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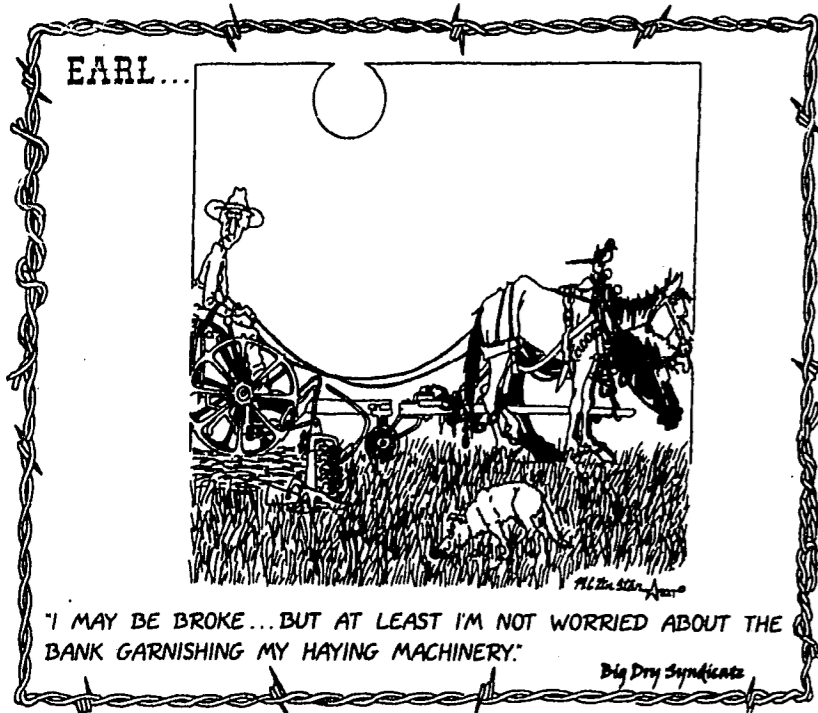
## *Friendly Grizzly*

This photo was taken in Kalispell with Wild Eyes Photo Adventures out of Columbia Falls during a photo shoot with the Flagship Photography class at Seeley Swan High School. Next week you'll have a chance to read about the day the students described as a "once in a lifetime experience" while photographing this 350 pound female grizzly.

This photo was taken by Stormie Kelley, a Junior at Seeley Swan High School.



Photo by Stormie Kelley, SSHS junior  
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**  
 S.L. Cemetery Bd., 1st Thur. 7pm, fire hall  
 AARP, 1st Mon, noon, Condon Comm. Hall  
 Salmon Prairie/Swan Lake 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 Eco-system 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, 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  
**Pinochle,** every 1st & 3rd Sat., Senior Citizens Center, 7 pm  
**DUMPSTER TRANSFER SITE: Summer hours (May-Sept) -** Wed, Sat & Sun, 9am-5pm, 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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### Editorial Comment

## Chips ... bits & pieces

Recovering...

Many of you know by now that we missed an issue last week because of urgent surgery that could not be delayed. I am recovering well, but have now been reclassified into a group known as survivors. I know some very fine people in this classification and look forward to facing obstacles with the same confidence that I have seen in them. We appreciate your patience during the past couple weeks as we struggle to return to normalcy.

—Gary Noland

## Updates from the Fire Department

by Frank Maradeo, Chief  
 Seeley Lake Fire Dept.

First off, I apologize for the cancelled open house on 10/5. Now I'm going to apologize for canceling the community potluck on 10/11. We just don't have the time. It just seems to get busier. We will reschedule both events. Again, I apologize.  
 It's been a busy few weeks since I last wrote. The fire department received a generous donation from the Quilters of the Tamaracks of \$250.00, this will go to help relieve some of the costs for the web site the fire department is developing.

We also received a donation of \$500.00 from one of the individual members of the Quilters to help with paying for the Firefighter school we will be having in 2/04. This class will cost around \$2500 to \$3000 to hold. As you can see the \$500.00 donation will help defray some of these costs. I can't thank these people enough for these generous donations. This is just another reason why Seeley Lake is such a great place to live. Thank you again.

