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Record number of Entries in Sled Dog Race

Twenty-seven teams entered the Seeley Lake Sled Dog Race here last weekend. Entries included six Iditarod Race veterans. See story and results inside.

A team leaves the starting blocks behind the Community Hall Saturday with the crowd cheering him off.

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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
AARP, 1st Mon, noon, Condon Comm. hall
Blackhawk Booster Club, 1st Mon, 6pm, High School cafeteria
Salmon Prairie/Swan Lake Elem Bd., 1st Tues. S.L. Fire Dept, 1st Tues, 7pm, fire hall

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

Editorial Comment

Chips . . . bits & pieces

Fireworks above Seeley Lake last Saturday signaled the close of Winerfest 2002, and though our activities here came off without a hitch, the sympathies of this snowmobiling community went out to the families of four young men killed in an avalanche on Sheep Mountain near Bonner Saturday afternoon.

Killed in the avalanche slide were Garrett Grothen, 29, of Florence, Christopher Novak, 25, of Missoula, Adam "Lou" Ployhar, 17, of Potomac and Brad Popham, 31, of Lolo.

High avalanche warnings have been issued for this week and weekend in the backcountry, so caution needs to be taken. You can call the West Central Montana Avalanche Center at 1-800-281-1030, or 549-4488, or visit the web at www.avalanche.org.

Last year there were 17 mushers entered in the Seeley Lake Sled Dog Race. Last week entries in the annual event jumped to 27. Norman Lee, Seeley Lake race organizer, is not sure why the big jump but "we have more snow" than other places and we're popular with the mushers. Six of the mushers were Iditarod veterans, 3 of those from Seeley Lake known as the "Iditarod Family"—Bill and Cindy Gallea and their son, Jim.

—Gary Noland

Here is the final results of the snow sculpture competition.

by Scott Anthony

The votes are in!! The People's Choice Award goes to the "Statue of Liberty" by Linda Weaver and Cindy Torok at the Bison & Bear shopping area. The People's Choice is chosen by the public vote at Wold's Valley Market, Rovero's; Annie's Emporium; Deer Country Quilts; and the Napa Store. The "Statue of Liberty" also received first place in the professional category and an Alpine Artisan's Award.

The Best Maintained Award goes to "Cheese" by the Malecha family at the Malecha photo shop. This award goes to the sculpture that is keep swept and nice for the entire Winterfest. "Cheese" also received a third place award in the Big Kids Little Kids category.

Thanks again to our sponsors: Missoula Electric Cooperative; Blackfoot Telephone; Rovero's; First Valley Bank; Steve & Cheri Thompson; and the Alpine Artisans. And a special thanks to all who participated. You made this year's Seeley Lake Winterfest very special.

Enhanced 911 can benefit from your assistance

Over the past couple years, many counties within Blackfoot Telephone service areas have been working on implementing enhanced 9-1-1 (E 9-1-1) services. E 9-1-1 is a system which routes an emergency call to the 9-1-1 call center closest to the caller, AND automatically displays the caller's physical address on the computer screen. Also displayed is the caller's telephone number, which can automatically be redialed if the line is disconnected. Therefore, if the caller is unable to speak, or unable to provide location information, he or she can still be located with a map. To gain the full benefits of enhanced 9-1-1 service, each telephone number must be linked to a

physical address assigned by the county and on file with the local telephone company, so that any 9-1-1 caller can be located by emergency service providers. In addition to providing the location for emergency responders, the physical address of the telephone will also determine how the 9-1-1 call is routed.

Enhanced 9-1-1 uses a caller's location, not telephone exchange, to direct a call to the appropriate call answering center. This contrasts with current 9-1-1 service, which sometimes cannot route the call to an answering center capable of dispatching the emergency assistance to the caller's location.

Creating physical addresses requires naming all roads, including private roads, with unique names and assigning numbers consistently to all properties. Once the road names and property numbers are assigned and adopted by the county, the new physical addresses can be used for 9-1-1 service, for mail delivery, utility companies, delivery services and others. Most of the counties within Blackfoot Telephone service areas have contracted with a mapping company to map all roads and structures for this purpose.

Creating physical addresses is a responsible act of local government. By assigning physical addresses, a community allows its residents to take full advantage of enhanced 9-1-1 service. Ways to assist in the process of implementing E 9-1-1 are:

1. Call your county courthouse to see if they are working on E-9-1-1.
2. Find out what physical address is assigned to your location.
3. Call your local telephone company to make sure the correct physical address is on file for each of your phone lines.

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Seeley District biologist updates Lynx Research

by Scott Thompson

(Scott Tomson lives in Seeley Lake and now works as a wildlife biologist for the Seeley Lake and Missoula Ranger Districts on the Lolo National Forest.)

Jerry O'Neil recently wrote a letter discussing lynx research in the Seeley Lake area. Jerry's letter was timely in that we are hearing a lot about lynx and lynx biologists in the news lately. As a biologist who has been involved with lynx research around Seeley and also in southwest Montana, I would like to try and provide a little bit of information about lynx related research.

