Vol XVIII, No. 26 "Voices from the Valley" Thursday, October 30, 2003 MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY Seeley 225NROBERTS ST HELENA MT 59601-4514 Swan **Hunting season Annual Infrastructure** opens warm: Thompson Meeting set for Nov. 3 Ready Vicki Jardin, Seeley Lake Postmaster, was far from the office when this photo was taken moments before she made her first jump from an airplane, coasting to

a safe landing with parachute open. She was one of several local adventurors who took the leap that day. See story inside.

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GARY NOLAND, EDITOR

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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 AARP, 1st Mon, noon, Condon Comm. Hall Salmon Prairie/Swan Lake T.O.P.S. Mtg. every Thurs, Elem Bd., 1st Tues S.L. Fire Dept., 1st Tues,

7pm, fire hall DARLOA, 2nd Wed, 4pm, Sr. Cit. Ctr. Swan Lands Comm. mtg.,

2nd Wed, 7pm, Swan Ecosystem Ctr. S.L. Chamber . 2nd Wed...

5pm, Deer Country Quilts WEEKLY EVENTS Alcoholics Anonymous:

(help for those with a suspected drinking problem) Condon: Faith Lutheran Church, every Sunday, 3pm -Seeley Lake: Every Wed, Sat & Sun, 9am-5pm, 677-7pm, Living Water Catholic Church, on SOS Rd. For SSTEP Crisis Help Line: info: 677-3271 or 677-

*Potomac: 406-244-5204 Alateen: (help for teenag-Hotline 677-2753

Al-Anon: Every Thurs, 7pm, Holy Cross Lutheran 677-5025 Church, 1655 Airport Rd., Loving Hearts Thrift

Overeaters Anonymous: every Thursday, 7pm, Faith (emergency 677-2110) Lutheran Church, Condon,

Missoula Commissioners Public Mtg, every Wed, Courthouse Annex, Room 201 Missoula, 1:30 pm.

Mission Bible Fellowship bldg., Seeley Lake, 10am.

MONTHLY EVENTS FAIM Outreach Specialist, 1st & 3rd Thur, 9:30-3, Seelev-Swan Med. Ctr.

WIC Clinic, 1st Tues., 9:20-3:30, Faith Chapel Pinochle, every 1st & 3rd Sat., Senior Citizens Cen-

DUMPSTER TRANS-FER SITE: Summer hours (May-Sept) - Wed,

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,

Store: Open Wed, 11:00-4:00, Sat, 11-3, 677-5683

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

Seeley Swan Stage: Local trips Mon. Wed. Thurs & Fri. Missoula trip Tues. Please call 677-2018 Monday morning to schedule

Seeley Lake Public Library (Seeley-Swan High School) Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed 11 a.m.-noon). Wed, 3-8 p.m., Sat, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 677-2224 ext.

Swan Valley Library (Condon) Tues, 11am-4pm; Wed, Ham-7pm; Fri,

Family History Ctr.-LDS Church: Open Wed. 11am-3pm. Call 677-2642

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Editorial Comment

Chips ... bits & pieces

Most of us remember the tragic hunting incident two seasons ago when a hunter was fatally mauled by a sow grizzly and two cubs while dressing out an elk kill on the Game Range. This is "grizzly country," so please consider the Fish, Wildlife & Parks tips below when hunting in this area. Have a good, safe hunt!

-Gary Noland

Hunting Safely in Grizzly Country

Hunting in Western Montana puts you riod of time. carry a colored, lightweight tarp. your plans and have a way to check in. Hunting partners need to share detailed plans and have a check in or communication system. tracks, scat, and natural foods. Let other huntlearned to associate gunshots with food. Hunting off trails and in dense cover increases end of a long day.

Most grizzly attacks are the result of running into a female with young or surprising a tally rehearse a worst case scenario with grizzlies. If you encounter a bear - stay calm, avoid direct eye contact, back up slowly and bear reaches you.

When hunting in grizzly country, it is recommended that every hunter carry bear spray. Keep it within reach and know how to range often stop attacking and are less likely just like packing a knife. Don't let your gun give you a false sense of security. Grizzlies injured with an arrow, knife, or bullet may intensify the level of attack. If the grizzly charges, stand your ground. Grizzly bears often "mock charge" or run past you. Shooting at a charging grizzly is not recommended - the grizzly almost always lives long enough to maul the hunter severely. As a last resort, if physically attacked by a grizzly, play dead. Lie face down, covering your neck and head with your hands and arms. If you have a backpack, leave it on to protect your back. Stay face down. Never look at the grizzly and remain still until the grizzly is gone. Many people have survived grizzly attacks using this method.

