

*Doors Used for
Christmas Art
at SSNS*

**Gloria Busch
honored for
community work
in Swan Valley**



**Santa makes an appearance
at Christmas Concert at
Swan Valley School.
See photos inside.**

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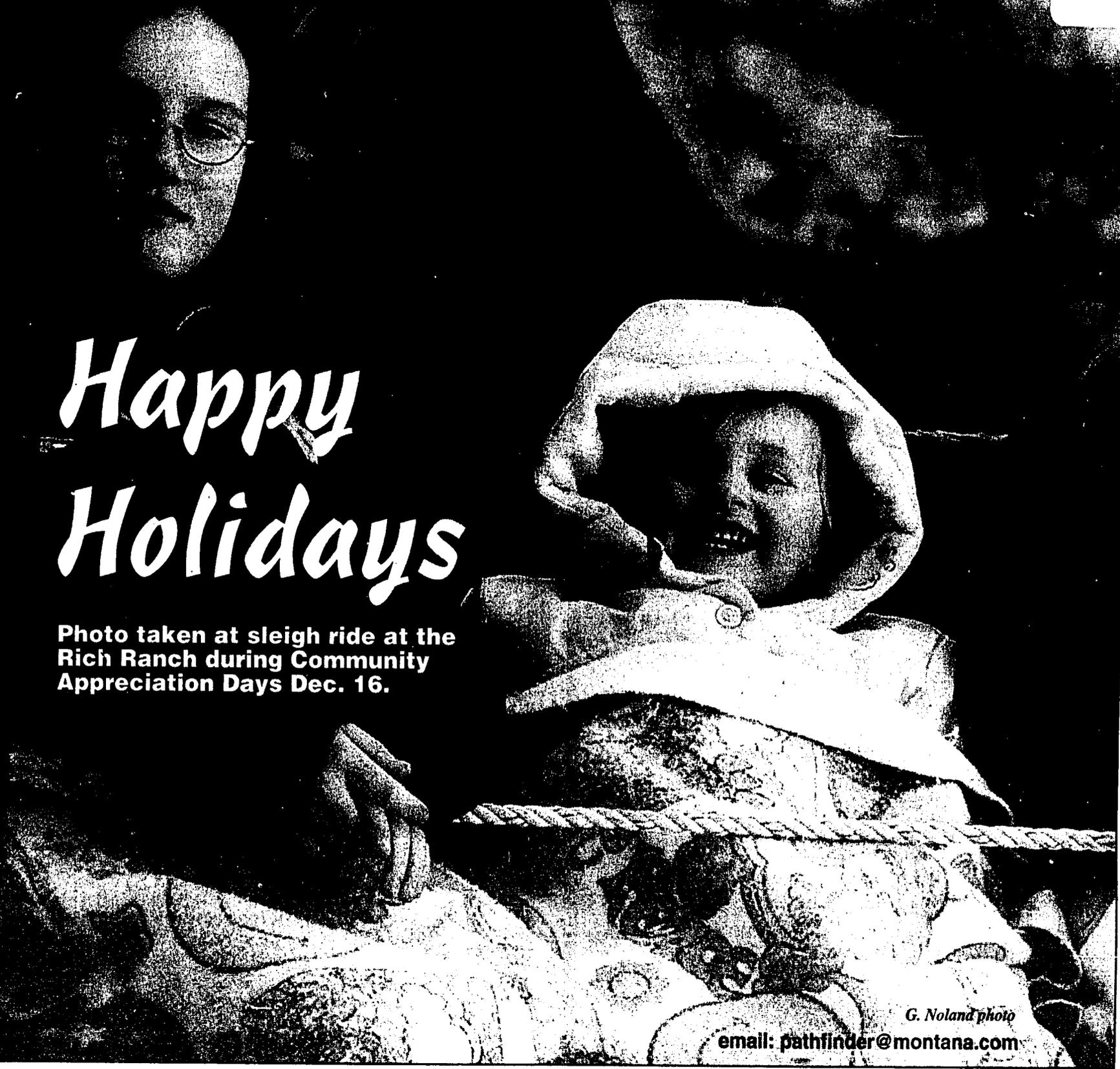
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Thursday, December 27, 2001