I am sure many local residents have familiarity with the lynx project that started here back in 1997-98. Some local trappers helped out a lot at the early stages and some are still involved, so you may have heard about or met some of the lynx crew through them. Since that first winter, the project has evolved from 3 Forest Service researchers trapping, radio-collaring, and tracking lynx to a crew of more than 10 working year round on all aspects of lynx ecology. The current crew has members funded by the Rocky Mountain Research Station (Forest Service), Plum Creek, Bureau of Land Management, and the University of Montana. University students wanting to get field experience also volunteer on the project periodically. All of this effort during the last 4 years has resulted in over 40 lynx captures, including 5 lynx in the Bob Marshall and 6 near Lincoln. For obvious logistical reasons, trapping in "the Bob" has been limited to the month long effort of Jay Kolbe and Tom Parker in the winter of 1999-2000. It's tough to get back in the wilderness and trap and it's even tougher to collect more than just aerial telemetry locations on the cats once they are trapped and collared. Since effort has been so limited in the wilderness, it should not be assumed that all the lynx are in managed forests. They are present in the wilderness, they're just tougher to study. In the future, radio collars with on board GPS units should allow us to collect more data on lynx in these remote areas.

One of the finest charities

Dear Montanans,

I am writing to ask if you might open your heart for one of the finest charities I have ever known. The Florence Crittenton Home has been helping pregnant and parenting teens for over one hundred years. Thousands of young women and babies from every community in Montana have passed through the doors.

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Florence Crittenton is in a unique position - we have the opportunity to impact two generations. If we don't address the needs of these young mothers, we are going to face the same challenges in fifteen years.

Our Montana kids need to know we will be there for them. Please join me as I push up my sleeves to get the job done. Send your tax deductible contribution today to Florence Crittenton, 901 North Harris, Helena MT 59601. As I chair this effort, I would greatly appreciate your help. I want every pregnant girl in Montana to know there is a place for her.

Thank you so much.

Theresa Racicot
Arlington, Virginia

provide us with greater understanding of why lynx do well here and not so well in other areas.

The lynx hair snaring technique, which has received a lot of press lately, was developed and tested in association with the research aspects of this project. This method involves using a beaver castor/catnip scent on a carpet pad nailed to a tree. The lynx, much like your house cat, rub on the scented pad and hairs are caught on small, barbed tacks sticking through the pad. Other animals, such as bears, coyotes and mountain lions, will also rub on the pads. To determine the species the hair came from the hairs are collected and sent to a genetics lab for DNA analysis. These methods are now being used on a national scale by the US Forest Service to determine lynx presence on public lands. This approach makes sense in that it allows large chunks of land to be surveyed at a relatively low cost.

I think the tone of recent articles has somewhat misrepresented the purpose of these surveys. It's my understanding that a primary intent of the surveys is to direct researchers to places that have lynx so that they can get on the ground and use tracking methods and trapping to more accurately answer questions about lynx abundance and habitat use in those areas. The hair snare surveys give lynx presence data. They may not conclusively show that lynx are absent or adequately address questions about population density or habitat use. Due to the lack of population information, current land use decisions involving lynx are more based on presence of lynx habitat than presence of actual lynx. The detection of a lynx in an area does not, in and of itself, trigger management decisions limiting activities such as snowmobiling and logging. Even so, it's unfortunate that the recent

Fourth graders explore new facility

Dear Community,

We have been visiting the public library at Seeley-Swan High School all year. Now, we discovered we have a new, magnificent facility. It is very attractive and it even smells nice and new. The shelves are attractive and serviceable for younger patrons. It makes us feel more independent while we are browsing and researching.

The technology is awesome! We truly appreciate Mrs. Hamline and her staff for their creative and respectful help.

We love the new library and we hope you visit it and appreciate it too.

Seeley Lake
Elementary School
Fourth Grade

actions of biologists working for various agencies in the northwest have given a real black eye to the wildlife profession and discredited the hair snaring technique.

Not to be confused with the hair snaring, snowshoe hare research is also ongoing here in the Seeley area to provide data on the ecology of hares, which are lynx' primary prey. If you want to find lynx, you pretty much need to find hares. Hares are abundant here and this research should tell us a lot more about them, including what habitats they prefer and how they deal with predators. We may also get a better picture of how hare populations in this area fluctuate over time. It is known that they follow a 10-year cycle of pronounced highs and lows in the boreal forests of the north but the less dramatic cycles down here in the lower 48 are poorly understood. Nobody really knows why it is their cycle. Some blame predators and others have theories ranging from overpopulation to sunspots and solar flares.

Nature is extremely complex and variability exists at many scales. Due to this complexity, wildlife research is not an exact science, and few questions can be

Log 'Bob' to save the Lynx?

Dear Editor,

This letter is a response to a passage in the Pathfinder a few weeks ago - Log the Bob to save lynx? It was written by Jerry O'Neil, Montana Senate Dist. 42, Kalispell, Montana. I hope I read this right. It seemed to me that Jerry thought that logging had something to do with saving the lynx.

Did I not read another passage in the Pathfinder about wild rabbits just passing through newly or previously logged areas? They preferred old growth to live in or around.

You'll have to forgive me but - What do lynx eat???? Does anyone know if lynx are territorial???? It seems that these studies are based on information from 1977-1994. I personally encountered a person working for the wildlife service a year or so ago. She was studying about lynx and habitat. It was good to see people like that in the field, where the facts count and quotas don't cover.

May God bless the Bob Marshall and keep her safe. How are we gonna breath without those trees?

