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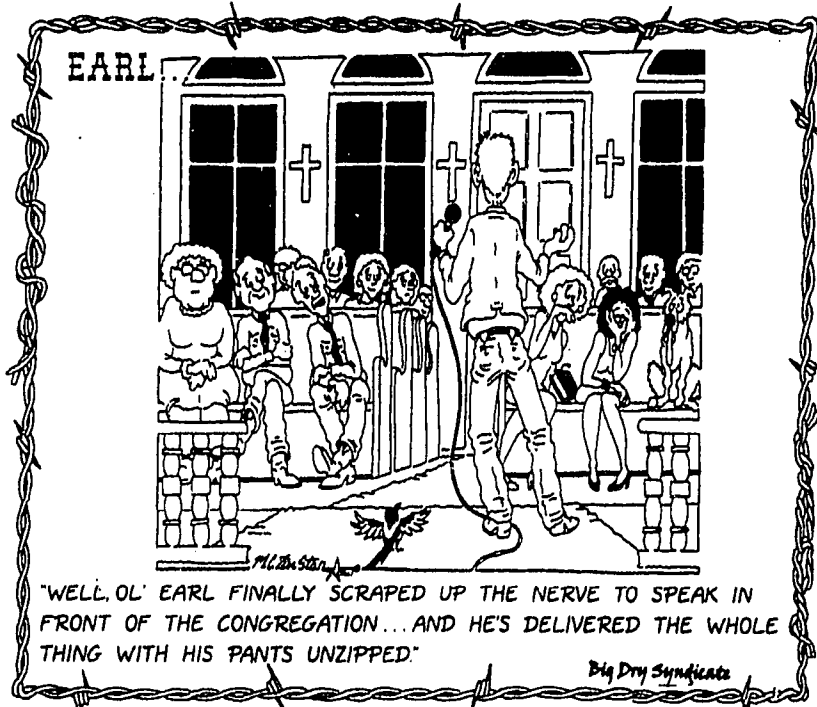
*Internationally known trio
in concert here next week*

*Elk Migrations begin
—Mike Thompson*

*Grizzly bear
close-up shot*

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Editorial Comment

Chips . . . bits & pieces

The Ladyhawks ended their volleyball season when Loyola nudged them out of the Western B Divisional tournament in a 3-2 contest of games. Loyola went on to finish second in the divisional tournament. The Ladyhawks lost in first round action to Eureka, which went on to win the divisional tournament. The Ladyhawks won soundly over Deer Lodge, 3-0, to stay alive after the second round. That was some consolation because Deer Lodge was second in the district tournament where the Ladyhawks finished fourth. It was a very respectful season, ladies!

This is bear country, and we are fascinated by them. Some kids from the Flagship Program at SSS, were fascinated by a trip to the Flathead to photograph a young grizzly, and they came back with — you guessed it — some fascinating photos that soon will be available for purchase shortly. We feature their talents in the center spread this week.

—Gary Noland

Energy Share needs your help

With the stark reality of increased energy costs, help from Energy Share of Montana is more critical than ever for the working poor and families on fixed incomes who are facing energy emergencies. Last year the organization helped 1,824 households with \$534,343 in assistance. This heating season Glen Phelps, Energy Share Board member representing NorthWestern Energy, sees that need growing.

"Energy prices are going to be higher this winter particularly for natural gas and propane, which are popular heating fuels. With 90,000 Montana households below 150% of poverty according to the census, the need for our services will also dramatically increase," said Phelps.

At the local level last year Energy Share helped 288 households (about 855 individuals), a small percentage of the 34,161 people who are at or below 150% of poverty in this area. Jim Morton, Director of the local program operator for Energy Share, echoed Phelps' thoughts. "We expect to receive more calls for assistance than ever this year," said Morton. "The poor and working poor are struggling to keep up with the cost of living."

This November all Montanans will find Energy Share donation envelopes or pledge cards in their utility bill or Rural Montana electric cooperative magazine. Last year \$174,000 was raised and 100% of these gifts went directly to families

in need. Donations stay in local areas — a Missoula resident's gift to Energy Share will stay in the surrounding counties.

Another way Energy Share plans to meet the needs of low-income families is to grow its endowment to a level at which it can be independent of any state funding. Under a Montana law established by the 1997 Legislature, a corporate or planned gift to an endowment such as Energy Share's qualifies for a 20 percent Montana tax credit for corporate donations and a 40 percent tax credit for individual donations. Maximum credit allowed for both donations annually is \$10,000.

Energy Share is a private non-profit organization that was established in 1982 to help Montanans with energy emergencies. Since its inception, Energy Share has assisted over 20,000 families with more than 5.8 million dollars.

Energy Share concentrates on providing one-time assistance for the majority of recipients. Families who live from paycheck to paycheck face financial emergencies when unexpected expenses occur. Frequently, these recipients repay Energy Share after their emergency or need has ended. Those in need of energy assistance this winter can apply through the District XI HRC office located at 1801 South Higgins in Missoula, or call 1-800-777-7589 for more information.

