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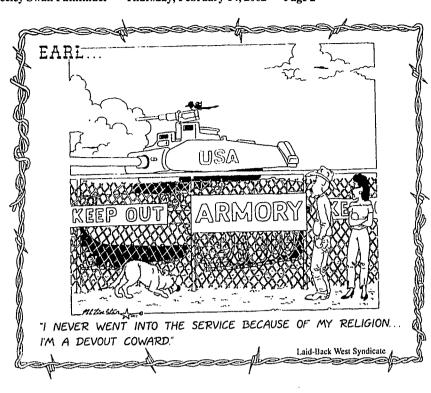
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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.; call 677-2022

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS S.L. Cemetery Bd, 1st

Thur, 7pm, fire hall American Legion, 2nd 754-2371 Fri, 7pm, Swan Valley Comm. Hall

Seeley-Swan Health Bd., every Wed, Courthouse 2nd Mon, 6pm, med, Ctr. Annex, Room 201, S.L. Elem Bd, 2nd Tues,

2nd Tues, 7:30pm, school

### WEEKLY MEET-

Alcoholics Anonymous: (help for those with a sus-Church, every Sunday, zens Center

-Seeley Lake: Every <u>DUMPSTER TRANS</u>-Rd. For info: 677-3271 or 10am-4pm, 677-3809

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

reach & education pm, next to Multi-purpose

Overeaters Anonymous: Loving Hearts Thrift every Thursday, 7pm, Faith Lutheran Church, Condon, Missoula County Com-

missioners Public Mtg, Missoula, 1:30 pm.

T.O.P.S. Mtg, every Thurs, Swan Valley school Bd., Mission Bible Fellowship bldg., Secley Lake, 10am.

#### **MONTHLY SERVICES** FAIM Outreach Specialist,

1st & 3rd Thur, 9:30-3, Scelev-Swan Med. Ctr. Pinochle, every 1st Sat, pected drinking problem) S.L. Comm. Hall, 7pm; -Condon: Faith Lutheran every 3rd Sat., Senior Citi-

Wed, 7pm, Living Water FER SITE: Winter hours Catholic Church, on SOS (Oct-Apr) - Wed & Sat,

\*Potomac: 406-244- SSTEP Crisis Help Line: 677-3177. Domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, community out-

Food Bank: Tues, 12-4 Room, S.L. Elementary, 677-5025 Highway Patrol.

Store: Open Wed, 12:00-5:00, Sat. 11-3, 677-5683 (emergency 677-2110) Seeley Lake Community Hall:For hall rental, call Cheri Thompson, 677-

#### **LIBRARIES:**

Seeley Lake Public Library (Seeley-Swan High School) Regular hours: Mon-Fri., 8-3pm (closed llam-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-4nm

Family History Ctr.-LDS Church: Open Wed, Ham-3pm, Call 677-2642 or 677-2575.

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

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

**Editorial Comment** 

## Chips . . . bits & pieces

We had a computer software glitch last week that caused some skipping in our mailing labels for that issue. If you didn't receive your issue last week, stop in at the Pathfinder office in the Lazy Pine Mall and pick up a copy. We seem to have the glitch under control

Race to the Sky looks like an extremely competitive, yet probably one of the friendliest finishes yet. Running minutes apart over much of the course is Lincoln musher Harmony Kanavle, 27, and Helmville musher John Barron, 52. We say it's a friendly race because Harmony is engaged to John Barron's son, Jason, so they have to keep things friendly. But that doesn't mean they're giving in to one another. Harmony beat Barron into the Seeley Lake checkpoint by just one minute, according to reports on Jim Gallea's web site, www.ultimateiditirod.com, and that sets the stage for a dramatic finish in the last 77 miles on back to Lincoln. The winner may be approaching there now, but alas, our deadline is passing. Tomorrow it will be history.

### Tracking survey in Swan Valley

Join Northwest Connections' Wildlands Volunteer Corps in the Swan Valley on February 23 and 24 for a tracking survey to search for sign of lynx, wolverine, fisher and pine marten. Anyone 15-18 years of age may participate. We provide transportation, food, snowshoes and training; all Wildlands Volunteer Corps projects are free of charge. Registration deadline is February 18th. For more information, call Andrea-Stephens at 754-3185 or email

### **The Cloning Debate**

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

Just because you can do something doesn't mean that you should.

Every human being at one time or another is faced with this situation. Children whose mothers tell them not to eat sweets between meals face a choice when mom is out of the room and there are fresh cookies sitting on the countertop. In that nanosecond while the child decides what to do, he or she considers what the consequences are of being caught, what the consequences are of violating the parent's trust, and whether the possible consequences are worth that fleeting sweet sensation.