Gary Welkom
Seeley Lake, Montana

answered with a simple yes or no. There is a lot of gray area. Many questions are made more difficult to answer by cost and logistic limitations as well. However, it is my opinion that the research is important. It provides managers with the information necessary to make informed decisions. Without good information to support management decisions, things often wind up in court and we all know the frustration that causes everyone. Unfortunately, there are times when the need for answers is now and the research can't adequately provide them. In these cases, folks in management are often forced to take a conservative approach in their decision-making. This is also frustrating to some people, especially when these decisions affect their livelihood. A lot of times the more conservative approach is the only one that can be taken from a legal standpoint and also for the best interest of a rare species. I think most of us here in Montana appreciate our wildlife and want to maintain the diversity we have. I believe we can achieve this goal without locking up the woods, it just takes a lot of work and cooperation from all sides including the agencies, industry, activists, and local communities.

Gambling ban would be costly!

Dear Editor,

For those of you who aren't aware, Tom Shellenberg of Livingston is currently gathering signatures to get Constitutional Initiative 85, which would ban gaming machines, on the November ballot this year. If this initiative is passed, it will be disastrous for the state. The first effect would be an increase in personal income tax of approximately \$250 per year per taxpayer, to replace the loss of gaming taxes.

In a small community like ours, the tourist dollar is very important to the survival of most businesses. Along with our natural amenities, food, drink and entertainment are essential requirements to draw tourists here. Without gaming, I would most likely have to lose one half of the people I currently employ. Some businesses would not be able to survive at all. The trickle down principle would eventually effect the whole community.

Please inform your friends and families of this issue and strongly encourage them to register to vote and to vote no on Initiative 85 if it is placed on the ballot.

Leon Martin
Seeley Lake, Montana

Taking a closer look at counts of Cow Elk

by Mike Thompson

The Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range may look fairly level or gently rolling to the casual passer-by. But, according to the results of annual helicopter surveys since 1997, our cow elk are making slow and interrupted progress on a very steep and slippery slope.

It looks to me like our cow numbers climb about three steps upward in one year, and then slip two steps back the next. Then three steps upward and two steps back again.

Just look at the number of cows we counted on the Game Range in January 1998. We were quite satisfied to find a total of 577 cows that year, which was within 2 cows of the count we obtained in 1996 (before the hard winter of '96-'97 stole two years of calf production). So, with only 50 A-7 licenses issued for the harvest of antlerless elk, we looked forward to a steadily increasing number of cows in the population.

And, sure enough, we bounced up to 631 cows in January 1999, just as you might expect. But, in January 2000, we fell back to 591 cows. Then we climbed up again to 654 cows in January 2001, but slipped back to 603 cows this year.

The number of cows in the

population is climbing, to be sure. The unexpected low count of cows that we observe in every other year is always higher than the previous low. And, every high count is higher than the one that occurred two years before.

But, like the car owner who is forever trying to correct that ping in the engine that only he can hear, I am challenged to try and explain the fitful, sputtering performance of our cow numbers in the Game Range elk population.

And, it's the every-other-year pattern that's most fascinating to me. Three steps up and two steps back.

You can make sense of it if you look only at the high years and try to explain the following low year. Take the count in January 2001 for example. Our survey revealed 654 cows and 149 calves on the winter range that year. So, the count in January 2002 should have been no higher than about 730 cows if half of the calves on the winter range in 2001 were females, and if all of them survived to be counted as cows in 2002, and if no older cows died between 2001 and 2002.

In reality, we know that hunters on the Game Range killed at least 27 cows last fall. Probably about 15 additional cows from this population were killed by permit-



ted hunters in Hunting District 285 as well. (We'll have a better estimate when the statewide telephone survey of hunting success is completed later this winter.) Probably a few extra cow elk (maybe as many as 15) were killed on private lands in special district 298 between the Game Range and Ovando. So, last year's hunter harvest might offset as many as 55 or 60 of the expected 75 female calves that we added to our cow population last year.

This assumes that all the calves we observed in January 2001 were able to survive the winter. Of course, we know this was not the case, although the winter was mild and Jamie Jonkel's spring carcass survey indicated that mortality rates were fairly low. But, we might have lost 10 or so of our female calves to malnutrition, predation and the myriad of stresses that calves must endure in their first winter.

Thus, without even trying very hard, we've already zeroed out the increase that the calf crop of 2000 should have delivered to our cow numbers. We haven't even begun to talk about a year's worth of deaths in mature cows due to old age, predation, accidents, and other bumps in the night.

So, it's not that hard to explain how the 654 cows in January 2001

became only 603 cows in January 2002.

What is hard to explain is how we jumped from 591 cows in January 2000 to 654 cows in January 2001, with only 128 calves to work with. That would be a maximum of about 64 female calves added to the 591 cows for an expected total of no more than 655 cows in January 2001.

Should we take credit for knowing our herd down to the last elk? We actually counted 654 cows in January 2001.

Oh, but there's no credit earned in this case. We know that at least 22 cows were killed on the Game Range in the hunting season of 2000, and additional causes of mortality should be subtracted as well, as I described before.

The year between January 1998 and January 1999 provides the most dramatic and embarrassing example. Our survey said that we only added about 35 female calves to the cow herd in 1998, but our count of cows increased by 54. That's before we even begin to subtract a year's worth of mortalities!

What's a biologist to do? Well, he could begin by admitting the obvious. I've just demonstrated that we don't accurately account for every single elk in the Game Range population with our

helicopter counts each year. In some years, the little bunch of cows and calves that moves back and forth across Highway 200 is within our survey area on the Game Range. In other years, they're probably over on Mrs. Wilson's property less than a mile away, but outside the survey area. And, there are other examples where the elk we count in one year don't behave exactly the way they're supposed to the next year.