ANNUAL
Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, December 6
9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.
at Seeley Lake Elementary
Xmas Gifts, Arts, Crafts, Baked Goodies and More. Lunch and Refreshments available.
Visit with Santa!
NO ADMISSION CHARGE
Tables still available: Call 677-2195 or 677-2748

Trio offers up Scottish, Irish gigs, reels, and ballads for concert here

By Colleen Nicholson and Staff

The hills of the Clearwater and Swan valleys will be alive with the sound of music - Celtic style - Tuesday, November 18th, 7:00PM, when Golden Bough, a trio playing Scottish and Irish gigs, reels, and ballads comes to town.

This is the second concert in the year-long series sponsored by 2 Valleys Stage, and under the auspices of Alpine Artisans, Inc.

This international touring and recording group was founded in 1980 by Margie Butler and Paul Espinoza, and is based in Pacifica, California.

They have played all over the world, notably Europe, Japan, and North America. Margie plays the Celtic (the C is pronounced as a K) harp, recorder, penny whistle and bodhran (pro. Bore-ron, and Irish hand drum). Paul plays the guitar, mandolin, mandola, accordion, and harmonica. The string player of the trio is Kathy Sierra, who plays both violin and viola. All three musicians have fine singing voices and share in the vocals and harmonic backgrounds.

CPR class November 15

I would like to thank everyone who signed up to take the CPR class on November 15 from 9AM to 4PM at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. We still have some room in the class, so if you are interested and haven't called yet, please call Kathy at 677-6292 as soon as possible. This is a FREE class! The American Heart Association is providing the books, cards and the instructors are volunteering their time.

For those who don't know "the rest of the story," the Seeley Lake Quick Response Unit applied for and got a grant to get an Automated External Defibrillator. Some of the requirements in receiving the grant included a phone survey, done by Kathy Maradeo, and training 25 people to do CPR. It is an essential part of the chain of survival to have someone who knows if CPR is necessary and has the skill to do it. Often it takes several minutes for the ambulance to arrive, and CPR does make the difference in survival. We now have AED in the ambulance, and one in the Fire Department first out rig. We have completed an AED class for the firemen who were not trained prior to the grant. We are extremely lucky to have such committed volunteers, medical and fire.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on Saturday!

Bonnie Connell, Chief Seeley Lake QRU

The communities of Seeley Lake and Condon are very fortunate to have The Golden Bough here, as they have performed at festivals and concerts throughout the United States and Europe.

Their interpretation of rollicking Celtic music has made them a favorite with audiences on both sides of the Atlantic, gaining critical acclaim and enthusiastic support from folk fans wherever they perform.

Their first European performances were in the streets and the small folk clubs of the early 1980's. These simple beginnings soon led to major tours of European cities, which continue to this day. While on these tours, Golden Bough has regularly visited Ireland and Scotland, including appearing at the Belfast International Festival and The Edinburgh Fringe.

As always with 2 Valleys Stage presentations, an important part of their visit will be performances in our two grade schools and Seeley Swan High School, where students will hear traditional music from the Celtic lands of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Brittany, Cornwall, and the Isle of Man.

A recent addition to their repertoire, is music from Galicia, that northwestern province of Spain, where the Celtic language has been maintained. Margie Butler has also very kindly agreed to visit the preschoolers at Seeley Elementary with a harp demonstration.

The Golden Bough concert is 7 p.m. in the Seeley Swan High School Old Gym. Tickets are available at the door on the evening of November 18th (\$14 adult, \$12, Senior and \$4.00. school-age children), or at Books, Yarn & More and the Swan EcoCenter.

Our recently announced Gift Pack of Series Tickets will also be on sale before and at intermission of the Golden Bough Performance. The Gift Pack offers six general admission tickets, good for any of the remaining concerts in the 2 Valleys Series, for the amazing price of \$60, or \$10 per ticket!

The Gift Pack is also attractively designed so that it can be hung on a Christmas Tree as something really special for the "someone" in your life. And best of all, the Gift Pack allows it's recipient to attend 2 Valleys events on their schedule, no need to miss concerts and/or have to find someone at the last moment to go in your place.

Rocking Rudy's in Missoula has Golden Bough CDs on order, and hopefully there will be some for sale at intermission. If you want to check out their web site, and see photos of their recent trip to Spain, go to www.goldenboughmusic.com



Golden Bough Trio

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
DALROA, 2nd Wed, 4pm, Sr. Cit. Ctr.
Swan Lands Comm. mtg., 2nd Wed, 7pm, Swan Eco-system Ctr.
S.L. Chamber, 2nd Wed, 5pm, Deer Country Quilts Comfort quilts, 2nd Thur, 10am
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
Al-Anon: Every Thurs, 7pm, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1655 Airport Rd., 677-0016

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 EVENTS
FAIM Outreach Specialist, 1st & 3rd Thur, 9:30-3, Seeley-Swan Med. Ctr.
WIC Clinic, 1st Tues., 9:20-3:30, Faith Chapel
Pinocle, every 1st & 3rd Sat., Senior Citizens Center, 7 pm
DUMPSTER TRANS-FERSITE: 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
Loving Hearts Thrift Store: Open Wed, 11:00-4:00, Sat, 11-3, 677-5683 (emergency 677-2110)

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 rides.
LIBRARIES:
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. 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.
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.