We face these choices every day, and they vary in the degree of their impact. They can affect the life of a single person or the path of an entire society.

Our society and our planet come closer every day to having to make some very difficult decisions about whether cloning of human beings should be allowed. Recently, a National Academy of Sciences panel said cloning human beings for the purpose of creating a child is medically unsafe and should be banned. The scientists also suggested that the proposed ban on human cloning should be reviewed every five years. Reconsideration of the ban should occur, the panel recommends, only if a new scientific review indicates that the procedures are likely to be safe and effective, and if a broad national dialogue on societal, religious and ethical issues suggests that reconsideration is war-

The debate comes closer to reality as Congress debates a cloning ban. The House of Representatives last year passed a bill which would outlaw cloning for both reproductive and therapeutic purposes, and President Bush supports the bill. While the Senate agrees with the ban on reproductive cloning, there is sentiment in that chamber to permit cloning human embryos for therapeutic and research purposes. That would fly in

the face of the House bill.

The therapeutic cloning procedure does not create completely formed human beings, but rather early-stage embryos from which stem cells can be harvested.

Also known as "master" cells, stem cells have the potential to develop into any kind of tissue — bone, blood, nerve, muscle, etc. Scientists therefore believe they may be able to use stem cells to grow any type of tissue needed for transplant. Since the new tissue would be genetically identical to the donor, it theoretically would not be rejected after implantation.

Sounds like a great idea, huh? Not if you believe that life begins at conception, it doesn't. If you think the abortion issue has divided the nation in the past few decades. just wait until scientists and doctors have the ability to safely recreate human life from the cells of already living humaus.

That ability doesn't exist yet. Data on the reproductive cloning of animals show that only a small percentage of attempts are successful, many of the clones die during all stages of gestation, newborn clones often are abnormal or die, and the procedures may carry serious risks for the mother.

Remember Dolly the ewe, the first successful mammal clone that created such a stir a few years back? Bet you didn't know it took the scientific team 227 attempts before they got it right with Dolly. What happened to the 226 unsuccessful clones? How much did they suffer? How mutated were they? This is the type of question which would inflame animal rights organizations. It will inflame all mankind if and when full human cloning is ever medically viable.

We're not ready as a nation or a world to clone. The theological debates will dwarf even the ethical differences of opinion. Even when we are scientifically ready, and it will happen at some point in the future, it is highly questionable whether we should. Science is within reach of the proverbial sweet treat, and it will ultimately be up to lawmakers to decide how much, if any, to allow.

### Grant application opportunity with Council

Funds are available through socially, or environmentally. Or with local infrastructure to handle the Rural Community Assistance projects must show potential for program to develop strategies and economic development that results implement projects which result in in long-term economic and envicommunity capacity building and ronmental sustainability. long-term social, environmental, and economic sustainability.

apply for a grant to form community action teams to develop community plans, or to begin implementing projects identified in community plans.

Project proposals must show a broad community benefit that These proposals should provide results in having a greater ability tourist services, promote activities to improve itself economically, among adjacent communities, deal

The 23nd Annual Snow Joke

Half Marathon will take place on

February 23rd at Seelev Lake. The

13.1 mile footrace is sponsored by

the Cheetah Herders Athletic Club.

pleted the event. Ben Rush of

Kalispell was the overall winner in

a time of 79 minutes 00 seconds

woman in a time of 92:09

(course record 68:10). Susanna Pat Caffrey

Gaunt of Missoula was the first Race Director

build sustainable economies and Community applicants may complement the management and conservation of natural resources will receive priority consideration Proposals will be welcomed

(women's course record 85:25).

ducted into the Royal Order of

Cheetah Rangers. If the fastest

man or woman breaks their respec-

fee to a future race will be awarded.

www.cheetahherders.com.

Complete details are posted at

Division winners will be in-

that are related to the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

23rd Annual Snow Joke coming up soon

Last year 128 entrants com- tive course record, the registration

effects of the nation-wide celebration, or capitalize on the L celebration to help local economic diversification. Innovative projects that both Interested individuals or or-

ganizations can see the details of the grant application package at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station (677-2233), or Books Yarn and More

Proposals or suggestions for the grant application on behalf of our community will be accepted at the next regular meeting of the the Seeley Lake Fire Hall. The email: retaylor@fs.fed.us Council will facilitate selection of any proposals to be submitted from Seeley Lake and may provide some assistance for preparing the grant application. Proponents will be expected to be the chief push for getting the application completed and submitted by March 31. Anyone interested in the process should attend the Council meeting. Ron Cox, Secretary

Seeley Lake Community Council P.O. Box 30 Seeley Lake, MT

59868-0030 Public Meeting every 3d Monday at Fire Hall, 7:00 P.M.

