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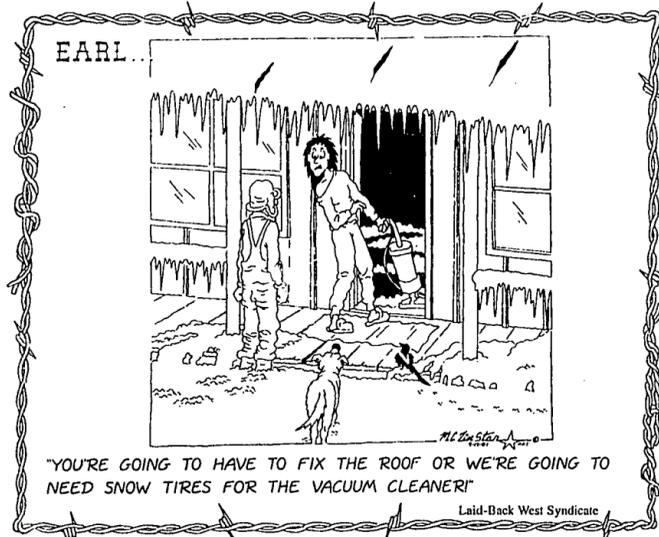
"Voices from the Valley"

Thursday, April 4, 2002

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Editorial Comment

Chips . . . bits & pieces

You have to be pretty good to get recognition when your team wins only one game for the season, though that was an important game that sent the Ladyhawk volleyball team to the divisional tournament. Still, for senior Megan Janke and junior Lindsay Evans to receive honorable mention for the District 5-B All-Conference team is quite an accomplishment. Congratulations, girls.

There are no signs of global warming this week. We think the theory ought to be revisited.

—Gary Noland

Hunter Safety Course Pre-registration April 10

A Hunter Safety Course and a Bow Hunter Safety Course will be offered here in April, with pre-registration sign up on April 10.

Pre-registration is required to attend classes.

Open to all ages, pre-registration will be at the Seeley Lake Elementary Multi-purpose Room at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10. Classes will begin on April 15.

Mike Mahoney and Bart Peterson will teach the bow safety course. Peterson and Bob Tardiff will teach the hunter (rifle) safety course.

Hunter safety courses are required for young bow hunters between the ages of 12-17, and for adults who have not had a previous bow tag.

This is the only time the courses will be offered here. For more information or questions call Bart Peterson at 677-2839.

Council changes monthly meeting day

The Seeley Lake Community Council has changed its standard meeting time and place.

The Council will meet on the second Monday of every month at the Seeley Lake Senior Citizen Center at 7:00 P.M.

The Senior Center is located one block off Highway 83 on north side of Locust Lane (commonly referred to as Airport Road or High School Road).

The change is necessitated by frequent scheduling conflicts at the fire hall, and the third Monday was often on or close to holi-

days.

The Seeley Lake Community Council is composed of seven members, elected by voters registered to vote in Seeley Lake. Their general role is to advance and promote the interests and welfare of the citizens of the Seeley Lake Community. They operate under the auspices of the Board of County Commissioners and act as a liaison between the citizens and the Commissioners. The public is encouraged and welcome to attend any meeting.

National Lewis & Clark authority speaking in Seeley Lake April 9

Ron Laycock, one of the twenty five members of the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council that is charged with planning and coordinating our nation's 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, will be in Seeley Lake on April 9th. He also currently serves as the vice-president of the national Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, a 3000+ member organization. He has followed the Lewis and Clark trail from beginning to end (most of it several times), by car, horseback, and 150 miles by canoe.

He spends time every summer as guide/historian on Lewis and Clark canoe trips on Montana's Missouri river and on bus tours following the Lewis and Clark trail.

Mr. Laycock lives in Benson, MN with his wife Ione.

Ron Laycock's presentations are sponsored by the Blackfoot River Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

Author of children's books speaking here

Please join us at the new Seeley Lake Library as we kick off National Library Week with a visit from author Dorothy Hinshaw Patent on Saturday, April 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Ms. Patent, a Missoula resident, has written over 100 non-fiction books for children and young adults. A variety of Ms. Patent's books will be available for purchase. The Seeley Lake Library is located at Seeley-Swan High School.

At 3:30 P.M. Laycock will make a unique presentation entitled „The Role of Women in the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Come and find out who besides Sacagawea were women that had to do with the expedition.