I had the pleasure to go to Helena on behalf of the fire department (QRU) to receive a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED). We have one on the ambulance already and now we'll have one on our rescue truck. These devices are used on patients that go in to cardiac arrest. I'm sure you've seen one on TV. They're the things that the Doctor rubs the 2 paddles together and yells "CLEAR". Well these are the same concept, just easier to run and a lot better. Until now we only had one in our department, it resides on the ambulance. If the ambulance had to go to Missoula, the AED went with it. Now we have another one available to us. Only 30 departments in the state received one of these and we were one of them. It was given to us on a federal grant. Bonnie Connell, Chief of the QRU, did all of the legwork to get this done.

Speaking of federal grants, we received another one that will allow us to get 10 sets of turnout suits and 10 sets of SCBA's. Thanks to Captain Tim Downey for putting this together. The AED costs approximately \$2,500. The cost of the turnouts/SCBA's will total about \$45,000 to \$50,000.

We bought a new fire truck! Hopefully it will be in our hands by June of 2004. I could spend a whole column on this subject but let's just say that it has been talked about for 2 years and has finally come to fruition. Battalion Chief Jim White did all of the designing for this truck. I could use 3 columns on writing about him and what he means to this department but he won't let me. Thanks Jim. We also spent 2 days at the Tamaracks festival. That was a lot of fun and we got to meet people and hand out stuff to the kids. I wonder if all of the grandparents really did give all of those toys to their grandkids.

In the last column I said I was going to write about Initial Attack (IA) and what it means to this valley. I had a general idea about what it was going to be about and how I would write it, but something happened that changed the whole concept. I'm not a writer. I never professed to be. I was born and raised on the south side of Chicago. If you wanted to get a point across you didn't use big words and you didn't have to speak eloquently. If you did you were immediately spotted as a phony. Just get to the point and leave the big words to the people on the north side. In the movie "The Plight Stuff", based on the Tom Wolfe book of the same name, the writers tell the story of the space program in the 50's and 60's. In the beginning of the movie they talk about the test pilots who flew experimental aircraft and put their lives on the line every single day. Imagine

going to work and knowing that there was a good possibility that you would never return. That was and still is the life of a test pilot. As the story progresses it focuses on the astronauts and all of the publicity they got. To this day the names are a part of our history, Shepard, Grissom, Glenn and so on. In the movie they would show the press conferences and all of the newspaper people trying to get a glimpse of these "heroes". Then the movie would cut to a scene of some airstrip in California in the middle of the desert where a test pilot would be climbing in to a plane. No one around, just him and maybe some engineer. The astronauts with all the glitter and glitz, and the test pilot with the dusty airstrip in the desert. Everyone knew the names of the astronauts and no one knew the names of the test pilots.

We on the fire department get our fair share of thanks throughout the year, especially this summer. There's a group out there that will never get enough thanks. They're the initial attack crews for the DNRC and the Forest Service. The white DNRC trucks and the green Forest Service trucks. I'm sure you've seen them around town, they kind of blend in. Just the way they want it. Our red trucks stand out in a crowd. Their trucks just blend in. Young men and women who fight fire during the summer and live a separate life during the "Off Season", only to return the next summer and do it all over again. Most are college students that go to school during the winter and fight fire during the summer. After they get there degrees and graduate it doesn't end, they still come back during the summer to fight fire. Some will get a year round job fighting fire, others will do it during the summer only. Why? It's certainly not the money. Just like anyone else, they enjoy it. It's fun. There's a freedom to it. The beauty of the landscape, the beauty of the fire itself. They spend their whole summer holding a Pulaski, a hose, or a shovel, and in the end, the whole time, it was the other way around. Next summer, they'll be back to do it all over again.

Sadly, one will not. Nate Dague was an engine boss for the DNRC Clearwater Unit. I didn't know Nate that well. I always saw him every summer. Just like all the other firefighters with Clearwater. The Seeley Lake Fire Department was their second home, especially with the advent of SLICC. He would come into the fire hall with a smile and a hello and then get on with business. I don't have a funny or reflective story about Nate. Like I said, I didn't know him that well. Even if I did have a story, I couldn't do it justice. I'm not a writer. We really only had one thing in common, fighting fire. And even then, he knew more about it than I could ever dream of. We'd talk about certain things relating to firefighting and he would excuse my ignorance. He wouldn't get frustrated with my lack of knowledge. He would just help me along. I fought a few fires with him, nothing major. He did it by the book, didn't break any rules, stayed safe, and had fun. He would explain things and then show you if you didn't understand. In his other life, Nate was a Pharmacy student at the University of Montana. On Sunday, September 24th. Nate died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest at his parent's home in Missoula. It's not important to speculate on why he did it. He won't be back next summer. I express my sympathy to his family and friends, to his fellow firefighters at Clearwater, to the firefighters at the Seeley Lake fire department, and especially to the people of Seeley Lake. You see, he was there for us when we needed him. He dedicated his summers to help us live in a safe environment while fires were all around us. It's funny, that our safety during fire season depends on people like him, yet nobody even knows their name. Thanks Nate. Next summer is going to seem a little bit longer.