### WEATHER

<b>DATE</b>	HIGH	LOW	CONDITIONS
Feb 4	41	22	0.03" precip., 1.0" snow early a.m., then partly cloudy.
Feb 5	40	7	Partly cloudy.
Feb 6	46	13	Trace snow, partly to mostly cloudy.
Feb 7	42	26	0.07" precip., snow/rain/snow/rain/snow.
Feb 8	35	29	0.46" precip., 5.3" snow, steady wet snow all day.
Feb 9	40 .	20	0.12" precip., 1.4" snow, partly cloudy.
Feb 10	40	9	Partly cloudy.

Seeley Lake Community Council Richard E. Taylor, Seeley Lake RD at 7 P.M., Monday February 18 in Ph: 406-677-3913; fax: 406-677-3902





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\*\* Physical abuse gets worse as time goes on and the episodes almost always get more violent. \*\* Four women are murdered each day by their husband, boyfriend or ex after repeated abuse.

\*\* Mental abuse causes the same disastrous fears and insecurities as physical abuse. Try to make it a point to discuss violence with someone in your life who may be either in an abusive relationship or one who is perpetrating violent or verbal abuse against another. Talking about problems is the first step to a solution.

Seeley Swan Talk, Education and Protection SSTEP-Your local domestic violence and sexual assault crisis and prevention program Call 677-3177 and leave a confidential message.

Mark those calendars!!

### 2002 Fireman's Ball & Auction

### March 2<sup>nd</sup>

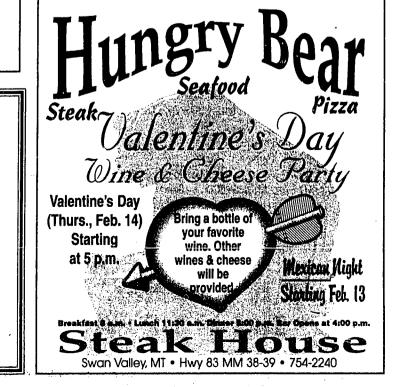
at the Community Hall in Seeley from 6 p.m. to whenever!!

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## Local Mule Deer Numbers Holding Steady

Game Range

Ramblings

by Mike Thompson

Whomever thought of the term "mule" as an apt descriptor for our western deer of the mountains and upland plains was not courages groups from mixing. I'm counting them from a helicopter at the time.

I know this not only because there was no such thing as a helicopter in 1817, when the species was first described for science. I know this also because there is the bucks in each group while nothing in the appearance or behavior of mule deer beneath a lowswooping helicopter that re- and more efficiently we can work sembles in any way a large, lumbering creature.

Counting mule deer is more like counting jackrabbits, or even grasshoppers. And, bring lots of counted. paper when you're planning to count mule deer from the air. You'll first write down a total of 2, then look up to see 4 more. Then you'll have to scratch out the 6 when 3 more deer materialize from out of nowhere.

So, maybe it shouldn't be too surprising that our annual surveys of mule deer on the Game Range are yielding inconclusive results.

There is the problem of obtaining a precise count of contrary critters, as I've just described. adapted well to the challenge. We pilot, whose main job aside from January 6, 2002?

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keeping us in the air is to sort out the groups we've already counted from the ones we haven't, and to haze the deer in a manner that dissure we double count some deer and miss a few others, but I doubt that we're talking about very many, and we hope the errors balance out.

We also try to have a second observer in the helicopter to count Jamie Jonkel or I obtain the total and classify the fawns. The faster each group of deer, the better able we are to keep ahead of previously counted deer before they can catch up with deer that we haven't

Also, we're focusing our intensive survey effort on the 8 square miles of the Game Range that burned in the 1960s, and again in 1991. This fairly dry and rugged terrain on the south end of the Game Range, along Sperry Grade, is heavily used by mule deer every winter. It also has the advantage of being mostly treeless these days, so we have a legitimate opportunity to see almost every deer in that area every year.

Then what could be inconclu-However, I do believe we've sive about a fairly steady increase in annual counts from 289 mule use a very experienced helicopter deer in January 1998 to 384 on

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ologists look for a real increase in a wildlife population, they look for an increase in numbers of adult females. Our data from January helicopter surveys on the Game Range indicate only a steady number of adult does in the survey area, varying from 184 in 1998 to 186 in 2002, with a high of 192 and a low of 170 in that 5-year period. If the number of adult does is

not increasing, where is the increase in total deer numbers coming from? It's coming from fawn production. We had a ratio of 76 fawns per 100 does this year, and counted 141 fawns in our survey erage. In 1998 and 1999, we saw only 41 and 45 fawns per 100 does, which held our total deer numbers

Yes, fawns count, too. But, they count the most when they survive long enough to more than replace annual losses in the older, breeding population. So far, it seems that annual fawn production and survival is only keeping pace with annual losses in adult does.