This is not surprising. What is surprising is that our counts follow from one year to the next so closely that we can even amuse ourselves by trying to account for every elk in every annual count. Of course, we fail when we try to be so exact from one year to the next. But, it is interesting to compare across the 5-year period from 1998 and 2002. We appear to have gained about 26 adult cows in that period of time, and it took about 245 female calves to accomplish this. That means we're losing about 55 female elk of all ages per year to hunting, predation, malnutrition and all other causes. From our earlier exercise, we know that's about what we should expect.

Maybe I've found the solution to that annoying ping in our elk population after all. Maybe I just need to buy earplugs.

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Divorced spouses need to remain co-parents for their children

MSU-Bozeman News Service

BOZEMAN—After divorce, children are members of two families and former spouses need to cooperate to make both homes supportive and secure for their children. Co-parenting skills are especially important, said Sandy Bailey, Montana State University Extension family and human development specialist.

In a new MontGuide fact sheet, "Co-Parenting After Divorce,"

Bailey offers information that may be helpful to parents who are going through divorce or have gone through divorce in the past and are looking for new ways to cooperate.

The bottom line in the four-page fact sheet is that children are generally better off when they are able to maintain the family relationships that were

important to them prior to the divorce and when their parents are able to cooperate and be generally supportive of one another. That might not always be easy, but Bailey says that planning helps.

Even if they would prefer to avoid each other, parents need to develop a "limited partnership." The partnership needs to be clear, include both households, and be practical.

According to Maureen McInnis, a member of the Montana Mediation Association who operates a custodial mediation practice in Great Falls, the more parents can cooperate together the more they can stay in control of their parenting plan.

There are a variety of possible arrangements for a parenting plan and arrangements may need to change as the child gets older or if family situations change.

Sometimes the child lives with one parent and spends alternating weekends at the other parent's home. Some families alternate between the school year and school vacations. In other families, children move from one home to the other by splitting the week, a period of six months or the whole year.

On special occasions, some families split the day, some switch off year to year and some are able to have the parents come together and share the day with their children.

Different arrangements work for different families. Things to consider include the child's age and temperament, keeping life consistent for the child and keeping contact with both parents frequent.

There are many things to bear in mind when creating a healthy post-divorce environment, but the first thing on the list is to focus on your child's needs first, says Bailey.

She also acknowledges that cooperation may not be possible in every family. "If working with your former spouse is not possible, remaining in your child's life is still important. Some people do this through

'parallel parenting,' where they parent individually, but each continues to remain actively involved in their child's life."

Co-parenting classes are available in some communities, and in cases where cooperation is difficult, a mediator may be able to help facilitate differences between parents so that they can

come to an agreement. For information on mediation resources, contact the Montana Mediation Association at (406) 522-0909. For a copy of "Co-Parenting after Divorce," (MT200111) or other parenting resources, contact your local Extension agent or visit www.montana.edu/publications.

Lucy Manz wins Lions Club Wood Raffle

Congratulations to Lucy Manz of Seeley Lake, the winner of the Seeley Lake Lions Club wood raffle drawing.

The Lions Club would like to say thank you to Seeley Lake and the surrounding community for

their support of the wood raffle. A special thanks to Rovero's and NAPA for their assistance with ticket sales. Also thanks to Lions Club members who sold raffle tickets. The proceeds will be used for various projects to benefit the Seeley Lake community.

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Blackhawk Booster Club

meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Seeley-Swan High School cafeteria.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m.**

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Hawks make it four in a row

The Blackhawks won two squeakers last weekend over Darby and Philipsburg to cap a 4-game winning streak over the past two weeks.

Saturday night in Seeley Lake, Philipsburg tried vigorously to stop Seeley's Abe Madinger, but found themselves on the short end

of his game high 28 points as they repeatedly battled from behind to lose by only 3 points, 69-66.

The Hawks watched Philipsburg twice come back from 10-point deficits before Cody Hard made layup to put the Hawks up by three with only seconds left.

Madinger's 28 points included

a crowd-pleasing dunk off of a steal at mid-court. Madinger got a lot of support from sophomore Zach Nelson who finished in double figures with 20 points, and Cody Hard with 11. Spencer Balcom added 4, Riley Devins 2, Grian Gallea 2, and Rich Copenhagen 2.

Friday night at Darby, Madinger broke a 75-75 tie with 12 seconds left as the Hawks squeaked past Darby 77-75. Madinger had 23 points for the game and again Nelson and Hard were there with double-digit support with 15 and 11 points respectively. Logan Rammell and Rich Copenhagen added 8 apiece, David Pitman 4, Brian Gallea 3, and Riley Devins 3.

Darby, which rallied from an 8-point deficit in the final minutes to try and overtake the Hawks redeemed themselves the following night by upsetting seventh-ranked Loyola 78-75.

The weekend before last the Hawks rolled up two easy wins over Valley Christian and Lincoln.

Zach Nelson's 18-points paced the Hawks in a 79-47 rout of Valley Christian with three other Hawks finishing in double digits: Cody Hard 17, Abe Madinger 14, and Logan Rammell 10. Spencer Balcom added 9, Rich Copenhagen 6, Daniel Wescott 2, and Brian Gallea 1.

Abe Madinger paced the offense with 15 points in a 70-26 win over Lincoln with the balance of scoring spread over 13 players: Brian Gallea 7, Logan Rammell 6, Rich Copenhagen 6, David Pitman 5, Zach Nelson 4, Riley Devins 4, Ron Nash 4, Bryce Freyholtz 4, Brian Mathews 4, Cody Hard 3, Tammer Marlatt 3, Spencer Balcom 3, and Paul Lewis 2.