## Accolades for Festival volunteers

Dear Editor:

This comes to convey my sincere thanks to the Chamber of Commerce of Seeley Lake, and to the folks named below, for a wonderful Tamaracks Festival at The One-Stop Park in late September. Am a veteran "Art-in-the-Park" artist, having displayed / sold my art in several hundreds of outdoor park venues in the Intermountain West since 1980, and it is my sincere opinion that the Seeley Lake C-of-C, the show jurors, volunteers and park owners (one Stop) did a magnificent job of managing the whole shebang!

To most show-goers, the hospitality, management expertise,

## Support greatly appreciated

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank all of our friends, family members and members of our community for attending the benefit auction. The support from this community has been overwhelming for both of us, and there are no words to express how this has touched us. Many thanks to John Jungers and Doug Hall for donating the firewood for the raffle. We would also like to thank Patty Bartlett-Dunlap for her time and effort to put on such an event, and all those who helped her make it such a success. Also, during this time the crew from Seeley Lake Trucking has been a great help and we appreciate it very much. Thanks especially to Bill and Mike. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our friends who have helped us out along the way with lunches, dinners, phone calls, goodies at the hospital, yard work, house-cleaning, cat sitting, printing, paper clips, and words of encouragement and support. You'll never know how much all of these things have meant to us.

Richard and Janice George  
 Seeley Lake, Montana

and attention given to the participating artists are typically transparent, but these are the ingredients that assure the artists that the show planners and managers truly know what they are about, understand the artists' needs and concerns, and that they truly care.

This attention to detail begins with the mail-out of the invitation/application for artist participation in the Tamaracks Festival, and carries through to set-up help, an artist hospitality booth, staffing relief at the artist's booth when needed, to help in taking down and loading of the artist's equipment onto her/his rig!

This is almost unheard of, in my experience. But it is appreciated. Here are the names of some of the folks I'd like to thank publicly: Chamber Executive Director Marcy Zietz, park owner Norm Baier of the One Stop, show jurors Jerry Swanson and Sam Toms, and a whole bevy of volunteers: Diane Braach, Penny and Larry Carter, Ron Cox, Pat Christianson, Mark Christiansen, Laurie Darrow, Kim Koppen, Nancy Madsen, Judy and Dean Peasley, Cheri and Steve Thompson, and Wendy Weatherell. Many thanks to all of you!

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# Nature Conservancy to Purchase Game Range holdings

By Mike Thompson

The Blackfoot-Clearwater 50th Anniversary Project was a 4-phased project with only 2 of them working, kind of like an old pickup I used to drive.

Until a little over a week ago. That's when the Blackfoot Challenge announced that The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Plum Creek Timber Company have reached agreement for TNC to purchase about 41,000 acres of Plum Creek land in the Blackfoot Valley over the next year. You can read more about the "Blackfoot Community Project" in a press release to this week's Pathfinder.

For us in the Seeley-Swan, it means that the 50th Anniversary Project to acquire some 7,800 acres of Plum Creek inholdings within the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range is now humming along on all 4 cylinders.

Most of you remember that Phase 1 was the purchase of 856 acres on the west slope of Boyd Mountain in 1999 and 2000. Last spring, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) gifted its interest in the Phase 1 lands to Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP).

Let me hasten to recognize that RMEF's interest in the Phase 1 lands came from you, in the form of your generous con-

tributions of time, labor, and money. It was that amazing community effort that fueled interest in developing a Phase 2, and ultimately Phases 3 and 4.

Phase 2, an innovative partnership between FWP and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), was enabled in the fall of 2001 with an exchange of about 3,000 acres from Plum Creek to DNRC. These lands generally lie in the Cottonwood Creek basin, connecting the old Dreyer and Boyd properties on the Game Range.

It is a little publicized fact that RMEF played an important role in the Phase 2 land exchange by funding appraisals and timber cruises.

