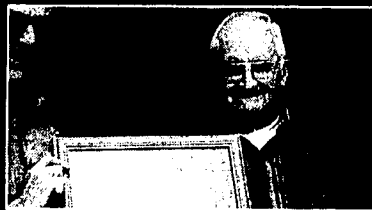


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Spirits soar at Homecoming Celebration

**Serena Fittfield performs a flag waving number
to the popular song "Proud to be an American"
along with other cheerleaders at the home-
coming game and celebration here Saturday.
More photos of homecoming inside...**



OPINION

Editorial Comment

Chips . . . bits & pieces

Homecoming was just "pretty neat" this year. We see a combination of things that came together—a revitalized booster club backed by a new principal and a good bunch of kids ready to "get with it." Anyway, the combination was dynamite and made for a really good time. There were so many photo shots that we'll have to hold Tamarack Festival photos until next week for lack of space. **Here's a note from the Booster Club:** "Homecoming week was a great success. We'd like to thank the following business for their contributions: the Jeff Hainline Family, Mission Mountain Mercantile, and Wold's Valley Market for donating burgers for the Tailgate Party. Thanks also to Seeley Lake Pharmacy for their contributions to make Homecoming special. We'd like to thank the community for its support during the parade, football, and basketball games and a special thanks to Mr. Tony Gallegos for helping make it all possible. Our next Blackhawk Booster Club meeting will be Saturday, October 13, at noon in the SSSH Cafeteria. Please Join Us. Thanks, The Blackhawk Booster Club"

Talking about "boosters," probably one of the best Seeley Lake ever had is having a birthday Saturday and some friends are hoping to make it a special one. Stop by the Community Hall from 1 to 4 p.m. and see an old friend. Happy Birthday....Dan Cainan!

—Gary Noland

Too Late To Wonder

The funeral services were filled with stories of what a wonderful woman, mother and wife she had been. And words about how hard it is to believe she is gone at age 25.

Her father's anger is so apparent as his tears fall. He's not sharing his thoughts—"How could this have happened? Why didn't she say something? Why didn't I see?" Although he blamed his son-in-law for all of it.

Her mother's mind is going wild—"Why didn't I say something to her father? Why didn't I call someone for help? Why didn't I understand how dangerous it was?" She blamed herself.

Her pastor could barely speak during the service because of his own questions—"Why did I tell her to stay? What is the definition of 'for better or for worse'?" Why did I counsel her on something I really knew very little about? Dear Lord, forgive me too."

Her daughter, only four, still believes her mommy will wake up. After all, she woke up the last two times her daddy had put her to sleep with his fist.

Her mother-in-law weeps and she knows where her son learned this behavior. And too she knows that she was one of the lucky ones; she lived through every beating she took. She blamed herself.

Her neighbors didn't go to the funeral. They sat drinking coffee and wondering if they would have called the first, second or third time when they heard her screaming if things would have ended differently.

This young man, a father, a husband, now a murderer, cries in his cell. The old man sharing the cell says "What're you in here for." He replies, "I beat my wife and she's dead. I don't know what happened. I just lost control." His tears are coming from the pit of his stomach now and he's gasping for air.

The old man asked, "You ever had a really lousy boss? One who you hated everything you had? One who treated you like crap day after day?" The young man, caught off guard at such a question after his confession, replies, "Yea, a few of them I really hated."

The old man asked, "You ever had a woman clerk at a store really piss you off?" The young man says, "Oh yea. In fact there's this one gal who works at the grocery store on 5th who is so rude I just quit going in there. I don't know why she doesn't get canned."

The old man's voice drops and he asks, "You ever hit one of your bosses or a woman clerk?"

The young man freezes as he meets the old man's eyes and he shakes his head "no".

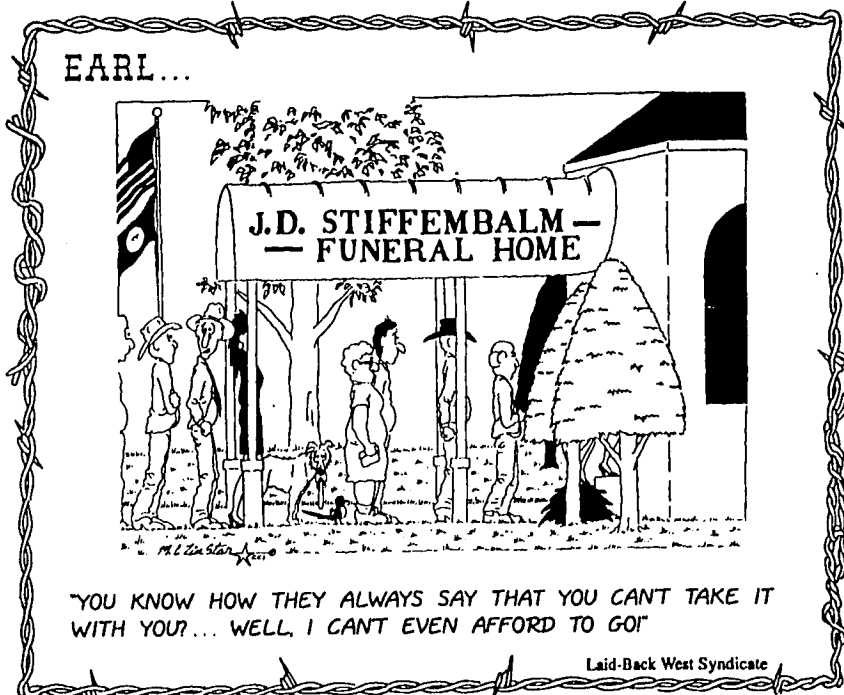
And the old man says the last words ever said in that cell between them, "One time when I was a young man like yourself, I was married. Me and the wife had an argument over buying a car. She spit right in my face. I went and got in my pickup and drove away. Never did go back. Son, there ain't no excuse for a man hittin' a woman. There ain't no excuse for anybody to hit anybody. You said it right on. It's control son. You can control yourself around really rotten people like a bad boss. But you can beat your wife. Don't kid yourself, we choose when to control ourselves. I will only say two more things. God rest that poor woman's soul. And I sure hope you two didn't have any kids, cause there sure as hell no excuse for allowin' kids to learn that kind of control."

--Anonymous

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Many men, women and children are affected by Domestic Violence. SSTEP Volunteers are here for the community to discuss the program, provide services and referrals to anyone seeking help and help with education to the public.

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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
S.L. Comm. Council, 3rd Mon, 7pm, fire hall
S.L. Sewer Dist, 3rd Tues, noon, Pyramid Mtn. lbr.
Driftriders, 3rd Wed, 7pm, S.L. Comm. Hall

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.
Pinocle, every 1st Sat, S.L. Comm. Hall, 7pm; every 3rd Sat., Senior Citizens Center

DUMPSTER TRANSFERSITE:

Winter hours (Oct-Apr) - Wed & Sat, 10am-4pm, 677-3809

SSTEP Crisis Help Line:

677-3177. Domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, community outreach & education
Food Bank: Tues, 12-4 pm, next to Multi-purpose Room, S.L. Elementary, 677-5025

Loving Hearts Thrift Store:

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Seeley Lake Community Hall: For hall rental, call Cheri Thompson, 677-2454

LIBRARIES:

Seeley Lake Public Library (Seeley-Swan High School) Regular hours: Mon-Fri., 8-3pm (closed 11am-noon for lunch); Wed., 3-8pm; Sat, 10am-3pm. Story Time-Saturdays at 11 a.m.

Swan Valley Library (Condon) Tues, 11am-4pm; Wed, 11am-7pm; Fri, 11am-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.

Montana Repertory Theatre Brings Turn of the Screw's Danger to Town

The Montana Repertory Theatre, professional theatre in residence at the University of Montana, is pleased to announce its fall Montana tour of Turn of the Screw, Henry Jame's psychological ghost story. The Rep's production, directed by Bobby Gutierrez, stars Rep actors Ron Fitzgerald and Carmen Corona and will be at Seeley-Swan High School on October 23, 2001 at noon. Members of the community are welcome to attend the one hour performance.

Along with the show, sponsored by Seeley High School Concessions, The University of Montana, The Montana Arts Council, the Montana Cultural Trust, and

The National Endowment for the Arts, Fitzgerald and Corona will be instructing workshops in the school. The workshop, selected by area teachers, gives insight into the professional acting life and also involves the students and teachers with the themes of the show. "One of the best parts about the Rep tour for me, is the opportunity to connect with our audience one on one in workshops during our stay," said Ron Fitzgerald. "It's so exciting to be able to do this educational outreach in Monana.

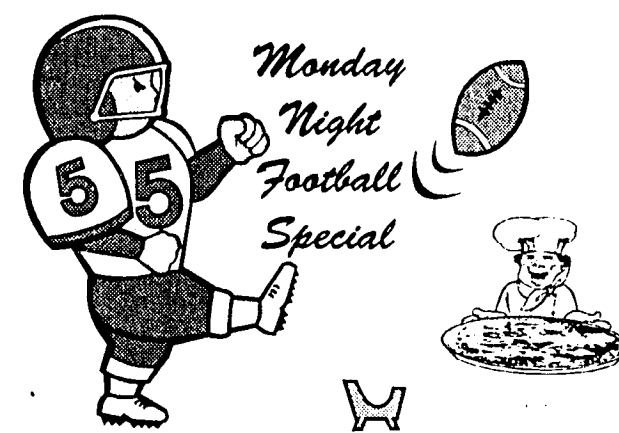
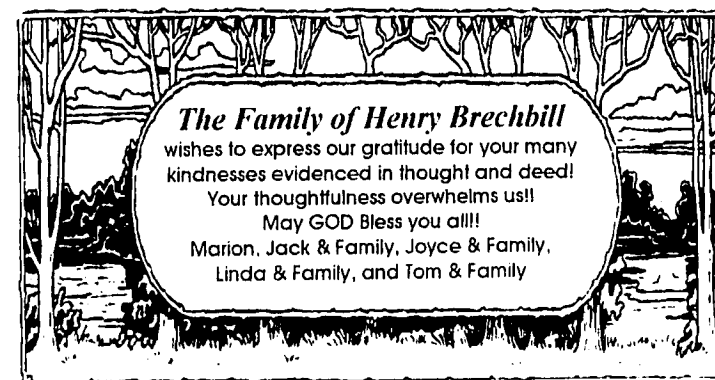
Fitzgerald plays several parts in Turn of the Screw, while Corona, playing the Governess, is onstage nearly the entire play. "It's a challenge and a pleasure for an actress to be the unknowing victim in a ghost story. The Governess is present to tell the story, but in some

ways knows less about what will happen to her than the audience," Corona said.

For additional information, contact Michael Johnson, English/Drama teacher at 677-2224.

Swan Valley Elementary School September Citizenship Awards

Kindergarten - Katie Hood
First Grade - Chase Hulett
Second Grade - Justin Hood
Third Grade - Josephina Beauchamp
Fourth Grade - Jonah Rosen
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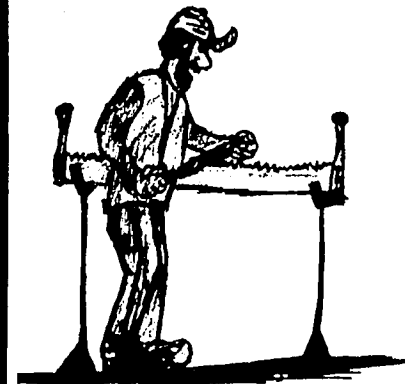
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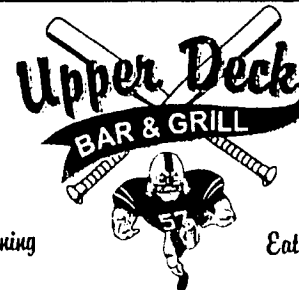
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Plum Creek Phase II exchange completed

by Mike Thompson

When fifty deer hunters with special "B-licenses" for Hunting District 282 break out their rifles and take to the Game Range this Saturday, they will need a Special Recreational Use Permit to hunt on State Trust Lands. That's because it just got a lot harder to stay off State Lands administered by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) on

the Game Range.