One word of caution is warranted at this point. If there is a weakness in our survey data, it is in the accuracy of our classifications of fawns and does. Often,

by Mike Thompson, Wildlife Biolog Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Well, for one thing, when biage. All the factors that make mule

deer challenging to count from aircraft are even more effective at muddying counts of fawns and adult does on the winter range. However, the fact that our observed fawn:doe ratios have been low when they should have been low (after the hard winter of 1996-97, for example), and high when they should have been high (like this year, when fawn weights have been documented to be exceptionally high elsewhere in the northern Rockies), gives us some confidence that we're in the ballpark.

I have received reports from some hunters over the past couple area, both of which are above av- of years that suggest an increase in numbers of mule deer bucks across the Clearwater drainage where the Game Range population is scattered in summer and fall. Our counts of bucks on the winter range seem to support this, with a fairly steady annual increase from 16 bucks per 100 does in 1998 to 31 bucks per 100 does in 2002.

This information leads us to conclude that hunters aren't killing too many mule deer bucks. (The statewide hunter harvest survey concluded that hunters killed 63 mule deer bucks in Hunting District 285 in 2000.) But, what about does? Well, the hunting of they look very much alike, espeathleriess mule deer is not legal in cially in a year like this when the HD 285, and is legal only by spefawns seem to be larger than avercial permit in HD 282. Last year,

only 3 mule deer does were reported killed by hunters with special permits in HD 282.

The issue remains as to whether the 8 square-mile survey area that we've chosen on the Game Range is representative of the larger mule deer population. This year, we counted an additional 122 mule deer in forested portions of the Game Range that are outside the designated survey area. And, we know that a lot more mule deer than that live there. During Ross Baty's study of elk, mule deer and white-tailed deer on the Game Range in the early 1990s, he was able to observe only 13 of 63 neckbanded mule deer during a helicopter survey, which indicates that we miss more deer than we find in forested habitat. If the burned survey area is

already occupied by all the mule deer that want to live there, then we'll never detect an increase in deer numbers when it occurs. If this were the case, deer that moved to adjacent forested habitats that can't be surveyed effectively would be lost from our data. It would be like estimating the trend in the human population on earth by counting people in Ekalaka. As we accumulate more years of data, we should get a better reading on whether we are surveying an appropriate mule deer winter habitat

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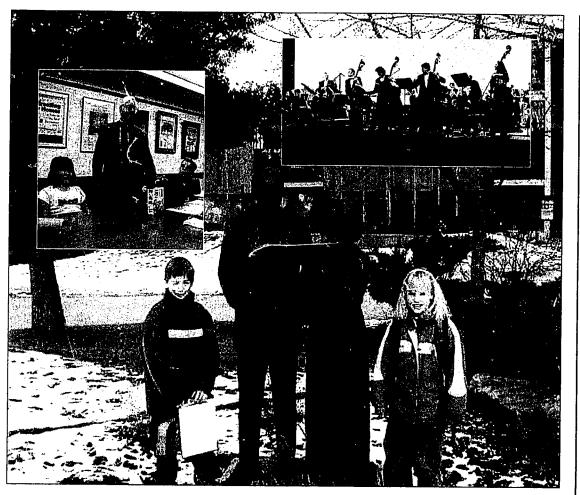
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Artem Hard, left, and Ashley Holmes stand beside the Mansfields statute. Furnished photos.

#### Fourth graders take in Missoula Sympony and Mansfield Center.

The 4th grade class from S.L.E. visited the campus of UM today to hear the MIssoula Symphony Orchestra and visit with Dr. Steve Levine, (an expert on China) at the Mansfield Center.

We are learning about China and the Chinese New Year. Dr. Levine shared some Chinese cookies, a Chinese Folktale told about the building of the Great Wall, and presented us with a very special China-Box.

It is a large box full of wonderful things from China along with excellent ideas for teachers and librarians to teach children about the Chinese culture.

After meeting with Dr. Levine, we went to the University Theater to hear the Missoula Symphony Orchestra., along with fourteen other 4th grade classes from around the five valleys.

