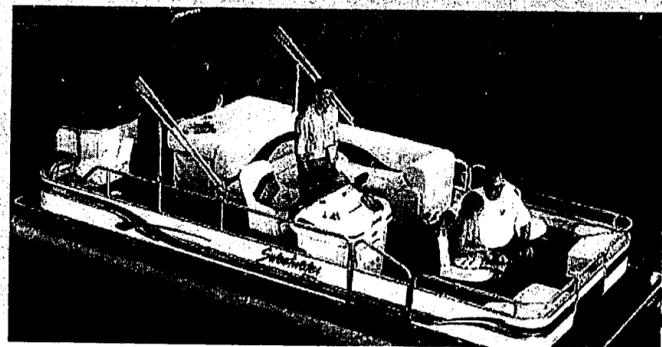
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Sarah Wilkins is Miss Western Montana Rodeo Queen

Queen of the Cowgirls has more than just looks to get where she's going!

by Deborah Stack
For the Pathfinder

A Seeley-Swan High School graduate has her sights set on the Miss Rodeo America pageant, and she's well on her way wearing the crown now of Miss Rodeo of Western Montana, a first step to the national pageant.

Mature, interesting and competent are the words that come to mind when talking with the current reigning Miss Rodeo Western Montana, Sarah Wilkins of Condon.

To say she has a passion for rodeo is an understatement.

Sarah's interest in the rodeo program began at age 12. She carried her love for horses and horsemanship through junior high and high school.

After graduating from Seeley-Swan High School in 1999 as class valedictorian, Sarah's interest in the rodeo program began to become a reality.

Horsemanship, personal knowledge of the history of the sport and personal interviews and questions regarding the sport comprise the program.

There are over 60 rules and regulations she must learn in order to compete.

The judges look at each

contestant for their own style of dress, manner of speaking, being able to think fast and of course, knowledge of horses, riding and history of the sport. This has all paid off, since Sarah has reached one of her many goals. Last year she won the title of Miss Rodeo of Western Montana, and she will carry that title through January 2002. There are two more goals she is focusing on now. One is to win the title of Miss Rodeo Montana this coming year. This would then enable her to reach for her next goal of Miss Rodeo America.

Sarah said she is having so much fun learning about other places, other people, and being exposed to the world of rodeo that she does not feel she has missed out on other things in her busy schedule.

She also said that she has



Sarah Wilkins
photo by Rhonda Malechi
Photography, Seeley Lake.

made so many new friends and that the experience has made her more self assured, well rounded and knowledgeable about her field that she is very satisfied with what she has chosen.

Sarah is currently enrolled at Montana State in Bozeman in Animal Science and looks forward to attending Washington State for veterinary medicine.

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The three little kittens are doing good, considering they were only about three weeks old when found in a covered box. We have no way of knowing how long they were in there before being discovered. It is a mystery why one would do this deed, and what happened to the mother cat. Did someone do this to possibly try and save these kittens from sure death at home??

Paws Up and Rub-ba-Dub-Dub

THREE CATS IN A TUB! Due to no mother to keep the three little cats clean, they must be bathed by humans and bathed they are. Vicki Scalise, Lonnie Warner, Brenda Carey and Renee are serious about keeping those kittens clean. Thank you all so much for your help! Brenda, a special thank you for all your help! Thanks Vicki and Ed for the special poop towels for the kittens. Baby kittens this age cannot be around regular litter!

Fact

The special milk for the little kittens was \$18 per bottle. We are in need of donations. Will you help?

Flash

The three little kittens have been adopted when ready to leave, and are now being cared for by Ingrid Krupp. That's "purr"fect care!

Paws Up and Deepest Sympathy

to Randy and Lonnie Warner and in loving memory of Tsuni, a beautiful and loved dog who journeyed to The Rainbow Bridge last week. Tsuni was one of the lucky dogs who only knew love. Thank you Randy and Lonnie for the wonderful donation in honor of Tsuni.

Item

Cecil, Loran Stack's great sofa Lab, had to have surgery (personal). The dog is doing great. However, Loran is still under medication due to depression, anxiety and stress!! Tee-hee

Big Thank You

to Bob and Margaret Maddison. Thanks for the great donation and letter. to Marge Lindemer for the wonderful donation - so appreciated!

Deepest Sympathy

to Don Schmitz in the loss of his beloved Cocker Spaniel Freckles. Freckles was a throw-away at 5 years old when Don took him. Then Freckles had the life all pets should have, one of love and the best possible.