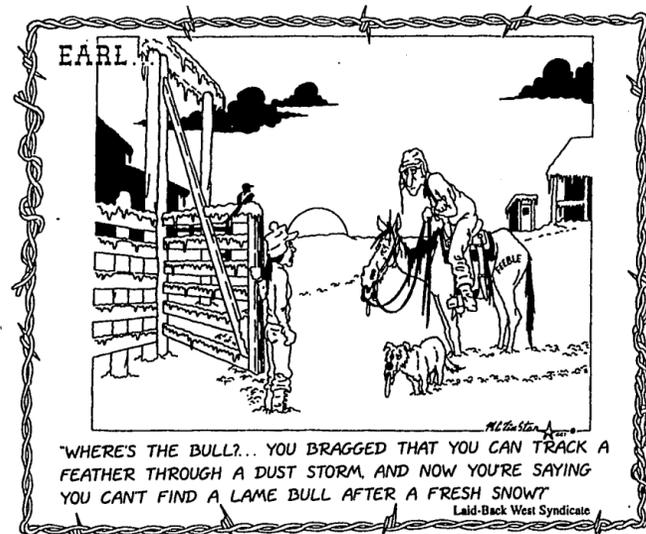
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Happy Holidays

**Photo taken at sleigh ride at the
Rich Ranch during Community
Appreciation Days Dec. 16.**



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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. Water Bd, 4th Wed, 5pm, Glen's Auto
Lions Club, 4th Wed, 6:30pm, SD.L. Comm. Hall
Quiltmakers of the Tamaracks, 4th Thur, 9am, S.L. Comm. Hall
Salmon Prairie/Swan Lake Elem Bd., 1st Tues

WEEKLY MEETINGS:
Alcoholics Anonymous: (help for those with a suspected drinking problem)
-Condon: Faith Lutheran Church, every Sunday, 1pm
-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: 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
Swan Lake Residents: 886-2324 (Fire, QRU or Search & Rescue) or 1-406-752-6161 for Sheriff, Highway Patrol.

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

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

Editorial Comment

Chips . . . bits & pieces

Early deadline for next week's Pathfinder...
Because New Year's day falls on Tuesday, we will be printing next week's issue this coming Monday (Dec. 31, 2001) and distributing it on Wednesday (Jan. 2, 2002, our normal distribution day).
If you want season greeting ads, next week is still appropriate, or if you want to advertise after New Year's day, next week is a good time. We appreciate copy for next issue at our office on Friday. Final deadline for news and advertising copy will be noon this Saturday, Dec. 29.

We wish you a happy and safe New Year's Celebration!
—Gary Noland

Let us Count Our Blessings

(Tom Mitsoff is a longtime daily newspaper editor and syndicated columnist. His web address is www.tommitsoff.com.)

by Tom Mitsoff
There is nary a year in the 225-year history of the United States of America which hasn't been tinged by tragedy of some sort.

Year in and year out, some region of our vast country is inevitably plagued by flood, drought, earthquake, economic slowdown or other hardship. But typically these events are confined to a relatively small area, and the vast majority of us remember them with a fleeting thought during the holidays or perhaps a prayer. But that really is about it.

This year is different. Those in the Baby Boomer generation, which represent a very high percentage of our readers, would be hard-pressed to recall a more trying, frightening year than 2001 has been.

As of Saturday evening, the official count of persons killed, presumed dead or missing as the result of the events of Sept. 11 in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania was 3,251, according to the Associated Press. On the "Day of Infamy," 2,403 Americans died during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, which until this year was the most devastating attack, in terms of loss of life, on U.S. soil by a foreign enemy.

Thousands of U.S. families face a holiday season with an empty seat at the table and an empty place in their hearts. And of course, we will remember them.

The Sept. 11 attacks ravaged not only life and landmarks, but a U.S. economy which had already been in recession since March, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Since October 2000, when employment levels were at their most recent

high, 2.6 million people in our country have lost their jobs, or approximately 185,000 per month. As of December 7, the unemployment rate in the U.S. is 5.7 percent, or about one out of every 20 people who would like to be working. Chances are you know someone who has lost his or her job, particularly if you have ties to the airline industry, in which 45,000 lost their jobs in November alone.

This year's average monthly unemployment rate will jump nearly an entire point over the average for 2000, and we haven't seen that kind of quick negative turn in employment fortunes in at least a decade.