Yes, the land exchange between DNRC and Plum Creek Timber Company, which transferred approximately 3,000 acres of Plum Creek property on the Game Range to DNRC, finally closed on Friday, September 28. This long-anticipated transaction is the heart and soul of Phase II of the 50th Anniversary Project. Overall, the goal of the 50th Anniversary Project is to bring some 7,800 acres of Plum Creek

Game Range Ramblings

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

inholdings within the Game Range into public ownership. Phase I, the purchase of the first 856 acres along Highway 83 and Boyd Mountain, was com-

pleted in June 2000. Phases III and IV are still in the works.

The rest of the Phase II proposal that you reviewed last winter is expected to close in the next few weeks. This would be an exchange between DNRC and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), which would transfer most of the forested lands on the old Dreyer Ranch to DNRC, while FWP would obtain ownership of key parcels of elk winter habitat in the core of the Game Range.

My message to hunters and other recreationists is this. Pack a lunch and survival gear if you hope to hike or drive from the Game Range headquarters to any other destination on the Game Range without touching land administered by DNRC. Alternatively, you could purchase the required State Lands Recreational Use Permit from any hunting license dealer and have an enjoyable experience on the Game Range.

I suggest the latter. For one thing, the hunting isn't that great across any route from the headquarters that would avoid DNRC lands. DNRC now owns the largest block of forested land between the old Boyd place and the old Dreyer place, in the Cottonwood Creek basin.

But, the most important reason is based on principle. After all the work that DNRC workers put into making Phase II happen, for the good of the Game Range and all of you who appreciate it, this is not the time to snub DNRC employees and the mission of their agency over the \$10 it costs for a Permit. Instead, I would offer that this is precisely the time to go buy one.

Because these people deserve a pat on the back. And, because their work has just begun.

Upon completion of both land exchanges in Phase II, DNRC and FWP will develop a proposal for FWP to purchase a conservation easement on DNRC lands within the Game Range. This would include lands that DNRC already owned in the Game Range, as well as lands they just acquired in exchange from Plum Creek. Thus, a future conservation easement could apply to as much as 7,000 acres of DNRC



land on the Game Range, depending on costs, revenues, priorities and public input. FWP's one-time cost of purchasing the conservation easement would replace the annual cost to FWP of leasing DNRC lands, and would result in a net financial benefit for FWP in the long run. We will hope to have a proposal ready for your review and comment next spring.

In addition, DNRC and FWP will soon begin working together on a joint forest management project to improve winter habitat for elk and mule deer on lands owned by DNRC and FWP on the Game Range, and to generate revenue for the State School Trust. We are uniquely positioned to do this right, armed with the intensive study of elk and deer habitat selection on the Game Range by Ross Baty, who is now a wildlife biologist with DNRC in Missoula. We're looking forward to increased production of elk sedge, serviceberry, upland willow and other winter forage species in forested habitats as a result of some selective overstory removals. We'll be looking for ways to maintain and enhance production of the hanging tree lichen that elk and deer seek out in the harshest winter periods, and for ways to get a little more wind into more of the tops to bring more lichen to the ground. And, we'll be saving and recruiting more big trees for thermal cover, while thinning out some of the competition and fire ladders.

We haven't discussed a schedule for bringing a joint forest management proposal to your attention. But, you'll be the first to know when we do.

There are a lot of changes being made in our management so that you and your wildlife won't notice any serious changes in the natural things you appreciate about the Game Range. It's the old "change to maintain" approach toward management that must be adopted when our environment is changing fast, with or without us.

This year, if you've been using the Game Range without buying a Recreational Use Permit, why don't you make a change, too, and say thanks to our partners at DNRC.

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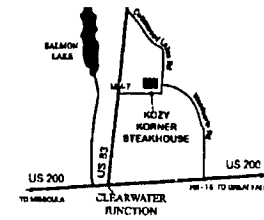
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October 3	68	27	Clear in a.m., few clouds & breezy in p.m.
October 4	67	31	Mostly cloudy
October 5	54	16	Mostly clear
October 6	63	25	Mostly clear
October 7	67	29	Overcast

SEELEY-SWAN HIGH SCHOOL LADY BLACKHAWKS BASKETBALL

Friday, Oct. 12
Seeley at Darby
4:15 ABC
Saturday, Oct. 13
Seeley at Granite
5:45 AB
Thursday, Oct. 18
Plains at Seeley
4:15 ABC

SEELEY-SWAN BLACKHAWKS VARSITY FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 12
Seeley at Loyola
7:30
Friday, Oct. 19
Seeley at Deer Lodge
7:30

SEELEY-SWAN J.V. FOOTBALL

Monday, Oct. 15
Loyola at Seeley
4:30
Monday, Oct. 22
Deer Lodge at Seeley
4:30

Blood Drive A Success for another year

by Donna Cherry

Yes, the American Red Cross Blood Drive was again a success. A goal of 40 units was set and 45 units were donated. Thanks to all who gave, as well as those who responded but were unable to give for one reason or another.

The soup made by Norma Ketland received lots of compliments, as did the homemade cookies supplied by members of the Senior Citizens. Others who helped were Helen Rose, Kay Myers, Bessie Perhay, Laro Hensley and Marie Bergan, our greeter at the door.

Next year we will be sponsoring a blood drive in the spring on March 5, as well as the usual drive in October.

We are fortunate to live in Seeley Lake, a town of caring people.

Please Pause For Pets and Paws

With overwhelming sorrow and all consuming rage, once more how clear it becomes of all the species, humans are capable of the most cruel acts. For all the sadness we have seen in this last month, we now see evil seeping into our community again.

The Murder of Holly

Holly was a beautiful Golden Retriever who loved everyone. Holly was the constant and beloved companion of her family, especially two little children, ages 2 and 5. Holly was also an escape artist. Last Thursday evening the family left at 7:00 p.m. and Holly, who had been chained only when left home alone, somehow got off her chain and went on a short tour of the neighborhood. All the neighbors knew Holly. The family returned two hours later. Holly greeted them, played with the children and then appeared to be staggering. Holly was taken inside and looked after, and then rushed to the vet early the next morning. Tests proved that Holly had been fed antifreeze, not just a lap or two, but a bowl full. Holly died a terrible death Saturday afternoon, despite the best efforts of Dr. Cross, who gives his all for our pets. The family is devastated. Why would anyone do such a horrible thing? How sick is one to deliberately let this loving dog walk up to them and then let them drink antifreeze, knowing the horrible pain and death this trusting dog would face?



Did you see Holly on Thursday evening, and if so where? We need information. Do you know of anyone who had made threats concerning Holly or other dogs? Anyone with information is urged to come forward. It may be your dog next. Holly's death was no accident. Surely someone saw something. I am offering a \$250 reward, and possibly more will come for the arrest and conviction of the scum who did this horrible crime. Holly lived on Whittell and never ventured far. Please help!

Flash - Jean and Al Slaight have just pledged \$100 to the reward in honor of Holly. All monies will be held in an account for the reward, or perhaps an investigator.

True, Holly should not have been loose, and terrible things happen to dogs who run, but dogs do get loose. Holly was not a deer chaser. She may have crossed your yard or gotten into your garbage, but you knew to whom she belonged. You did not have to kill her! You had only to call her owners.

This sad act will disturb many, and it is sad to know that someone capable of such a sadistic act lives in our community, so please watch your pets, in memory of Holly.

To the scum who did this terrible act, as sick as you must be, you will probably enjoy reading this account, so I say to you as you try to sleep, sleep won't come for you will hear the crying children and Holly's beautiful face will forever be in front of your thoughts. You will close your eyes only to see the face and eyes of Holly, who looked up at you before drinking the antifreeze, eyes you had looked into before. It was dark, but you live in the dark, and dark it will be as you descend into hell, haunted by the faces of crying children and a beautiful Golden Retriever. Haunted, for Holly now resides in a heaven which you will never know. You are a sick and evil person. Even hell has a special place for child and animal abusers, and you won't like it! Abuse of a child or an animal is the lowest form of humanity. You need help! You need to be caught and you will be.

Please people, if your dog becomes sick, don't wait. Get it right to the vet. They can usually be saved if caught within 2 hours of antifreeze poisoning. Don't take a chance.

Note - it causes me great grief to write a column such as this, but to ignore such an inhumane act would be the same as condoning it. We must protect those who cannot speak for themselves. I ask your understanding and support. If we do not stand up for something, then we stand for nothing.

Elinor Williamson,

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Hwy 83 North Phone-677-2220

Pastor-Gary Wayne

Seeley Lake Baptist Church

Worship-11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m. Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 p.m.

3116 Hwy 83 South Phone-677-2268 (Founded 1953)

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

Worship-2nd Saturday of each month

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Phone-677-2905

Mission Bible Fellowship (Non-Denominational)

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Hwy. 83 & School Lane

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Pastor Ken Wutzke

Special Community Birthday Party for Dan

Dan Cainan, A Valley Icon Turns 80
By Donna Love
For the Pathfinder

On Saturday, October 13, from one to four o'clock at the Community Hall the community of Seeley Lake is invited to attend an Eightieth Birthday Party for long time resident, Dan Cainan.

Cainan was born October 12, 1921, in Aurora, Illinois to Blethyn (B.J.) and Mary Cainan, the second of six children.

At age seven, his family moved to Butte where his father worked in the mines. Shortly after arriving in Montana, his father suffered a mining accident that broke his leg in three places.

The Cainan family moved to Hamilton where his father took odd jobs working as a janitor, and teaching piano lessons.

Cainan said that growing up "peasants" in Hamilton was difficult and school was not his strong point. He jokes that they "kicked him out of third grade" because he "wouldn't shave."

Cainan managed to complete one year of high school and at age 15 went to work full time at the new Safeway Store in Hamilton. As a stock boy in the back of the store he was required to carry a 100-pound sack of flour to the front when a bell sounded.

Weighing only 84 pounds he was told that if he couldn't lift the flour sacks he could "drag them." He literally learned the grocery business from the ground up.

In 1938, at age 17, he was transferred to the Missoula Safeway to be the Assistant Store Manager. When WW II rolled around, he knew he was going to be drafted so he took a little time off and moved to Seeley Lake to hunt and fish.

In Seeley he lived in a box car at the "end of the tracks near Fish Lake" (now Big Sky Lake) and worked for the Anaconda Copper Mining Company (now Stimson Lumber Company in Bonner) "setting chokers."

That was back when the Milwaukee Railroad followed the Blackfoot River past Clearwater Junction and the

Game Range to make its way to Fish Lake by way of Cozy Corners. Parts of the railroad can still be seen in the Blackfoot Canyon along Highway 200.

Cainan fell in love with Seeley Lake, but he was drafted into the army in 1942 when he was 21 years old.

He was assigned to a "Detachment at Large," which dealt with finance. He helped see that the soldiers got their paychecks.

He didn't see "action," but he learned first hand "that the world was round" naming exotic cities in Africa, Arabia, India and Guam that he traveled through.

When the war was over he returned to Missoula and "threw in" with his brother, Bill, to buy a little grocery store in the Rattlesnake area. They named the store "Dan's Food Market." He was there from 1950-61.

In Missoula he befriended wayward youth that lived near his store. He'd take the boys hunting and fishing in the Rattlesnake long before other youth programs recognized the healing power of the mountains.

A 1978 Missoulian article "profiled" him and mentioned his remarkable commitment to Missoula's youth, even though he had already been in Seeley Lake for 17 years.