Retrieving game meat out of grizzly country needs to be done as quickly as posthe back of a pickup - the more likely it will deer or elk is taken home and butchered the Jonkel, Missoula MT - 406-542-5508. better. If you must leave the carcass for a pe-

at risk of encountering grizzlies. Elk bugling, Put the guts on a tarp and drag them as far game calls, and cover scents may attract away from the carcass as possible. Never bears. If you hunt alone, let someone know leave a gut pile or carcass near or on a trail. It could attract a grizzly and put you or another hunter in danger. Use the tarp to cover the carcass. This will reduce the scent trail from Pay attention to fresh bear sign - look for the gut pile to the carcass and discourage birds' and bears' attention to the carcass. Loers know when grizzlies or bear sign have cate an observation point 200 yards (if posbeen seen. Be aware that some bears have sible) away from the carcass with a clear line of sight. Before leaving, walk to the observation point and memorize the site. When your odds of encountering a bear. Always returning, approach the carcass carefully. Yell remain alert while hunting, especially at the or whistle repeatedly. With binoculars, study the scene from the observation point and scan the area for the carcass or any movement. If a grizzly bear is at the site and refuses to leave. grizzly at close range. Hunters need to mendebris and is not salvageable, report the incident to FWP. Hunters who have lost an animal to a grizzly may be eligible for another speak in a soft monotone voice. Do not run license. Do not attempt to frighten away or or try to climb a tree unless you are sure you haze the grizzly that doesn't leave when it have time to climb at least 12 feet before the becomes aware of you. Do not hang carcasses behind the house or in the garage for extended periods of time. Big game carcasses stored outside should be hung from a pulley attached to a stout "meat pole" that is at least 25 feet use it. Grizzlies sprayed in the face at close off the ground. The lowest part of the deer or elk should be swinging from the center of the to inflict serious injury. Bear spray shuts them pole and at least 10 feet off the ground. Grizdown - it should be considered a survival tool, zly and black bears have been known to climb trees and stand on objects in order to reach

> Keep a clean camp and follow regulations on food/meat storage. Avoid attracting and rewarding a bear with food. Never bury garbage. Avoid cooking smelly, greasy foods. Separate camp cooking and sleeping areas at least 100 yards. Remember, all food and beverages including canned food, pop, beer, garbage, livestock and pet food are bear attrac-

Report all encounters, no matter how insignificant. Your report may prevent someone else from getting hurt.

This is a summary of how to hunt safely in grizzly country. If you have questions pertaining to hunting or living in grizzly bear country, please call the nearest FWP bear management specialists listed here: Mike sible. The longer a carcass remains lying on Madel, Choteau MT - 406-466-5100; Erik the ground, hung up in hunting camp, or in Wenum, Kalispell MT - 406-752-5501; Tim Manley, Kalispell MT - 406-751-4584; Kevin be discovered by a grizzly. The sooner the Frey, Bozeman MT - 406-994-3553; James

Colleen Nicholson review of Ivan Doig's 10th book

Book Review by Colleen Nicholson

"PRAIRIE NOCTURNE" BY IVAN DOIG \$26.00 (on sale at Costco) 371 pp. Taylor Gordon.

Ivan Doig's tenth book, Prairie Nocturne, has just appeared in steader mentality of late 19th cen- date to The Last Best Place, that bookstores., and he was in tury Montana, and in Prairie Noc-Missoula recently to autograph turne, this is graphically illustrated copies. I began the book with by two cold-blooded murders. The some trepidation because I felt his first murder is in 1888 as the Crees last two novels (Bucking the Sun are being 'escorted' into Canada. and Mountain Time) were not up The second murder, of a cattle to the standards of beautiful prose he had established in either his motivation for the rest of the story memoir This House of Sky, or the - and it takes a clever writer to not fictional trilogy of English Creek, reveal this until almost the end of Dancing at the Rascal Fair, & Ride the book. With Me, Mariah, Montana.

Prairie Nocturne doesn't disappoint, but it isn't an easy read, mostly because Doig uses numerous flashbacks to give each of the three main characters a historical connection with each other.

It's 1924, and Susan Duff is giving voice lessons in Helena. Montana, when Wes Williamson reappears in her life. Their families both had ranches in the Two Medicine Country in Dancing at the Rascal Fair, and they re-meet in France just after WWI. Wes wants Susan to take his Negro chauffeur, Monty, as a pupil. She accepts the challenge, and Monty becomes a success in New York City's Harlem Renaissance.