Are you still gainfully employed? If so, know that most industries in our economy are suffering major downturns in revenue, which of course, pays the salaries of workers. Count yourself blessed that either you are in an industry that is relatively unaffected by the current recession, or that your employer has had the courage and heart to stick with you during tough times, because it's likely that his or her bottom line is taking some unexpected hits.

So this year, as we gather to spend the Christmas-New Year period with our loved ones, there may never have been a more appropriate moment in the lives of the Baby Boomer generation to stop and count our blessings. Do you have your spouse, your children and members of your extended family still with you? Give them a big hug, a big kiss and tell them you love them. And then say a silent prayer for the thousands of families who had their loved ones taken from them so suddenly, without a chance to say goodbye. Many of them will never have closure.

It's easy to get overwhelmed when our public and private worlds are in turmoil, but don't forget during this season of peace and joy to be thankful for what you do have.
—Tom Mitsoff

Larson Disposal

WILL be picking up trash on
New Year's morning,
Tuesday, January 1, 2002

Happy New Year

New telephone rates January 1

FCC Orders Increases in Federal Subscriber Line Charges; Move Intended as Further Boost to Competitive Telecom Structure

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently issued a long-awaited decision that will affect residential and business customers of Blackfoot Telephone and other independent, community based telecom providers. As a result of the FCC's order, federal subscriber line charges (SLCs) for subscribers of independent local companies and cooperatives will increase, effective Jan. 1, 2002, from \$3.50 to \$5.00 monthly for residential and single-line business customers, and from \$6.00 to as much as \$9.20 per month for multi-line businesses.

In addition, pending the outcome of the FCC's review of the SLC levels assessed by the regional Bell companies and other large, urban-based companies, the SLCs of independent local companies could increase to \$6.00 on July 1, 2002, and \$6.50 on July 1, 2003. For qualified low-income custom-

ers, the FCC directed that support for the federal Lifeline service program will match any increases in the SLCs.

The federal SLC is a flat monthly charge, established by the FCC, assessed directly to end-user customers to help local telephone companies recover some of the costs they incur in constructing and maintaining their local networks. The FCC has capped the SLC charges since their inception due to customer affordability concerns.

To spur competition in long-distance services, the FCC has sought to reduce the level of "access charges" paid by the long-distance carriers for their use of the local network. In June 2000, the FCC adopted a plan proposed by a coalition of national long-distance carriers and large local companies to reform the interstate access system. To align the interstate rate structure more closely with the manner in which costs are incurred, the FCC capped federal SLCs for the large local companies at \$5.00 for residential and single-line business customers and \$9.20 per-line for multi-line businesses.

The FCC's recent action brings the SLC rates of community based telecom providers in line with those charged by urban companies.

The FCC said the recent order "completes" its campaign to reform the interstate access and universal service systems that support community based providers, such as Blackfoot Telephone, that serve predominantly rural, high-cost areas across the nation. According to the FCC, these independent companies are typically small, rural carriers that have higher operating and equipment costs than urban-based companies due to lower subscriber density, smaller calling areas, and limited economies of scale. Independent companies and cooperatives also rely more heavily on revenues from per-minute interstate access charges paid by long-distance carriers and federal universal service support than the larger, urban-based telephone companies. The FCC's action allows community based companies to continue charging long-distance companies for access, but not as much.

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Sunday - Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, salad bar - \$6.95
Monday - Spaghetti, garlic toast, salad bar - \$5.95
Tuesday - Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, roll - \$5.95
Deck deal - Hamburger, fries, drink - \$5.00 (cheese -.25)
Senior citizens - 10% discount
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AARP honors Gloria Busch for service in Swan Valley

The Swan Valley chapter of AARP held their annual Christmas meeting on Monday, December 10, 2001, with pre-lunch entertainment provided by the singing of Christmas carols by the group "Caught in the Act".

"Caught in the Act" is a

group of Swan Valley women, led by Donna Richardson, who meet weekly to sing together.

AARP took advantage of their presence to award a Certificate of Appreciation to one of their members, Gloria Busch, for outstanding community service over many years.

The award, which was in process for several months, was a complete surprise to Gloria (who didn't believe a secret could be kept in the Swan Valley), but AARP knew she would be there that day and had planned ahead. Al Ward from the Helena office of AARP was on hand for the presentation.