So, now we were coasting downhill and picking up speed. Phases 1 and 2 were finished. Almost half of the targeted 7,800 acres of inholdings within the Game Range had been acquired.

But, it turned out that Phases 3 and 4 were somewhere over the next hill. The pace slowed, the process became internalized within agencies, and we lost most of the momentum that the public involvement had originally generated.

Clogged fuel filter. Credit Tim Love, Debbie Austin, Mike Hillis, and their staffs at the Lolo National Forest for keeping us on the road. Short staffed and under funded for exchanging lands, the Lolo worked diligently with FWP, Plum Creek, and RMEF to develop a Phase 3 that would have eventually delivered 2,960 acres of Game Range inholdings to the Forest Service.

Their efforts exemplified the Lolo Forest's commitment to the objectives of its local communities, as well as its wildlife and other forest resources. They kept the 50th Anniversary Project alive in the minds of Plum Creek, FWP, RMEF, the Blackfoot Challenge, and the public over the past 2-3 years.

Tim and all, please accept our heart-



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

felt appreciation.

Because due to their efforts and endurance, the 50th Anniversary Project still had just enough get up and go to catch hold of the Blackfoot Community Project when it came roaring by.

And, it's been quite a ride. But, now we can announce that The Nature Conservancy is set to purchase the Phase 3 and Phase 4 lands from Plum Creek next spring. The 50th Anniversary Project may indeed become a reality.

"Wait a minute, now," I can hear Bernie Hall chiding me. Bernie, or "Bee" as he's known around the valley, is the associate state director for conservation with the Montana chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

I know the rest of the story well. TNC has no intention of remaining as a landowner in the Game Range, or elsewhere as part of the larger Blackfoot Community Project. So, the 50th Anniversary Project will not be completed until FWP or another appropriate entity finds funds for purchasing the Game Range lands back from TNC.

TNC is a life-giving intermediary in the 50th Anniversary Project. TNC has negotiated a large-scale transaction with an astonishingly ambitious payment schedule that satisfies Plum Creek's obligations to its stockholders. As part of this package, TNC will also acquire lands elsewhere in the Blackfoot that are less productive of timber, farther from the mills, and therefore prohibitively costly for Plum Creek to continue owning and managing. Possibly these factors helped Plum Creek agree to

sell its remaining lands on the Game Range, rather than hold out for a land exchange as originally planned.

And, under TNC ownership, FWP will be given the gift of precious time to develop a funding proposal and obtain public input in hopes of fitting the last piece of the Game Range puzzle together.

Last spring, members of the Blackfoot Challenge and TNC came to Seeley Lake and met with the Clearwater Resource Council and other interested citizens to discuss the future ownership and management preferences of the community for not only the Game Range inholdings, but also Plum Creek lands in the Horseshoe Hills. The Horseshoe Hills lie between the Double Arrow development and the Game Range (Cozy Corner). Plum Creek lands in this area are part of an option phase in the Blackfoot Community Project, and may (or may not) be purchased by TNC in 2005. So, the Seeley Lake community has a little more time to develop its preferences for the disposition of these lands in the future.

"Thank you" is the best way I've always found to end these numerous columns on the 50th Anniversary Project since we started in 1998. Thank you for your appreciation of the unique natural resources around you, for your interest in conserving them for future generations, and for your initiative to do something big and important to accomplish it.

As I've advised many times, make sure your children and grandchildren remember what you've done for them.

# Town meeting with students to look at Seeley Lake's future

STUDENTS VISUALIZE SEELEY LAKE IN 21ST CENTURY.

Design and Planning Studies by University of Idaho Departments of Architecture and Landscape Architecture

Early in September twenty University of Idaho architect and landscape architect students visited Seeley Lake, taking an outsider's look at the community to give their ideas how to meet some of the future needs. They looked at four areas: 1) the south gateway area which is from the Golf Course north to the bank. 2) the north gateway area from the Elkhorn south to the community hall and including the lakefront area. 3) the downtown business district. and 4) the area of the Lions Park and the undeveloped land east of the Seeley Lake Motor Lodge toward the old SOS Center.

They've done the field work, returned to Moscow Idaho to do further research and are ready to present their findings to the community. Among some of their objectives will be suggesting ways to

slow highway traffic, showing how the business area can be expanded, and offering models for providing affordable housing.