At The Rainbow Bridge

The meadow where the water ran to The Rainbow Bridge was lush, and the horses were shiny fat. The trees around the Bridge offered shade to the playing animals. Those pesky lambs were grazing under Elsee's watchful eyes. Elsee knew she was doing a good job. When Elsee rested, Kashena stood guard to ensure those lambs didn't get to the beautiful flowers along the creek. Zak, AKA The Firecracker, had just done his three legged act. Everyone loved his entertaining. When the music began, it took them all by surprise. The music was "The Leader of The Pack," then the theme from "Gone With The Wind," then the music of "Forever, My Buddy." All the animals were silent, and sat in amazement. Could three be coming to The Rainbow Bridge at one time? Through the soft clouds came a magnificent Lab, so stately some of the girls swooned. It was Blaster. (I called him Mr. B.) Blaster stood amidst his admirers and told his story. "I, like many of you, was a throw-away in the pound, headed to my death, when my savior and friend for life, John, came and took me. This happened in California, and John and I were never apart from that time on. John loved me and I worshipped John. I had the best of everything. I moved with John to Seeley Lake in May. I loved Seeley Lake, but I had been ill and I was almost 14 years old. Together John and I decided it was time for me to go to The Rainbow Bridge." As Blaster continued, he kept looking down the path where he had just come from, and when he turned to look, so did all the little animals. Bo and Lady asked in unison, "Blaster, why do you keep looking back?" and then all the little animals sat stunned, for there appeared a beautiful Cocker Spaniel. It was Scarlet. Scarlet came forward and she looked back, but not before a little Sharpei barked out her name. Scarlet looked around and saw her friend, one she had grown old with. Scarlet was so happy and her shyness was disappearing. Zak's heart was beating little hearts, but would she let a three legged dog escort her? "Oh, please pretty Scarlet, tell us your story!" Zak barked. Scarlet began, "I was a puppy when my mistress came for me. I grew up knowing only love. I was shy, and when this handsome Sharpei lived with us we had fun. Now we are together again. When I started on my trip to The Rainbow Bridge I was afraid, and my mistress held me in her arms until I went on my way. Blaster waited for me and coaxed me to follow. Blaster is a hero!" All the animals voted Blaster "The Hero." Silence again, and Blaster and Scarlet again looked at the path from where they had just come. Lady and Bo looked at each other. The music "My Buddy" became louder, and through the mist a beautiful cat appeared. Hardly believing, Kahalari (AKA Top Cat), stepped up and announced "I will handle this welcome." There was a nod of agreement from all. Kahalari began, "I welcome you. I am sorry you had to leave your wonderful owners, Robin and Rob, but you are well now and you will forever be wrapped in the arms of love, as you were at home. Plus I am a very smart cat, and it is sure nice to have another smart cat join us." Kahalari announced she would escort Misty to The Memory Tree to hang a star for Robin and Rob. Lady stepped up to Blaster and he, no dummy, liked the lady, so side by side they went to The Memory Tree to hang a star with the name of John on it. Next it was Scarlet who needed an escort. She would get to pick! Zak had held his breathe so long Bo had to nudge him, and then Scarlet nodded and looked at Zak. Zak, trembling with joy, stepped up and gestured, "This way my dear." Zak helped Scarlet hang Nancy and Don's stars on The Memory Tree. Oh, how The Memory Tree glistened as the stars of love twinkled and all the little animals were well, happy, loved and safe, and yes, they have wonderful memories of their loved ones and wait at The Rainbow Bridge.

P.S. I received a heavenly bouquet last week. Elsee is keeping those pesky lambs away from the flowers at The Rainbow Bridge and took time to pick me a special one. It was so special. Bless you Ed, Vicki, Elsee, Scooter and the new lucky dog.

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of Crystal Lake close to the road end. A large column of smoke billowed up from the fire on Monday afternoon, and fire managers immediately responded with several retardant drops, a helicopter which dropped water on hot spots, and firefighters working on the ground. By Tuesday afternoon, a total of 50 fire fighters had been assigned to the fire to dig fire lines and control small spot fires in the vicinity. A fire management team is now headquartered at the Forest Service Condon Work Center.

Local residents who have questions about the fire, or about any other possible sightings of smoke, may call the Swan River State Forest at Goat Creek (754-2301) or the Forest Service Condon Work Center (754-2295). Daily updates will be posted locally.

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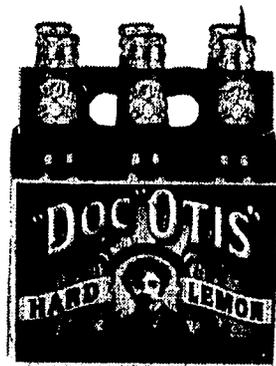
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YMCA News Update on Activities

Kids - Getting ready for back to school??? Don't forget to get ready for back to soccer camp!!! Soccer programs will begin Wednesday, September 5th for Seeley Lake kids and the week of September 10th for Swan Valley and Salmon Prairie kids.

When you and your parents go back to school shopping, remember to pick up shin guards, knee socks and a good pair of running shoes. If you purchase a soccer ball, the best sizes are size 3 for grades K-1, size 4 for grades 2-5, and size 5 for grades 6-12. All participants must wear shin guards!

Please register by August 24, 2001. The registration fee is \$10.00 per athlete. Registration forms are available at the YMCA Outreach office in the Lazy Pine Mall. We would like everyone signed up as early as possible in order to have enough soccer shirts for everybody.

We are also looking for volunteers to help coach (no experience necessary). Please contact Teresa Friede at 677-2186 for Seeley Lake, and Dannie Parcell at 754-2535 or 754-2305 for Swan Valley and Salmon Prairie.