The plot does indeed thicken,

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,Oct. 30th

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with Doig's incorporation of Montana history: the Ku Klux Klan, to those who liked Doig's earlier Pershing and the 'buffalo soldiers' books, and to those potential new at Fort Assinboine, and the real White Sulphur Springs Negro, tana setting that's laced with his-

For me, Doig is at his best triguing plot. when he depicts the frontier/home-

fans, who like a book with a Montory, and tied together with an in-

(For those who want an upcomprehensive anthology of Montana writers, a paperback collection of contemporary writers has just come out. The New Montana Story includes selections from thirty-two authors, some of whom poacher in 1889, creates the prime will be familiar to readers of The New Yorker (Maile Meloy), or for their earlier published books (David Long, Deirdre McNamer, Ralph Beer).)

To All Our Friends and Family

Our sincere thanks to each and every one of you who have contributed so generously with your prayers, time, efforts and finances to our family and our son, Ralph since July 1. He will be in chemotherapy for three years, but is responding very well to the treatments. God has been so good to us.

We have been so blessed and encouraged through this experience in many ways. It is hard to express our feelings and thanks adequately. A friend of ours who has faced the battle with cancer sent us the following thoughts:

WHAT CANCER CANNOT DO.....

Cancer is so limited.....

It cannot cripple love

It cannot shatter hope

It cannot corrode faith

It cannot destroy peace

It cannot kill friendship It cannot suppress memories

It cannot silence courage

It cannot invade the soul It cannot steal eternal life

It cannot conquer the spirit

... Anonymous Words Of Wisdom...

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Ralph, Peggy, Ralph Jr., Cory and all the family

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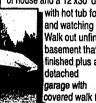
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"I will praise the name of God with song, And shall magnify Him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30

My Mom's 90th birthday began at 2:30 A.M. for her son in Montana.

Yes, I've found a way to twist a holiday for my mother into a story about me. But, it's not my fault that her birthday on October 26th coincided with Opening Day of the general elk and deer season this year.

And, it coincided with an untimely shift to Daylight Savings Time, which accounts for the obnoxiously early hour that the alarm went off. I'll bet that many hunters, like me, refused to set their clocks back in order to gain the psychological satisfaction of awaking to see 3:30 on the dial,

Unlike the others, I was hunting them. If they would sleep until daylight, then I could, too. But, when some of them get up in the wee hours, I'm honor bound to do

I began the day by greeting hunters as they arrived in the dark at the Threemile Wildlife Management Area, east of Florence. Threemile is a small "game range" compared with the Blackfoot-Clearwater, only about a quarter of the size of Hunting District 282.

But, you can fit 58 vehicles in there, as I documented Sunday

The sunrise was a beauty, and I held my breath in a vain attempt to still the crinkling of my jacket

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Game Range Ramblings

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

fabric when I heard a distant elk

bugle. On October 26th! Now, my

attention turned to a smattering of

rifle shots, trying to plot their lo-

cations and plan the rest of my

crunch, crunch of footsteps

wish I'd said. But, it was still too

"I ran out of gas," he said, referring to his car, I think. So, he

was striking out for Stevensville.

which still shimmered at great dis-

my job is public service. "Are you

empty and he climbed into the back

of the pickup. I noticed that he had

begun his day of hunting without

a hat or gloves, and with only a

flannel shirt on his torso. I hadn't

traveled far down the road before

his head and arms completely dis-

appeared inside his shirt. A plaid

"Hop in," I offered. After all,

He assured me his rifle was

tance in the valley below us.

When I heard a hurried



It didn't bother me that he should learn a hard lesson at a young age about dressing properly for a day in the field. But, I was afraid he might die at highway speed, so pulled over and had him get in the cab when we hit the East

From Stevi, I continued down to Corvallis and the Calf Creek I half-expected to see an elk Wildlife Management Area, Fifin my rearview mirror. So, it surprised me to see a hunter walking teen vehicles were parked in the purposefully down the dirt road lot, presumably to hunt in the toward my pickup instead, the dust "walk-in" (or horseback) area. flying up from his footsteps as he Signs and facilities were in order. so it was back to Threemile to talk "Nice morning for a walk," I with hunters and make sure that

Side Highway.

By noon, it was clear that hunters were in good spirits and their vehicles were where they belonged. I especially enjoyed the grand tour of an innovative "game cart" for retrieving downed elk or deer. We've come a long way from

the wheelbarrow. Afternoon would find me in the Blackfoot. By then it was a warm, dry, sunny day. Not the kind you think of when you dream of elk stacking up on the Game I am. Range, Still, a few had been seen. but none killed, according to hunter reports collected at the Game Range check station.