A graduate of Augsburg College, he spent his professional career in Human Services and Public Administration. Following his early retirement he has devoted time and energy to his interest in the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The Seeley Lake Rural Fire District is holding a special meeting on April 16, 2002, at 6 p.m. to amend the 2001-2002 budget. This meeting is open to the public. The Department is receiving grant money from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to conduct wildland home inspections with that grant money.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

S.L. Cemetery Bd, 1st Thur, 7pm, fire hall
Seeley-Swan Med. Ctr. Bd., 2nd Mon, 5pm, Med. Ctr.
S.L. Elem Bd., 2nd Tues, 6pm
Swan Valley School Bd., 2nd Tues, 7:30pm, school library

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Alcoholics Anonymous: (help for those with a suspected drinking problem)
-Condon: Faith Lutheran Church, every Sunday, 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 TRANSFERSITE: Winter hours (Oct-Apr) - Wed & Sat, 10am-4pm, 677-3809
SSTEP Crisis Help Line: 677-3177. Domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, community outreach & education

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

LIBRARIES:
Seeley Lake Public Library (Seeley-Swan High School) Regular hours: Mon-Fri., 8-3pm (closed 11am-noon for lunch); Wed., 3-8pm; Sat, 10am-3pm. Story Time-Saturdays at 11 a.m.
Swan Valley Library (Condon) Tues, 11am-4pm; Wed, 11am-7pm; Fri, 11am-4pm
Family History Ctr.-LDS Church: Open Wed, 11am-3pm. Call 677-2642 or 677-2575.

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

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

Wildland Fire & Your Home

Free Home Evaluations Available From The Seeley Lake Fire Department

The Seeley Lake Fire Department is able to offer 200 free home evaluations to residents in the District.

The evaluation allows the homeowners to see how the fuel load (trees, brush, grasses, etc.) could affect the safety of their home in the event of a wildland fire.

The evaluation will NOT bind the homeowner in any way to take action to reduce fuel loads on their property. It is an informational evaluation. There is some grant money available to help homeowners who do wish to do fuel reduction. Having an evaluation does not guarantee grant money, but it will identify areas in need, which could help with obtaining some of the grant money. Some of the grants require matching funds—Some will be "in-kind" matches, others are cash matches.

For more information or an appointment, please call Pat at (406) 677-2400 or send your name, mailing address, street address and phone number requesting an evaluation to Seeley Fire, P.O. Box 309, Seeley Lake, MT 59868. Please note if you want to be present during the evaluation.



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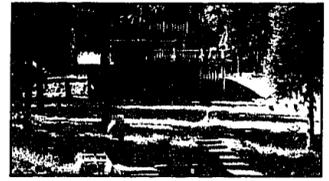
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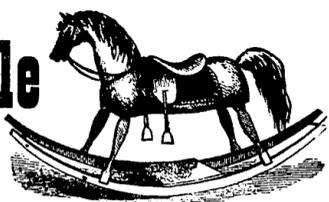
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Wintry Spring Challenges Wildlife

by Mike Thompson

The goose is on its osprey nest again.

John Firebaugh and I remembered to cast a glance to the south as we drove past the junction of Blanchard Creek Road and Highway 200 last Thursday. And, sure enough, we spied a Canada goose standing atop the osprey nest on the power pole. I also spoke with Don Wood earlier this week, who confirmed that a pair of Canadas was working at the base of the nest when he drove by.

It just goes to show that life in the natural world proceeds at its own pace, come rain, come snow, or come shine. Few sights are more depressing than a goose on its nest in a spring blizzard. But, there are no postponements or cancellations in the biological clock due to inclement weather. Wildlife must simply grin and bear it.

And, just how well are they bearing it as Mother Nature attempts to stuff an entire winter's worth of storms into the first few weeks of spring?

We'll know more if the weather settles down long enough for FWP biologists to take wing and begin our aerial surveys of elk, deer, bighorn sheep and mountain

goats. But, in advance of these data one would predict a mixed bag.

Take elk, for example. Research suggests that the nutritional quality of forage on summer range has as much or more to do with their survival through winter than the quality or quantity of forage on the winter range. Elk that came through the Bonner Check Station this fall appeared to carry good body fat, and the winter was mild through February. So, the animals should have entered March in above-average physical condition.