The 2003/2004 Blackfoot Telephone Directory is HERE!

New to this year's directory is the improved combined directory listings for ALL Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative exchanges. ALL Blackfoot Telephone exchanges (listed below) and the communities within those exchanges now can be found starting on Page 1 of the White Pages.

Alberton (722)	Condon (754)	Plains (826)
Alberton South (864)	Dixon (246)	Potomac (244)
Alta (349)	Drummond (288)	Powell, ID (208-942)
Avon (492)	Haugan (678)	St. Ignatius (745)
Arlee (726)	Noxon (847)	Seeley Lake (677)
Charlo (644)	Thompson Falls (827)	St. Regis (649)
Clinton (825)	Ovando (793)	Superior (822)
	Phillipsburg (859)	

1221 North Russell, Missoula, MT 59808, 1-800-649-4108, www.blackfoot.net **BLACKFOOT**

Elk Migrating in Fits and Starts This Fall

By Mike Thompson

Stand back. Elk migration is underway.

Our local elk migrations pale in comparison to annual movements of 3,159 miles that have been documented for barren-ground caribou. Still, the 15-25 mile journey that most Blackfoot-Clearwater elk undertake every fall and spring inspires our imaginations.

Elk trailing over mountain passes through belly deep snow. A winding river of frozen elk breath flowing under a full moon. Clods of snow and mud kicked up from dozens of thundering hooves. The squealing of cows and calves as they fan out into the open from the confines of a long trail through deep forest, high-stepping and wheeling like horses turned out of the corral.

For me, the evidence of elk migration is in the success of hunters on the Game Range. There are always a few, maybe 50-100, elk on the Game Range, or at least in the near vicinity. Usually, the opening shots of the general hunting season drive these local elk to the comparative safety of the Game Range, and hunters with special licenses kill 10 or so during this period.

That's about where we stood on Halloween this year.

But, it takes a migration of elk from the high country—Shanley Creek, Dunham, Morrell Mountain, Pyramid Pass, Youngs Creek, Lake Dinah—to fuel much more harvest on

the Game Range. And, when elk are moving from the high country to the Game Range winter range, they're passing through the favorite hunting areas of hundreds of hunters in between.

So, what do 1,200 elk look like in migration?

In the Blackfoot-Clearwater, they look like 15 here and 30 there. There'll be no running naked with the thousands, like the man among the caribou in *Never Cry Wolf* (the movie). No, in these parts it's more like ghosts of light hair patches and dark legs moving so silently and quickly through the thick timber that you can't really remember what made you turn abruptly to look in the first place. Followed by a crack or two of brush in the distance. Then dead silence.

Especially in a year like this one, when so far there's been no great event to move most elk all at once, the migration comes in fits and starts. This year, a second bunch of a hundred or more came to the Game Range on about the first of November. What moved them is anyone's guess.

There had been quite a drop in barometric pressure when a low pressure system passed, with a stiff wind developing ahead of an arriving cold front and enough snow to remind us of winter, but nothing severe.

And, the Game Range harvest picked up to a reported 18 elk by the end of November 6th. Still nothing to write home about. But, good news for hunters outside the Game Range. Elk were moving toward the Game Range,

Game Range Ramblings

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





but most were still in open hunting areas on publicly accessible lands.

By this past weekend, a few hundred elk had made it to their winter destination. Reported elk harvest jumped to about 35 on the Game Range by midday Saturday, and hunters were bumping into elk in many locations. This came with a prolonged and record-setting (in many areas) cold snap for this early in the fall.

I used to believe that deep snow was the primary driver of fall elk migration. But, my observations of elk responding to zero-degree temperatures last week have caused me to rethink my theory. On the Paws Up Ranch, dozens of elk fed in the cattle pasture without so much as lifting their heads when car after car passed within 100 yards on Highway 200. It looked like the behavior of elk in midwinter.

Perhaps the cold temperatures placed energetic demands on elk that drove them to prime feeding areas in the face of hunting pressure. If so, I would expect elk to disperse a bit as temperatures moderate this week.

Disperse, maybe. But, will we see a reverse migration? Almost certainly not. When Mark Hurley was following radioed elk in the late '80s and early '90s, he found that once elk migrated

to the Game Range, they tended to confine their movements to the Game Range boundaries, and not beyond, regardless of how many hunters we allowed in Hunting District 282.

This year there are 100 hunters with A-7 licenses for Hunting District 282. That's up from any of the previous 7 years, and reflects an approval in August by the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission for FWP to cap the rate of increase for this elk population.


And, just last Friday the Commission approved yet another FWP proposal, this time to extend the hunting season in Hunting District 282 until the

end of the day on November 16th. (Normally, this special hunting season closes on November 10th.) This extension will allow a higher elk kill on the winter range, and will make it more practical for FWP to accomplish a modest elk population reduction next year.