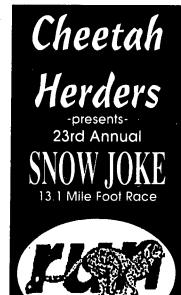
We heard four different selections, and we were taught the basic differences between the violin, the viola, the cello, and the double basses. The music was wonderful!

We were met on campus after lunch by Karry Betson, a former Seeley Lake student who taught ESL in Taiwan last year. She shared stories and photos

with the students and told them about celebrating Chinese New Year last year in Taiwan.

We really appreciate all of the people near and far who help to educate our children. Thanks for you interest too.

Sincerely, Linda Bowers and Gayle



Watch the Winners finish at the Grade School. Race starts Saturday.

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The last paragraph in last week's paper should have read:

Paws Up and thanks to all who continue to support our efforts with donations of money, food and kind words and letters. We have helped several with spaying, neutering and food the last few weeks. We so need your help! We so appreciate your help! Renee made a mercy trip to Missoula a couple of weeks ago to get dog food for our Food Bank people who have pets. Renee goes above and beyond to help pets and people. We both get very down at times dealing with people who have no compassion and are so irresponsible, then so many of you do something such as the Demerles who adopted Sable Ann, or we get a letter or a picture and it picks us up again and we continue on. Thank you!

to our special 4-H boys and girls who help so much! This week we recognize Erin Demerle and Holly Friede for always going above and beyond with love and hard work when it comes to the dogs. Regardless of what they are asked to do, they

Please know that when we put a Paws Up ID tag on your pet, it is NOT A COUNTY LICENSE! ONLY ANIMAL CONTROL CAN LICENSE YOUR DOG WITH A COUNTY LICENSE! The tag Paws Up puts on your dog Is so we can identify your dog and call you if it shows up at Paws Up. WE HAVE COUNTY LICENSE APPLI-CATIONS AT PAWS UP, WHICH YOU CAN PICK UP, It's very smart to license your dog for \$20, compared to the costs if it's picked up by Animal Control.

to Bonnie Donohue, who is in the hospital. Bonnie, hurry and come home. Snuggles is doing well, but we all want you home and well!

to the Buitenhuis' hard working dogs, Molly and MaGee, who loaded up lots of Avon and made a swoop through town, making all kinds of good deals and sent a great donation to Paws Up. They even brought doggie treats.

to Maxine and Ray Johannsen for the kind gesture of the beautiful stained glass, and a donation to Paws Up in their name.

A Great Dog is Waiting!

Beautiful, almost pure yellow Lab is waiting for that special person. Polar is 3 years old, neutered and desperately needs a home with a fenced yard. Polar loves kids, is good with cats, and needs to be the only dog. Don't miss out on this

How Did This Happen to Such a Little Dog?

Kathy Teague brought the most pathetic tiny dog to Paws Up late Friday evening. We feel the little dog is blind. The little thing smelled so bad Renee had to take it outside several times during the night until the 4-H girls arrived, who spent three hours bathing and cutting away the terribly mangled and muddy hair. The toenails had all grown into its pads. The dog is under extreme vet care and at this time we do not know if it will live. We have had no one call on it and we have fivers around town. Does anvone know whose dog this is? Due to its terrible condition, we need to find the owner to find out how this happened. Thank you Kathy for caring, and thank you Koli Zahn for being such a loving help!

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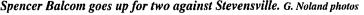
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Spencer Balcom goes up for two against Stevensville. G. Noland photos Cody Hard follows through on a 3-pointer outside the circle.

### Hawks scare Class A Stevensville

The Blackhawks lost by 11 points, 76-65, to Class A Stevensville last Thursday evening on the home court, but the score might easily have been reversed as two teams battled down to the final two minutes where close contests are

And with 2 minutes left, the Hawks. who had outplayed Stevensville for most of the contest, found themselves down by four, and the Yellowjackets played control ball, forcing the Hawks to foul and Stevensville widened the margin on free throws.

hoping for the upset almost from the beginning, the Hawks were down by three, 14-11, at the end of the first period. With two minutes in the first half, sophomore Cody Hard dropped one of several three-pointers for the night. broke a 30-30 tie, and the Hawks went on an unanswered spree of nine more points, leaving the court at halftime with 39-30 lead over a stunned

Yellowjacket squad. But Stevensville recovered its composure in the third period and even

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In a see-saw game that kept fans pulled ahead, forcing the Hawks to play catchup late in the fourth period.

