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**2 Valley Concert
playing in
Condon this
weekend**



**Hawks win one
at State Tournament,
Madinger named
All-Tournament Team**

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Long awaited winter arrives

This is what our house looked like the morning of 3/8/03. And it is still snowing! We received over 3 feet so far.

It is supposed to RAIN next week!

We may have to use the canoe to travel.

—Terry Sheppard, Ovando

Chips . . . bits & pieces

There's naturally some disappointment that things didn't turn out better, as coach Shawn Holmes said, while at the same time expressing his pride in a team that "got to state," and played some close games there, winning one of them.

But no one is really complaining and there's nothing but school—and community—pride in what the Blackhawks have accomplished this year. Getting to state is a major accomplishment. You're in the elite 8 teams of the state and when you win one and play another one down to the final seconds, you have earned respect. Congratulations, guys, on an outstanding season and some memorable games.

Congratulations to Abe Madinger on the all-tournament team selection. We should have some more candidates up for that honor next year.

Just when we thought it wasn't going to happen, it did. And, there's another winter sport you can enjoy this weekend in Condon—snowcat drag races. Catch the action in Condon.

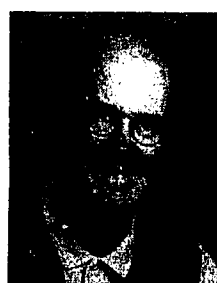
Also, in Condon, the Montana Woodwind Trio. Big weekend up the road. Enjoy.

—Gary Noland

Capitol Steps

Some reason for optimism

Rep. Doug Mood,



As legislators we work in a world in which fantasies are easily disguised as ideas.

We also live in a world where perception is easily passed off as reality. And the politics of pessimism has recently given us the wrong perception of where we are as a state.

Take the following facts as an example. Through out this past national recession, at 4%, Montana continues to have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country.

Last year Montana ranked second in the nation in the rate of new job creation, and in the last quarter of 2002, Montana was 1st in the nation in personal income growth.

Note that I didn't say we were in the top ten or twenty, we have literally been leading the nation in these categories. This is the first time in recent memory that our state has had a series of positive economic indicators following one upon the other.

The tax reforms and the statutory changes that we have made over the past three sessions are beginning to have an impact.

I do not believe that moving Montana in to the 21st century means abandoning the base economy that has sustained us for over 100 years. Rather, bolstering our traditional economy while encouraging new enterprises to establish homes here will best bring the new job growth that we need to assure our young people of a future here at home.

Montana's first success in the Information Age will come from utilizing our natural

environmental wealth at a new and improved level. The application of new technology to traditional economies has lead to a new level of efficiency as well as a new level of environmental performance that can and will be an example to the world.

In this day and age, there is no inherent conflict between our traditional resource based economy and the development of tourism and a new technology based economy. We welcome any form of economic activity as long as it respects our values, our land and most of all our people.

We have not gotten mired in the politics of pessimism and bickering. Positive results come from positive determination. In this session we have balanced the budget. We have continued to address our economic problems. We have held the line on taxes. And we have given this state reason for optimism.

The hardest part of getting a train going is starting from a standstill. Montana's economy has been standing still for a long time now. But as the economic news has started to come in, I can see that the train is starting to move down the track.

There is reason for optimism. Building on our momentum, we won't stop until our people are prospering and our economy thrives.

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Woodwind Trio presenting a concert in Condon

by Mike Childs

After many, many weeks without songbirds filling the forests and a fair amount of time since the last concert, local music lovers will be treated to the close harmonies and colorful intonations of The Montana Woodwind Trio on stage March 18th at the Swan Valley School in Condon.

The program features waltzes by Dmitri Shostakovich, Frederic Chopin's "Ballade No. 1 in G Minor for Piano", and a variety of arrangements for flute, clarinet, and piano by Bach, Debussy, Villa-Lobos, Camille Saint, and Phillip Kent Bimstein.

The key word here is variety according to the group's flutist, Margaret Lund Schuberg. Variety and fun. In an interview last Friday afternoon, Ms. Schuberg said the selections they will play include many animal sounds or activities: dancing bears, a creeping spider, monkeys calling from the jungles of Brazil, and a few frog, cricket, and coyote voices too. Even a mythical beast appears in Claude Debussy's "Afternoon of a Faun".

And so it seems the serious business of classical music will appeal to young people as well as adults. In fact the Trio will work with Swan Valley School band members earlier in the afternoon demonstrating their instruments and explaining techniques.

This interaction should prove especially beneficial since all of the performers teach at the University of Montana.

Surely by the evening's concert the conceptual distance between composer, artist, and student will be reduced. Maxine Ramey, Mika Inouye, and Margaret Lund Schuberg comprise the Montana Woodwind Trio.

Each brings to the stage impressive credentials. The newest member of the group, pianist Inouye is a graduate of Brigham Young University where she was an instructor of keyboard. At the U of M she is active as a collaborative pianist, private teacher, and instructor of group piano classes. And in 2002 Ms. Inouye performed as soloist with the University of Montana Orchestra.

Maxine Ramey has served as principal clarinet with the Missoula Symphony Orchestra since 1992, the same year she joined the U of M faculty. She performs as clarinetist with the Flagstaff Festival of the Arts Orchestra and has joined the Montana Chamber Orchestra and the Flathead Festival of the Arts Orchestra in Glacier National Park. Her degrees are from Arizona State University and Michigan State

University.