All to keep elk numbers in balance with their available winter habitat on the Game Range, and to manage the level of damage they do on adjacent private ranches.

Elk outside the Game Range are dug in now. Expect to work hard to find them. Unless that big snowstorm materializes.

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Peterson, Josh Peterson, Ronnie Richards, Ashlee Stoeger, Katrina Webb
Honor Roll - Jamie Adams, Ivy Balcom, Kimberly Brekke, Cory Cahoon, Ralph Cahoon, Adam Contreras, Kyle Darrow, Riley Devins, Sarah Drew, Michaela Dunlap, Bruce Freyholtz, Brandon Friede, Dana Friede, Holly Friede, Jason Gamet, Sarah Gehrke, Jana Greenwood, Karen Gehrke, Adam Gereg, Paul Gereg, Heather Hals, Jennifer Hals, Christina Hoffman,

Samantha Hoxworth, Stephen Johnson, Jeff Jones, Patrick Jones, Gene Jovin, Molly Kenney, DaYe Jung, Molly Kenney, Briana Kessler, Basia Kobylenski, Lenny Kessler, Tyler Krantz, Matthew Kyle, Jessa Linford, Sarah Madinger, Betsy Malecha, Nikki Maloughney, Heather Matthew, Willie Maus, Kristen Meissner, Jason Gamet, Sarah Gehrke, Jana Greenwood, Karen Gehrke, Adam Gereg, Paul Gereg, Heather Hals, Jennifer Hals, Christina Hoffman,

Pitman, Zach Pocha, David Rich, Lindsey Richards, Erik Rose, Megan Rose, Cody Rowe, Ryan Schnabl, Ben Slaght, Nicole Slaght, Isaac Smith, Chase Stoeger, Benjamin Stratton, Logan Swanson, Shane Templeton, Cody Thompson, Nicole Trevino, Jenny Trice, Andrew Troutwine, Kandy Vance, Randy Varner, Valerie Williams, Jessie Wehren, Katie Wood
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Ivy Balcom, Cody Bartlett, Nicole Bostwick, Adam Contreras, Erin Demerle, Brandon Friede, Adam Gereg, Jennifer Hals, Tatum Hoehn, Levi Kelly, Trenton Marx, Andrew Matthew, Alycia Miller, Ashley Pena, Russell Penner, Josh Peterson, Jonathan Phipps, Steven Pitman, Nicole Slaght, Chase Stoeger, Ben Stratton, Shane Templeton, Andrew Troutwine, Valerie Wambach, James Williams, Kaylee Williams, Jacob Wood

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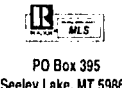
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Seeley Lake Church Directory

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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

Sunday Worship-9:00 a.m.; Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Mon. 5 p.m. Jr-Sr High Confirmation-Bible Class: **Tues 7:30 pm**, Adult Bible Study **Wed. 7 pm** Adult Bible Study
Pastor - Rev. Robert Benson - 1655 Airport Rd.
Phone - 677-7677

Living Water Catholic Church

Worship Mass: Sunday-2:00 p.m.
152 SCS Road
Ph: 677-2688 or 793-5697
Pastor-Father Jozef Perhubka

Mountain Lakes Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Worship-10:00 a.m.
3292 Hwy 83 North Phone-677-3575
Pastor-Scott Anthony

Spirit of Christ Episcopal Fellowship

Worship-2nd Saturday of each month
at the Senior Center-5:00 p.m.
Phone-677-2905

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Phone 677-2110
Pastor Ken Wutzke

Swan Song

Walter F. Styler

Walter F. Styler, 88, passed away November 5, 2003 at the Colorado State Veterans Center in Monte Vista, CO.

Walter was born February 27, 1915 in Williams, Minnesota to Frederick and Elsa Styler. He was the oldest of five children. He grew up on the family homestead near Williams, where he began to drive a team of horses at age

8. He worked on the farm, eventually drove trucks, and worked in pulp logging or whatever work was available in the area. During the Great Depression he kept up a winter trapping circuit near Williams to help feed the family, and sometimes "rode the rails" on freight trains to seek work in neighboring cities. Canned produce from the family garden and wild game were often all they had for the table.

Walter enlisted for duty with the

Army Air Corps in World War II, where he served with the 17th Bomb Group as a flight engineer and gunner. He completed 40 combat missions, many of which were flown from bases in North Africa to targets in Italy and Southern France.

Following the war, he married RosaLee Stoskopf in July of 1947. They built a home near Williams and began raising a family there. In 1956, the family of six loaded up their belongings and drove to Montana to seek new opportunity in an area where his brothers had previously moved. One additional daughter was born in Montana, bringing the number of children to five. Walt became employed as a timber faller in the Condon area. In the mid 60's he and Henry Meyer Sr. formed Lion Creek Wood Crafts and built custom log homes in the area for about ten years.