In presenting the award Bob Cushman mentioned Ms Busch's history of involvement in the Swan Valley community, beginning with the fact that she was responsible for the existence of the Hungry Bear restaurant, without which the valley would be vastly different.

The overriding reason for the award however, was Gloria's creating the Swan Valley Players, the informal theater group that has presented marvelous productions over the last several years in a successful effort to banish cabin fever in the winter.

She has selected the casts and been the producer, director, and prompter for plays such as "Rowdy Kate", "Shenanigans at the Wilderness Hotel", "Tea for Two", "Razzle Dazzle Royalty",



Gloria Busch receives a certificate from AARP honoring her for community service in Swan Valley. At left is Al Ward, Helena office of AARP. At right is Bob Cushman, Swan Valley AARP, who presented the award. —furnished photo

"Dan Daredevil", and "Sidewalks for Glacier Creek." □

In addition to providing entertainment for the people of Swan Valley and nearby communities, the plays made money that was donated by Ms Busch to the Swan Valley library (she has been a member of the library board), the Swan Valley Elementary School (she is a former

school board member), the Quick Response Unit and the Swan Valley Volunteer Fire Department. □

In accepting the award, Gloria stated that this season's play has been selected, and would be presented on two weekends in March. □

We will all be looking forward to it.

Condon Area Senior Lunch schedule

The Hungry Bear Steak House is serving lunch to Condon area seniors (60 years & older) on Mondays and Thursdays at 1 PM. Please call the Hungry Bear at 754-2240 for reservations prior to 5:00 PM the day before. This program is sponsored by Swan Valley Senior Services.

Thursday, Dec. 20 Grapefruit Juice, Ham Slice, Baked Potato, Green Salad, Peaches, Cookie

Monday, Dec. 24 No Lunch.....Hungry Bear closed

Thursday, Dec. 29 Orange Juice, Swiss Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Biscuit, Jello/Fruit

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- Jan. 4-Quilt til You Wilt 5:30 p.m. - ????
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 - Jan. 7-Old Glory Sampler with Patti Bartlett Dunlap
 - Jan. 10-Beginning Quilting Series with Penny
 - Jan. 12-Christmas Row Sampler with Pam Rose and Marlene Bartlett
 - Jan. 14-Chenille Throw with Penny
 - Jan. 16-Flannel Jumper with Patti Bartlett Dunlap
 - Jan. 19-Third Saturday Sampler Finish up ideas
 - Jan. 21, 23, 25-Colorwash Irish Chain with Pam Rose
 - Jan. 26 or 29-Third Saturday Sampler Finish up Class
 - Jan. 28, 30, Feb. 1- Pine Berry Trail with Patti Bartlett Dunlap

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REGISTRATION & LICENSING NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FOR MONTANA ALL-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

NO. 04-999-5011-001
On November 2, 2001, James and Karen Loconte filed an application for the transfer of a license to be used at UPPER DECK SPORTS BAR AND GRILL (former Upper Deck Sports Bar), 3027 Highway 83 - Lazy Pine Mall Units F, G & N, Seeley Lake, Missoula County, Montana.

Protests against an application must be (1) made in writing, (2) mailed to the Department of Revenue, Liquor Licensing, PO Box 1712, Helena, Montana 59624-1712, and (3) received and date stamped by the Department no later than the 13th day of January, 2002. Protests will be accepted from creditors of the transferor or from residents of the county from which the application originates and of adjoining counties only. Each protestor is required to mail a separate letter of protest. Each letter must be signed by the protestor. Protest petitions bearing the names and signatures of more than one protestor will not be considered. Protest letters must provide the license number, trade name, or applicant name associated with the license being protested for identification purposes. Protest letters must contain a clear statement of the writer's intent to protest the application. The grounds for protest of an application for a transfer

of location are limited to those set out in section 16-4-405, MCA, for a denial of a license, and public convenience and necessity as set out in section 16-4-204, MCA. If the protested application is for a transfer of ownership not involving a transfer of location, the grounds for protest are limited to those set out in section 16-4-405, MCA. Protest letters which do not provide the information described in this paragraph will not be considered valid protest letters. Only those grounds for protest raised in valid protest letters will be considered at hearing. An individual's testimony will be limited to the grounds for protest raised in that individual's protest letter.