Margaret Lund Schuberg attended the Music Academy of the West where she performed under Marice Abravanel. At the U of M she teaches flute majors, coaches woodwind chamber ensembles, conducts the UM Flute Choir and teaches in the theory area. A graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara, Schuberg also holds a Master of Music in Performance from the University of Montana - Missoula. In addition to the Montana Woodwind Trio, Ms. Schuberg performs as principal flute with the Missoula Symphony Orchestra and plays in the Northwest Woodwind Trio. Her work has been heard frequently on National Public Radio's "Performance Today".

Clearly these women offer multitudes of talent and experience. In Ms. Schuberg's words, "Maxine and I are such good friends and we find that this chemistry seems to rub off on our audiences. We have been playing to-

gether twelve years and at times we harmonize so closely it sounds like only one instrument plays!"

After months of combating snow, ice, and winter's chill, a harmonious evening with friends sounds like just the ticket! Hear the Montana Woodwind Trio in concert Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Swan Valley School in Condon.

The program is sponsored by 2 Valleys Stage and is supported in part by the Montana Cultural Trust through the Montana Performing Arts Consortium. For further information, contact any 2 Valleys Stage member or call 677-3171.

On a final, happy note - Roger MacDonald is back at work following his surgery. (referring to the article about MWT in last week's Pathfinder) He will not be able to play the oboe for a month or two, but he may teach and in time will rejoin the Montana Woodwind Trio. We wish you a speedy recovery Roger!



The Montana Woodwind Trio

MCT at Salmon Prairie

The Salmon Prairie School is working in partnership with the Meyer family to host Missoula Children's Theater the week of March 17-21. MCT will be coming to Condon to work with students ages kindergarten on up for a production of *Treasure Island*.

The Salmon Prairie School has also invited all area homeschool students to participate in this production, according to teacher Chantel Elmer.

Auditions for specific parts will be held Monday morning, March 17, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Swan Valley Community Hall (next to Swan Centre).

Practices will be held at the Hall each day from 10 a.m. until about 2:30 p.m. (Students should bring a sack lunch.) The project will culminate at week's end with a theatrical performance for the community.

For more information call the school at 754-2245, or contact Paula Clarke, project coordinator, at 754-3058.

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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

DARLOA, 2nd Wed., 4pm, Sr. Cit. Ctr.
Swan Lands Comm. mtg., 2nd Wed., 7pm, Swan Ecysystem Ctr.
S.L. Chamber, 2nd Thur, 7am, Deer Country Quilts
S.L. QRU, 2nd Thur, 7pm, fire hall
American Legion, 2nd Fri, 7pm, Swan Valley Comm. Hall
Arthritis Support Group, 3rd Tues, 1:30pm, Sr. Cit. Ctr.
Drifters, 3rd Wed, 7pm, S.L. Comm. Hall

WEEKLY EVENTS

Alcoholics Anonymous: (help for those with a suspected drinking problem)

-Condon: Faith Lutheran Church, every Sunday, 3pm

-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.

Ladies Double Arrow Golf League, Tuesdays, 10 am, \$10 dues

MONTHLY EVENTS

FAIM Outreach Specialist, 1st & 3rd Thur, 9:30-3,

Seeley-Swan Med. Ctr.

Pinochle, every 1st & 3rd Sat., Senior Citizens Center, 7 pm

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

SSTEP Crisis Help Line: 677-3177. Domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, community outreach & education

Food Bank: Tues, 12-4 pm, next to Multi-purpose Room, S.L. Elementary, 677-5025

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

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Seeley Lake Public Library (Seeley-Swan High School) Mon-Fri, 8am-3pm (closed 11am-noon); Wed, 3-8 pm; Sat, 10am-3pm; Story Time-Sat, 11 am, 677-2224 ext. 5741

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.

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Winter's Last Gasp not Serious for Elk

by Mike Thompson

Calving season. It's Montana's most reliable rain maker.

For once, I'm not talking about elk calves. They won't be dropping for another two or three months.

No, it's beef calving season now. Steer clear of your ranching friends at this time of year, unless you're ready to pitch in. They've not rested well for a month, they've been living with their cows and pulling calves at all hours in the cold and the wet and the muck, and some of them have another month left to go.

They may be feeling a little rank right about now.

This season's moisture fell as a sopping mixture of rain and snow, the kind that piles up on your head and shoulders and soaks you to the skin before you know it. And, the showers kept leaking, sometimes pouring, day after day, night after night.

Undaunted, Mike Frisina and I braved the weather and the "weathered" on a visit to the Bandy Ranch last week. Mike is FWP's grazing specialist, and we were continuing our discussions about the grazing lease on the old Dreyer Ranch portion of the Game Range. The Bandy Ranch is a finalist in FWP's process to fill the lease for 2003.

First we backed onto the back porch to deter Belle, the indiscriminating herding dog. Then we turned to face Joe Broesder and Hank Goetz, watching cautiously in case they were cranky enough to nip a heel as well.

But, calving had worn well on them so far. We enjoyed an interesting conversation before getting down to business.

"How many elk calves die at birth?" Hank asked, fresh from experience with beef calves that seemed quite vulnerable without human intervention.

"I don't know of a good study on that topic," I replied. Jarod's study in the Gamets looks at calves that are 1-10 days old. It would be very hard to find more than a few calving sites any earlier to document mortality at birth.