But, 22 of 50 special license

more 1-inch points to boot. those 58 vehicles were confined to open roads.

ring. Not bad for someone who had hip replacement surgery last year.

I never look forward to workson. But, sometime during that day. more likely after being helped by from someone else, I reflect on just how good it feels. And, how lucky

I owe it all to my Mom and Dad. "It all" may not be much to some, but it's all I ever really

And, Happy Birthday.

holders did kill at least one deer. and a few killed two, during the early deer hunt on the Game Range last week. Of those, it appears that Levi Jordan killed the biggest whitetail buck, with four points at least 4 inches long on each side. Kaytlyn Kapphan reported the largest mulie buck, also with four 4-inch points on each side, and two

Thank goodness Missoula is on the way between Threemile and the Blackfoot. That allowed me to swing by my house, chop a homegrown tomato into a can of hot soup, and give the birthday girl a

She answered on the third

ing the opening day of hunting seawith the sun shining on me, maybe after helping somebody out, or information or even a compliment

wanted. So, thanks Mom.

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SSHS Students of the Week



Sam Dorne - Sam goes out of her way to make everyone around her comfortable. She is confident in her abilities, works hard and does not hesitate to help out her fellow classmates. She is respectful and a joy to be around.

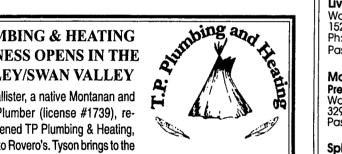


Chris Anthony - Chris has a very philosophical mind. He approaches each problem and task with zeal and a desire to know. His sense of humor makes the classroom

Students of the Week submitted by staff at SSHS

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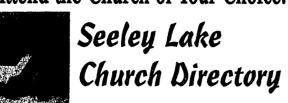
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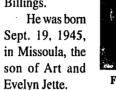
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Swan Song Francis L. 'Frank' Jette

SWAN VALLEY - Francis L. Jette, of Swan Valley, died Friday,

Oct. 17, 2003, surrounded by his family in Billings.



Frank Jette

In 1951, Frank moved with his family to the Swan Valley. He attended Smith Flats. Wine Glass and Swan Valley schools. After graduation, Frank attended the University of Montana.

Frank enlisted in the Army in 1966 and served his country proudly with one tour of duty in Vietnam, receiving his honorable discharge in 1968.

Upon his discharge, Frank continued his career as a packer in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. where he later operated his own outfitting business. In 1985, he went into the trucking and logging business. Frank was fearless and hardworking and was always there to lend a hand to anyone who was

Frank was never short of witty comments and he coined many humorous phrases such as, "life is a banquet," "I never fell up before," and "you have to be tough to live in the heart of the Rockies." to name a few. He was always full of entertaining stories that captivated his audience.

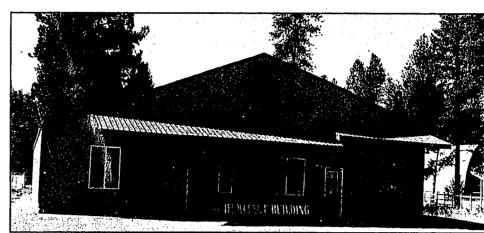
Frank is survived by his son, Christian (Paige) Jette; granddaughter, Blayne of Billings; son, Jeff (Cherry) Jette; granddaughters, Alexia and Hally Jette of Casper, Wyo.; and his daughter, Kia Jette of Fort Collins, Colo.

Frank is also survived by his brothers, Dennis (Billie) Jette of Swan Valley: Barney Jette (Nancy Ball) of Missoula; his sister, Anne Marie Rienhard of Swan Valley; and also his close friend. Janey O'Brien.

Cremation has taken place and there will be a celebration of Frank's life at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Swan Valley School gymasium.

Dahl Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

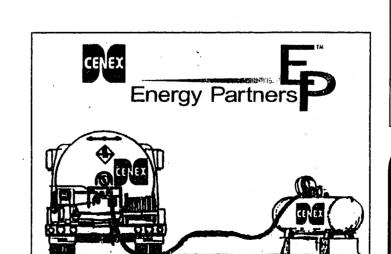
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Local thrill seekers take to the sky

By Patricia Swan Smith

When Spencer Balcom and his friends were getting ready to blast." graduate, his mother, Vicki Jardine, wanted to get the "boys" something they would remember for was great." graduation—skydiving.

"I wanted to do something special for them—not just money that would be spent and gone." Jardine said. "I wanted to do some-

forever. They're my son's buddies, and like my own sons. This was a

With each landing, the same words were shouted, "Wow, that

"I accomplished my goal; it's something they'll never forget."