Walter enjoyed the company of neighbors and friends on all occasions and sometimes organized pickup softball games for kids and adults of all ages. His other interests and hobbies included hunting, fishing, exploring the mountains and woods, poetry, cribbage, dancing, and spending time with family and friends. He was an avid reader all his life and became a master at crossword puzzles and cryptograms. Walter continued to work in the woods until finally retiring for good at about age 70. His final years were spent in the loving care of his daughter Kathy and her husband. He had been a resident at the Colorado State Veterans Center in Colorado for about one month prior to his passing.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Frederick and Karl Styler.

Survivors include four daughters: Kathy (Sylvestre) Rodriguez of Alamosa, CO, Fioselynn (Lynn) Carey of Seeley Lake, Cindy (Stan) Buresh of Fairfield, MT, and Susan (Roger) Brown of Fairbault, MN; two sons, Jim (Jennifer) Styler of Saudi Arabia, and Randy (Denise) Styler of Condon; one sister, Elsie (Joe) Grunz of Williams, MN; one brother, Herb (Leona) Styler of Condon; 16 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place per his wishes, and arrangements were by Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista, CO.

A memorial services to honor and celebrate Walter's life will be held at the Condon Community Hall on Condon, MT on Friday, November 28 at 2:00 p.m.

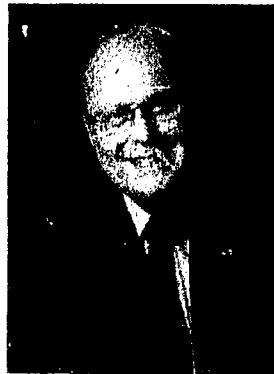
Condon Area Senior Lunch

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, Nov. 13
Orange Juice, Cranberry Chicken, Rice, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Apple Pie
Monday, Nov. 17
Pineapple Juice, Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Roll, Peas, Cake
Thursday, Nov. 20
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

Montana Voters Have New Rights and Responsibilities

By Secretary of State
Bob Brown



Sec. of State Bob Brown

Next year, Montana voters will begin noticing some important changes in the way they vote.

These changes—the result of new federal and state election laws—will significantly improve the accessibility and integrity of our elections. And elections, after all, are the fundamental building block of our democracy.

We can only have confidence in our government if we have confidence in the way our government is elected.

In the coming months, my office will launch a comprehensive campaign aimed at educating Montanans about these changes. I hope you will keep your eyes and ears open for details as we count down to the important 2004 primary and general elections.

To begin with, my office has dedicated a page of its Web site to explaining the new election reforms. You can visit this Web site at www.sos.state.mt.us. Just click on the button marked "Help America Vote Act."

Among the changes you will notice beginning in 2004:

- **You will be required to show an ID when you vote.** Acceptable identification includes a driver's license, student ID, tribal ID, or voter confirmation notice. You may also use a utility bill, bank statement, or any other government document that includes

your name and current address. This new provision ensures that everyone's vote counts—and counts only once.

- **You will have the right to vote provisionally on Election Day.** If your name is not on the list of registered voters or if you forget to bring ID to the polls, you are still entitled to vote. Local election officials will count your ballot after they have verified your registration or ID. Because of this new law, no one will be turned away from the polls on Election Day.

- **You will have the right to use voting equipment specially designed for people with disabilities.** Every polling place will have at least one such voting device, called a DRE. They will enable people, especially those with visual impairments, to vote independently—for the first time ever in Montana.

- **You will have the right to file a complaint with my office if you believe there has been a violation of an election law.**

If you have any questions about the new election laws and how they affect you, please call my office at 1-888-884-8683.

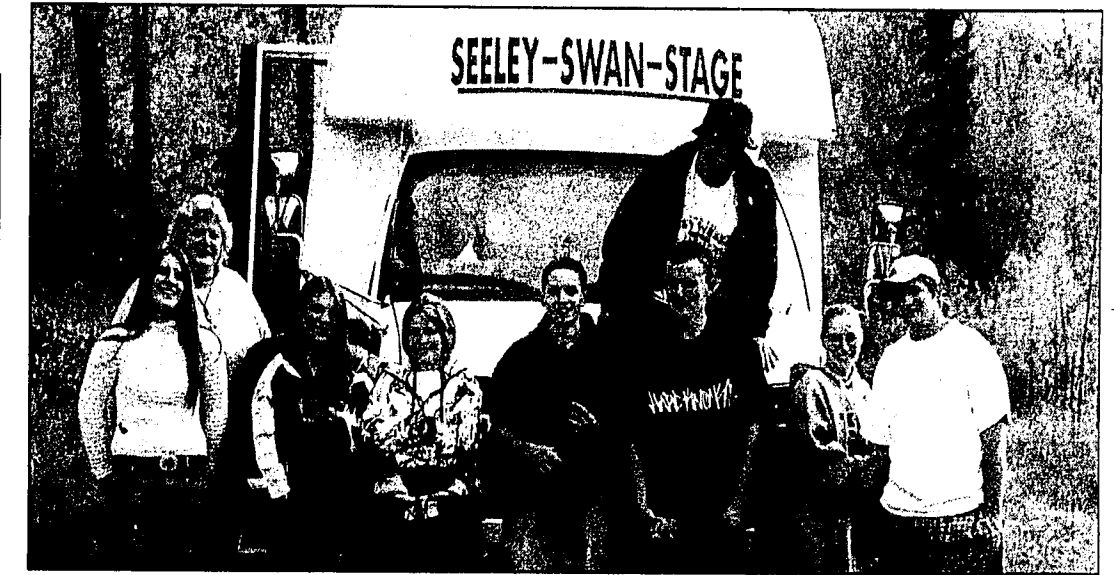
Wild Eye Photo Shoot for Flagship students



This is our hero, Zeyad Yusuf, a Senior at Seeley Swan High; he captured the entire experience on video for us. It's the work of a pro, and the video will be a treasured keepsake.