However, above-average condition for elk in March is still the poorest condition of the year. March is the time when most of the nutrients in plant material that was produced during the last growing season have been leached out by many days of sun, wind, water and snow. During many years, new green growth will begin to appear on sun-warmed slopes in March, providing welcome relief to animals that may have used up all the fat they carried from their summer ranges. But, snow and cold have delayed greenup this year. Was the mild winter mild enough to offset the energetic costs of the delayed spring season?

We'll soon have a better idea, but our guess is "yes," except for

Game Range Ramblings

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



the smallest calves and weakest adults in the herd. John and I got a glimpse of how this extended winter weather might play out in our elk populations when we responded to a call for FWP to remove a dead cow from a backyard near Bonner. There was no obvious sign of predation, but a look at its molars indicated old age—maybe 10 years or older. You wouldn't call the body emaciated, but it was gaunt in the hips and small-sized overall.

"We haven't seen elk this low in elevation for quite a few years," the landowner informed us. "But a few came down this spring, and this lone cow stayed [until she died]." It's hard to say whether this cow would have been saved by one of the warm, early springs that we enjoy from time to time. But, it is fairly safe to say that her age and physical condition did not allow her to withstand the extended winter weather we're experiencing this year.

I'm sure there are many more like her. For example, 8 of 22 cow elk killed by hunters on the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game

Range in 2000 were more than 10 years old. But, not all old cows are necessarily in poor condition, and age alone will probably be a poor predictor of mortality in adult elk.

Old bulls are probably more vulnerable to the effects of a prolonged winter season than cows, simply because bulls enter the winter in relatively poor condition following the rut. We often see groups of a dozen or more big bulls bunched up on early greenup on the Game Range in late March or early April, having abandoned their solitary winter ways in favor of the season's first succulent buffet. This year, the buffet is late, and some of the weaker bulls may suffer from the delay, especially with the first nutritional demands of antler growth beginning to take a toll.

Pregnancy is also beginning to weigh heavily on the condition of maternal cows. Up until March, fetal development is slow and drains little energy from the cow, which allows animals to cope with the harsh conditions of winter. But from March through May, the fe-

tus demands more than its fair share to make up for lost time. New, green vegetation is supposed to be available to meet this increasing energetic demand. Because greenup is behind schedule this year, the weakest cows might not be able to carry their calves to full term.

Studies of mountain goats suggest that pregnant goats might feel the effects of late-winter storms more profoundly than other hoofed wildlife. As late-winter snowpack increases, the proportion of nannies that will produce kids in June decreases. This certainly makes sense when you consider that no matter how mild the early and mid-winter periods have been in the valley bottoms, mountain goats have been floundering in snow at the higher elevations since December. They need the snowpack to begin receding instead of building in springtime. Expect to see fewer kids this summer in the goat rocks.

Can a mild early winter compensate for a stormy and wintry spring? That will be the question we will try to answer with our aerial surveys of elk, deer, sheep and goats later this month.

And, will the Canada goose finish its business in the osprey nest in time for the osprey to have its turn? We'll all keep an eye on that as we travel back and forth between Seeley and Missoula over the summer.

Volunteers wanted for wildlife survey

Northwest Connections? Wildlands Volunteer Corps is seeking high school volunteers for a Breeding Amphibian Survey over the April 27/28 weekend. We will be searching for adult amphibians, particularly western toads and spotted frogs, in ponds in the Swan Valley.

All Wildlands Volunteer Corps programs are free and open to students ages 15-18. We provide dorm facilities, transportation from Missoula, food and group gear. Deadline for registration is April 22; call Andrea Stephens at (406) 754-3185 or email nwc@montana.com to register.

When in Doubt ...

The Apostle Thomas gets a bad rap. Thomas is a doubter, the doubter - the doubter's patron saint. When you look up "doubt" in the dictionary you may find his name connected: Doubting Thomas. And yet, the Bible never describes Thomas this way. It describes his moment of doubt. But it is only one moment.

The Bible says that when the other disciples share their experience of the risen Lord with Thomas, he says, "Unless I see the mark of the nails and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." (John 20:25) Yes, this is a moment of doubt. Yet, Thomas was still in shock, still in mourning for the Lord he loved. He had so many hopes and expectations that were dashed by the crucifixion. In moments like these it is not easy to believe.

Senior Nutrition Program Menu

The following meals will be served next week promptly at noon at the Seeley Lake Senior Citizens Center. Reservations please - 677-2008. Call before 10:00 a.m.