The Hawks play Florence here Saturday and go on the road Saturday to Frenchtown.



Abe Madinger flies to the basket for two against Philipsburg. The junior Hawk standout had a good week, scoring 28 points against Philipsburg and being named an Athlete of the Week by the Missoulian for his 23 points and last second field goal in the Hawk's win over Darby.

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Forest Service honors Lynn Carey with National Award for his work on Seeley Nordic Trail System

Lynn Carey Receives National Forest Service Volunteer of the Year Award

By Donna Love

On Saturday, January 26, Lynn Carey of Seeley Lake received a National Forest Service Volunteer of the Year Award for ten years of service managing the Seeley Creek Nordic Ski Trails on the National Forest System near Seeley Lake, Montana.

Almost single handedly, Carey clears the 18km (11 miles) of cross-country ski trails of downed trees and grooms the trails as necessary during the ski season with grooming equipment he acquired through grants from Polaris, Inc. and the Federal National Trails Program administered by Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

In addition, he organizes the annual O.S.C.R. (Over Seeley's Creeks and Ridges) Nordic Ski Races in January. The Seeley Lake Nordic Ski Club (SLNSC) of which Carey is the president, organizes the race. The race attracts over 100 entries each year in 10, 25 and 50km races with various age events for men and women.

Carey's work benefits Seeley Lake's winter tourism industry and fosters cooperation between Nordic skiers and snowmobilers. Seeley's ski and snowmobile clubs lend equipment and manpower to each other's trails and events at a time when these groups are quarreling in some communities.

Carey also coordinates equipment demonstrations and a citizen's race every year in an effort to introduce more people to Nordic Skiing. This year on the first weekend of Seeley Lake's Winterfest, Carey organized a free cross-country clinic provided by The Trailhead in Missoula. Demonstrations and instruction were given in both Classic and Skate Skiing, the new rave in the cross-country ski world.

Bruce Johnson, Resource Management Assistant and Karen Linford, Recreation Forester on the Seeley Lake Ranger District on the Lolo National Forest in Seeley Lake nominated Carey for the award. "Lynn Carey is the driving force behind the Seeley Lake Nordic program," Johnson said, and

added, "The club's partnership with the Forest Service is outstanding."

Carey learned to ski on wooden skies when he was a young boy. His family moved here from Hamilton in 1951 when Carey was six so his father could work at Gray's Mill. Carey bought his first skies with Christmas and birthday money sent to him by a bachelor uncle.

In 7th grade, his teacher at the Seeley Lake Elementary School, Paul B. Alexander, introduced his class to downhill skiing on the tow-rope that used to be in operation on the Double Arrow Ranch (now the Sledding Hill).

After high school Carey married his childhood sweetheart, Roselyn (Rose) Styler, from Condon, whom he met while riding the high school bus to Missoula in the early 1960's. They were married in 1964 and made their home in Seeley Lake. They have one daughter, Brenda.

Carey worked at Pyramid Mountain Lumber Company in Seeley Lake for 37 years as a Day Shift Supervisor. He is presently employed part-time by the Double Arrow Golf Course. Rose has been an employee of the Seeley Lake Postal Service for 22 years.

Carey was an avid runner through the 70's. He started the infamous "Cheetah Herders" racing club in 1977. The Cheetah Herders started the annual Seeley Lake "Snow Joke" race that takes place in winter.

The Cheetah Herders often help Carey with the O.S.C.R. No one can forget the year they started the 50km with a shotgun, the 25km with a .22, and the 10km with a staple gun.

Carey still runs in the Governor's Cup Marathon in Helena, but added cross-country skiing in winter when a friend introduced him to the sport. Now he runs in summer and ski skates in winter. When enough of the Cheetah Herders turned fifty they ran the "Governor's Cup Over Fifty Relay" and won.

Through his early years of skiing, Carey and a few friends also formed the SLNSC. Some of the original trails they skied were "old logging roads that wandered around behind the Community



Seeley Lake Forest Service Ranger Tim Love, left, presented Lynn Carey this National Forest Service Volunteer of the Year Award, an honor received by only 13 people throughout the nation last year. The award was kept a secret from Carey and presented to him following the O.S.C.R. nordic ski races here last Saturday.

—G. Noland photo

Hall."

In the 1970's a 32km trail system was constructed by the Young Adult Conservation Corps (YACC) on Morrell Creek Road. The trails were narrow with sharp turns and no runouts. In places a dense tree canopy prevented snow from reaching the ground so Carey preferred to ski on the snowmobile trails. He'd phone Dan Cainan, who groomed the snowmobile trails, to find out where the freshly groomed trails were. It wasn't long before Cainan was phoning Carey to ask if Carey could help groom the snowmobile trails.

The premier event of Seeley Lake's Nordic Ski Club is the O.S.C.R. (pronounced oscar), but until recently the race was not a club event. It had its start 20 years ago as a 50km "Point to Point" race from Ovando to Seeley Lake when the name O.S.C.R. stood for the "Ovando-Seeley Citizen's Race."

Carey said the race was "a logistical nightmare." Skiers started at the Two Creek Ranch in Ovando and ended near Seeley Lake's airport. If a skier ran into trouble it was awhile before help arrived so the original course was only used three years.

The following year it changed to a loop race that started at the Seeley Lake Airport, went up Rice Ridge and circled back to the Seeley Swan High School.