Both moms shared the experience with their sons by taking and start to free fall, it's the most are making plans for more of the

thing that they would remember their turn jumping from the plane. incredible feeling in the world."

Only one out of six had to be pried loose from the airplane when t was time to jump. Her initials are

Her left hand was glued to the plane. It was time to jump! The guy Paul Lewis we able to go up. in the plane had no choice but to force her hand free.

When it was all over, she said. "When you separate from the plane new adventures, Vicki and Mari

Unfortunately for the group, the day they had planned to jump, the wildfire and wind near the Stevensville airport restricted the jumps, so only Jon Cammack and

A couple weeks later, the rest of the group went back to jump.

While the "boys" are off to

"Mari and I have already started saving our pennies to jump again next year." Jardine said.

Both Bano Contreras and Paul Lewis will be leaving soon for the Navy. Jon Cammack has joined the Marines; Gene Jovin joined the Air Force; and Spencer Balcom started at the University of Montana.



Photos bu P. Swan Smith

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Looks serious here! Before you get to jump out of the airplane and fall toward the earth, you must watch a couple videos explaining how to jump and land, and of course that there's always a slight possibility that it could be a little dangerous and could cause death. One of the posters on the wall said, "It is better to be down here wishing you were up there, than up there wishing you were down here." Left to right: Bano Contreras, Paul Lewis, Gene Jovin and Spencer Balcom. (Spencer didn't jump-he settled for a lap top, but he was there for moral support.



Vicki Jardine showing fellow jumpers she was up to the task. We call this the before shot.



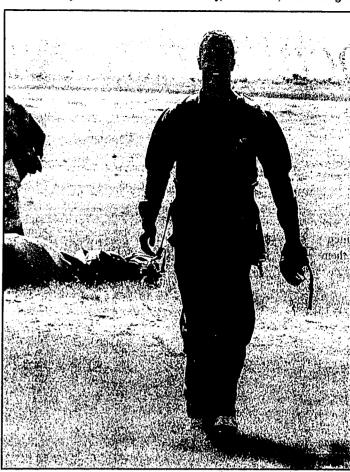
Gene Jovin's back on the ground, and satisfied with the thrill of skydiving.



Mari Minjares forcing Vicki Jardine to have her photo taken before Mari's jump. This too



The Gang-Left to right: Spencer Balcom and his mother Vicki Jardine, Gene Jovin and his mother Mari Minjares, Bano Contreras and Jon Cammack, Not pictured Paul Lewis. Spencer didn't skydive; he received a lap top instead. Spençer is attending the University of Montana; Gene Jovin joined the Air Force. Paul Lewis married Savanna Fjell on August 22nd, and he'll head out for the Navy soon. Bano also joined the Navy and Jon joined the Marines.



After the landing...

Jon Cammack approaching the rest of the gang with the words that all of them exclaimed when they were back on the ground, "Wow, that



Left to right: Mari Minjares and Vicki Jardine after their jump. The video stated that every once in a while things

Please Pause For De Pets and Paws

Keep an eye out for a spayed Black Lab by the name of Sheba, who is lost in the airport area of Seeley Lake. If you see Sheba or have her, please call Renee and let her know so she can tell the owners!

Be on the lookout for a small black spayed female cat with white on the toes, lost in the Cedar/Tamarack/Willow area.

to Glenn and Kay Schaff on the adoption of Harper, the little Beagle cross which was found at Harper's Bridge. This is the second Paws Up dog they have adopted. Wish all the dogs in the world had such a fine home!

Vet Clinic Holds Food Drive

The Seeley Lake Vet Clinic is once again conducting a food drive for the Food Bank in Seeley Lake on Tuesday, November 18 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Free shots for your pets in exchange for non-perishable food items. Also, cash donations are welcomed. Get your pets shots free. Please bring food equal to what your shots would cost. Let's help our pets and the people who need the help.

Sad But True

Our spay and neuter fund is totally wiped out! We are unable to issue any more spay and neuter coupons until we once again have our spay and neuter fund raiser. We have helped so many and the need continues. Thanks to all who help us so much and thanks to all of you who do spay and neuter!

Our Need

this Spring is to raise enough money to put a board fence up on the side of Paws Up that borders another home. This fence is desperately needed to prevent little fingers from reaching through the fence to the dogs. We are very short in our budget to maintain Paws Up also. The demand increases every year and like many donation dependent organizations, donations are down. We need your help please, so we can continue a so very necessary service in helping people and pets!

a great Yellow Lab is so in need of a loving home. Winston is very loving and a high jumper, so one would need a good high fence until Winston is assured he has a loving home. Winston escaped from Paws Up and went to visit the children at the school, which the children loved, but it is a big NO NO! Winston was, however, on his way home when Renee rounded the corner hot on his heels. Winston is very smart and loving and needs love and training to reach his full potential. Once again, our dogs only go to proven loving homes!

still have four beautiful spayed and neutered cats that so need a loving home. Please, if you are thinking of getting a dog or cat for the holidays, check out the shelters and save a life!