Zach Nelson led the Hawks with 17 points, followed closely by Cody Hard in double figures at 14, Abe Madinger with 11, and Spencer Balcom with 10. David Pitman added 5 and Riley Devins

The Hawks met a re-charged Loyola team the next evening at Loyola's Ram Center and couldn't stop the runaway Rams who chalked up 90 points while holding the Hawks to 61.

quarter, running up 28 points, and setting the pace of the game, and the Hawks were as cold as the Rams were

Zach Nelson led the Hawks with 25 points. Cody Hard followed with 13, Abe Madinger 11, Brian Gallea 5, David Pitman 2, Riley Devins 2, and Ariah

The Hawks play District 5-B leader Deer Lodge here Friday evening in the last home game before district tournaments next week in Missoula.

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surround and toilet are there. The dining area has sliding glass doors
that lead to a large deck with a nice view of the Mission Mountains. There is a shed on the property also. This would make a great starter home or second home/cabin. \$69,000.

#### INITIAL PROPOSAL SEELEY SALVAGE **#2 TIMBER SALE**

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Clearwater Unit, is proposing a timber sale within the following sections: 4, 9, 15, T16N R15W and section 36, T17N R15W.

The primary objective is to capture as much value as possible of high risk Lodgepole pine before it succumbs to further pine beetle attack. An outbreak of Mt Pine Beetle (Dendroctonus Ponderosae) is occurring in parts of the Seeley Lake area and much of DNRC's land is susceptible to this forest pest. Our secondary objective is to maintain a healthy forest and reduce overall fuel loadings adjacent to homes and cabin sites in a continuing effort to reduce the risk of catastrophic fire in the Seelev Lake area.

Most if not all Lodgepole pine would be removed from targeted stands. Selective harvesting, leaving Ponderosa Pine, Western Larch, Douglas Fir, and Englemann Spruce would be the primary harvest method employed.

The total volume to be harvested is approximately 2.0 - 3.0million board feet. It is anticipated that no new roads would be required and that approximately 2-3 miles of existing road would be reconstructed. The proposed action would be implemented in the winter of 2002/03 and 2003/04.

This area is known habitat for whitetailed deer, and numerous species of birds.

In preparation for the timber sale, resource specialists such as wildlife biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists and archaeologists, as well as neighboring landowners will be consulted.

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation invites comments and suggestions concerning this proposal from all interested parties. Please respond by March 30, 2002.

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# Art Auction to highlight Wine & Chocolate Social

By Patricia Swan Smith

This year's Wine & Chocolate Social promises to be another one filled with wonderful art pieces and entertainment along with incredible chocolates and hors \$500 award. d'oeuvres provided by the members of AAI.

It will be held at the Seeley Lake Community Hall in Seeley Lake on Saturday, February 16th, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

While you chat, get those raftle tickets and bid on the silent auction items, you'll enjoy piano music by Gay Brewer.

Just before the live auction starts, enjoy the Celtic Harp played by recording artist Matthew Lyon.

Alan Taylor will be honored as the "Arts Benefactor" for his active involvement with the AAI

Over 40 art pieces created by the AAI members will be available at a silent auction and a live auction with pieces selected by the auctioneer. This year, the auctioneer will be Tom Lehman of Seeley

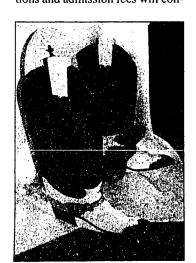
Special awards for Best of Show, First, Second, Third and Honorable Mentions will be given to winning artists.

This year, Suzanne Shope will be the Juror. She is a professional artist and professor of art and education at Western Montana Col-

She's a 5th generation Montanan and granddaughter of western artist Irvin "Shorty" Shope.

Suzanne has been involved in the arts as a teacher and artist most of her life. She has exhibited nationally and received a Master's from SUNY Alfred in New York State. She lives in Dillon with her daughter Angela.

The proceeds from the auctions and admission fees will con-



Rocking Chair by Charlie Grant

tinue to support the annual scholarship for a graduating Seeley-Swan senior as well as other community art activities. Last year, Autumn Biggins and Lara Parker, tied for the scholarship and split the

Mark your calendars for an evening of fine art, entertainment, good company, and superb choco-

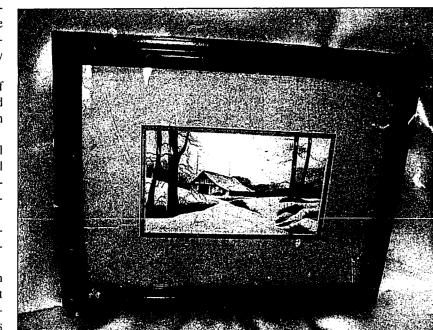


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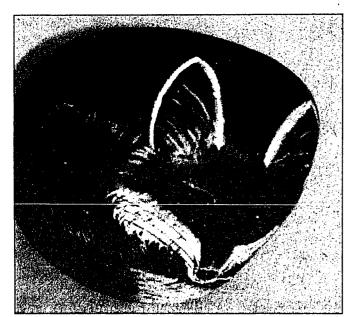