- Monday, April 8
Pork Pot Pies
- Tuesday, April 9
Stuffed Bell Peppers
- Wednesday, April 10
Baked Meat Loaf
- Thursday, April 11
Meatball Stew
- Friday, April 12
Baked Pork Cutlets

Condon Area Senior Lunch

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

- Thursday, April 4
Orange Juice, Chicken & Dumplings, Mashed Potatoes, Pickled Beets, Peaches, Cake
- Monday, April 8
Cranberry juice, Turkey, Dressing & Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberries, Pumpkin Pie
- Thursday, April 11
Grapefruit juice, Ham Slice, Baked Potato, Green Salad, Peaches, Cookie

Passages

by Rev. Scott Anthony
Mountain Lakes
Presbyterian Church

We too have our moments. When we've been laid off at work. When our application is rejected. When we're faced with a debilitating illness. When we struggle with family problems. When we are caught in the throws of financial crisis. When our spiritual well has run dry. In moments like these we may want to believe, but it is not easy.

Thomas' identity, despite our perception and description of him, is not rooted in that one moment (we have a proclivity of unfairly reducing people to a moment or two - especially a moment of weakness). However, there is much in Thomas to admire. For example, earlier in their ministry together, when Jesus heard of the sickness of his friend Lazarus in Bethany, Jesus declares his intention of returning there to see him. But the disciples protest, pointing out that the people of that region

wanted to kill Jesus. In that moment Thomas speaks up, "Let us also go that we may die with him." (John 11: 8, 16) These are hardly the words of a chronic doubter.

When Jesus appeared again to the disciples and shows Thomas the evidence he desired, Thomas declared, "My Lord and my God." (John 20:28) This single sentence contains one of the earliest confessions of the Christian faith: Jesus Christ, my Lord and my God!

In Jesus' encounter with Thomas, he declares a blessing especially for us. Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." (John 20:31) These are words of encouragement and at the same time a challenge to take a leap of faith.

With this challenge in mind, I am reminded of the story:

The fields were parched and brown from lack of rain, and the crops lay wilting from thirst. People were anxious and irritable as they searched the sky for any sign of relief. Days turned into arid weeks. No rain came. The ministers of the local churches called for an hour of prayer on the town square the following Saturday.

They requested that everyone bring an object of faith for inspiration.

At high noon on the appointed Saturday the townspeople turned out en masse, filling the square with anxious faces and hopeful hearts. The ministers were touched to see the variety of objects clutched in prayerful hands - holy books, crosses, rosaries.

When the hour ended, as if on magical command, a soft rain began to fall. Cheers swept the crowd as they held their treasured objects high in gratitude and praise.

From the middle of the crowd one faith symbol seemed to overshadow all the others. A small nine year old child had brought an umbrella. (Source unknown)

The challenge of life is to rise up from disappointment with the help of God and learn to again walk in the light of our hope in Christ. Being a Christian does not guarantee us a smooth ride through life. We will continue to have our moments. But, thank God, Christ remains faithful and will provide light in dark times.

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Salmon Praire School: Remembering Sept. 11th



September 11
Six Months Later

By Jacob J. Wood

Grade: 7
Age: 12

On September 11th, 2001, 7:45 a.m. Mountain Standard Time, I was eating my breakfast. But in New York City, two hours ahead, a plane crashed into one of the World Trade Centers buildings. 15 minutes later another plane crashed into the other building.

When I got to school, Logan said two planes crashed into the World Trade Center. I didn't hear about it until Logan told us at school. I remember I felt extremely mad at the people who did it. I was mad at them because many people died during the attack.

We watched what the attack looked like on the computer. The plane crashing into the building looked like a bomb exploding on a very hard surface. My guess of what it sounded like is like a hundred jets breaking the sound barrier.

What I think the smell was like is sulfur and burning flesh. The smell was probably so bad some of the workers wanted to leave. I can't imagine how they could keep working there. If I were one of those people I would want to leave, but the people didn't.

The event made me think that we were in for a long war. If we did, the war would be bloody. The war would also last for years.

The attack made me realize we were in for lots of trouble. I realized that many people died and it made me mad and I wanted someone to do something about it.

Now six months later I almost forgot the whole attack. Why did I forget, well I got busy and my schedule got hectic and I forgot things that have happened in the past months. That is why I forgot about the attack.