If the department receives a sufficient number of protests to trigger a hearing pursuant to section 16-4-207(4)(a), MCA, a hearing will be scheduled in Helena, Montana. If the department receives a sufficient number of protests to trigger a hearing pursuant to section 16-4-207(4)(b), MCA, to determine public convenience and necessity, a hearing will be held in the county in which the proposed premises is located. All qualified protestors will be notified of the time, date and location of the hearing. Hearings are typically scheduled within 90 days following the protest deadline.

If a sufficient number of protests to trigger a hearing are not received and all licensing criteria have been satisfied, the department may issue the license without holding a hearing.

DATED: December 18, 2001
BY: Todd Olson
Compliance Specialist

SEELEY LAKE ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL MENU

WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2001

Monday, December 31	No School
Tuesday, January 1	No School
Wednesday, January 2	Chicken Fried Steak
Thursday, January 3	Peanut Butter or Chicken Sandwiches & Soup
Friday, January 4	Sloppy Joes

School will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2002.

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— from the book Hunter by J.A. Hunter

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to Vince Pulici for taking the time and caring enough for a large dog which was standing in the middle of the highway. Vince loaded the dog up and brought it to Paws Up Safe Home. Vince stated, "I did not know what my hunting dog would do, but I couldn't leave him on the highway. He would have been killed." Well apparently Vince's hunting dog tolerated sharing the back seat. The owner did retrieve his dog (which did have ID!) after we called him. As to the owner, why didn't you start looking for your dog when you realized he was gone? As to Vince, we thank you and are proud of you. You are a young man of values who anyone would proudly call son and grandson, as I am sure your family is. Values such as these begin at home. Good job!

Paws Up

and good luck on your race Martin Koenig. Martin brought us bunches of Pedigree dog food, which we can use and share with those in need. The dogs at Paws Up will be pulling for you in the race. Let us know how you do.

Paws Up

to Elke and Jerry Scholl, who adopted Buck the purebred English Spaniel, whose owner passed away. Buck is now renamed Winston, and is such a lucky dog, for once again he has a loving home with the best.

Paws Up

to Koli Zahn for the donation of 2 plush dog pillows.

Paws Up

to those who sent us pictures of the dogs they adopted. It makes our work so worthwhile when we see these wonderful dogs so loved and wanted.

Paws Up

to the Elliott family, who adopted Georgie the cat from Paws Up Safe Home. Victoria loves her cat and Georgie is a beauty. The resistance to a cat by Victoria's dad Pat, faded the first day, and guess who sits on dad's lap at night and with his morning coffee? That's right, it's Georgie. Animals have a way of bringing out a loving heart, eh Pat?

Paws Up

to all of you out there who continue to help us. Because of all of you we have saved so many wonderful pets and helped so many people. So many animals could be saved if more small communities would join together as we have. The Humane Society is overrun with dogs. Please, if you are considering getting an animal, check out the shelters first. Rescued animals make wonderful loving pets, as they seem to know what you have done for them.

To all of you, we wish for you and your pets a wonderful holiday and a healthy, happy new year. We pray for world peace! Please love your pets and keep a loving and gentle heart with your pets.

Sable Ann Will Need Her Own Sofa If Adopted

Sable Ann is 10 months old. She is Mastiff and Rott, and weighs 86 lbs. Sable Ann thinks she is a lap dog and is such a loving puppy. When she greets you on her hind feet she looks you in the eye. Sable Ann plays with all the other dogs and Maizie, who weighs 7 lbs, bosses her around. The cats crawl over her when she is laying on her doggie pillow (2 large ones put together). Sable Ann is so gentle and loving and, as all our dogs, must go to the perfect home. The home, as always, must be a gentle and loving home. Sable Ann is featured on one of the pages of the Pathfinder, along with just a few of our success stories. Sable Ann will only go to a home which is approved by Renee and myself. Sable Ann will go to a home where she must be an inside/outside dog with walks and loving attention. This dog is very special and the one who adopts her must be also. Sable Ann will weigh approximately 150 lbs. when full grown.

Paws Up

Just a few of our success stories are featured throughout the Pathfinder. We dedicate these and all of our success stories to you out there who have helped make our second year another wonderful year. Please let Renee know and her helpers Brandi, Jon and the 4-H young men and women how much they are appreciated. It takes us all! We have had approximately 150 dogs and 40 cats pass through the door. Where would these wonderful pets be if not for all our working together?