Miniature Mourning Dove by Jon West

Photos by Patricia Swan Smith Photos are only some of the art items that will be available



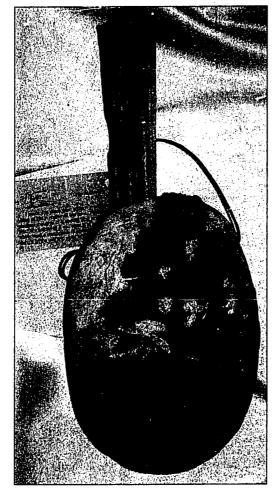
Cabin-Water Color by Sandi Antonich



Fox-Rock Painting by Lynn Johnson



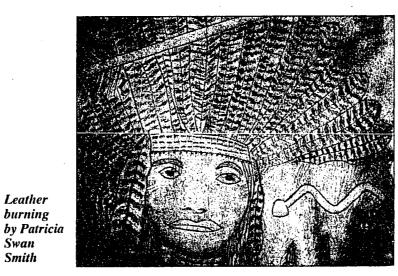
Flying Pheasants—Iron Work by Larry Dufresne



Match Poke by Alan Taylor

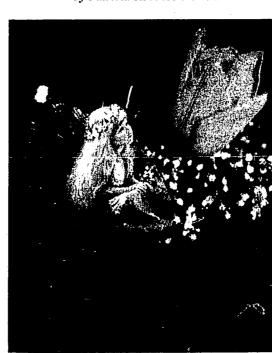
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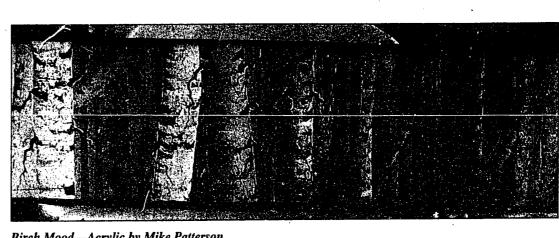




Tribal Beauty—Gourd mixed media by Patricia Robinson-Grant



Tulip Fairy-Photo by Patricia Swan Smith



Birch Mood-Acrylic by Mike Patterson



Work by Larry Dufresne

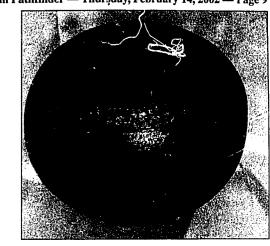




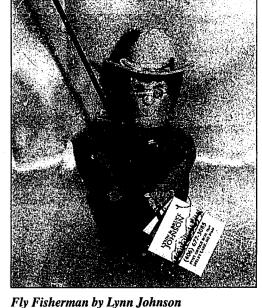
Pottery bowls by Bob Korn

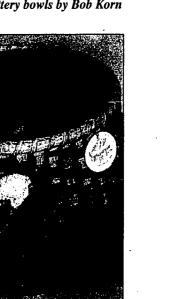


Twilight in the Swan Basket by Carolyn Webb



Mud Rock Vase by Bob Korn





6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Seeley Lake Community Hall / Hwy 83 Come for an evening of wine, chocolate, music, and art auctions. Admission tickets \$10 per person Available at the door. Applicable towards live auction, one per item.

Chocolate Social

Saturday, February 16, 2002

Proceeds go towards funding a scholarship for a graduating Seeley-Swan Senior and to further the arts in the Seelcy-Swan Valleys. For further information or if you cannot attend but would still like please call...

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## Senator Baucus plans Seeley visit Tuesday

The community is invited to turn out Tuesday, Feb. 19, for a town social featuring Montana U.S. Senator Max Baucus.

Baucus, who was instrumental in securing federal funds and guarantees that were instrumental in the construction of the Seeley

Swan Medical Center here and the financial reorganization of Pyramid last year, will be the featured speaker at the "cookie social" at the Community Hall at

Mary Ann Morin, a trustee with the medical center, said

there will be open discussion of ideas for future economic development and a recognition of several accomplishments in

The public is invited to



Senator Max Baucus, left, on his last visit to Seeley Lake last summer when he was greeted by staff and board members at the Seeley Swan Medica Center and had lunch at Pyramid Mountain Lumber. The senator returns to Seeley Lake next Tuesday, Feb. 19, for another visit and a town social at the Community Hall where he will be the featured