From now on I will try to remember that day. The brave people who died, and lived trying to save the people in the buildings. We all may forget about September 11th, but the memories of those who family members who died and people who survived will last forever.

(Editor's note: the following essays are by Salmon Prairie Students whose teacher, Chantel Elmer, asked them to write of their memories of the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy. The assignment coincided with a national observance of the recent sixth month anniversary. There are a total of ten essays by students. The rest will be printed next week.)

The Tragedies of September Eleventh

On the morning of the attacks, I was at home watching the news. I was tying my shoelaces when the first plane hit the south tower. I watched in horror as the second plane hit the north tower. It was shocking and I was in disbelief. As I saw the building burning, I saw people jumping out of the windows rather than burning to death. The feeling of unbearable sadness came over me, and I could not shake the feeling off.

As the day went by, I still couldn't believe what I had seen. Later, I tried to picture what it would sound and smell like. Do you want to know what I saw when I closed my eyes? I saw flesh and bones everywhere, dust, glass, melted metal, and some bodies around the collapsed buildings. It smelled like burning flesh, and dust; sour, like rotting bodies. Can you imagine what that would smell like? I am pretty positive that nobody would like the way it looked or smelled. That was the most disgusting thing I ever imagined.

I thought of what the planes sounded like on TV and how it would actually sound if I was there. It sounded loud enough on TV. I think it would sound unbearably loud if I were actually standing there. There would be shrieks of pain and just plain in-horror screams. It would sound like a hundred bombs going off at once. Oh man, I would not like to be there. My ears would be painfully ringing for about fifty hours if I were there. What do you think it would sound like? I sincerely hope I never have to hear that.

As I came out of my surroundings of questions, I all of a sudden worried. I thought about my family and I hoped that nobody in my family was in one of the planes. Then I thought that I shouldn't just think about my family. I mean look at all the people in the buildings, they must have family too. I thought about all those people who lost a parent, loved one, or a friend in the event, and it made me overly happy that I had a family and my parents were there to comfort me. I also think it made me think about all the people.



who donated blood and donated stuff to the firemen and families and I think that they are heroes. It also made me realize that I shouldn't judge someone for who they are, but to just accept people as they are even if you don't like them. I also thought about terrorism and how it's wrong, and I decided that was one job opportunity I never want to pick. My thoughts and worries never surrendered.

All through the day, I felt unbelievably scared, extremely sad; and I thought about all the people in the buildings that suffered. I still have these thoughts and feelings today, but I am not as mad at the terrorists as I thought I would be. Actually, I am sort of willing to forgive the ones that thought they were doing the right thing; either because that's their culture, or they were tricked into thinking that. However, I am not willing to forgive Bin Laden for what he said and for what he did to the USA on September eleventh. If he really thought that was the right thing to do, then why didn't he run the planes into the buildings himself? I think he is a coward. That is what I am not willing to forgive.

I hope nothing like this ever happens again, and if it does, not so many innocent people will die.

Amy Meyer
Age 11
Grade 6

Shocking Terror Logan Humphrey

Grade 7

On September 11 I was at home getting up, and I rushed to the bathroom to start the shower. After that, I sped to the TV and turned it on like I do every time I start getting ready for school. That's when I saw it. The most terrifying thing you could ever see: the world trade center was bombed. Two planes rammed straight into the towers.

That morning when I saw what I

Bralyn Joubert
5th grade
11 years old



I was standing in the kitchen on September 11th, putting together a sticky peanut butter and jelly sandwich. My dad rushed into the house and said in a grave and serious voice, "Two planes just crashed. One of them went into one of the World Trade Towers, and the other crashed into the Pentagon. It's on Roger and Moe's news if you want to come see."

Thoughts of school were abandoned as I rushed over the hot dirt into the cool surroundings of our neighbors' house. I glanced at the TV just in time to see one of the famous, 110 story Twin Towers fall. It rumbled to earth, and I heard the screaming of bystanders trying desperately to get out of the way; Chunks of rubble fell onto cars and people, as one of the wonders of the world fell. I was in awe. It didn't seem to be real. Why would anyone do this? These words ran through my head the rest of the day. Why would anyone want to do this terrible thing? It has to be a mistake. It was probably just an accident. That thought disappeared, though, as I watched a second plane fly by, wheel around, and slam into the second tower. A frightening red and orange flash blinded me, and then, the tower fell. I saw it in slow motion, as the brick, metal, and glass debris fell in a towering, collapsing, waterfall of rubble.