So, without the hand of man to help them, elk avoid this time of the year to give birth. Elk calving naturally coincides with a season of abundant and succulent forage to nourish both the newborn calf and nursing cow.

Nevertheless, elk calves are being subjected to this late-winter storm right now. In fact, two calf crops are potentially vulnerable. There are the calves that were born last May-June, and are not yet one-year-old. And, there are the calves in-the-womb that rely on excess protein and energy from Mama's bloodstream.

Game Range Ramblings

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



We lost a lot of both in the hard winter of 1996-97. We can document that we lost about half of our standing calf crop that year in two ways. First, we observed a calf:cow ratio of 31 calves per 100 cows in February 1997, but only 13-15 calves per 100 cows later in the spring. Second, we observed a record low number of spikes on the winter range in January 1998, which was also about half of normal.

We can also document that we lost about half of the next year's calf crop. The calf:cow ratio on the winter range in January 1998 was the lowest we've ever seen (12 calves per 100 cows), about half of normal. And, the following year's count of spike bulls was the second lowest we've seen in 12 years of complete population surveys.

How does this winter compare?

You would only ask this if you weren't here in 1996-97. That winter came early and stayed late. This year, winter first arrived in earnest only two or three weeks ago.

In my mind, this winter compares best with last winter. Re-

member, last winter was a mild one, too, until March. Then we endured periodic blizzards that didn't subside until April. Spring green-up was slow and delayed as a result.

Some of us were scratching our heads last year, wondering if our elk would suffer from snow, cold and wind in the season when green grass should have been growing.

However, this winter we saw a record number of spike bulls in our helicopter survey, which would contradict the notion that standing calves died as a result of last year's storms. And, this year's ratio of 31 calves per 100 cows is about as high as we could hope for in recent times. So, it seems that the most vulnerable elk in the herd did not die at an increased rate as a result of the late storms last winter.

This year's March storms seem even less challenging to elk than last year's storms. This year's storms lack the driving cold wind that accompanied the snow last year. And, if temperatures warm this week as predicted, the moisture and heat might hasten a flourishing green-up, right on schedule.



SVSS Annual Meeting and Election

The annual meeting of the Swan Valley Senior Services Board was held and officers elected are President; Jan Mielke, Vice-president; Candace Hummel, Secretary; Dixie Meyer, and Treasurer; Debbie Moors.

Other board members are Nan Nelson; Driver Coordinator; Boyd Kessler, Member-At-Large, Russ Abolt and John Yajko.

The SVSS sponsors the Condon area Meals on Wheels and Senior Lunch programs. The home deliveries are five days a week for the homebound, and the Senior Lunch is served Monday and Thursday at the Hungry Bear.

Lunch is 1 p.m. and reservations must be made by 5 p.m. the day before. For more information, ask any SVSS board member or call 754-2373 or 754-2380.

Women's Retreat in Swan Lake March 15

A one-day retreat for women will be held at Laughing Horse Lodge in Swan Lake on March 15, as part of a benefit for the Kalispell Chapter of the International Soroptimists.

The retreat offers a combination of events including an ice fishing clinic, snowshoe clinic, cooking class with 5 star chef Marc Guizol, hand and face massage class, nature hike, and poetry writing with a local author.

The retreat begins at 9am and finishes at 6pm. Events are arranged so that women may choose from an outdoor activity or indoor activity, or they may simply choose to sit and share with other women in the cozy lodge.

The \$45 fee includes a gourmet breakfast by Laughing Horse Lodge chef Kathleen Moon, lunch, and an evening wine tasting. The retreat is limited to 25, reservations are required by calling Kathleen at 886-2080. Overnight lodging is available.



Stork Report - Klaire Lynn Kovatch

Kalvin and Karen Kovatch are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Klaire Lynn Kovatch, born February 21, 2003 at 1:12 a.m. Klaire weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 22" long.

Grandparents are David and Jan Guelff of Seeley Lake and Ken and Lorna Kovatch of Ovando. Great grandparents include John and Vivian Christensen of Seeley Lake, Harry and Lois Kovatch of Valier, and Dale and Mary Anne Inabnit of Conrad, also great great grandmother Grace Inabnit of Conrad.

Irish Dinner

The Seeley Lake Senior Citizens are sponsoring an Irish Dinner on Sunday, March 16 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

There will be a cake walk and cash raffles, in addition to the delicious dinner.

Call 677-2008 for further information. Hope to see you there!

Sports Banquet re-scheduled

The Seeley-Swan High School Winter Activities Banquet has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, at 6 p.m. at the high school little gymnasium.

The banquet will honor girls and boys basketball, cheerleading, first semester 4.0-grade students, perfect attendance students and students of the week.

Dear Friends and Family of the Seeley Swan Valley,

Thank you so much for the love, prayers, time, food, flowers and financial support. What a blessing you all have been for us at this difficult time. Thank you also for your patience. Carla Dea's Hair Studio will be open again April 1. God bless you all.