In Missoula, he also met Daisy, his future wife. She lived about a block from his store and shopped there often.

Daisy was working at Daley's Meat Market in Missoula. Her first husband had been a logger who was killed felling a tree in Seeley Lake.

Cainan and Daisy were married on Oct. 21, 1960, when he was nearly forty years old. Cainan laughs, "I ran through the bushes for forty years before anyone got me!" They spent their honeymoon antelope hunting.

They moved to Seeley Lake in 1961 and purchased "Kenny Freshour's Store," the grocery store in town where Pulic's Propane is now located.

Friends said they were crazy opening a store in the winter in Seeley Lake, but they made it through and owned the store for 12 years.

Later they added a "case goods store," which they called "Dan's Discount." Cainan recalls that "Right af-

ter Labor Day Weekend all kinds of gals depended on me to go to Pacific Fruit and Produce in Missoula to pick out their canning peaches."

With a sigh he said he never made any money at the case goods store because he "offered too many good deals."

In 1975 he changed the "case goods" to sporting goods, which he owned and operated until three years ago.

Along with running their businesses, Cainan and Daisy took an active role in the community. They helped plan the famous "Barney's Buffalo Feed," Logger Days, and the Fourth of July activities.

Cainan has the notoriety of bringing the first fireworks to Seeley Lake. He set the fireworks up on his dock, unhooked it and towed the dock, fireworks and all to the middle of the lake.

A Missoulian article called it, "an accident waiting to happen," but he personally never had any mishaps.

Along with helping with the fun stuff, Cainan provided much of the backbone that kept the infrastructure of a young, growing community moving forward. His list of accomplishments is impressive.

He served on the Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department and was their Secretary for 15 years.

A Charter member of the Seeley Lake Businessmen's Association, he served on its board for 15 years, too.

Cainan was also a Charter member of the Seeley Lake Water District and was instrumental in arranging financial backing from FHA for the community's water system. He "ran back and forth to Helena to get it [the Water District] going."

Cainan also helped form the Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District and served as a Secretary of that Board.

In addition he was a Charter member of Lion's Club and served on the Community Hall Board of Directors.

The Veteran's Memorial and flag, north of town, exists because of him and he served as a Charter member of the Montana Snowmobile Association. It was through his efforts that Seeley Lake got its first snowmobile trail groomer.

In addition, he and Daisy served unofficially as the public relations firm of Seeley Lake, answering requests from around the county.

When asked what he is most proud of he said, "I am most proud of my years helping build the fire department." He adds that he still has the first fireman's helmet used in Seeley Lake.

He'd still be helping, but when he turned sixty-five they wouldn't let him "drive the truck anymore."

Over the years, Cainan has been recognized for his service. In 1992 he and Daisy were the Grand Marshals for the Seeley Lake 4th of July Parade and in 1986 Cainan was named the first annual "Citizen of the Year," by the Seeley Lake Chamber of Commerce.

In 1997 he received the state's Fish, Wildlife and Parks "Outstanding



Dan and Daisy Cainan in 1961 after purchasing the Freshour's Store in Seeley Lake, and moving here from Missoula.

Volunteer of the Year Award" for thirty-five years assisting with fish plants in the Seeley Lake area. He helped with 315 plants, an average of nine a year.

His efforts were particularly appreciated by the Department in winter when he had roads plowed, snow trails shoveled, holes cut in the ice, and a crew in place to help move 1,200 pounds of fish.

Over the years Cainan has watched change come to Seeley Lake.

He doesn't like every change, but his business motto was "If you quit growing, you're dead," so he understands the need for Seeley to rely on "Snowbirds" and our "resort" resources to continue to be a thriving community.

Cainan is modest about his part in helping the community, saying that he and Daisy had "a great time," but he regrets that "all they did was work or hunt." (His house is full of mounts and Boone and Crockett plaques.)

In a melancholy moment he reflects that Daisy was a good dancer and always wanted to go dancing, but all he wanted to do was "run up the hill and catch a fish."

Happy Birthday, Dan.



One gets away from Dan while helping FW&P stock Harper's Lake with rainbow trout in spring of 1989.

—G. Noland file photo



Homecoming Spirit soars this year

A re-vitalized Blackhawk Booster Club has helped spark new enthusiasm at Seeley-Swan High School, and it was evident to everyone Saturday when homecoming game started off with something new — a parade of floats downtown.

Ceremonies before the game honored graduating seniors who have lettered in football and other sports.

And, though the Blackhawks have won only one game this season, the new spirit evidently touched them for awhile when the played head to head with a top-rated Frenchtown team and with only 3 minutes left in the half tied the game on a 50-yard pass play from Brian Gallea to Abe Madinger. Gallea also scored on a 3-yard run and hit J.C. Clark for two extra points.

Frenchtown came back to make it 21-14 at halftime. Visions of a repeat performance of a few years ago when the Blackhawks upset a state-ranked Frenchtown team at Seeley drifted away in the second half when the Hawks lost quarterback Gallea to an injury and Frenchtown's Mark Hausknecht rolled up a record 335 yards on 30 carries, leading the Broncos to a 61-14 win over the Hawks.

Despite the loss, local pride was strong when the Hawks turned in an outstanding first half.

The Ladyhawks sweetened homecoming week with three straight wins, one over Class C Philipsburg, 77-66, another over Class C Victor, 52-32, and a closely contested win over 5-B Valley Christian, 67-61.

Jesse Diamond scored 21 points in the win over Valley Christian with Abbe Christianson right behind at 20, and Tatum Hoehn adding 14. Sarah Madinger added 6 and Beth Copenhaver 4.

Abbe Christianson exploded for 27 points in the win over Philipsburg and Tatum Hoehn added 18. Jesse Diamond had 11, Anne Leischman 10, Sarah Madinger 7, Beth Copenhaver and Hayley Blackburn 2 each.

Jesse Diamond paced the Victor game with 18 points, Tatum Hoehn and Sarah Madinger had 8 each, Abbe Christianson had 6, Hayley Blackburn 4, Beth Copenhaver and Blair Barthelmsness 3 each.



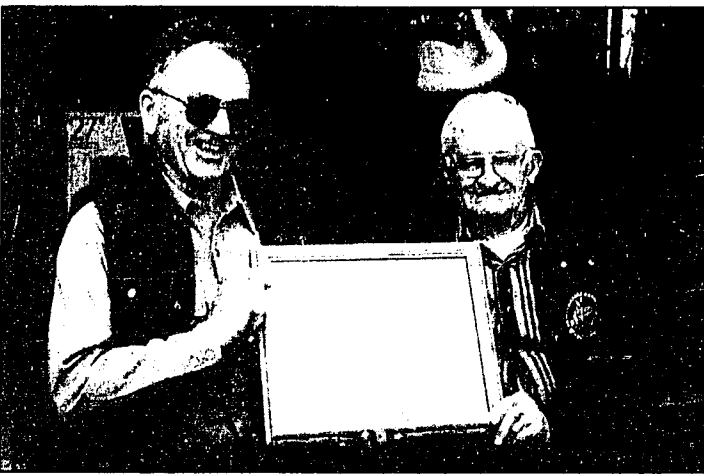
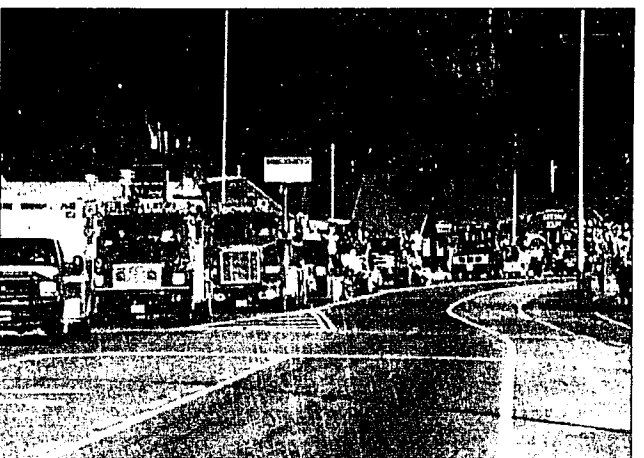
Blackhawk Booster float and stand at the game was manned by Cindy Barthelmsness, Mike Richards, Debbie Dupree, and Lynn Richards.



Shawn Holmes, head Blackhawk football coach, talks things over with his team during a time out.



Hamburgers and side dishes were served by the Blackhawk Booster Club. Over 215 hamburgers were served.



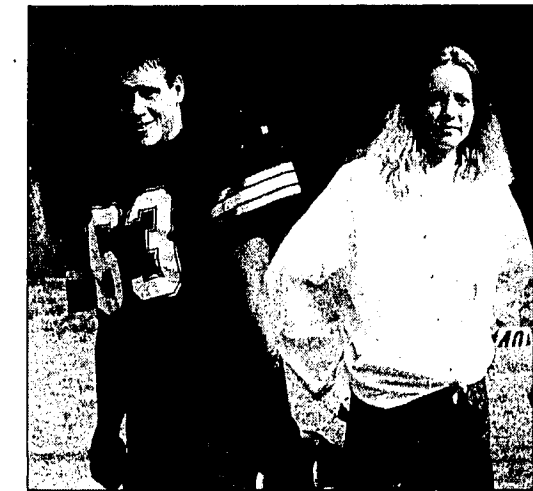
Dan Cainan receiving an award from FW&P a few years ago.



Homecoming Royalty honored at halftime

Parade photos
by Deborah Stack

Homecoming photos
by Gary Noland



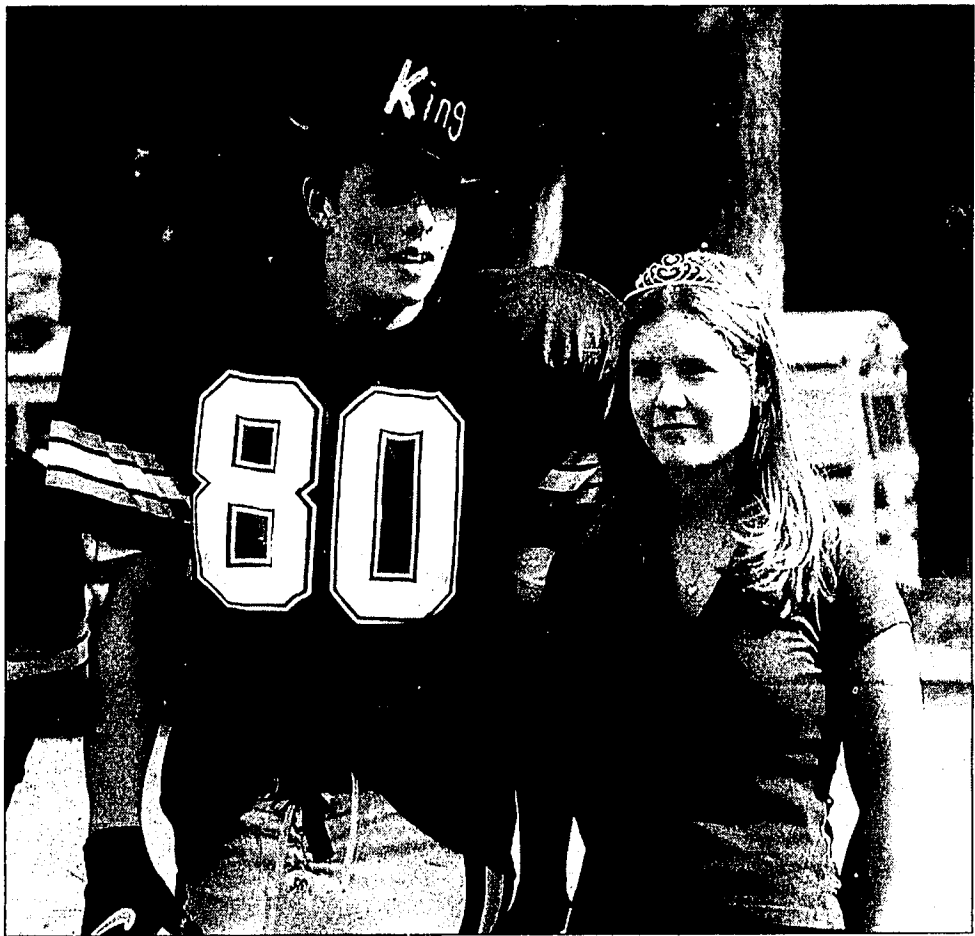
Candidates Gene Jovin and Beth Copenhaver



Candidates Lindsey Evans, Roberto Munoz, and Renee Bergeson



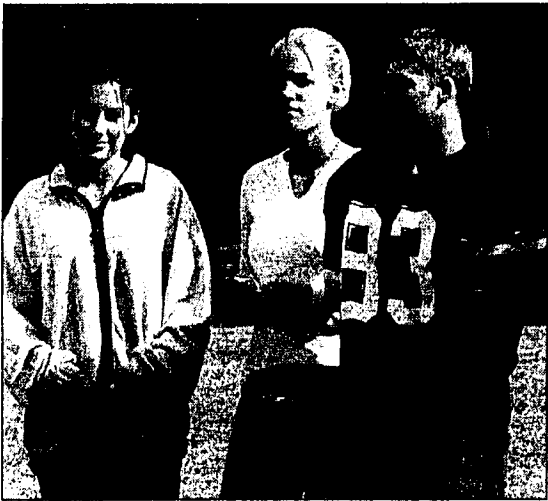
Seeley-Swan Cheerleaders spark enthusiasm with the fans.