The black smoke was billowing in huge, heavy towers against the bright blue September sky. I could see people hanging out of the second tower's windows before it fell, hoping to fall rather than burn. It was terrible to see them plummet to the street, screaming. People were scattered, running for their lives as hunks of metal landed on cars, police, and fire fighters.

I imagine it smelled like burning, smoke, and terror. I could practically smell the fear and frustration. I'm positive that it smelled like melting and grinding metal, and burning buildings.

I could hear screams and crying. I heard the beeping of cellular phones as the New Yorkers tried to call family and friends that might have been in the towers at the time. I heard two frightened girls saying, "Oh my gosh. We, like, saw a plane crash into the first tower, and everyone was like, "This is a really bad accident. Then we saw the second plane, and we knew that

this was intentional." I heard a Japanese girl crying. She was really cut up from the flying cement. There were miracle stories being told. This one lady who had gone in to get some files had been saved because her young daughter had wanted to stop to get a sandwich. There was girl who had been saved by a stranger on the street. He pushed her under a doorway, and stood in front of her to protect her from the rubble.

MY immediate and thought was, "This is not real, okay? I'm going to wake up and this will be a normal day. No deaths, no planes, no huge buildings blowing up. This is just a dream." My next concern was of my grandpa's brother, who lived in New York. He was okay, I learned later that day. I was really sorry for the hundreds of kids who lost a parent, or maybe both of them. I am proud of the passengers on the plane who tried to stop the attack and died. I also felt a bitter hate for those who were responsible. It seemed so barbaric that they actually thought they were doing the right thing.

Nothing has been the same. I see the news, and pay a bit more attention than I did before. I see the deaths, the discovery of identified bodies, and the murder of Daniel Pearl. I watched the 9/11 documentary, and I see that it took a lot of courage for those fire fighters to go in there and try to save those people. I know that it also took bravery to dig and see all of the body parts, and the poor people who got killed.

I am really scared that someone will send anthrax to Montana. Now I realize that life is scary, and that it is more important than ever that we are grateful for what we have, and that we understand really how great America is, as long as it stands united.

saw, I was in shock. I asked myself why would any one want to do what they did? They killed so many people.

All those people dyeing it made me think about war, battles, and more people dyeing. I could not stand to see all that.

I felt scarred and sad that all those people were dyeing. I wish that none of this happened. I could almost feel all their pain they felt dyeing.

All that stuff I saw was like a nightmare, only seen in a dream. They should not have done what they did. I

did not know why they did all that but I wish they had done that.

Just by looking at all those buildings it probably smelled like rotten fish that have been sitting in one spot for ages. If I were there I would probably puke.

It probably sounded like a row of thunder. All the screams and suffering, I could not bare what I saw.

Now it 6 months later and I feel better, but I still feel sick when I hear about it. I wish people would just stop talking about September 11.

Swan Ecosystem, Bob Marshall Foundation sponsor fundraiser for 'The Bob' & Missions

Hikers, horseback riders and other people who like wilderness can help ensure their favorite trails are open and campsites are clean at a fund-raising slide show and raffle April 11 in Missoula.

Bill Cunningham, photographer, educator, author, outfitter and long-time wilderness supporter, will present slides of Montana's Bob Marshall and Mission Mountains wildernesses. The event will be held at the Boone and Crockett Club in the Clark Fork Station, south and west of the Higgins Street Bridge, 7-9 p.m.

Swan Ecosystem Center and the Bob Marshall Foundation are sponsoring the event. These two nonprofit organizations raise funds annually to keep backcountry rangers at work and to enlist volunteers who maintain trails, clean campsites and educate visitors about Leave No Trace techniques and the Food Storage Order that protects people and bears.

A donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and kids is suggested.

Raffle items include a 2-night stay at Diamond R Guest Ranch at Spotted Bear, Mont., a Monte Dolack Print "Evening in the Bob Marshall Wilderness," authentic Mission Mountains and Bob Marshall wilderness signs, items donated by local businesses and sporting goods stores, and much more.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at the event, or can be purchased in advance by contacting Swan Ecosystem Center in Condon, 754-3137, or the Bob Marshall Foundation in Whitefish, 863-5400.