Another Reminder, Please

When planning a stop at Paws Up Safe Home, call Renee ahead! Of one stops in without calling, please go to the side door and knock. If Renee is not home, PLEASE DO NOT GO TO THE DOG PEN AND ATTEMPT TO PET THE DOGS OR OPEN THE GATE! THOSE ACTIONS COULD RESULT IN HARM TO YOURSELF AND TO THE DOGS. OUR DOGS ARE USUALLY FRIENDLY, BUT WHEN A STRANGER ENTERS THEIR SPACE THERE COULD BE BAD RESULTS!

Paws Up

to John and Patty Bewick, who rescued a little Dachshund (no tags!) on a bridge and took it home until the owner called for it.

Helpful Hint

Off the beaten track again, but if you want a recipe for the cleanest windows ever, here it is: 1/2 cup of sudsy ammonia, one pint of rubbing alcohol, and one tablespoon of dish soap. Mix and add warm water to make a gallon of liquid. KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN AND PETS!

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4-H'ers learn to shoot

During this past 4-H year, Brittney Jacobsen, Maggie Broesder, Kalene Jacobsen & Josh Gieb participated in the Rifle Shooting Sports project. Robert & Terry Sheppard are the Shooting Sports leaders for Mount Ovando 4-H Club.

The 4-H members have a chance to learn rifle safety and accuracy skills, using .177 caliber air

Air rifles have very little recoil or report, allowing young shooters to learn proper form and follow through procedures without flinching.

The Ovando School Board has allowed the 4-H members to use the gym during the winter months for practice. Practice was performed on standard NRA five bull targets, pictures of wildlife, cans and other fun figures.

A shooting sports postal tournament is available for competion against other 4-H shooting clubs throughout Montana. Shooters are divided into three age groups. Shooting scores are sent by mail to the tournament coordinator over a ten week period.

Shooting Sports participants have a great time learning good firearm handling and shooting ac-

Once the weather warms up, the members enjoy practicing out doors on targets and gophers. Brittney did an excellent job of bagging her first buck deer last hunting season.



From left are Brittney Jacobsen, Maggie Broesder, Kalene Jacobsen & -Story and photos by Terry Sheppard



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\$25,000 grant will help upgrade shop program

SSHS Advisory Meeting, October 6, 2003

By Donna Love

Seeley-Swan High School's vocational education program has received a \$25,000 Carl Perkins which has been vacant for two Grant for its shop Principal Tony years. Gallegos announced at the October 6 Advisory Meeting. The money will be used to install a sawdust and wood chip collection between wood shop and welding.

About 80 parents attended

Junior/Senior Night on September 15 to help students prepare for college. Guest speaker, Gary Miller gave a presentation on financial aid and student loans. As a follow up. about 15 student have attended Saturday morning college-prep meetings in the school library. nancial aid for college, but the money is out there. It just has to ents and students through FASA, an important financial aid form.

Midterm grades recently went out. 18 of the 45 Freshmen, 22 of the 43 Sophomores, 35 of the 49 Juniors, and 19 of the 36 Seniors were on honor roll. Grades were handed out to the students in homeroom and mailed home to parents. Students who would like to have their English class qualify for Honor's English are encouraged to contact the office.

Heather Davis' government class is currently working concessions at games to raise money to build an outdoor basketball court. The exact cost is necessary to apply for grants so the class is also going into the community to get bids for equipment and materials, such as asphalt, hoops and fencing. A possible location for the court is north of student parking.

The school would also like to let families know about the school's free and reduced lunch program. This program provides free or reduced lunches to qualifying families. Families are asked to contact the school to find out about this important program.