Tyler Huggins and Angela Williams were honored as 2001 Homecoming King and Queen.



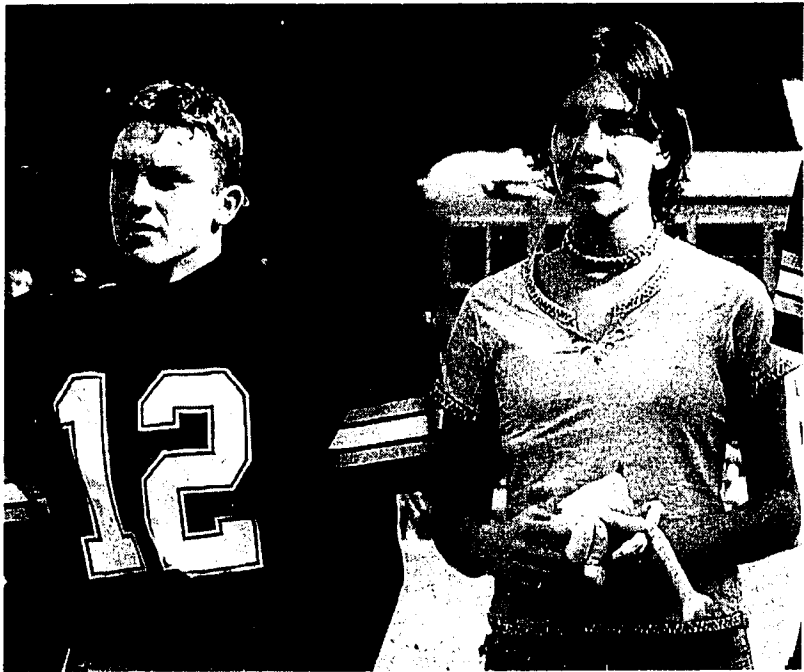
Abe Madinger who caught a long touchdown pass from Brian Gallea had to fill in at quarterback for the injured Gallea in the second half.



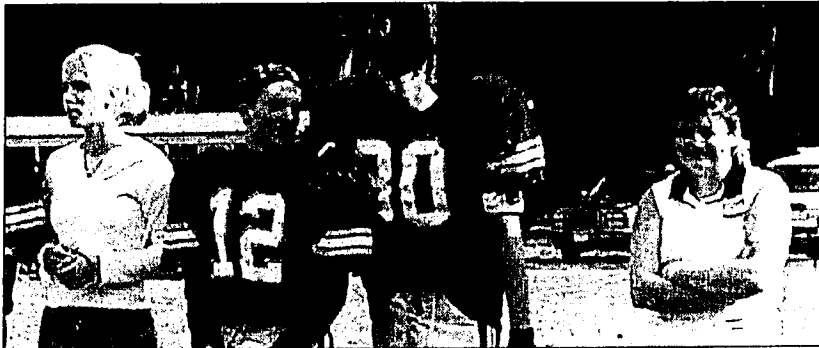
Candidates Sarah Madinger, Jennifer Moderie, and Cole Gamet



Quarterback Brian Gallea led his team to a 21-14 first half, but an injury kept him from playing in the second half.



Lane Anderson and Carrie Broesder were named Homecoming Prince & Princess



Candidates Jennifer Moderie, Lane Anderson, Tyler Huggins, and Katie Biggins.



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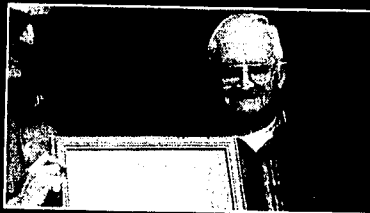
Youth Soccer is in full swing! Come and see the Seeley Lake and Swan Valley teams play on Sunday, October 7. Games begin at 2:30 p.m. at the Seeley-Swan High School field.

Adult Fitness Classes began Monday, October 1, 2001. Walk fit classes will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. in the Seeley Lake Elementary School gym. Participants will have the option of walk fit or step class, warm up and stretch together, walk or step class followed by weights and stretch together.

Step boxing will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the new gym at Seeley Lake Elementary School. Monday-Step, Wednesday-Kick boxing, and Thursday-cardio toning. Evening schedule will be on a trial basis to determine if this time will work for everyone. Registration fee is \$15.00 per month for Walk-Fit and \$25.00 a month for Step, Kick and Cardio toning.

Call the Seeley Swan YMCA Outreach for more details at 677-3330.

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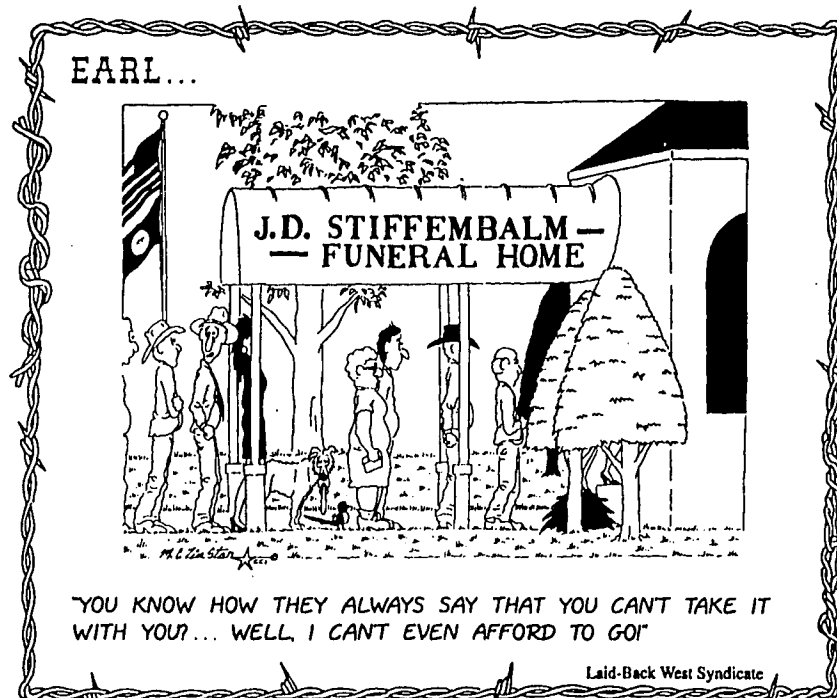
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Spirits soar at Homecoming Celebration

Serena Fitfield performs a flag waving number to the popular song "Proud to be an American" along with other cheerleaders at the homecoming game and celebration here Saturday. More photos of homecoming inside...



OPINION



GARY NOLAND, EDITOR

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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. Chamber, 2nd Thur, 7am, Filling Station
S.L. QRU, 2nd Thur, 7pm, fire hall
American Legion, 2nd Fri, 7pm, Swan Valley Comm. Hall
S.L. Comm. Council, 3rd Mon, 7pm, fire hall
S.L. Sewer Dist, 3rd Tues, noon, Pyramid Mtn. lbr.
Drifters, 3rd Wed, 7pm, S.L. Comm. Hall

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.
Pinocle, every 1st Sat, S.L. Comm. Hall, 7pm; every 3rd Sat., Senior Citizens Center

DUMPSTER TRANSFERS:

Wintersite: Winter hours (Oct-Apr) - Wed & Sat, 10am-4pm, 677-3809

SSTP 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

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Seeley Lake Community Hall: For hall rental, call Cheri Thompson, 677-2454

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Swan Valley Library (Condon) Tues, 11am-4pm; Wed, 11am-7pm; Fri, 11am-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.

Editorial Comment

Chips . . . bits & pieces

Homecoming was just "pretty neat" this year. We see a combination of things that came together — a revitalized booster club backed by a new principal and a good bunch of kids ready to "get with it." Anyway, the combination was dynamite and made for a really good time. There were so many photo shots that we'll have to hold Tamarack Festival photos until next week for lack of space. **Here's a note from the Booster Club:** "Homecoming week was a great success. We'd like to thank the following business for their contributions: the Jeff Hainline Family, Mission Mountain Mercantile, and Wold's Valley Market for donating burgers for the Tailgate Party. Thanks also to Seeley Lake Pharmacy for their contributions to make Homecoming special. We'd like to thank the community for its support during the parade, football, and basketball games and a special thanks to Mr. Tony Gallegos for helping make it all possible. Our next Blackhawk Booster Club meeting will be Saturday, October 13, at noon in the SSSH Cafeteria. Please Join Us. Thanks, The Blackhawk Booster Club

Talking about "boosters," probably one of the best Seeley Lake ever had is having a birthday Saturday and some friends are hoping to make it a special one. Stop by the Community Hall from 1 to 4 p.m. and see an old friend. Happy Birthday....Dan Cainan!

—Gary Noland

Too Late To Wonder

The funeral services were filled with stories of what a wonderful woman, mother and wife she had been. And words about how hard it is to believe she is gone at age 25.

Her father's anger is so apparent as his tears fall. He's not sharing his thoughts—"How could this have happened? Why didn't she say something? Why didn't I see?" Although he blamed his son-in-law for all of it.

Her mother's mind is going wild—"Why didn't I say something to her father? Why didn't I call someone for help? Why didn't I understand how dangerous it was?" She blamed herself.

Her pastor could barely speak during the service because of his own questions—"Why did I tell her to stay? What is the definition of 'for better or for worse'?" Why did I counsel her on something I really knew very little about? Dear Lord, forgive me too."

Her daughter, only four, still believes her mommy will wake up. After all, she woke up the last two times her daddy had put her to sleep with his fist.

Her mother-in-law weeps and she knows where her son learned this behavior. And too she knows that she was one of the lucky ones; she lived through every beating she took. She blamed herself.

Her neighbors didn't go to the funeral. They sat drinking coffee and wondering if they would have called the first, second or third time when they heard her screaming if things would have ended differently.

This young man, a father, a husband, now a murderer, cries in his cell. The old man sharing the cell says "What're you in here for." He replies, "I beat my wife and she's dead. I don't know what happened. I just lost control." His tears are coming from the pit of his stomach now and he's gasping for air.

The old man asked, "You ever had a really lousy boss? One who you hated with everything you had? One who treated you like crap day after day?" The young man, caught off guard at such a question after his confession, replies, "Yea, a few of them I really hated."