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The student photographs appear on the next two pages.



Left to Right: Crystal Dorne, Chris Jewett, Amanda Christensen, Same Dorne, David Martinez, Rusty Ness, Stormie Kelley and Zach Jackson. The hood ornament is Zeyad Yusuf.



The Swan Valley Volunteer Fire Department would like to acknowledge you, our community residents and businesses, for your contributions and overwhelming support during our November 8th Fireman's Ball and also this past summer's fire season. From all of us at Swan Valley Volunteer Fire Department, a gracious **THANK YOU**, to all of you.

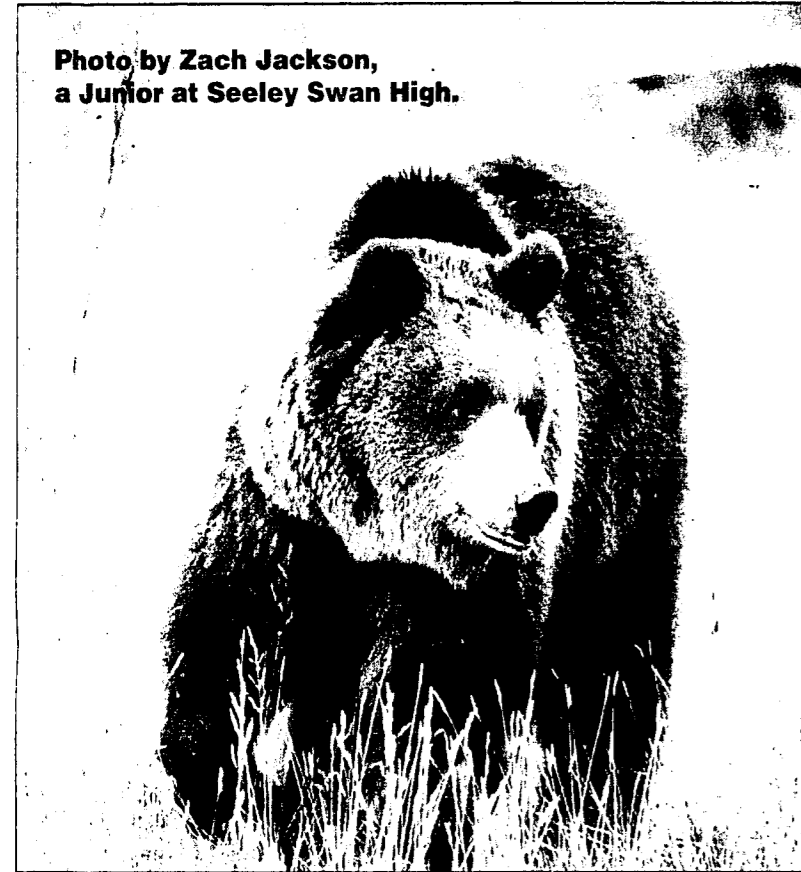
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A Day with 'Maye'

by Patricia Swan Smith

In October, eight Seeley Swan High School students participating in the Flagship Photography class took a trip to Kalispell to photograph Maye, a 350-pound, 4-year-old grizzly.

Photo by Zach Jackson, a Junior at Seeley Swan High.



Maye was born in captivity in Minnesota, and she was purchased by Wild Eyes Photo Adventures in Columbia Falls.

The Flagship students, wildlife photographer Chris Jewett from Seeley, and myself took off in the Seeley Swan Stage for a photography shoot the kids later described as "a once in a lifetime opportunity."

While being inside a really tall fence with a 350-pound grizzly almost put me over the edge, the students were incredible and they had a ball! They shot and shot, roll after roll, disc after disc while trainer Rod Nelson enticed the bear to climb trees, show her teeth, sit and run (with the help of cookies, carmel syrup and raw chicken).

Six of the students were there for the photographs, Sam Dorne was there to get photos to draw from, and Zeyad Yusuf was there to shoot a video of the trip.

Zeyad did an incredible job with the video, and he is now putting a video together for a presentation that will be put on by the students some time in December or January. He'll edit it and add music before it's ready for public viewing. While the photographs are wonderful, the video recreates the thrill of our day with Maye.

While the Flagship Program will no longer be offered at Seeley Swan High School, the students want to continue a photography club.

Many of the photographs will be available for purchase at the December 6th Senior Citizen Christmas Sale at the Seeley Lake Elementary School. The students are trying to raise \$1,000 to return and shoot the Siberian Tiger and the Mountain Lion.