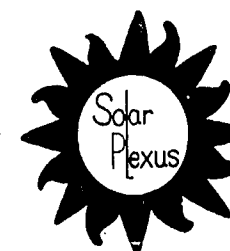
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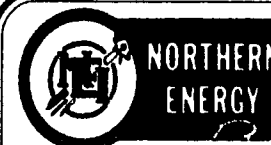
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Students of the Week submitted by staff of SSHS



Sarah Drew—Sarah has chosen to tackle Junior math independently because it doesn't fit into her schedule, yet she wants the academic rigor in her schedule. Sarah has demonstrated incredible responsibility and maturity in her efforts. She works diligently, cheerfully and accurately. Her independence and strength of character is very admirable.

Lent worship at Holy Cross Lutheran

The community is cordially invited to Midweek Lenten Worship Services every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Seeley Lake from March 12 through April 9.

The season of Lent in the Christian Church includes 40 days of preparation for the celebration of the Lord's Passover. These 40 days are counted from Ash Wednesday (March 5) to the Saturday of Holy Week. Lent will conclude with "Holy Week" Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Cross at 7:30 p.m. (April 17) and Good Friday Service (April 18) at Faith Lutheran Church (Condon), also at 7:30 p.m. Not counted as part of these 40 days are the six Sundays

during Lent. They remain, like all Sundays, a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This year, each weekly Lenten Service includes a sermon on one of the Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross. The word for this Wednesday is, "Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise" from Luke 23: 42-43. Pastor Benson stated, "These words of Christ on the Cross are most fitting as our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ." He also stated, "From ancient times, the season of Lent has been kept as a time of

special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope." The community is also invited to a free weekly Pre-service Soup-Sandwich supper at 6:00 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is located on Airport Road, one mile past the High School. These Services are part of the parish ministry of both Holy Cross Lutheran Church (Seeley Lake) and Faith Lutheran Church (Condon). For further information, call 677-7677. Come and Be Welcome!

Thank You!

We want to thank all our many friends and family who came with cards and best wishes to help us celebrate our 60th anniversary. A special thanks to Lucille and all the ladies who helped her make it such a special day for us.

Harold & Doris Haasch

Moving Sale!

Saturday, March 15, 9:00 a.m.

John and Billie Sytsma are having a moving sale of the following items and more at 675 Daisy Lane. Turn off Highway 83 100 yards north of the Lazy Pine Mall on Daisy Lane for 3/4 mile.

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Men's sweaters - XL
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Heavy Eddie Bauer jackets - men's & women's

Busy Health Fair planning underway

by Dr. Christine Barstad

Dr. Chris Corsi of the Western Montana Clinic will be giving a talk about osteoporosis in the multi-purpose room at Seeley Lake Elementary School on Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. He is a practicing endocrinologist in Missoula and has interacted extensively with Public Health and the Chutney Foundation to try to raise public awareness regarding osteoporosis - its causes, diagnosis and treatment. The Seeley Swan Medical Center is very excited to have him travel here for a talk and is looking forward to an informative evening.

On March 22, the Seeley

Swan Medical Center will be hosting a Health Fair at the Seeley Lake Community Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a number of offerings at that time. If you are interested in blood work however, contact the Medical Center immediately at 677-2277, because the blood work is being drawn and processed this week. The results will be available at the Health Fair.

Free osteoporosis screenings will be available at the Health Fair through Public Health, thanks to a grant from the Chutney Foundation. Screening forms are available at the Medical Center, as well as a sign up sheet for appointment times. Come on down and sign up

before the Health Fair so you won't have to wait in line. There is nothing more debilitating and yet preventable than a compression fracture. Osteoporosis can affect both men and women. Risk factors include increased age, tobacco use, alcohol use, and calcium intake, to name a few.

Bring in a bag with all your medicines and Jeff Aresty, the pharmacist from Partners in Home Care will be able to tell you more about them and answer your questions. They will generously be offering free diabetes screenings.

The Seeley Lake Fire Department, in conjunction with the 911 Center of Missoula, will bring in the fire trailer, a unique opportunity for children to learn about fire hazards. It's an adventure for the kids. After they spot the fire,

they get to make a simulated phone call to 911 to report it. They will learn the information they need to convey - speaking of which, how many of you adults out there realize your fire number is your street address?

There are many lifestyle changes which can have a significant positive impact on your health, and there will be an offering by Public Health in the form of information on their new program, MOVE, which addresses weight issues in America. Exercise takes many different forms and there will be information available from Kim Grover, Sherri Wormser and Liz Biggins, our local physical therapists at Seeley Swan Physical Therapy. The benefits of yoga for your health was recently a cover article in Time magazine.

Larrine Abolt and Candi Hummel, who teach yoga in Condon, will present information and be able to answer questions regarding yoga as a form of exercise.

These are only some of the tables which will be set up. In addition, there will be blood pressures by the QRUs of Condon, Seeley Lake, Ovando and Helmsville. Choices Bank will be offering information on advance directives and living wills. The Council on Aging will have information regarding senior nutrition. There will even be story time and hot chocolate for the children!

I would like to thank everyone in advance who is contributing to these events. It is through their joint effort that this is coming to pass. Hope to see you there!

Free Osteoporosis Screenings

Be sure to attend of the FREE osteoporosis screening clinics next week, March 18 - 22 (schedule below) by the Osteoporosis Prevention Program at the Missoula City-County Health Department (MCCHD). The screening is a simple, quick, and painless ultrasound process that uses no x-rays and gives instant results. All that's needed is two bare feet. And it's FREE for a limited time. A grant from the Chutney Foundation allows MCCHD to waive the customary \$25.00 screening fee per person for Seeley Lake and surrounding area residents.