Note

Once again we thank Sandy at the Pathfinder, and the Noland family, for their time, patience and help.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL, AND BLESSINGS FROM ALL OF US AT
PAWS UP SAFE HOME, AND ALL THE DOGS AND CATS!**

Elinor Williamson. 406 677-2174 PO Box 522 Seeley Lake, MT 59868 Non-profit #368168	Paws Up Safe Home Renee Stowe 406 677-3435 PO Box 323 Seeley Lake, MT 59868
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**OUR BEST
WISHES FOR
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**Please Pause For
Pets and Paws**

Some of the Dogs Adopted (or available) this year from Paws Up Safe Home!

Jack - now Jake

I was a throw-away. I was so sad, but thanks to you and Paws Up Safe Home, the perfect couple came one day and took me to a loving home where I rule all. You should see my toys! I never felt so good or so loved. The people I own are Lynn and Rose Carey. Blessings to all.

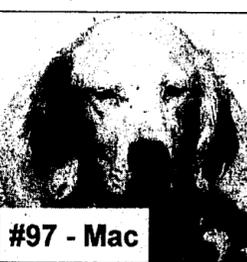


Sable Ann

I love everyone and am so happy to see everyone. My owner wasn't a very nice person, so the vet brought me to Paws Up Safe Home. I love it there, but would really like to be your lap dog. I've had all my shots and am spayed. I love other dogs, cats and kids. Will you love me? Start the year out right with me as your special lap dog. Remember, the old women who have me are picky. P.S. I'm very smart, and thanks to all.



#96 - Jed



#97 - Mac

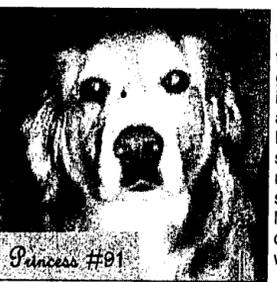
Mac and Jed

were so glad there was a Paws Up Safe Home. Otherwise they would have been sitting at Animal Control, or worse. Mac and Jed ran off during Easter weekend from Ovando, and were gone for 5 days until the Wendells found them and brought them to Paws Up, which the distraught owner had already contacted. They were reunited that day. Mac and Jed and their owners say thank you to all, for had there been no place to take these lost dogs, what would have happened to them?



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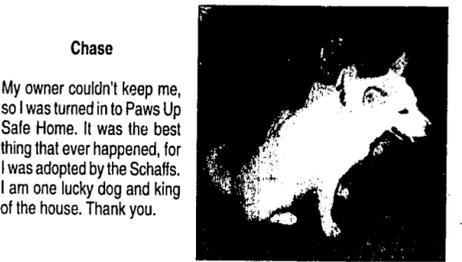
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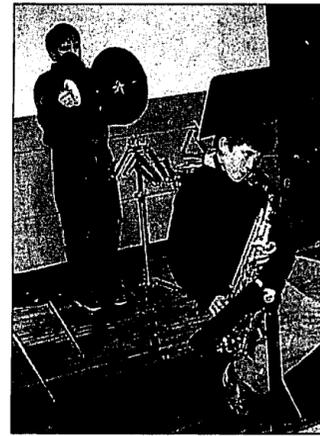
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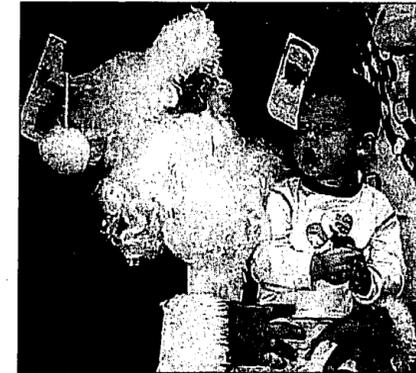
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Hawks roll against Darby



Zach Nelson drives for the basket against Darby. The sophomore sparked a 93-78 rout of Darby with 10 of his game high 22 points in the second quarter. —G. Noland photo

The Blackhawks were on a roll here Friday night finding the basket for 93 points against a visiting Darby team.

The 93-78 win was the second for the season.