The students will have a video showing and photo sale at the Community Hall, which will be announced in December.

Featured on this page is one selected photo from six of the photographers, and the collage is made up of a combination of all of their work.



Photo by Rusty Ness, a Sophomore at Seeley Swan High.



Photo by Stormie Kelley, a Sophomore at Seeley Swan High.

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Photo by David Martinez, a Sophomore at Seeley Swan High.



Drawing by Sam Dorne, a Sophomore at Seeley Swan High. See front page cover for photograph.

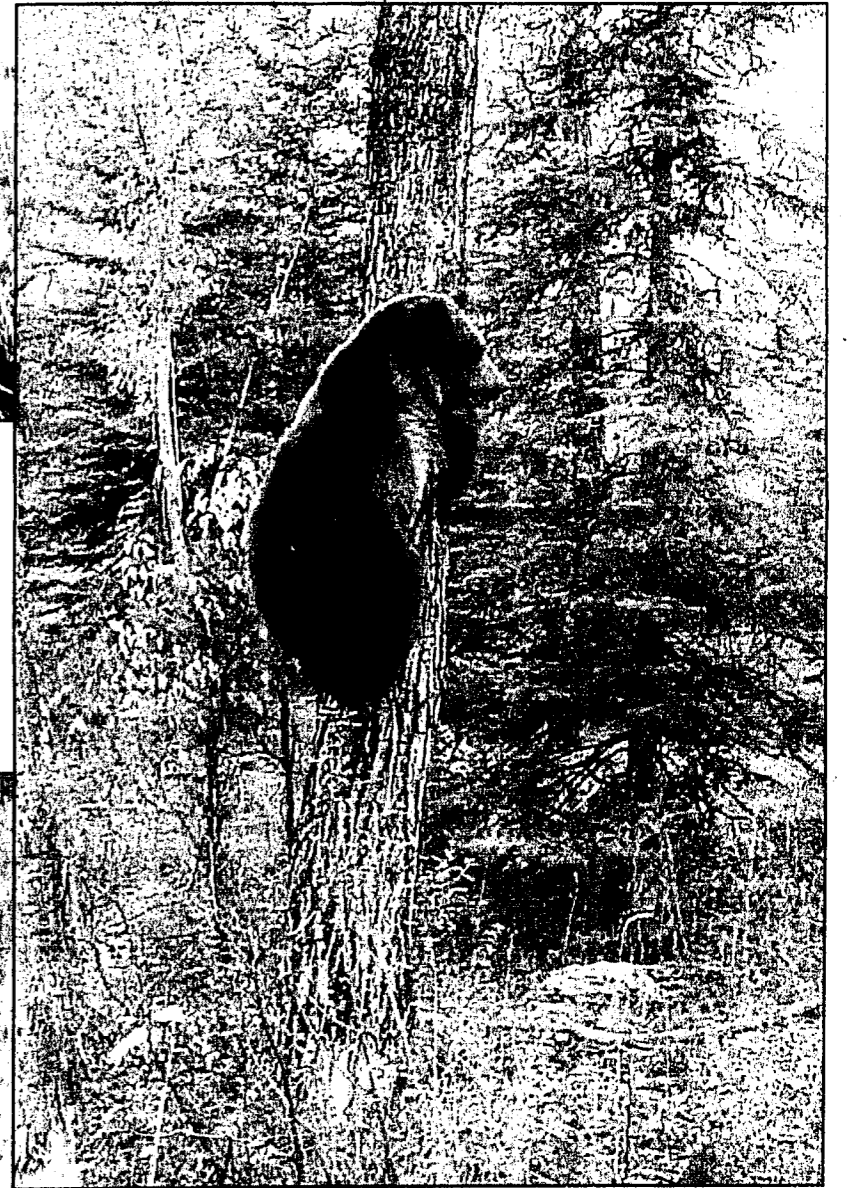



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The natural history of this unique water fowl species lucidly narrated by Mrs. Love, and vividly illustrated by Joyce Mihran Turley will inspire an interest in anyone old enough to recognize the loon's melodic calls.

A portion of the proceeds from the books signed and sold on December 6 will benefit the Swan Valley P.T.A. The Swan Ecosystem Center is pleased to co-host the event in appreciation for the countless hours of time Donna has donated not only in her work with

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In addition to the book signing Swan Valley students will have arts and crafts for sale and bake goods will also be available.