Baseline testing for all adults, including both men and women over age 20, is recommended. The earlier you know your bone density, the sooner you can begin building ore bone and protecting what you already have, because osteoporosis, or porous bones, is a preventable and treatable disease. Unidentified and untreated, however, osteoporosis leads to fragile, brittle bones that are more susceptible to fractures, particularly of the hip, spine and wrist. That's why it's so important to be screened.

Risk factors for osteoporosis include:
Women and men with any of the following risk factors:

- A family history of osteoporosis
- A diet low in calcium and/or vitamin D
- Tobacco and/or alcohol use
- Use of certain medications such as: cortisone products, seizure medication and

some diuretics, thyroid replacement, and the contraceptive Depo-Provera

- An inactive lifestyle
 - A thin or small frame
 - Advanced age
 - Post-menopausal women, or women who have had a complete hysterectomy
- Screening includes an explanation of your results, and counseling regarding ways to build and maintain healthier bones. Remember; osteoporosis IS preventable - find out your status!

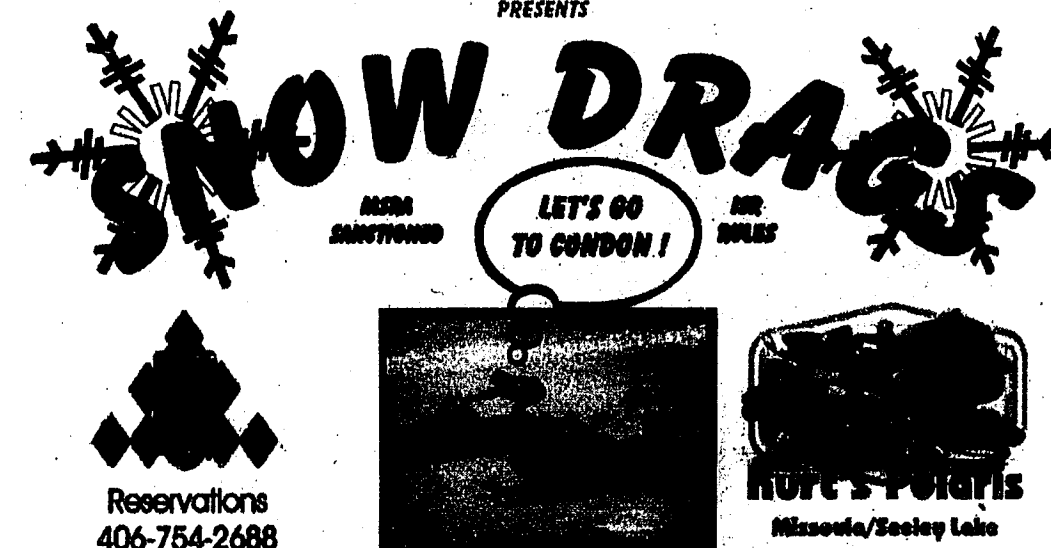
Clinics will be held:

- Tuesday, March 18: noon - 4 p.m., Seeley Swan High School Library
- Tuesday, March 18: 7 p.m., Seeley Lake Elementary School in conjunction with Dr. Chris Corsi's presentation
- Wednesday, March 19: 8:30 - 11:00 a.m., Seeley Lake Ranger Station
- Wednesday, March 19: 12:30 - 5 p.m., Seeley Lake Senior Citizens Center
- Friday, March 21: 9 - 10:30 a.m., First Valley Bank
- Friday, March 21: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Seeley Lake Elementary School
- Saturday, March 22: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Health Fair, Seeley Lake Community Hall

Clinics will also be scheduled in the Condon, Ovando, and Helmsville areas in the next few months. If you have questions about the screening, or would like to schedule a clinic for 10 or more people, please call Bonnie Leifer at the Missoula Health Department, 406-523-2844.

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Tuesday, March 18, 2003

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| 4 | 8 | 3 rd Round Winners – Additional 2% each (Total 4%) |
| 5 | 4 | 4 th Round Winners – Additional 3% each (Total 7%) |
| 6 | 2 | 5 th Round Winners – Additional 3% each (Total 10%) |

Overall Winner – Additional 5% - Total 15%



Beau Maciag receiving an award.



Toby Kittrell is recognized.



Scout Ryan Richards, right, is congratulated by leader Mike Biggins. Ryans was tops in the state in popcorn sales. See story last week.

Scouts celebrate awards night



Scout Leland Hatten receives congratulations from Biggins.



Scout leader Mike Biggins with award for Zach Blackburn.



Scout leader Mike Biggins with an award for scout Chris Wold, flanked by his parents, Kelli and Bruce Wold.

Photos by
G. Noland



Scout Travis Hals is congratulated.



Scout Josh Blackburn receives congratulated by Biggins.



Scout leader Mike Biggins with awards for Jared Newell, standing with his mother, Stacy Newell.



Scout leader Lisa Blackburn with awards for Alex McCracken, left, and Ryan Jorgenson.



Receiving recognition from left are: Leif Barstad, Leland Hatten, Tucker Clark, Toby Kittrell, Josh Blackburn and Travis Hals.