Three or four years later it was held on the west side of the Valley. It started at the Forest Service heliport just off Boy Scout Road, circled Marshall Lake and returned by way of the West Fork of the Clearwater River or sometimes by way of Slippery John Creek.

Carey first entered the O.S.C.R. in the 1980's. He never "won," but once took overall 4th place in the 25 km, which he fre-

quently won in his age class.

In 1986, the ski system changed slightly when portions of a road developed in a timber sale were incorporated into it. In 1988 seed trees were removed from the sale and a few connector trails were added.

In 1990, Jim Jaimes, then President of the SLNSC, submitted a proposal to redesign the system. Jon Elliot, a relatively well-known cross-country ski consultant was contracted to by the Forest Service to put the finishing touches on the design.

In 1991 the work was completed. The new system boasts scenic, rolling hills comprised of 10 different interconnecting trails ranging in length from 2.3km to 18km. The trails were 18' wide to accommodate the local, state-owned snowmobile groomer, which was 13.5' wide.

It is a cross-country skier's dream-come-true. The terrain goes from almost flat to longer, extended grades with steel beam bridges gracefully criss-crossing Seeley Creek. All the trails traverse both wooded and open areas and the Mountain View trail offered views of both the Swan and Mission mountain ranges.

With the trails complete the Forest Service needed locals to help with the upkeep. That's when Carey actively became involved.

The first need was a snowmobile for grooming the wonderful new trail system. The first groomer was a used Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks double track snowmobile that the ski club bought for \$1. (To groom the trails they drag an old bedsprings behind it.) The club soon named their new groomer the "Youwalkahoma" because the snowmobile frequently broke down.

A couple of winters of that and grants provided them with a new snowmobile. Since then they have purchased another snowmobile. Carey likes having two machines. Now the groomers can work the trails together, which is faster and safer.

They have also replaced the bedsprings with a real "track-setter and snow softener" but they are coveting a roller for times when the snowfall is so deep they can't pull the setter through the snow.

In 1994 the Forest Service

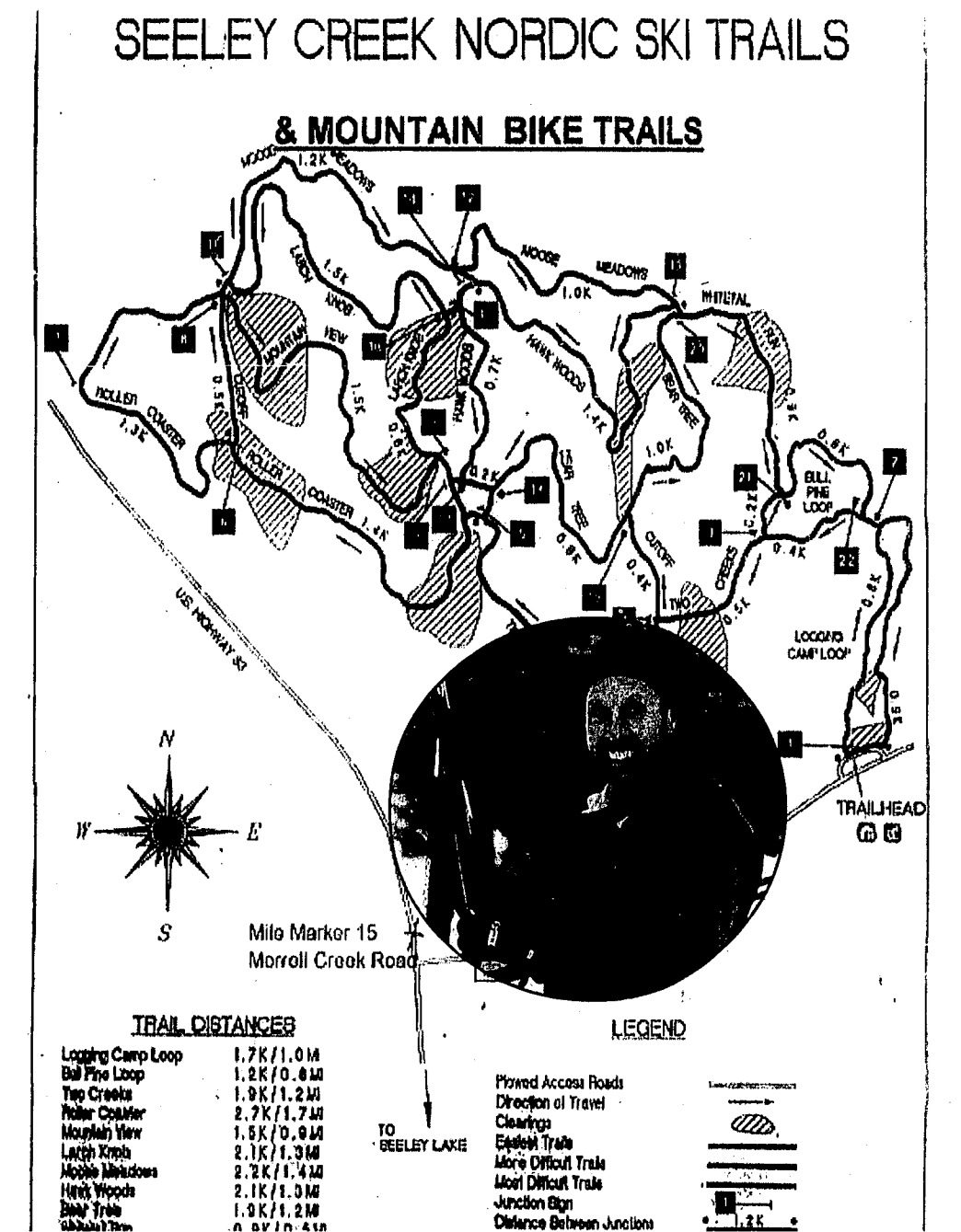
added a "winter trailhead" on the system with vault toilets, pavilion and enough parking for skiers on one side of the road and snowmobilers and dogsledders on the other. By then Carey was the president of the SLNSC and the Forest Service called Carey to find out how big the warming hut (pavilion) should be.