Art teacher Laura Beling has

been subbing as a part time special education teacher and has thoroughly enjoyed working with the students so she has decided to work on her special ed endorsement and can now be offered the position,

School annuals arrived late,

but they have been a big hit with the students. A different company will make the annuals next year vacuum system. It is also hoped and they will be ready in spring. that a fire curtain can be installed The 2004 annual will be on sale in January and February. A few of last year's annuals are still available for \$30 each. In related news, this year's first Blackhawk Communicator, the school's newspaper was

just released. Red Ribbon Week, a drug and alcohol awareness program, will school counselor, Toni Sexton's, be held the week of October 27. Activities include a pep assembly on Monday, a multi-media presen-Counselor Sexton said, "Seeley- tation on Tuesday, daily jeopardy, Swan High has always been under pumpkin carving, Red Ribbon represented when it comes to fi- drawings and seat belt checks. Monday is Super Hero Day, Tuesday is Slipper Day, Wednesday is be applied for." In January another Dare to Be Different so anything meeting will be held to walk par- wacky can be worn, Thursday is Black and Gold Day and Friday is Halloween Costume Day. Masks and toy weapons are not allowed, but make-up and fun costumes are

aware that consuming large quantities of so called "power drinks" such as Red Bull, Mountain Dew Amp. Code Red, and others is causing concern for high schools around the nation. These drinks, which contain large amounts of sugar and caffeine, can cause nervousness and the inability to concentrate or sit still. They can be deadly to diabetics or when mixed with alcohol. Students that consume three or more at lunch and then return to class often cause behavioral problems. Seeley-Swan High is monitoring the problem

A local concern for the school is the high number of unsupervised elementary and junior high school students loitering at the school during games. Recently a fire alarm was pulled. The public is welcome to attend the games, but the school will take police action if needed to stop the loitering.

The next Advisory Meeting will include the Missoula County Public School Board's annual meeting at Seeley Swan High on November 11 at 6:00 p.m. Parents, students and the community are invited to attend.

In closing Principal Gallegos warned that parents need to be

way of thy paths." This certainly describes America today.



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Now, if the bible is used as a guide, there is a different set of rules to guide our children. Proverbs 22:15 says, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him?" If the rod of correction is applied. I can assure you the child will be "upset" for a short while. Hebrews 12:11 explains this process. "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." Do children today display the "peaceable fruit of righ-

Raising children is a very restful thing; at least that's what the bible says in Proverbs 29:17: "Correct thy son and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul." Moms, do you need some rest and peace and quiet? Apply these simple aws of God and raise your children in peace.

The problem is parents refuse to follow the word of God because it's their own neart that is rebellious against God. This is were the real problem lies. The problem is not the child. In fact, I've yet to meet a problem child, but I've met lots of parents with problems. Bad kids are pretty rare, but bad parents are a dime a dozen.

The question is not what are you going to do about "Johnny," but what are you joing to do about your own heart? Children are a perfect picture of their parents' heart. Do you want wisdom to raise your children? Psalms 11:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do his commandments..." I've seen parents who are genuinely shocked when their unwed daughter comes home with a baby, or their son is the cause of the same type problem, but guess who taught them to do these things. Fornication is the result of rebellion against God. If it's in the heart of the parents, it will be in the heart of the children.

As always, God himself sets the example: "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the Father haster.eth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons" (Hebrews 12:6-8). Dads, do you love your children? The bible is pretty plain concerning what your children are if they do not receive disci-

One of God's many judgments against a wicked nation is found in Isaiah, chapter "And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them...The child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable. As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the

Parents today have many excuses for the damage they are doing to their children. The most popular one is to blame it on the child himself, with titles like A.D.D. or A.D.H.D. This is a clever ploy to shift the spotlight of blame from the parent to the child. There is no such thing as A.D.D. or A.D.H.D. in children, but these conditions are certainly found in parents. Maybe it should be described as Attitudes towards God are Definitely Deficient.

The following example is how unsound our reasoning is today. The average parent starts by pumping poison into their children in the form of chemicalized, preservitized homogenized, processed foods, including all the sweets and caffeine that they can possibly hold, and filling their minds with the occult and all the immoral filth this world has to offer. This, of course, destroys the child's body and soul. Throw in a bitter, hateful separation or divorce of the parents and we wonder why the child is unable to sit still and learn something in class. So the parents then read a book or watch a video that tells them their child has some acute disorder and the only solution is to pump him full of more drugs so that they can control their problem child, and guess where most of this teaching comes from? Our churches!!! We do indeed have a problem, and it's not with the child. Disrespectful children are only the innocent victims of rebellious Moms and Dads, and that folks, is child abuse.

Because Jesus Christ has a deep affection for children, he has reserved a severe udament for child abusers. "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a milistone were hanged about his neck. and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matthew 18:6).

America is a nation full of parents who, according to the bible, hate their children That's what the bible says. "He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Proverbs 13:24). The bible has very little to say about bad children, but it sure has a whole lot to say about disobedient parents.

Now, if the Lord dearly loves children as the bible indicates, wouldn't it make sense to be men and women after God's own heart so that we in turn, could love children too? Maybe that's why God said Mark 12:30 is the first and greatest commandment: "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this is the first commandment."