The old man asked, "You ever had a woman clerk at a store really piss you off?" The young man says, "Oh yea. In fact there's this one gal who works at the grocery store on 5th who is so rude I just quit going in there. I don't know why she doesn't get canned."

The old man's voice drops and he asks, "You ever hit one of your bosses or a woman clerk?"

The young man freezes as he meets the old man's eyes and he shakes his head "no."

And the old man says the last words ever said in that cell between them, "One time when I was a young man like yourself, I was married. Me and the wife had an argument over buying a car. She spit right in my face. I went and got in my pickup and drove away. Never did go back. Son, there ain't no excuse for a man hittin' a woman. There ain't no excuse for anybody to hit anybody. You said it right on. It's control son. You can control yourself around really rotten people like a bad boss. But you can beat your wife. Don't kid yourself, we choose when to control ourselves. I will only say two more things. God rest that poor woman's soul. And I sure hope you two didn't have any kids, cause there sure as hell no excuse for allowin' kids to learn that kind of control."

--Anonymous

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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Montana Repertory Theatre Brings Turn of the Screw's Danger to Town

The Montana Repertory Theatre, professional theatre in residence at the University of Montana, is pleased to announce its fall Montana tour of Turn of the Screw, Henry James's psychological ghost story. The Rep's production, directed by Bobby Gutierrez, stars Rep actors Ron Fitzgerald and Carmen Corona and will be at Seeley-Swan High School on October 23, 2001 at noon. Members of the community are welcome to attend the one hour performance.

Along with the show, sponsored by Seeley High School Concessions, The University of Montana, The Montana Arts Council, the Montana Cultural Trust, and

The National Endowment for the Arts, Fitzgerald and Corona will be instructing workshops in the school. The workshop, selected by area teachers, gives insight into the professional acting life and also involves the students and teachers with the themes of the show. "One of the best parts about the Rep tour for me, is the opportunity to connect with our audience one on one in workshops during our stay," said Ron Fitzgerald. "It's so exciting to be able to do this educational outreach in Monana.

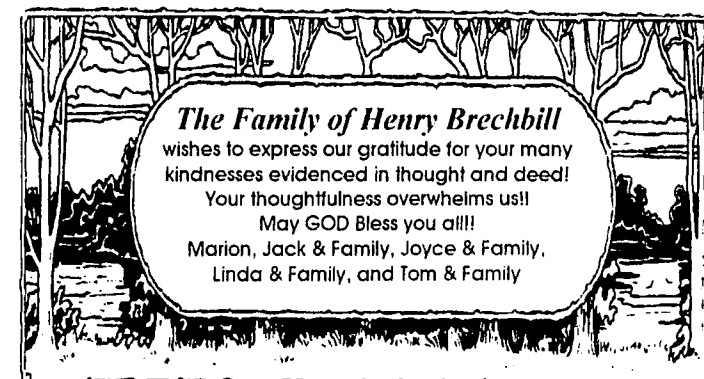
Fitzgerald plays several parts in Turn of the Screw, while Corona, playing the Governess, is onstage nearly the entire play. "It's a challenge and a pleasure for an actress to be the unknowing victim in a ghost story. The Governess is present to tell the story, but in some

ways knows less about what will happen to her than the audience," Corona said.

For additional information, contact Michael Johnson, English/Drama teacher at 677-2224.

Swan Valley Elementary School September Citizenship Awards

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First Grade - Chase Hulett
Second Grade - Justin Hood
Third Grade - Josephina Beauchamp
Fourth Grade - Jonah Rosen
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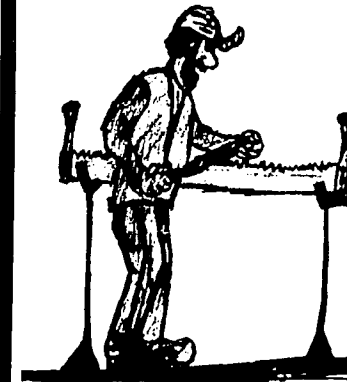
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Plum Creek Phase II exchange completed

by Mike Thompson

When fifty deer hunters with special "B-licenses" for Hunting District 282 break out their rifles and take to the Game Range this Saturday, they will need a Special Recreational Use Permit to hunt on State Trust Lands. That's because it just got a lot harder to stay off State Lands administered by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) on

the Game Range.

Yes, the land exchange between DNRC and Plum Creek Timber Company, which transferred approximately 3,000 acres of Plum Creek property on the Game Range to DNRC, finally closed on Friday, September 28. This long-anticipated transaction is the heart and soul of Phase II of the 50th Anniversary Project. Overall, the goal of the 50th Anniversary Project is to bring some 7,800 acres of Plum Creek

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



inholdings within the Game Range into public ownership. Phase I, the purchase of the first 856 acres along Highway 83 and Boyd Mountain, was com-

pleted in June 2000. Phases III and IV are still in the works.

The rest of the Phase II proposal that you reviewed last winter is expected to close in the next few weeks. This would be an exchange between DNRC and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), which would transfer most of the forested lands on the old Dreyer Ranch to DNRC, while FWP would obtain ownership of key parcels of elk winter habitat in the core of the Game Range.

My message to hunters and other recreationists is this. Pack a lunch and survival gear if you hope to hike or drive from the Game Range headquarters to any other destination on the Game Range without touching land administered by DNRC. Alternatively, you could purchase the required State Lands Recreational Use Permit from any hunting license dealer and have an enjoyable experience on the Game Range.

I suggest the latter. For one thing, the hunting isn't that great across any route from the headquarters that would avoid DNRC lands. DNRC now owns the largest block of forested land between the old Boyd place and the old Dreyer place, in the Cottonwood Creek basin.

But, the most important reason is based on principle. After all the work that DNRC workers put into making Phase II happen, for the good of the Game Range and all of you who appreciate it, this is not the time to snub DNRC employees and the mission of their agency over the \$10 it costs for a Permit. Instead, I would offer that this is precisely the time to go buy one.

Because these people deserve a pat on the back. And, because their work has just begun.

Upon completion of both land exchanges in Phase II, DNRC and FWP will develop a proposal for FWP to purchase a conservation easement on DNRC lands within the Game Range. This would include lands that DNRC already owned in the Game Range, as well as lands they just acquired in exchange from Plum Creek. Thus, a future conservation easement could apply to as much as 7,000 acres of DNRC



land on the Game Range, depending on costs, revenues, priorities and public input. FWP's one-time cost of purchasing the conservation easement would replace the annual cost to FWP of leasing DNRC lands, and would result in a net financial benefit for FWP in the long run. We will hope to have a proposal ready for your review and comment next spring.

In addition, DNRC and FWP will soon begin working together on a joint forest management project to improve winter habitat for elk and mule deer on lands owned by DNRC and FWP on the Game Range, and to generate revenue for the State School Trust. We are uniquely positioned to do this right, armed with the intensive study of elk and deer habitat selection on the Game Range by Ross Baty, who is now a wildlife biologist with DNRC in Missoula. We're looking forward to increased production of elk sedge, serviceberry, upland willow and other winter forage species in forested habitats as a result of some selective overstory removals. We'll be looking for ways to maintain and enhance production of the hanging tree lichen that elk and deer seek out in the harshest winter periods, and for ways to get a little more wind into more of the tops to bring more lichen to the ground. And, we'll be saving and recruiting more big trees for thermal cover, while thinning out some of the competition and fire ladders.

We haven't discussed a schedule for bringing a joint forest management proposal to your attention. But, you'll be the first to know when we do.

There are a lot of changes being made in our management so that you and your wildlife won't notice any serious changes in the natural things you appreciate about the Game Range. It's the old "change to maintain" approach toward management that must be adopted when our environment is changing fast, with or without us.

This year, if you've been using the Game Range without buying a Recreational Use Permit, why don't you make a change, too, and say thanks to our partners at DNRC.

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October 2	82	32	Partly cloudy, windy in p.m.
October 3	68	27	Clear in a.m., few clouds & breezy in p.m.
October 4	67	31	Mostly cloudy
October 5	54	16	Mostly clear
October 6	63	25	Mostly clear
October 7	67	29	Overcast

SEELEY-SWAN HIGH SCHOOL LADY BLACKHAWKS BASKETBALL

Friday, Oct. 12
Seeley at Darby
4:15 ABC
Saturday, Oct. 13
Seeley at Granite
5:45 AB
Thursday, Oct. 18
Plains at Seeley
4:15 ABC

SEELEY-SWAN BLACKHAWKS VARSITY FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 12
Seeley at Loyola
7:30
Friday, Oct. 19
Seeley at Deer Lodge
7:30

SEELEY-SWAN J.V. FOOTBALL

Monday, Oct. 15
Loyola at Seeley
4:30
Monday, Oct. 22
Deer Lodge at Seeley
4:30

Blood Drive A Success for another year

by Donna Cherry

Yes, the American Red Cross Blood Drive was again a success. A goal of 40 units was set and 45 units were donated. Thanks to all who gave, as well as those who responded but were unable to give for one reason or another.

The soup made by Norma Ketland received lots of compliments, as did the homemade cookies supplied by members of the Senior Citizens. Others who helped were Helen Rose, Kay Myers, Bessie Perhay, Laro Hensley and Marie Bergan, our greeter at the door.

Next year we will be sponsoring a blood drive in the spring on March 5, as well as the usual drive in October.

We are fortunate to live in Seeley Lake, a town of caring people.

Please Pause For Pets and Paws

With overwhelming sorrow and all consuming rage, once more how clear it becomes of all the species, humans are capable of the most cruel acts. For all the sadness we have seen in this last month, we now see evil seeping into our community again.

The Murder of Holly

Holly was a beautiful Golden Retriever who loved everyone. Holly was the constant and beloved companion of her family, especially two little children, ages 2 and 5. Holly was also an escape artist. Last Thursday evening the family left at 7:00 p.m. and Holly, who had been chained only when left home alone, somehow got off her chain and went on a short tour of the neighborhood. All the neighbors knew Holly. The family returned two hours later. Holly greeted them, played with the children and then appeared to be staggering. Holly was taken inside and looked after, and then rushed to the vet early the next morning. Tests proved that Holly had been fed antifreeze, not just a lap or two, but a bowl full. Holly died a terrible death Saturday afternoon, despite the best efforts of Dr. Cross, who gives his all for our pets. The family is devastated. Why would anyone do such a horrible thing? How sick is one to deliberately let this loving dog walk up to them and then let them drink antifreeze, knowing the horrible pain and death this trusting dog would face?



Did you see Holly on Thursday evening, and if so where? We need information. Do you know of anyone who had made threats concerning Holly or other dogs? Any one with information is urged to come forward. It may be your dog next. Holly's death was no accident. Surely someone saw something. I am offering a \$250 reward, and possibly more will come for the arrest and conviction of the scum who did this horrible crime. Holly lived on Whitetail and never ventured far. Please help!

Flash - Jean and Al Slight have just pledged \$100 to the reward in honor of Holly. All moneys will be held in an account for the reward, or perhaps an investigator.

True, Holly should not have been loose, and terrible things happen to dogs who run, but dogs do get loose. Holly was not a deer chaser. She may have crossed your yard or gotten into your garbage, but you knew to whom she belonged. You did not have to kill her! You had only to call her owners.

This sad act will disturb many, and it is sad to know that someone capable of such a sadistic act lives in our community, so please watch your pets, in memory of Holly.

To the scum who did this terrible act, as sick as you must be, you will probably enjoy reading this account, so I say to you as you try to sleep, sleep won't come for you will hear the crying children and Holly's beautiful face will forever be in front of your thoughts. You will close your eyes only to see the face and eyes of Holly, who looked up at you before drinking the antifreeze, eyes you had looked into before. It was dark, but you live in the dark, and dark it will be as you descend into hell, haunted by the faces of crying children and a beautiful Golden Retriever Haunted, for Holly now resides in a heaven which you will never know. You are a sick and evil person. Even hell has a special place for child and animal abusers, and you won't like it! Abuse of a child or an animal is the lowest form of humanity. You need help! You need to be caught and you will be.