Audubon Meeting April 8 in Kalispell

Flathead Audubon presents Whitefish outdoor photographer Chuck Hanev at its April 8 evening program. Hanev's slide program, titled "A Year in the Life of an Outdoor Photographer" will highlight images from his travels, including the North Woods of Minnesota, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, the tall grass prairies of the Midwest and locally, from Waterton Park.

Hanev, an outdoor photographer for 10 years, has been published in National Geographic, Outside and is a frequent contributor to Montana Magazine. He has just published his fourth book, "Simply Beautiful-North Dakota." He will have copies of his books at the program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks meeting room in Kalispell.

Also at the meeting, Flathead Audubon's third Recognition of Outstanding Conservation Achievements will be presented to six local organic farmers. Flathead Audubon recognizes these farmers for providing healthy food, preserving our soil, protecting our ground water and safeguarding our environment. These Certified Organic Farmers are: Katherine Cross, Julian Cunningham/Swallow Crest Farm, Kip Drobish/Raven Ridge Farm, Barry Flamm/Flamm Orchard, Judy Owsowitz/Terapin Farm, and John Sheldon/Creston Seed Inc.

Sheriff's Report

(911 calls compiled with the cooperation and assistance of the Sheriff's Department and Deputy Sheriff Scott Newell)

March 11 - 17, 2002

- 3/11, 9:45 a.m. - Abandoned vehicle - Woodworth Road - no action needed
 - 3/11, 10:00 a.m. - Follow-up investigation into snowmobile theft - Seeley Lake
 - 3/12, 8:50 a.m. - Court warrant served - 1 arrested - Seeley Lake
 - 3/12, 2:45 p.m. - Court papers served - Seeley Lake
 - 3/13, 10:25 a.m. - Disturbance - Seeley Lake - assistance rendered
 - 3/14, 3:24 p.m. - Disabled vehicle - Seeley Lake - assistance rendered
 - 3/14, 6:47 p.m. - Court papers served - Seeley Lake
 - 3/15, 12:18 p.m. - Burglary (x9) - Seeley Lake
 - 3/15, 2:45 p.m. - Court papers served - Seeley Lake
 - 3/15-3/18 - Follow-up investigation (x16) into burglary - Seeley Lake - 1 arrested, 1 cited
 - 3/15, 10:47 p.m. - Bar check - Seeley Lake
 - 3/16, 11:20 a.m. - Burglary follow-up - Seeley Lake
 - 3/16, 9:56 p.m. - Court papers served - Seeley Lake
 - 3/17, 1:28 p.m. - Court papers served - Seeley Lake
 - 3/17, 11:00 p.m. - Disturbance - assistance Lake County
- NOTE: Heath Hanson, Missoula County Sheriff's Deputy, has been assigned to the Seeley Lake-Condon area to take over Deputy

Bob Parcell's position while he is on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Seeley Lake - not bona fide
3/22, 5:29 p.m. - Disabled vehicle - Hwy. 83, MM 6
3/22, 10:13 p.m. - Bar check - Seeley Lake

March 18 - 24, 2002

3/18, 9:09 a.m. - Follow-up investigation - Seeley Lake - 1 arrested
3/18, 9:12 a.m. - Medical call - Seeley Lake - transported to St. Pat's
3/18, 1:07 p.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake
3/18, 3:23 p.m. - Officer advice needed - Seeley Lake
3/18, 4:07 p.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake
3/18, 5:24 p.m. - Possible theft - Seeley Lake
3/18, 5:31 p.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake

3/19, 6:51 a.m. - Injured elk - Clearwater Junction
3/19, 7:39 a.m. - Vehicle accident - Seeley Lake - no injuries
3/19, 7:49 a.m. - Vehicle accident - Hwy. 200, MM 21 - no injuries
3/19, 8:24 a.m. - Follow-up on vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake
3/19, 8:33 a.m. - Message delivery - Seeley Lake

3/19, 12:01 p.m. - Follow-up on vehicle accident - Seeley Lake
3/20, 5:37 a.m. - Structure fire - Potomac
3/20, 5:56 a.m. - Vehicle accident - Clearwater Junction - no injuries
3/20, 10:30 a.m. - Vehicle stuck - Greenough
3/20, 2:58 p.m. - Person needs assistance with possible search - Condon

3/20, 10:56 p.m. - Vehicle accident - Seeley Lake
3/21, 12:25 p.m. - Vehicle accident - Hwy. 83, MM 8 - no accident
3/22, 8:27 a.m. - Intimidation - Seeley Lake
3/22, 11:24 a.m. - Fire alarm -