Please Pause For Pets and Paws

Paws Up

to all of you who have responded to our call for prizes for our so needed Spay and Neuter Clinic. I am overwhelmed and so very thankful to all of you! Our goal is \$1200 to get us through the clinic and hopefully, the year, in medical needs. This has been a year of heavy expenses in the medical field. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT ALL THE GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES AND SEND IN YOUR TICKETS. WE SO APPRECIATE IT AND WHATEVER YOU CAN DO. WITH ALL THE GREAT PRIZES, WE CAN ALL BE WINNERS, AS WELL AS THE PETS AND PEOPLE WE HELP! The raffle drawing will be held at the end of May, after the Spay and Neuter clinic has been held.

Paws Up

and thanks to Annie's Emporium for a gift certificate for a pound of fudge and a votive candle. Annie has taken the calories out of the fudge - value of \$25 1/3 carat Montana sapphire from Barb and Ray Cebulski - \$135 value Good Times certificate for a tee shirt and candle - \$30 value Lindsey's Steak House certificate. Buy one meal, get the other of equal value free - \$30 value Beautiful candle wooden scone set with night light, custom made by Monty Montgomery - \$75 value Darling door stop doll from Ruth Mizner-Welch - \$35 value A COMPLETE LIST OF RAFFLE PRIZES AND TICKETS WILL BE AT WOLD'S VALLEY MARKET AND J & K (formerly Happy Husky). STOP IN AND GET A COPY.

Paws Up

We have a beautiful purebred Australian Shepherd, neutered male, by the name of Patch who needs a good ranch home where he can work, very loving and loyal. He's not good with cats. Call ahead to see Patch and all of the others who are looking for loving homes.

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Purrs Up

We have some great cats, inside/outside, with all their medical up to date. Please consider one of these great pets!

Great News

We had a Bertoni "Professional Hand Built Italian Racing Bicycle" donated to us by Joe and Sonna Sattani, new to our area. We are so glad they are here. Pam Strumpler helped put the bike on E-Bay for bids. Have had one bite so far. Very exciting, as the money will go to Paws Up Safe Home to help us get by another year hopefully. As our community grows so does the demand for Paws Up. Your help is so needed!

Dog's Best Friend

On a fall afternoon, I was walking in a residential section of lower Manhattan. I passed by a man walking his dog and did a double take because the dog was wearing shoes! I walked back to the man and asked him the obvious question, "Why is your dog wearing shoes?" "Oh, the dog's so old that all the padding on his paws has worn off and the shoes give him the padding he needs," he said. "As a matter of fact, without the extra padding it would be like you or me walking on hot coals." Fascinated, I asked how old the dog was. "He's fifteen and one-half, and I've had him since he was a pup." Totally enthused, I gushed, "That's amazing. What's your secret? You should write a book about how to take care of a dog." "It would be a very short book because I only have one secret." "What's that?" "I really love my dog."

Rob Gilbert
Editor, *Bits & Pieces*

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PAWS-UP SAFE HOME Sheriff's SPAY-NEUTER RAFFLE Report

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

March 3 - 9, 2003

3/3, 7:50 a.m. - Nuisance phone calls - Seeley Lake

3/4, 10:11 a.m. - Vehicle accident - Seeley Lake

3/4, 11:36 a.m. - Stalking

3/4, 12:08 p.m. - Incorrigible juvenile

3/4, 7:18 p.m. - Injured deer - Hwy. 83, MM 3

3/5, 3:32 p.m. - Follow up investigation - Seeley Lake

3/5, 7:08 p.m. - Welfare check - Seeley Lake

3/5, 9:12 p.m. - Person needs assistance - Condon

3/5, 11:04 p.m. - Alarm - Seeley Lake

3/6, 9:29 a.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake

3/6, 3:03 p.m. - Moving violation - Potomac

3/6, 10:35 p.m. - Medical call - Seeley Lake - transported to Missoula

3/6, 10:51 p.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake

3/6, 11:33 p.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake

3/6, 11:56 p.m. - Medical call - Seeley Lake - transported by Medic unit to Missoula

3/7, 1:00 a.m. - Vehicle slide-in - Hwy. 200, MM 30

3/7, 4:04 p.m. - Domestic disturbance - Seeley Lake

3/7, 6:41 p.m. - Fish & Game - Injured deer - Placid Lake

3/7, 11:19 p.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake

3/8, 12:15 a.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake

3/8, 4:03 a.m. - Vehicle slide-in - Hwy. 83, MM 4

3/8, 10:00 p.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake

3/8, 11:11 p.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake

3/9, 12:15 a.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake

3/9, 1:33 a.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake

3/9, 2:46 a.m. - Vehicle slide-in - Seeley Lake

3/9, 3:46 a.m. - Vehicle slide-in - Hwy. 83, MM 1

3/9, 10:44 a.m. - Vehicle slide-in - Seeley Lake

3/9, 12:32 p.m. - Snowmobiles speeding - Seeley Lake

3/9, 9:45 p.m. - Medical call - Seeley Lake - no transport

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Blackhawks win one at state, Madinger on all tourney team

Seeley-Swan basketball coach Shawn Holmes didn't get his "Saturday" night game like he wished for at the state Class B basketball tournament last Saturday, but his Blackhawks stayed alive until the final elimination game Saturday morning, and turned in an impressive performance in two earlier games.

"We lost a tough one," Holmes said in reviewing the tournament and the first game with Whitehall.