Please people, if your dog becomes sick, don't wait. Get it right to the vet. They can usually be saved if caught within 2 hours of antifreeze poisoning. Don't take a chance.

Note - it causes me great grief to write a column such as this, but to ignore such an inhumane act would be the same as condoning it. We must protect those who cannot speak for themselves. I ask your understanding and support. If we do not stand up for something, then we stand for nothing.

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Special Community Birthday Party for Dan

Dan Cainan, A Valley Icon Turns 80
By Donna Love
For the Pathfinder

On Saturday, October 13, from one to four o'clock at the Community Hall the community of Seeley Lake is invited to attend an Eightieth Birthday Party for long time resident, Dan Cainan.

Cainan was born October 12, 1921, in Aurora, Illinois to Blethyn (B.J.) and Mary Cainan, the second of six children.

At age seven, his family moved to Butte where his father worked in the mines. Shortly after arriving in Montana, his a'her suffered a mining accident that broke his leg in three places.

The Cainan family moved to Hamilton where his father took up odd jobs working as a janitor, and teaching piano lessons.

Cainan said that growing up "peasants" in Hamilton was difficult and school was not his strong point. He jokes that they "kicked him out of third grade" because he "wouldn't shave."

Cainan managed to complete one year of high school and at age 15 went to work full time at the new Safeway Store in Hamilton. As a stock boy in the back of the store he was required to carry a 100-pound sack of flour to the front when a bell sounded.

Weighing only 84 pounds he was told that if he couldn't lift the flour sacks he could "drag them." He literally learned the grocery business from the ground up.

In 1938, at age 17, he was transferred to the Missoula Safeway to be the Assistant Store Manager. When WW II rolled around, he knew he was going to be drafted so he took a little time off and moved to Seeley Lake to hunt and fish.

In Seeley he lived in a box car at the "end of the tracks near Fish Lake" (now Big Sky Lake) and worked for the Anaconda Copper Mining Company (now Stimson Lumber Company in Bonner) "setting chokers."

That was back when the Milwaukee Railroad followed the Blackfoot River past Clearwater Junction and the

Game Range to make its way to Fish Lake by way of Cozy Corners. Parts of the railroad can still be seen in the Blackfoot Canyon along Highway 200.

Cainan fell in love with Seeley Lake, but he was drafted into the army in 1942 when he was 21 years old.

He was assigned to a "Detachment at Large," which dealt with finance. He helped see that the soldiers got their paychecks.

He didn't see "action," but he learned first hand "that the world was round" naming exotic cities in Africa, Arabia, India and Guam that he traveled through.

When the war was over he returned to Missoula and "threw in" with his brother, Bill, to buy a little grocery store in the Rattlesnake area. They named the store "Dan's Food Market." He was there from 1950-61.

In Missoula he befriended wardward youth that lived near his store. He'd take the boys hunting and fishing in the Rattlesnake long before other youth programs recognized the healing power of the mountains.

A 1978 Missoulian article "profiled" him and mentioned his remarkable commitment to Missoula's youth, even though he had already been in Seeley Lake for 17 years.

In Missoula, he also met Daisy, his future wife. She lived about a block from his store and shopped there often.

Daisy was working at Daley's Meat Market in Missoula. Her first husband had been a logger who was killed felling a tree in Seeley Lake.

Cainan and Daisy were married on Oct. 21, 1960, when he was nearly forty years old. Cainan laughs, "I ran through the bushes for forty years before anyone got me!" They spent their honeymoon antelope hunting.

They moved to Seeley Lake in 1961 and purchased "Kenny Freshour's Store," the grocery store in town where Pulici's Propane is now located.

Friends said they were crazy opening a store in the winter in Seeley Lake, but they made it through and owned the store for 12 years.

Later they added a "case goods store," which they called "Dan's Discount." Cainan recalls that "Right af-

ter Labor Day Weekend all kinds of gals depended on me to go to Pacific Fruit and Produce in Missoula to pick out their canning peaches."

With a sigh he said he never made any money at the case goods store because he "offered too many good deals."

In 1975 he changed the "case goods" to sporting goods, which he owned and operated until three years ago.

Along with running their businesses, Cainan and Daisy took an active role in the community. They helped plan the famous "Barney's Buffalo Feed," Logger Days, and the Fourth of July activities.

Cainan has the notoriety of bringing the first fireworks to Seeley Lake. He set the fireworks up on his dock, unhooked it and towed the dock, fireworks and all to the middle of the lake.

A Missoulian article called it, "an accident waiting to happen," but he personally never had any mishaps.

Along with helping with the fun stuff, Cainan provided much of the backbone that kept the infrastructure of a young, growing community moving forward. His list of accomplishments is impressive.

He served on the Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department and was their Secretary for 15 years.

A Charter member of the Seeley Lake Businessmen's Association, he served on its board for 15 years, too.

Cainan was also a Charter member of the Seeley Lake Water District and was instrumental in arranging financial backing from FHA for the community's water system. He "ran back and forth to Helena to get it [the Water District] going."

Cainan also helped form the Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District and served as a Secretary of that Board.

In addition he was a Charter member of Lion's Club and served on the Community Hall Board of Directors.

The Veteran's Memorial and flag, north of town, exists because of him and he served as a Charter member of the Montana Snowmobile Association. It was through his efforts that Seeley Lake got its first snowmobile trail groomer.

In addition, he and Daisy served unofficially as the public relations firm of Seeley Lake, answering requests from around the county.

When asked what he is most proud of he said, "I am most proud of my years helping build the fire department." He adds that he still has the first fireman's helmet used in Seeley Lake.

He'd still be helping, but when he turned sixty-five they wouldn't let him "drive the truck anymore."

Over the years, Cainan has been recognized for his service. In 1992 he and Daisy were the Grand Marshals for the Seeley Lake 4th of July Parade and in 1986 Cainan was named the first annual "Citizen of the Year," by the Seeley Lake Chamber of Commerce.

In 1997 he received the state's Fish, Wildlife and Parks "Outstanding



Dan and Daisy Cainan in 1961 after purchasing the Freshour's Store in Seeley Lake, and moving here from Missoula.

Volunteer of the Year Award" for thirty-five years assisting with fish plants in the Seeley Lake area. He helped with 315 plants, an average of nine a year.

His efforts were particularly appreciated by the Department in winter when he had roads plowed, snow trails shoveled, holes cut in the ice, and a crew in place to help move 1,200 pounds of fish.

Over the years Cainan has watched change come to Seeley Lake.

He doesn't like every change, but his business motto was "if you quit growing, you're dead," so he understands the need for Seeley to rely on "Snowbirds" and our "resort" resources to continue to be a thriving community.

Cainan is modest about his part in helping the community, saying that he and Daisy had "a great time," but he regrets that "all they did was work or hunt." (His house is full of mounts and Boone and Crockett plaques.)

In a melancholy moment he reflects that Daisy was a good dancer and always wanted to go dancing, but all he wanted to do was "run up the hill and catch a fish."

His face brightens when he remembers that "whenever we had a shindig for the Fire Department she got to dance with all the fellers then."

Daisy died last year after almost forty years of marriage.

Now Cainan lives with his one-year old "spoiled rotten" dachshund puppy "Fritz, the Fifth," in what he calls his "Neapolitan Ice Cream House" (chocolate on the bottom, vanilla in the middle and pink on top) near the Senior Citizen's Center, (which, by the way, he helped start too.)

And each weekday he rides his four-wheeler to the Center to eat lunch and play pinocle.

And this week he turns eighty years old.

In appreciation of his many contributions please stop by the Community Hall this Saturday between one and four o'clock and say "Happy Birthday" to this remarkable gentleman.

Birthday cake, punch, and coffee will be served. Additional finger food and cookies will be warmly welcomed.

Happy Birthday, Dan.



One gets away from Dan while helping FW&P stock Harper's Lake with rainbow trout in spring of 1989. —G. Noland file photo



Homecoming Spirit soars this year

A re-vitalized Blackhawk Booster Club has helped spark new enthusiasm at Seeley-Swan High School, and it was evident to everyone Saturday when homecoming day started off with something new — a parade of floats downtown.

Ceremonies before the game honored graduating seniors who have lettered in football and other sports.

And, though the Blackhawks have won only one game this season, the new spirit evidently touched them for awhile when the played head to head with a top-rated Frenchtown team and with only 3 minutes left in the half tied the game on a 50-yard pass play from Brian Gallea to Abe Madinger. Gallea also scored on a 3-yard run and hit J.C. Clark for two extra points.

Frenchtown came back to make it 21-14 at halftime. Visions of a repeat performance of a few years ago when the Blackhawks upset a state-ranked Frenchtown team at Seeley drifted away in the second half when the Hawks lost quarterback Gallea to an injury and Frenchtown's Mark Hausknecht rolled up a record 335 yards on 30 carries, leading the Broncos to a 61-14 win over the Hawks.

Despite the loss, local pride was strong when the Hawks turned in an outstanding first half.

The Ladyhawks sweetened homecoming week with three straight wins, one over Class C Philipsburg, 77-66, another over Class C Victor, 52-32, and a closely contested win over 5-B Valley Christian, 67-61.

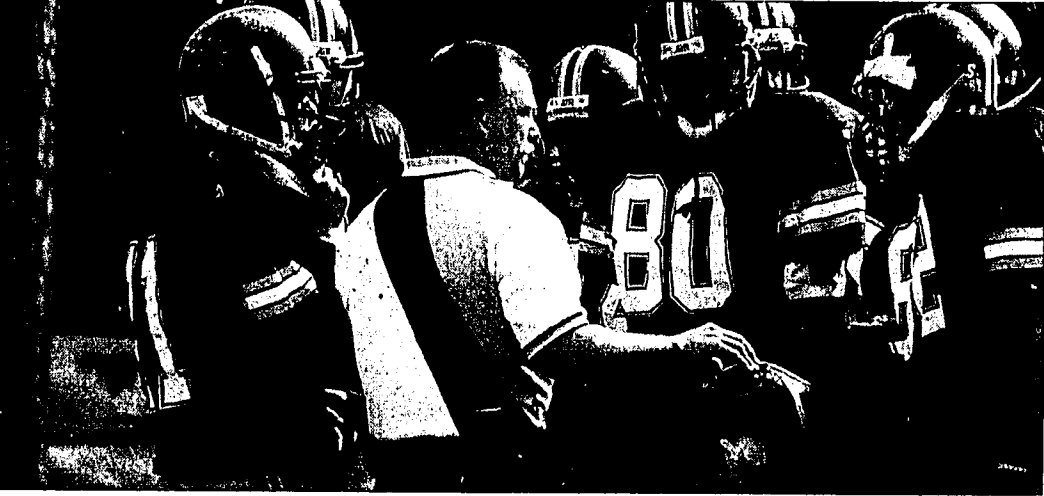
Jesse Diamond scored 21 points in the win over Valley Christian with Abbe Christianson right behind at 20, and Tatum Hoehn adding 14. Sarah Madinger added 6 and Beth Copenhaver 4.

Abbe Christianson exploded for 27 points in the win over Philipsburg and Tatum Hoehn added 18. Jesse Diamond had 11, Anne Leischman 10, Sarah Madinger 7, Beth Copenhaver and Hayley Blackburn 2 each.

Jesse Diamond paced the Victor game with 18 points, Tatum Hoehn and Sarah Madinger had 8 each, Abbe Christianson had 6, Hayley Blackburn 4, Beth Copenhaver and Blair Barthelms 3 each.