The Hawks took a five-point lead 19-13 in a good first quarter, but really turned it on in the second quarter, sparked by sophomore Zach Nelson's 10 points for the period. The Hawks scored 26 points in the second quarter and 26 again in the third period and Darby, though running up 78 points found themselves way short.

Nelson finished with 22 for the night, followed by three other Hawks in double figures: Spencer Balcom with 16, Rich Copenhagen with 11, and Abe Madinger with 10. Other Hawk players added

plenty of support with David Pitman scoring 9, Brian Gallea 8, Riley Devins 7, Cody Hard 6, and Logan Rammell 4.

The Darby win was short-lived, however, when the Hawks fell to Deer Lodge 72-54 in a game there Saturday night.

Ranked second in a pre-season poll of District 5-B coaches, Deer Lodge took command in the second quarter outpacing the Hawks 20-11.

Abe Madinger led the Hawks' scoring with 18 points. Zach Nelson finished with 8, Spencer Balcomb 8, Logan Rammell 7, Rich Copenhagen 5, Riley Devins 5, and Brian Gallea 3.

The Hawks, now 2-2 after four games, are off until after the first of the year.

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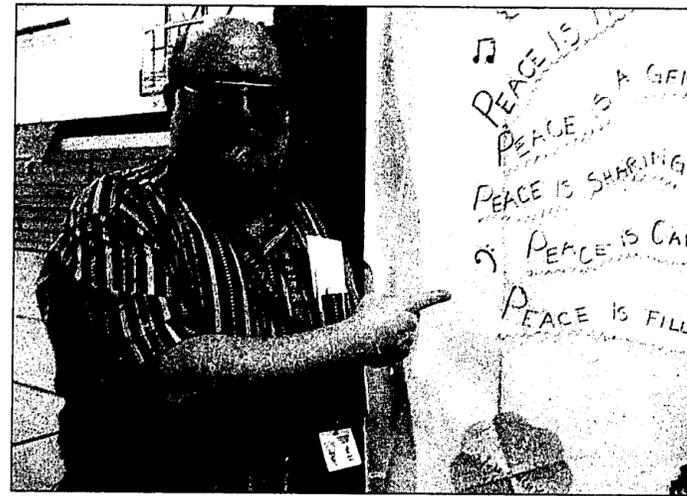
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Christmas spirit was high at Seeley-Swan HS

There was a contest at the high school this holiday season that everyone enjoyed. Doors to classrooms were decorated by the teachers and their classes. It was a contest, but the results are not yet known. These photos are of some, but not all, of the classroom doors.



Mr. Johnson, math



Mr. Green, bandroom.



Mr. Stroh, Title I

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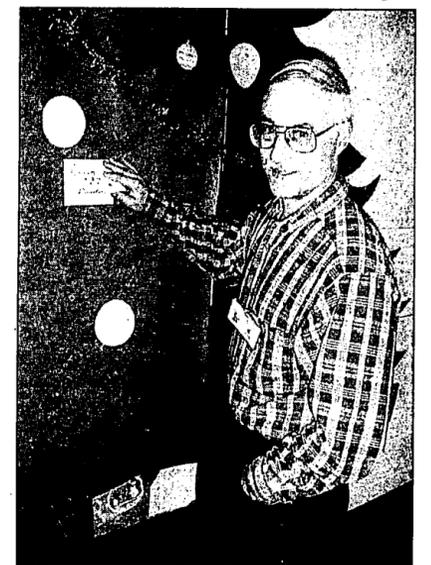
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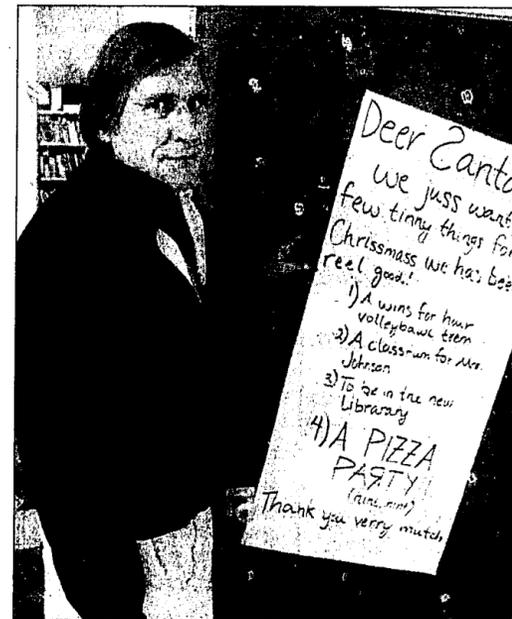
Mrs. Bender, left, English, journalism.