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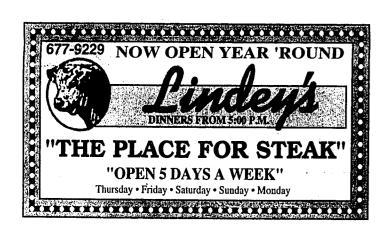
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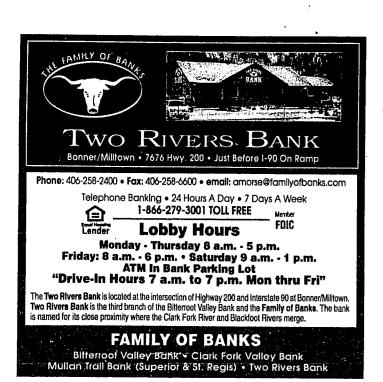
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Infrastructure groups will gather for annual Town Meeting Nov. 3

by Ron Cox

Sam Bolton, Chairman of the Seeley Lake Community Council announced the Council is sponsoring a town meeting on Monday. November 3 at 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to hold an open discussion with the various boards and organizations involved in the infrastructure of Seeley Lake.

The meeting will highlight wastewater treatment and National Forest planning.

Residents recently stretched their imaginations of

This meeting will disclose programs. what is now. In recent years the Annual Infrastructure Meeting has become a popular way for all organizations in Seeley Lake to share information with local residents as well as each other.

Many of our citizens appreciate the opportunity to hear from the various boards, ask questions and express any concerns they may

Various physical a social a brief presentation on the status Lake Refuse District. of projects underway and provide

a heads up for planned projects and

There are almost 100 utilities, elected boards, and volunteer organizations providing valuable services to mold the nucleus of the

Some of the primary groups to report will be Seeley Lake Water District; Seeley Lake Rural Fire District, Seeley Lake Elementary School District 34; Missoula County High School District, S.O.S. Hospital District, Seeley infrastructure providers will give Lake Sewer District and Seeley

Garnett board wanting qualified members

The Garnet Preservation Association, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit historical society, is actively seeking qualified applicants to serve on its Board of Directors.

The mission of the Garnet Preservation Association (GPA) is to protect, preserve and interpret the Garnet Historic District and to assist the Bureau of Land Management in the management of Garnet Ghost Town.

To learn more about Garnet

Ghost Town, please see website, www.garnetghosttown.org.

The GPA has transitioned from an all-volunteer organization to one with professional staff; likewise the board has transitioned making board.

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mission and its goals and priorities. 3) Review and approve the GPA's financial plans. Board members must have time to commit to the organization. Persons with legal, financial or marketing background from a working board to a policy- are strongly encouraged to apply. Interested parties may send a let-Board members will be ex- ter of interest and qualifications to: pected to: 1) Attend monthly board Kevin McCann, Board President, meetings on the second Thursday 112 E. Crestline, Missoula, MT of each month, 2) Guide the direc- 59803, or call for more informa-

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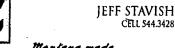
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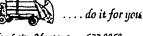


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Monday: Wisconsin Cheese Soup

Tuesday: "Taco Tuesday" - baked & loaded w/toppings

Wednesday: Oriental Chicken Salad

~~ 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., 12 oz. Bowl Soup with crackers \$2.50, or cup \$1.25

YMCA News Update on Activities

The 2003 Soccer Season has ended. Over 150 kids from the communities of Seeley Lake, Swan Valley, Ovando and Helmville participated in the YSoccer Program. We would like to thank all of the coaches and helpers who volunteered their time and efforts in bringing soccer to these kids!

Thank You! Swan Valley Coaches: Ellie Wood, Danni Parcell, Jill Maus and Helper, Paula Clarke

Ovando Coaches: Bruce Williams, John Mathews and Helpers, Lynette Geis, Ruth Lapka, Coordinator Cindy Jacobsen

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Adult aerobics classes have begun. Join aerobics instructor Terryl Bartlett for morning walk fit and step classes. Participants have the option of walk fit or step class, warm up and stretch together, walk or step class followed by weights and stretch together. The walk fit can be outdoors walking the bike path, as long as weather permits.

Session: September - May

When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:15 - 9:15 a.m.

Fee: \$25.00 per month Step Class; \$15.00 per month Walk Fit Class

Please contact the YMCA Outreach office for information: Phone 677-3330 and/or e-mail: ssymca@blackloot.net. The Seeley-Swan YMCA Outreach Office is located in the Lazy Pine Mall. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.