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## Sheriff's Report

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

February 4 - 11, 2002

2/4, 6:01 p.m. - DUI - Seeley Lake 2/4, 6:28 p.m. - Injured deer -Seeley Lake 2/6, 7:48 a.m. - Vehicle accident -

no injuries - Seeley Lake 2/6, 10:32 p.m. - Medical call -Potomac - Lifeflight transported 2/7, 8:56 a.m. - Follow-up investigation - Seeley Lake

2/7, 9:18 a.m. - Court papers served - Seeley Lake 2/7, 11:52 a.m. - Message deliv-

ery - Condon 2/7, 11:59 a.m. - Suspicious activity - Potomac

2/8, 9:28 a.m. - Machinery tearing up road - Seeley Lake 2/8, 1:38 p.m. - Vehicle accident -

MM 9, Hwy. 83 2/8, 3:12 p.m. - Officer advice needed -- Seeley Lake 2/8, 3:30 p.m. - Vehicle slide in -

MM4, Hwy. 83 2/8, 4:08 p.m. - Theft - Seeley

2/8, 7:50 p.m. - Tree across road -MM 19, Hwy, 83

2/10, 8:14 a.m. - Medical call -Seeley Lake - Lifeflight transported

2/10, 8:29 a.m. - Fish & Game deer fell through ice - Seeley Lake 2/10, 5:14 p.m. - Rocks on road -MM 6, Hwy. 83

2/10, 5:35 p.m. - Fish & Game injured eagle - Condon 2/10, 10:15 p.m. - Persons lost/

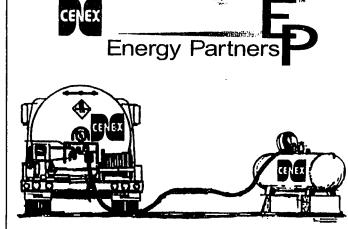
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Friday, February 22

Ham & Cheese Thursday, February 21

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Kindergarten - Anna Stevenson First Grade - Kamrie White

Second Grade - Justine Janssen

Third Grade - Jessy Stevenson

Fourth Grade - Meghan Janssen Fifth Grade - Gwen Rosen

Sixth Grade - Caitlin Stone, Nathan Stone

Seventh Grade - Adam Gereg

Eighth Grade - Andrew Matthew Second Quarter Perfect Attendance

Kindergarten - KeAnna Conley

First Grade - Jake Janssen, Hailey Towe, Kamrie White, Sam Yates

Second Grade - Sophie Hainline, Justin Hood, Justine Janssen Third Grade - Timmy Siloti, Jacob Smith, David Knodel Fourth Grade - Megan Christensen, Meghan Janssen

Fifth Grade - Jon Hainline, Gwen Rosen, Brian Thompson

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Eighth Grade - Andrew Matthew Second Quarter Honor Roll

Third Grade - Timmy Siloti, Jessy Stevenson, Jacob Smith

Foruth Grade - Cassie Moors, Meghan Janssen, Jonah Rosen, Nicole

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Seventh Grade - Isaac Smith, Steven Bergstrom, Adam Gereg, Jesse Kessler

Eighth Grade - Matt Schnabl, Andrew Matthew, Rincon Parcell

Second Quarter High Honor Roll Third Grade - Cascade Parcell

Fourth Grade - Callie Trice, Sami Hulett

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Seventh Grade - Jenny Trice, Len Kobylenski

eighth Grade - Sammi Dorne, Mariah Childs

Spelling Bee Participants - Steven Bergstrom, Isaac Smith, Sammi Dorne, Mariah Childs, Jon Hainline, Catalina Parcell, Caitlin Stone, Nathan

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ng bible verses, and also the importance of committing bible verses to he heart and not just to the head. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that might not sin against thee." (Psaim 119:11)

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After you have memorized these verses in the N.I.V., then use the Authorized King James Bible to memorize the same verses. I guarantee, it will take longer than ten minutes.

Two excellent scripture verses to commit to memory are Revelation 22:19 and Deuteronomy 4:2: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." (emphasis added); and "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you." (emphasis added)

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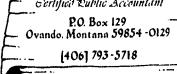
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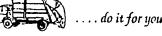


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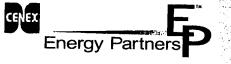
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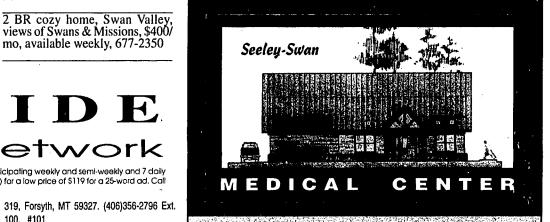
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