Cathy Novak, hall tree.



Mr. Bourne, science.



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Mr. Johnson, English, Drama.

The Christmas Spirit at SSHS

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Ms. Roe, business.



Mr. Johnson, Math 2

DNRC Reminds Snowmobilers About Riding on State Land

Helena, Mont — With the onset of cold weather, many Montanans anxiously look forward to partaking in their favorite winter activities. Snowmobiling is one of

the most popular winter endeavors; however, when it comes to using state land, snowmobilers are no different from any other type of recreational user. The Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC) hopes that you enjoy all the fun and excitement that winter has to offer and would like to take this opportunity to remind you about a few of the regulations associated with recreational use of Montana's State School Trust Land:

As with other recreational activities on state land, a Recreational Use License, available from all Fish, Wildlife & Parks license agents, is required for all persons 12 & older. The license must be in the person's possession while on state land and must be presented for inspection upon request from a game warden or DNRC employee. Failure to possess or present the license for inspection constitutes trespass and violators are subject to citations and fines. If you are unsure as to the

ownership status of the land you plan to recreate on, seek out a travel plan map that identifies federal, state and private lands. Travel plan maps are available for a nominal fee through many sporting goods stores, or offices of the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). You may also contact your local DNRC office for information on the status of specific tracts/areas. Where unless specifically restricted by DNRC

Don't be confused or misled into believing that new federal rules and regulations regarding motorized vehicle use on Montana's federal lands are applicable to state land & they're not. Use of snowmobiles on state land

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Snowmobiling on leased or licensed land — Keep sleds only on public or other roads/routes designated open for such use. Authorized roads are posted and/or shown on travel plan maps.

Snowmobiling on unleased/unlicensed land is allowed anywhere unless specifically restricted by DNRC

Group or special event rides for specified areas may be authorized under the conditions of a Special Recreation License available only from DNRC offices.

However, on and off-road

snowmobile use policies vary greatly from area to area as well as from parcel to parcel. In western Montana there are a few designated and maintained snowmobile trails/routes on state parcels, however, snowmobiling on state land in central and eastern Montana is, for the most part, prohibited.

Remember, it is your responsibility to contact the local DNRC office in your area of intended use to secure information pertinent to state land. Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices and local snowmobile clubs may also be able to provide information on groomed trails and local conditions.

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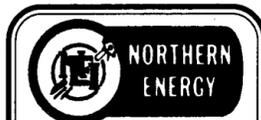
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Soup's on ...

Lunch Menu for this week...12/27 to 1/02

- Thursday: "Oodles of Chicken Noodles" Soup
- Friday: "No Where Near New England" Clam Chowder
- Saturday: "Cousin Polly's" Broccoli & Cheese Soup
- Sunday: "Yes, we have *no* soup...."
- Monday: "New Year's Eve" *no* soup
- Tuesday: "New Year's Day" — *no* soup
- Wednesday: "Just Wild About" Chicken & Wild Rice Soup

~ 11 a.m. until gone, 12 oz. bowl with roll - \$2.50

YMCA News

Update on Activities

Are You Ready to Get in Shape?

Adult Fitness Classes are in progress. Walk fit classes are 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.

Evening classes are 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. Registration fee is \$15.00 per month for Walk-Fit and \$25.00 a month for Step, Kick and Cardio toning.

Y Basketball will begin in January. Anyone interested in coaching please contact the Seeley-Swan YMCA Outreach office, 677-3330. Teams will be 1st/2nd grades and 3rd/4th grades. Paid and/or volunteer positions are available. Basic knowledge of basketball skills and rules is helpful, but not necessary. Times and days to be determined.

Family Fun Day at the Rich Ranch, Sunday, January 13, 2002. Come and join the Missoula Family YMCA and Seeley Swan YMCA Outreach for a sleigh ride and chili feed at 2:00 pm on Sunday, January 13. Adults \$22.00, Children ages 3-10 \$11.00, and children 3 and under - no charge. Great fun for the whole family!

Please call the Seeley Swan YMCA Outreach for more information at 677-3330.

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