Carey made a trip to Missoula to measure the Pattee Canyon Ski Trail warming hut and gave the Forest Service those dimensions. Now he wishes he had made it bigger. On any given weekend throughout the winter it is always in use.

Starting about 7:00 on Saturday morning hard core skiers from around the area (who know that the groomer is out on the trail by 6:00) begin training. This winter the Missoula Nordic Ski Club has used the trails extensively because their system in Pattee Canyon doesn't have enough snow. In addition, Missoula's club always holds their January OZONE race in Seeley because there is always snow.

In early afternoon families and children begin to show up. In late afternoon couples and young adults make the rounds. Most are from Missoula, Great Falls and Helena, but some are locals.

Skiers rave about the system. They love the quality of the grooming and the length of the trails. No one disputes that it is the best cross-country ski system in Montana.



Lynn Carey and a map of the course he helped create and maintains while serving as chairman of the Seeley Lake Nordic Ski Club and the O.S.C.R. Nordic Races.

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Some even say the Seeley Creek Trail System is the best cross country ski trail system in the whole Northwest.

Finally, about three years ago the SLNSC and O.S.C.R.

were married. As the President/Secretary/Treasurer of the Ski Club, Carey handled the Club's money. When the organizers of the O.S.C.R. could no longer organize the race they handed Carey the O.S.C.R. checkbook. Carey went to the bank, combined the two clubs into one account and now manages both as one.

At the end of the O.S.C.R. this year, Tim Love, District Ranger for the Seeley Lake Ranger Station presented the National Award to Carey at the Awards Banquet (a chili feed at the Seeley Lake Grade School). Love thanked Carey for his years of service and said, "Carey is one of only 13 individuals in the nation to receive the Forest Service Individual Volunteer of the Year Award this year."

In addition, Steve Clark, O.S.C.R. founder, presented Carey with the original artwork for the t-shirt made for the first O.S.C.R. (The logo of the flying ski boot). Gordon Opal, the Race Director for the Missoula Ski Club, also praised and thanked Carey for being "The

Seeley Lake Ski Club."

Carey said he doesn't do it alone. Over the years he has had the help of many people including Woody Baxter, Fred Culpepper, Bev Yelczyn, Mike McGrew, Bruce Johnson and others who groom the trails and volunteer to help with race registration, timing and aid stations.

When asked what he is most proud of Carey said that for the O.S.C.R. he is proud that the race is a tough, demanding course. One hill on the 50km is a steady climb for a whole mile that he and a friend found while riding mountain bikes one summer. Carey said, "The racers know it is a tough course and they love it."

His proudest achievement for the ski club is that it is "a financially viable entity." They are able to survive on what they earn, but they aren't ashamed to ask for donations. They "give the people a great product in exchange - a wonderful, groomed ski trail."

Carey hopes to be able to do that for many years to come.



Following this year's O.S.C.R. race Saturday Steve Clark, O.S.C.R. founder, presented Carey with the original artwork for the t-shirt made for the first O.S.C.R. (The logo of the flying ski boot).

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The Seeley Lake Dog Sled Race Featured An International Field of 27 Mushers

The Seeley Lake 50/100/200 mile and 200-mile race, plus a Kid-Mutt Pull. The races were run on the weekend of January 26-27. The race offered three formats: a 50-mile, 100-

mile and 200-mile race, plus a Kid-Mutt Pull. The races included 27 dog teams and their drivers from seven states, Canada

and Norway. The drivers ranged in age from 17 to 81 years old. Six veterans from Alaska's Iditarod Dog Sled Race were among the competitors. The race included an overnight camp with the dogs at Holland Lake. The 50-mile race ended at Holland Lake and the 100-mile race ended at the Seeley Lake Community Center. Teams competing in the 200-mile race continued on to the Whitetail Ranch near Ovando and then returned to a finish in Seeley Lake.

Terry Hinesly from Minnesota was the race marshal, and George Geotsalitis from Illinois was the race judge. Dr. Pam Barker from Whitefish was the race veterinarian. Dr. Barker

awarded the Best Cared for Team Award to Brian Camilli from Idaho for his consistently good care of his team. The dog team drivers awarded the Sportsman-ship Award to Norman Lee for

his continued efforts in promoting and directing the Seeley Lake Dog Sled Race. The Sportsman-ship Award is supported by Chinook Enterprises of Seeley Lake.