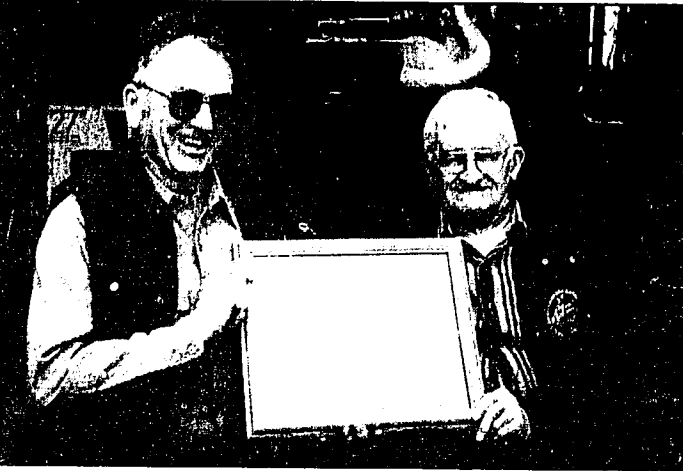
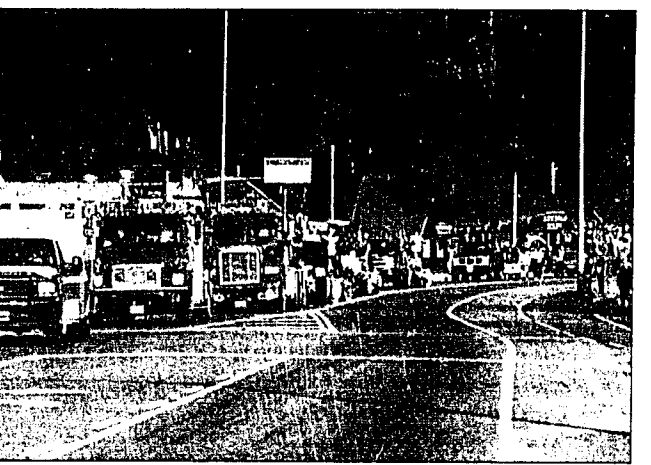
Blackhawk Booser float and stand at the game was manned by Cindy Barthelms, Mike Richards, Debbie Dupree, and Lynn Richards.



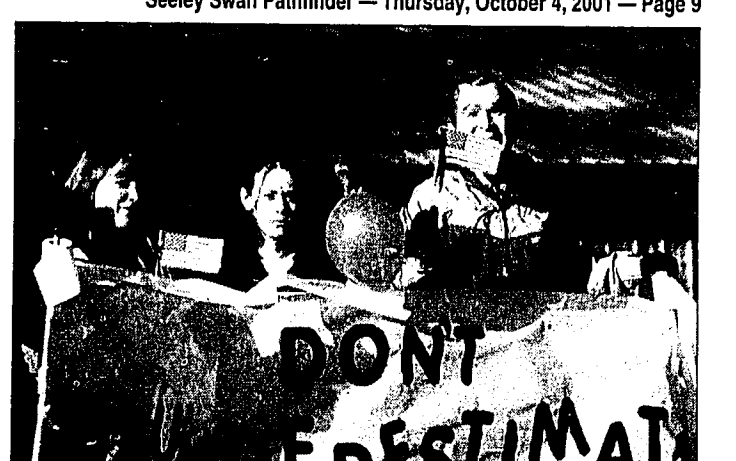
Shawn Holmes, head Blackhawk football coach, talks things over with his team during a time out.



Hamburgers and side dishes were served by the Blackhawk Booster Club. Over 215 hamburgers were served.



Dan Cainan receiving an award from FW&P a few years ago.



Homecoming Royalty honored at halftime

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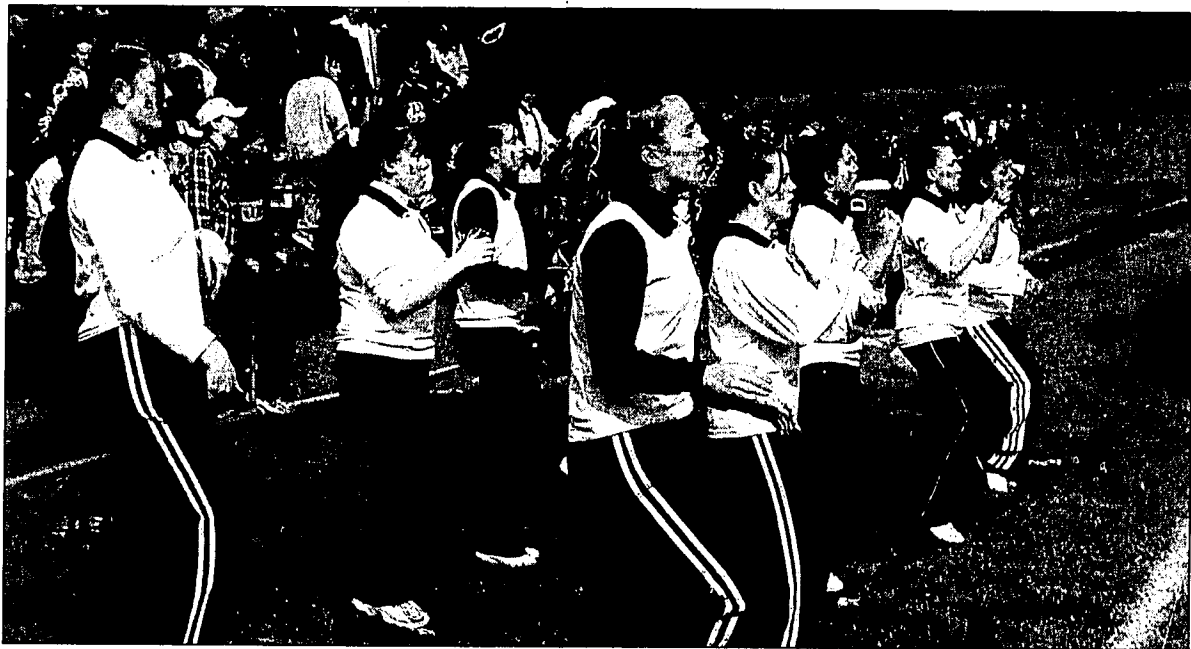
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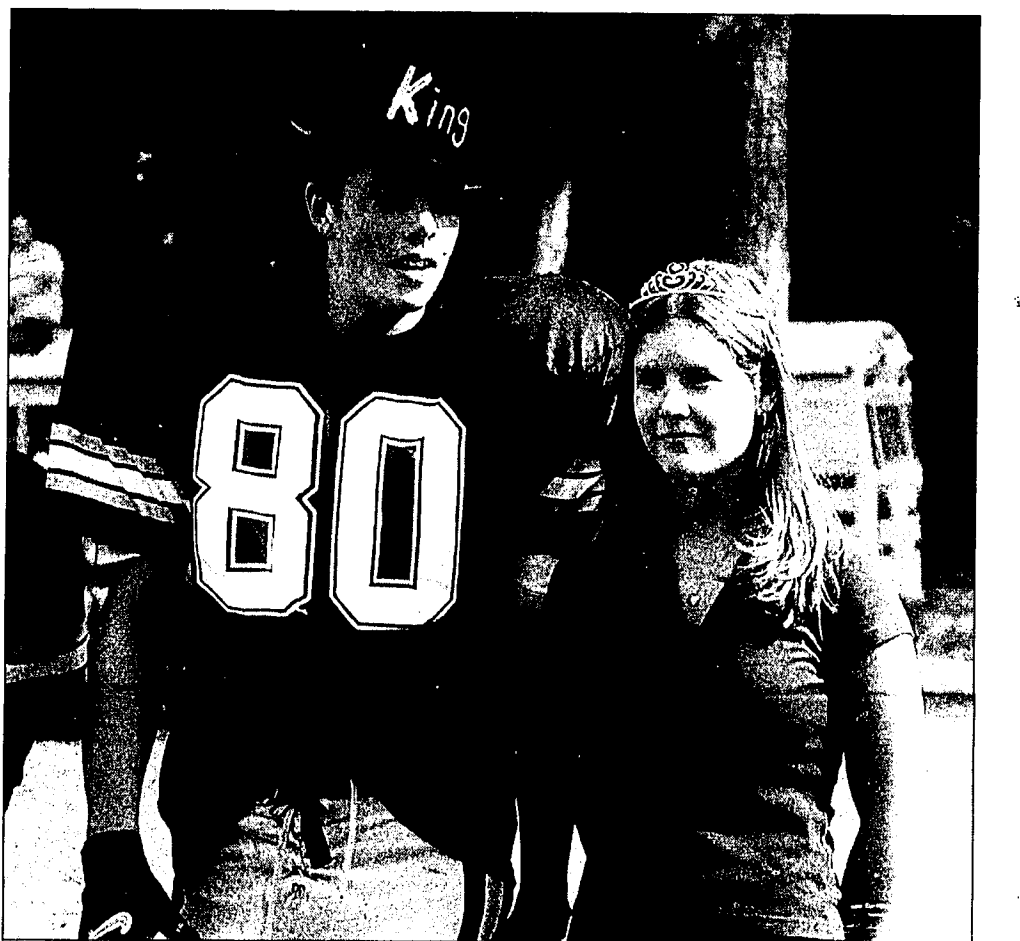
Candidates Gene Jovin and Beth Copenhaver



Candidates Lindsey Evans, Roberto Munoz, and Renee Bergeson



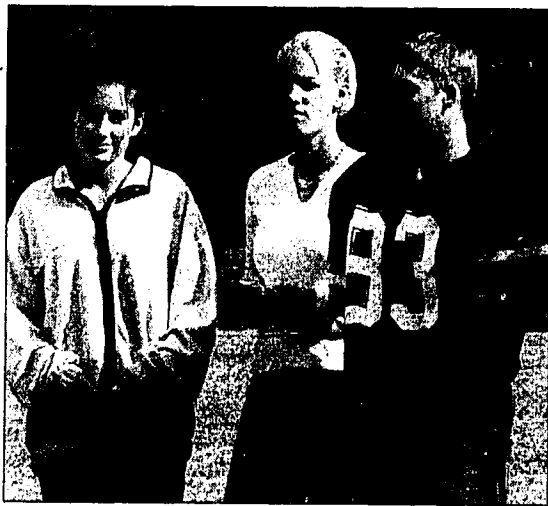
Seeley-Swan Cheerleaders spark enthusiasm with the fans.



Tyler Huggins and Angela Williams were honored as 2001 Homecoming King and Queen.



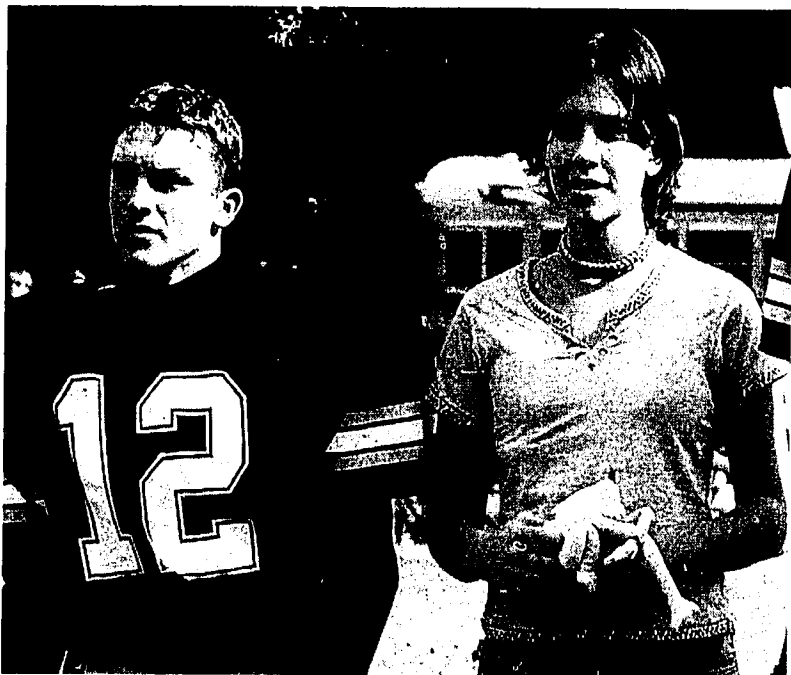
Abe Madinger who caught a long touchdown pass from Brian Gallea had to fill in at quarterback for the injured Gallea in the second half.