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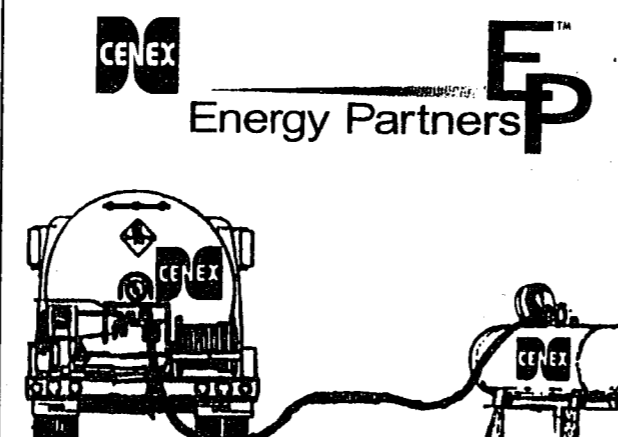
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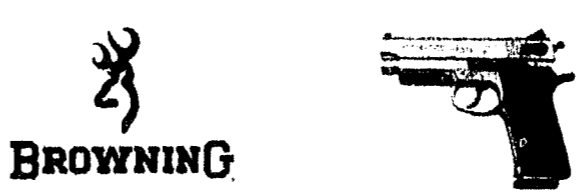
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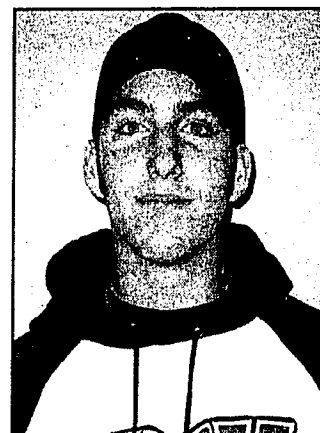
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Nathan Love — Nathan is a conscientious student. He has a good work ethic, and is an academic success. Nathan spends time in the community being involved with the Volunteer Fire Department. Nathan is a courteous and self-confident individual.

Students of the Week submitted by staff at SSHS

Eagles keep rolling up wins

The Seeley Lake Eagles A squad ran their record to 3-0 this past week, with wins over Potomac and Lincoln. In the Potomac game, Seeley jumped out to a 38-16 half-time lead and cruised to a 68-41 victory. Twelve boys scored, led by Zach Evans and Ryan Nelson with 16 points apiece. Against Lincoln, the Eagles' pressure defense helped them to a 19-7 first quarter lead. Seeley then went on to win 67-36. Nine players scored, led by Zach Evans with 20 points and 9 rebounds. Ryan Nelson chipped in 16 points, Steven Maciag had 9, Zach Balcom 8 and Eric Ferdinand had 6 points. Good job Eagles.

	1	2	3	4	Final
Seeley	19	19	13	17	68
Potomac	10	6	12	3	41

Zach Evans - 16 pts, 8 rebs, 2 assists, 1 steal

Ryan Nelson - 16 pts, 4 rebs, 4 assists, 6 steals

Steven Bergeson - 7 pts, 6 rebs, 2 steals

Zach Balcom - 6 pts, 2 rebs, 2 assists

Leland Bartlett - 5 pts, 1 steal

Steve Maciag - 4 pts, 6 rebs, 1 assist

Eric Ferdinand - 3 pts, 1 reb, 1 assist

Chance Twedt - 3 pts, 4 rebs

Matt Pitman - 2 pts, 6 rebs

Tom Crowell - 2 pts, 1 reb

Ryan Richards - 2 pts, 1 reb, 2 assists

Ty Heaton - 2 pts, 1 reb

Jesse Swigert - 2 rebs, 2 steals

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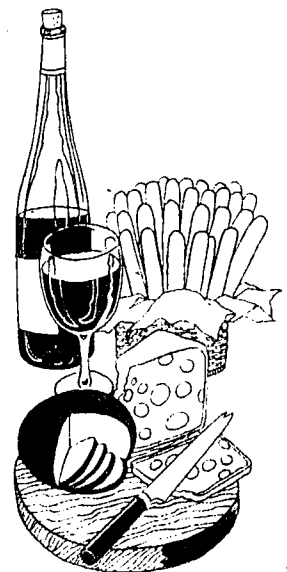
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The Wine Rack Champagnes

Champagnes are not only a great compliment to a meal, but also excellent when celebrating & relaxing with friends during the upcoming holiday season.

Keep in mind **Brut & Extra Dry** types are dry, while **Spumante** is a sweet variety.

Check out our selection of Champagnes in our Wine Department!



We have a great gift idea!

Gift Certificates from the Booth! Good for anything sold in the booth, coffee drinks, breakfast, lunch foods, snacks & drinks.

Goodbye & Good Luck, Jennifer!

YMCA News Update on Activities

Come and join the Seeley-Swan Outreach in a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration!

November 13, 2003

at the Double Arrow Lodge

7:00 8:00 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served

Adult Aerobics

Adult aerobics classes have begun. Join aerobics instructor Terry! 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@blackfoot.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.

Lunch is Ready...

Lunch Menu for this week...11/13 - 11/19

Thursday: Sirloin Beef Pasta, filling & down home good!

Friday: Hoagie "Meal Deal" - Sandwich, Chips, Cookie & Soda

Saturday & Sunday: No soup but we have sandwiches

Monday: Chicken & Wild Rice Soup - delicious!

Tuesday: "Tato Tuesday" - Baked Potatoes w/choice of toppings

Wednesday: Ginger Chicken Salad, fresh salad w/chicken & ginger dressing

~ 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.,

12 oz. Bowl Soup with crackers \$2.50, or cup \$1.25