"We had a chance, we were right in there, but didn't pull it off," he added, referring to the first round game where his team held a one-point lead, 55-54, with a mere one minute and 20 seconds left to play.

But at this level of competition, many games are decided in those final seconds, and a 3-pointer gave Whitehall a lead change and they added five of eight free throws in those final seconds to pull off a 64-59 win, sending the Hawks into the loser side of the bracket.

"We didn't play that well," Holmes said, "but Whitehall was tough and had an outstanding defense." That defense held senior Abe Madinger, a 20-point-per-game average shooter, to no points in the first half and he got 10 of his 12 points in the fourth period.

Junior Zach Nelson stepped forward with 23 points in the effort, followed by Spencer Balcom with 7, Tanner Marlatt 7, Riley Devins 6, and Cody Hard 2.

The Blackhawks kept their hopes alive in game two with a win over Columbus 55-48.

With only a two point lead, 33-31, going into the final period, it was "anyone's game until the fi-

nal four minutes," Holmes said. "Then, we put in three quick baskets in the final four minutes and went up by 12."

Madinger, an all-tournament selection following the tournament, had a good game with 18 points, nine rebounds, six steals and four assists.

The Hawks even went down by three, 38-35, in the fourth quarter before bouncing back to take the lead on baskets by Madinger and Nelson. Nelson finished with 12 points. Rion Nash tallied 11 points, eight of them on a Blackhawk run of 16-2 in the final period that gave the Hawks a 55-43 cushion.

Cody Hard finished with 7, Spencer Balcom 5, and Tanner Marlatt 2 for the evening.

Fairfield ended the Hawks' season following the win over Columbus. A consistent entry at the

state tournament, Fairfield came out shooting, jumped to a 20-12 first period lead and were never threatened.

"It was a touch early morning game, and we weren't used to playing in the morning," Holmes said. "We didn't hit well until the final six minutes of play and by then it was too late."

Madinger finished his high school career with 16 points in the game, followed by Cody Hard with 8, Zach Nelson 8, Riley Devins 6, Spencer Balcom 4, Rion Nash 3, and Ralph Cahoon 1.

"I wish we could have done better, but we're very happy to have gotten to state," Holmes said.

Cut Bank won the tournament with a 61-58 win over Manhattan in overtime.

Fairfield fell into fourth place behind Harlem in a 62-46 consolation game.

YMCA News Update on Activities

Come and Join the FUN!

Adult Fitness Classes: Walk Fit and Step are being offered through the YMCA. Morning programs consist of the walking program or step class, you choose! We are also offering an evening step class. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Multi-Purpose Room at Seeley Lake Elementary School. Morning class is from 8:15 to 9:15 AM. Evening class is 5:15 to 6:15 PM. Walk-Fit is \$15.00 per month and Step is \$25.00 per month for morning or evening classes.

YMCA Basketball Programs Have Started

Bitly Ball (1st & 2nd grade boys and girls) started Saturday, February 8 and will continue through March 29 in the Seeley Lake Elementary School Gym from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$20.00. Scholarships and family discounts are available. 3rd & 4th Grade Basketball began Wednesday, February 5 and will continue through March 26 in the Seeley-Swan High School Gym from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. The registration fee is \$20.00. Family discounts and scholarships are available.

Thank You Coaches and Helpers!

YMCA basketball programs would not be as successful as they are without volunteer coaches and helpers. We appreciate your time and willingness to teach the fundamentals of basketball.

Thanks 1st & 2nd grade coaches and helpers: Ted Linford, Gary Miller, Larry Westcott and Shawn Holmes Thank you 3rd & 4th grade coaches and helpers: Theresa Cahoon, Sandy Cahoon, Jeff Stoeger, Vicki Voegelin and Joel Cahoon

Raffle and Dinner to Benefit Baker Family on March 17

Janssen Construction Inc. - Nordique Log Homes of the Swan Valley, is currently selling raffle tickets for a log truckload of firewood. The proceeds from the raffle will go to Carla Baker and her boys to help out with expenses after the recent tragic loss of Frank Baker.

You can purchase these tickets at Rovero's, Hungry Bear, Mission Mountain Mercantile, Liquid Louie's and the Swan Valley Cafe. The drawing will be on Monday, March 17, 2003 at the Hungry Bear at 6:00 p.m., where a corned beef and cabbage feed will be hosted from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted for dinner. Proceeds of the dinner will also go to Carla Baker and her boys.

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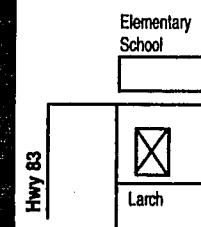
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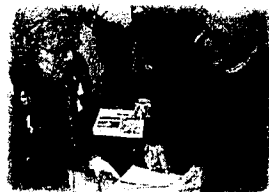
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Seeley Lake Church Directory

Faith Chapel (Pentecostal Church of God)
Worship—10:30 a.m. Sunday School—9:30 a.m.
Hwy 83 North Phone—677-2220
Pastor—Gary Wayne

Seeley Lake Baptist Church
Worship—11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m. Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 p.m.
3116 Hwy 83 South Phone—677-2268 (Founded 1953)
Pastor—Bill Bogardus

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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Mon. 5 p.m. Jr-Sr High Confirmation Class; Tues 7:30 pm. Adult Bible Study
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Phone—677-2281 or 677-7677

Living Water Catholic Church
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Pastor—Scott Anthony

Spirit of Christ Episcopal Fellowship
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Phone—677-2905

Mission Bible Fellowship (Non-Denominational)
Worship—10:30 a.m. Sunday School—9:15 a.m.
Hwy. 83 & School Lane
Phone 677-2110
Pastor Ken Wutzke

Planning underway for Morrell Creek Bridge replacement

The Montana Department of Transportation is planning to replace the bridge across Morrell Creek on Locust Lane approximately three fourths of a mile east of US Highway 83 in Seeley Lake, Missoula County.