Candidates Sarah Madinger, Jennifer Moderie, and Cole Gamet



Quarterback Brian Gallea led his team to a 21-14 first half, but an injury kept him from playing in the second half.



Lane Anderson and Carrie Broesder were named Homecoming Prince & Princess



Candidates Jennifer Moderie, Lane Anderson, Tyler Huggins, and Katie Biggins.

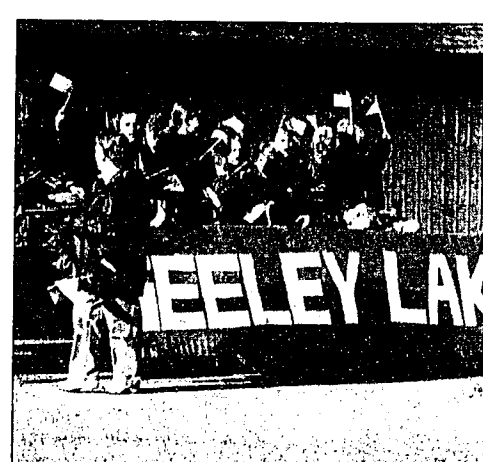




At left Glenn and Carolyn Swearingen accompany their son, Anthony Dean, to the center of the field to join other seniors and their parents who were recognized in pre-game ceremonies.



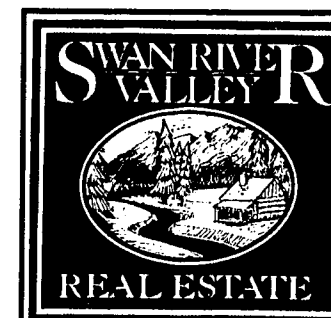
Blackhawk running back Riley Devins eluding the Frenchtown defense on a 35-yard scamper that set up the Blackhawk's first touchdown against the Broncos.



Enthusiasm was high as the home town Blackhawks took the field against top-rated Frenchtown.

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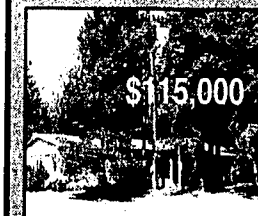
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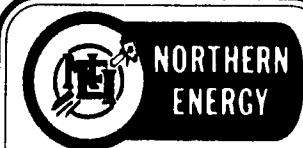


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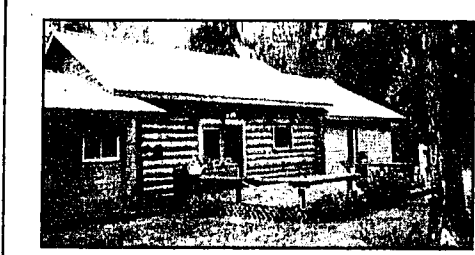
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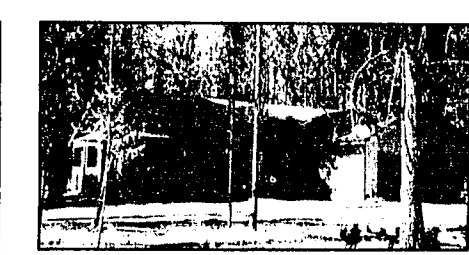
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The Quiltmakers of the Tamaracks for having a show/sale
Dr. Leslie Strobe, D.V.M., of Swan Valley Equine Services, for sponsoring the Jackpot Horseback Fun Ride

the Seeley Lake Drifters for their assistance with parking and handing out flyers

Connie Clark of Pop's Place for providing coffee and muffins at such an early hour for the Festival staff and helpers

Culligan Water for the drinking water and dispenser

Ron Cox and Sharon Klinkhammer of the U.S. Forest Service for giving their time and providing information for the interpretive walks and talks

Riley Hensley for being the M.C. for our Open-Mike Talent Stage and the use of his equipment

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Special thanks to Robert Lee for the use of his field

The Thomas Trio and the "From the Heart" quartet, as well as all the courageous persons who got up on stage and performed in the cold and wind

We would also like to express our appreciation to the businesses in town for being open during the Tamarack Festival.

Swan Song

Emma Jean Johnson

Emma Jean Johnson, 89, went home to be with Jesus on October 4, 2001, at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, Montana.

Jean was born November 17, 1911, in Minutaire, Nebraska to George and Laura Irving Elsass. Her family moved to Somers in 1912. She graduated from Flathead County High School in 1928 and attended college in Greeley, CO.

Jean married Wilfred E. Johnson on November 17, 1934 in Kalispell. She taught in country schools in the Flathead area before moving with her husband to the -69 Ranch in Eureka in 1945. She taught school in Eureka, Rexford and Trego. After her husband's death in 1977, she moved to Charlo and in 1982 to Seeley Lake.

Jean had four sons: George and Lauraine, Camas Prairie; Bill and Marilyn, Kalispell; Bob and Sandy, Artesia, NM; and Don and Ruth, Missoula, and two daughters: Sally Johnson and Mary Ann and Glen Morin, Seeley Lake. She had 18 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, October 11 at 4:00 p.m. at Faith Chapel in Seeley Lake. Graveside services will be held on Friday, October 12 at 1:00 p.m. at Tobacco Valley Cemetery in Eureka.

Memorials can be made to Faith Chapel in Seeley Lake or the Seeley Swan Medical Center in Seeley Lake.

Landscape Assessment Draft ready for review

Are you interested in the future management of forested lands in the Swan Valley? Since 1998, local citizens have been developing a Landscape Assessment that describes the condition of ecosystems that cross private, state and federal lands in the Upper Swan Valley.

The draft Landscape Assessment document is now available for review and comments. Contact the Swan Ecosystem Center, 754-3137, for more information about obtaining a copy of the report.

This Landscape Assessment differs from past land manage-

ment efforts. Landscape Assessment committee members—loggers, environmentalists, local landowners and agency personnel—understand that local knowledge of the land is extremely important.

The committee is actively seeking local comments on the content of the draft before moving forward with publication of a final Assessment, and would like people to respond with ideas about current trends and issues in the Swan Valley.

The project, spearheaded by the Swan Ecosystem Center, includes the entire Upper Swan Valley, from the Lion Creek/

Piper Creek divide south to the Swan/Clearwater divide, and focuses on the importance of understanding valley ecosystems and how they function.

The document will help provide land managers and private landowners with a shared knowledge base for recommending sustainable land management and restoration opportunities locally. The project has been funded in part by grants from the Henry P. Kendall Foundation and the Montana Community Foundation. Volunteers contributed hundreds of hours compiling data and writing this draft.

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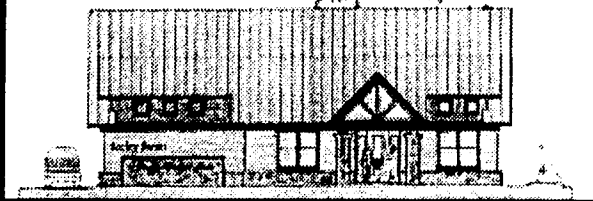
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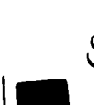
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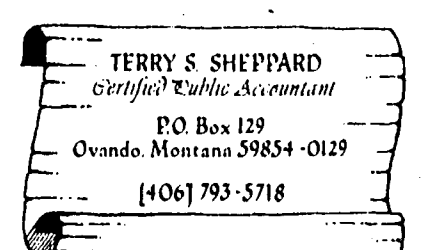
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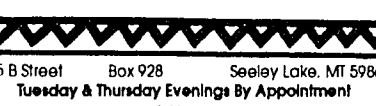
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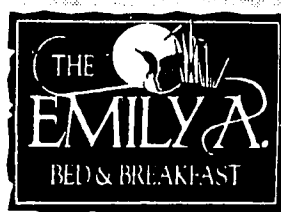
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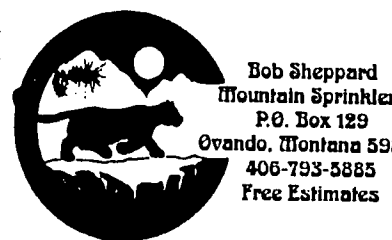
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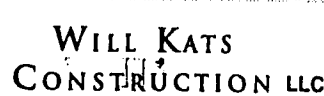
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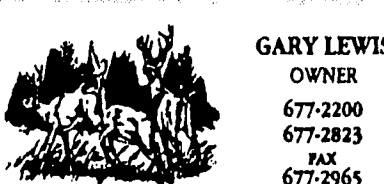
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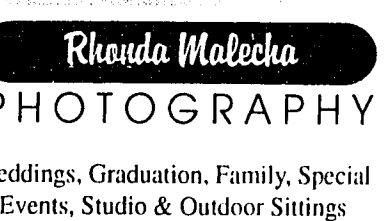
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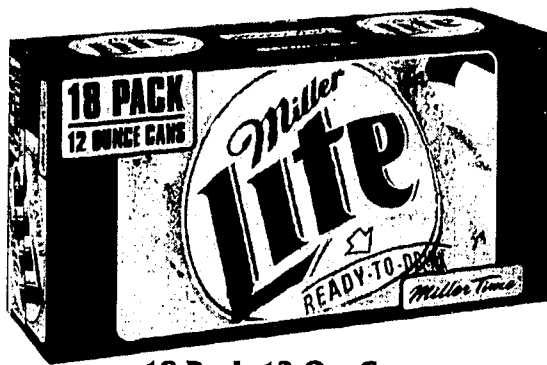
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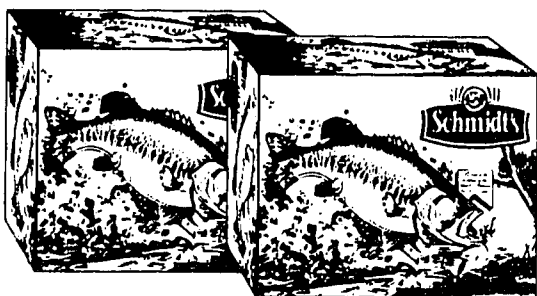
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YMCA News Update on Activities

The Sunday, October 7 soccer games were fantastic! For the first time, Ovando teams were able to join the Seeley Lake and Swan Valley teams in an afternoon of exciting games and fun for all. Thanks to the Seeley Lake parents for providing treats and beverages for the games. The Seeley-Swan YMCA has over 100 kids participating in youth soccer this season. As soon as pictures are developed, look for a full write up in the Pathfinder. A special thanks to Ron Bohlman for his expertise in officiating many of the games. A BIG THANK YOU to all the coaches who donate their time and efforts for the kids.

Adult Fitness Classes began Monday, October 1, 2001. Walk fit classes will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. in the Seeley Lake Elementary School gym. Participants will have the option of walk fit or step class, warm up and stretch together, walk or step class followed by weights and stretch together.

Effective October 15, evening classes will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the new gym at Seeley Lake Elementary School. Monday-Step, Wednesday-Kick boxing, and Thursday-cardio toning. Evening schedule will be on a trial basis to determine if this time will work for everyone. Registration fee is \$15.00 per month for Walk-Fit and \$25.00 a month for Step, Kick and Cardio toning.

Call the Seeley Swan YMCA Outreach for more details at 677-3330.