Following are the finish times:

50 Mile Race	Time in Hours/Minutes	
Micky West, WI	6:02	
Paul Strahl, MT	6:09	
Sue Morgan, UT	6:11	
Dean Fairburn, IF	6:26	
Jamie Levertson, MT	6:39	
Dave Armstrong, MT	Scratch	
100 Mile Race	1st 50	2nd 50
Jason Baron, MT	5:24	4:36
Bill Snodgrass, WY	4:56	5:10
John Baron, MT	5:08	5:02
Harmony Kanavle, MT	5:30	4:46
Rick Larson, MT	5:11	5:06
Cliff Wang, MN	5:30	5:05
Jim Gallea, MT	5:22	5:23
Kurt Stolpestad, Norway	5:45	5:03
Nancy Sweeney, MT	5:20	5:47
Bill Gallea, MT	5:40	5:36
Rob Greger, MT	5:49	5:43
Cindy Gallea, MT	5:51	5:36
Gregg Dubit, CO	5:57	5:53
Brian Camilli, ID	5:49	6:07
Steve Madsen, WA	5:59	6:02
Skip Favreau, CO	6:49	7:01
Daniel Brown, WA	8:37	9:01
Ronald Shaw, AB, Canada		Scratch
Dee Ogden, ID		Scratch
Bob Jones, MT		Scratch
Dona Miller, MT		Scratch
200 Mile Race	Total Time Including Rest Time	
Harmony Kanavle, MT	45:34	
Kurt Stolpestad, Norway	45:51	
Cliff Wang, MN	Scratch	
Brian Camilli, ID	Scratch	
Daniel brown, WA	Scratch	

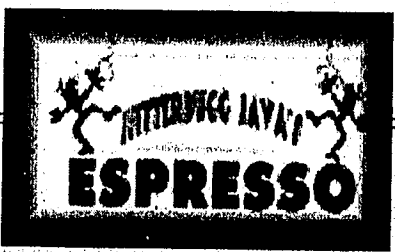
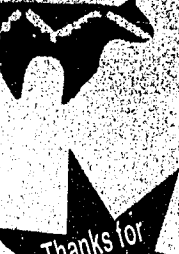
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Kerry Drew
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The application is for a Class III, wood-waste monofill located in the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 33, T. 16 N., R. 14 W., Missoula County, Montana. The proposed 1.3 acre site (lat 47.0993° N., long 113.3735° W.) is located southeast of Tote Road Lake, approximately 1.8 miles east of MT Highway 83, on property owned by Kerry Drew.

This notice is to inform the public of the proposed action and to seek public participation in the decision-making process. To comply with the administrative Rules of Montana (ARM), 17.4.607(2) and 17.4.609(2), an Environmental Assessment has been prepared and is available upon request from the Community Services Bureau, Waste Management Section, PO Box 200901, Helena MT 59620-0901, and on the Department web site at <http://www.deq.state.mt.us/pcd/csb/swms/wms/wms.asp>. There will be a thirty (3) day comment period from the date of this notice for the public to submit written comments (or e-mail comments to csbcomments@state.mt.us) concerning the proposed facility.

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Once upon a time two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference, and finally it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by weeks of silence.

There was a knock on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a few days work" he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there. Could I help you?"

"Yes," said the older brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbor, in fact, it's my younger brother. Last week there was a meadow between and he took his bulldozer to the river levee and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I'll go him one better. See that pile of lumber over by the barn? I want you to build me a fence—an 8-foot fence—so I won't need to see

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his place anymore. Cool him down, anyhow."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you."

The older brother had to go to town for supplies, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day measuring, sawing, nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The

farmer's eyes opened wide, his jaw dropped. There was no fence at all. It was a bridge—a bridge stretching from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work, handrails and all—and the neighbor, his younger brother, was coming across, his hand outstretched. "You are quite a fellow to build this bridge after all I've said and done."

The two brothers met at the middle of the bridge, taking each other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox on his shoulder. "No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother.

"I'd love to stay on," the carpenter said, "but I have so many more bridges to build."

I do not know the source of this story, but what a great story! I know a friend that built a bridge for each of us. That bridge is to unite us with the Heavenly Father! Have you crossed that bridge? That bridge my friend was the cross of Calvary! Do you need to reach out and make a bridge for someone that you know? Do you need to forgive someone? You can through Christ Jesus!

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:18)

Local Students Make U of M Dean's List

At The University of Montana, 2,485 students made the 2001 autumn semester Dean's List. To place on the list, a student must earn at least a 3.5 (B+) grade point average and receive grades of A or B in at least nine credits.

From Seeley Lake, Wendy Lewis, Amber Pena, Sallie Phipps, and Tracey Robinett made the Dean's List. James Gallea, Danny Phipps, Barbara Pulici, Gordon Watson and Craig Wienke also made the Dean's list with a 4.0 GPA.

From Condon, Jennifer Camp, Annie Lamar, and Sonya Styler made the Dean's List.

From Greenough, Billie Jo Nelson and Matthew Vannoy made the Dean's List, Billie Jo doing so with a 4.0 GPA.

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Elizabeth Stockett Earns UM degree

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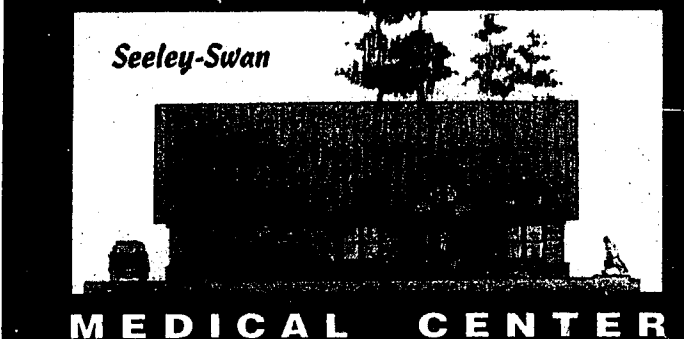
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