The new bridge will be 28 feet wide with a 5 ft wide sidewalk and will be located in the same location as the existing bridge. Traffic will be maintained on a detour south of the existing structure during construction.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the 2005 season depending on completion of design and availability of funds.

For more information or to comment on this proposal please contact Dennis Foy, Engineering Services Supervisor, PO Box 7039, Missoula, MT 59807-7039, phone (406) 523-5800 or (888) 231-5819. For TTY call (406) 444-7696 or (800) 335-7592.

Senior Citizens sponsoring an Irish Dinner

The Seeley Lake Senior Citizens are sponsoring an Irish Dinner on Sunday, March 16 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. There will be a cake walk and cash raffles, in addition to the delicious dinner. Call 677-2008 for further information. Hope to see you there!

LEGAL NOTICE

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If all charges are not paid by March 31, 2003, the contents will be sold to the highest bidder at 12 p.m., Friday, April 4, 2003 at Clearwater Mini Storage, LLC, Hwy. 83 and Locust Lane, Seeley Lake MT. This dated February 25, 2003.

Events wanted for brochures

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is putting together a new brochure and would like to insert a Calendar of Events.

We would like any members/organizations to send a complete listing of events for the year 2003 via email to the Chamber at slchamber@blackfoot.net or mail the Chamber of Commerce at PO Box 516 Seeley Lake, MT 59868.

We would like the information by March 28th in order to include it in the Calendar of Events. Marcy Zietz, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

PUBLIC NOTICE SCHOOL DISTRICT #34 SEELEY LAKE ELEMENTARY TARY ONE VACANT TRUSTEE POSITION

One position on the Board of Trustees for Seeley Lake Elementary School District #34 will become open in May. The position is for a three (3) year term. A nomination petition can be obtained from the Seeley Lake Elementary School office. The completed petition must be returned to the District Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2003. For information, call District Clerk Sally Johnson at 677-2265.

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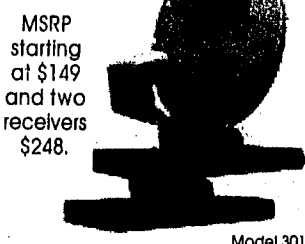
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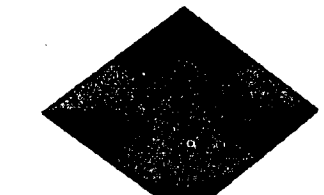
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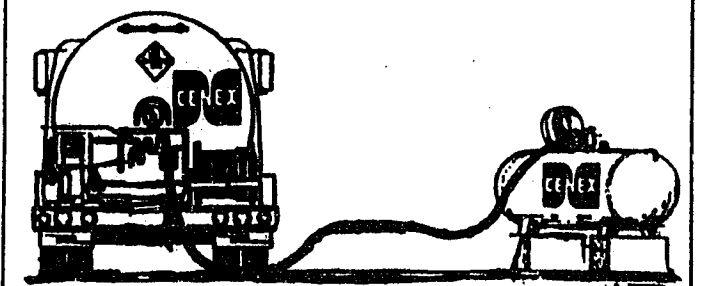
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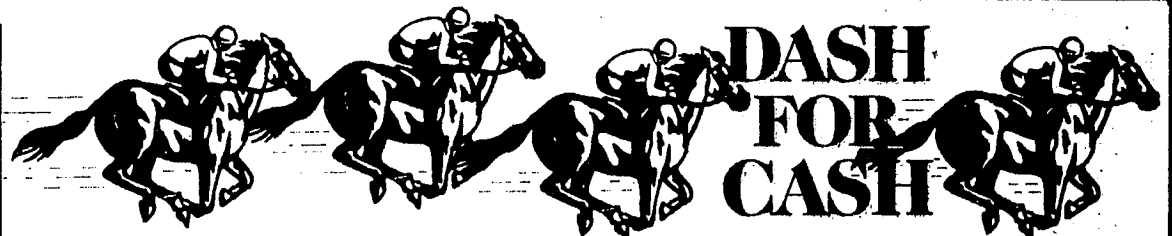
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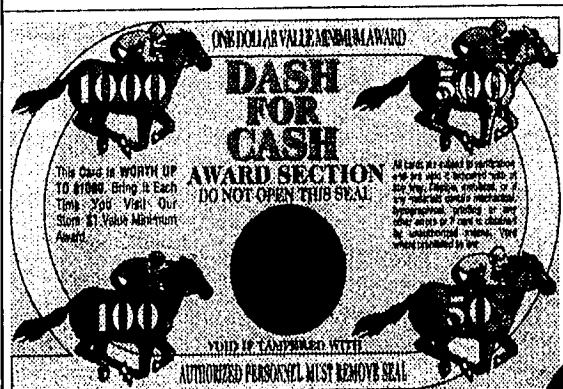
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