3/22, 11:33 p.m. - Bar check - Seeley Lake
3/23, 8:58 a.m. - Vehicle accident - Hwy. 83, MM 8
3/23, 12:57 p.m. - Civil standby - Seeley Lake
3/23, 8:53 p.m. - Vehicle accident - Hwy. 200, MM 34 - no injuries
3/23, 9:01 p.m. - Officer advice needed - Seeley Lake
3/23, 9:27 p.m. - DUI - Seeley Lake
3/24, 12:48 p.m. - Dead deer in road - Hwy. 83, MM 9

March 25 - 30, 2002

3/25, 12:35 p.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake
3/25, 6:35 p.m. - Officer advice needed - Condon
3/26, 10:21 p.m. - Dogs at large - Seeley Lake
3/27, 2:40 a.m. - Loud stereo - Potomac

3/27, 12:21 p.m. - Injured deer - Kozy Korner
3/27, 1:08 p.m. - Injured deer - Hwy. 83, MM 7
3/27, 6:17 p.m. - Lost property - Seeley Lake
3/27, 8:04 p.m. - Court papers served - Greenough
3/27, 9:04 p.m. - Follow-up investigation - Seeley Lake

3/28, 8:41 p.m. - Moving violation - Seeley Lake
3/29, 10:09 a.m. - Alarm - Condon
3/30, 4:24 p.m. - Person needs assistance - Hwy. 83, MM 25
3/30, 5:31 p.m. - Follow-up investigation - Seeley Lake
3/30, 6:17 p.m. - Officer advice needed - Seeley Lake

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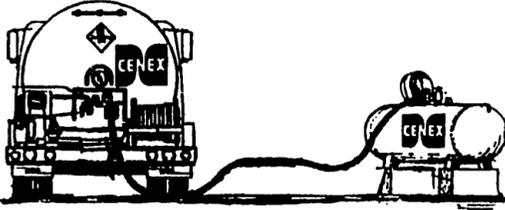
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DATE	HIGH	LOW	CONDITIONS
Mar 11	44	26	0.04" precip., few flakes early then rain drizzle all day.
Mar 12	40	32	0.16" precip., heavy rain a.m., then mixed rain/snow/sleet off and on rest of day.
Mar 13	41	21	Trace precip., trace snow, scattered flurries all day.
Mar 14	40	16	Trace precip., trace snow, scattered flurries all day.
Mar 15	37	19	Trace precip., trace snow, light flurries a.m., heavier flurries p.m.
Mar 16	34	18	Partly cloudy a.m., mostly cloudy p.m., wind and snow late p.m.
Mar 17	29	5	0.01" precip., 0.6" snow, snow last p.m., mostly clear today.
Mar 25	48	28	Mostly cloudy a.m., partly cloudy p.m., sprinkle late p.m.
Mar 26	53	21	Trace of precip., partly cloudy.
Mar 27	53	29	0.12" precip., 2.0" snow, partly cloudy, intermittent snow squalls.
Mar 28	39	29	0.32" precip., 4.4" snow, snow overnight, occasional sun with scattered flurries.
Mar 29	44	28	0.02" precip., 0.5" snow, snow last p.m., mostly to partly cloudy.
Mar 30	47	31	Trace precip., trace snow, partly to mostly cloudy, windy.
Mar 31	54	22	Partly cloudy, occasional light breeze.

Total precip. received in March = 2.32"
Total snow received in March = 48.3"
Richard E. Taylor, Seeley Lake RD email: retaylor@fs.fed.us

Swan Song

Stella Marie Carey
Stella Marie Carey, 94, of Missoula, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at Riverside Health Care Center.

She was born June 13, 1907, in Crestline, Kan., the daughter of Frank and Anna Monk.

Stella married Leonard Carey on March 23, 1944 in Hamilton. They moved to Seeley Lake in 1951 and resided there until 1982 when they moved to Missoula.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters Mary Monk and Cleo Croci, brother Dick Monk, daughter Betty Anderson and infant son Frankie.

Stella is survived by a daughter, Mark Baker and her husband Ron of Kalispell; son Lynn Carey and his wife Roselyn of Seeley Lake; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and private family services will be held at a later date.

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Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by requesting a form for registration by mail or by appearing before the Election Administrator.

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Vickie Zeier,
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