People interested in future ideas for developing Seeley Lake should come to hear what the budding consultants have to offer based on the latest technology and concepts.

A town meeting will be held Thursday, October 23 at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. There will be a potluck supper at 5:30 pm to

feed them, and a community meeting from 6:30-8:30 pm to hear their reports.

Several of the students will be staying overnight. If anyone has a spare bedroom they'd like to share, and share in some cultural exchange, please contact a Council member.

For more information call 677-3398. Sponsored by Seeley Lake Community Council and Missoula County Office of Planning & Grants.

## Deadline near for Lions Phone Book

The final date for anyone wishing to place an ad in the 2004-2005 Lions Club Phone Book is Friday, October 31, 2003. All ads must be in and paid for by this date. If you would like to advertise in the yellow pages and have not been contacted, please call Lion Dick Lewis at 677-2200, Lion Cheryl Lewis at 677-2464, Lion Don Bissell at 677-3133 or Lion Monty Montgomery at 677-3574. In order to meet the deadline with the printer and for the book to be available in January, there will be no extension of the October 31, 2003 deadline. Don't miss this opportunity to make the people of our valley aware of the many services locally available to them. All profits go to the Seeley Lake Lions Club, and will be used for projects in the community.

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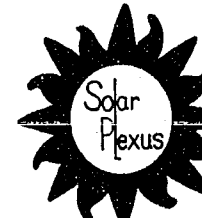


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The following meals will be served next week promptly at noon at the Seeley Lake Senior Citizens Center. Reservations please - 677-2008. Call before 10:00 a.m.

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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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Pastor - Rev. Robert Benson - 1655 Airport Rd.  
Phone - 677-7677

**Living Water Catholic Church**  
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Pastor-Father Jozef Perekubka

**Mountain Lakes Presbyterian Church**  
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3292 Hwy 83 North Phone-677-3575  
Pastor-Scott Anthony

**Spirit of Christ Episcopal Fellowship**  
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Phone-677-2905

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## Halloween Party

October 31

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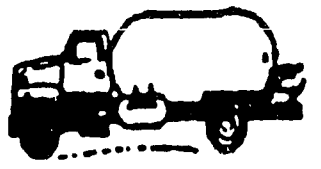
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### Paws Up

to all of those who worked so hard to put the Tamarack Festival together. What a great way to display our local and outside talent and promote our community. The weather could not have been more beautiful. Thanks also to the many people who visited all the booths and purchased items. Paws Up Safe Home had a booth which was well received, and we did sell ten more artist proofs of "Waiting For You" and the beautiful calligraphy of The Rainbow Bridge. We still need to sell ten more artist proofs to be in the black. Get yours ordered now, as we will be sending in the originals soon. We thank all of you for your patience and purchase! We also appreciate all of you who stopped by to offer support and visit.

### Paws Up

to Jerry, Martha and Logan Swanson of Swanwoods for the setting up, taking down and use of their tent for Paws Up Safe Home. We so appreciate it. Thanks Logan for all you help! Special thanks also to Kofi Zahn who manned the booth for me until I got there.

### Paws Up

to Joe Piche for the great donation. Joe took one of our early throw-aways, a little Cocker cross by the name of Buddy. Buddy struck it in great style with Joe and pretty well rules the roost!

### Paws Up

to Alan Twedt, who stopped by the booth to visit. Alan and his beloved wife Helen, who passed away of brain cancer, were great supporters of Paws Up, and Alan continues to be so. So nice seeing you Alan.

### Paws Up

Once again, a big thank you to Bison & Bear Mercantile for all their help in getting orders for artist's proofs. We cannot thank them enough. They have been so supportive.

### Paws Up

to Jeff and Judy Hainline of Condon for adopting a sweet dog from us. She finally has a loving home she deserves.

### Happy Birthday!

Poppa Gary. I hope you had lots of fun. I am still having fun at the Rainbow Bridge. Love, Einstein.

### Sympathy and Paws Up

and bless the beloved Black Lab owned by the Roy Taylor family of Ovando, who passed away of a brain tumor. She was truly treasured and will be so very missed by all.

### Paws Up

to Lynne Jungers for her Dear Editor letter in the October 2 issue pertaining to folding the flag 13 times. Very informational and interesting.

### Paws Up

to Ryan Richards, also on the great log benches around town to sit on that he worked so hard on.

### Note

Perhaps the last 2 items do not deal directly with Paws Up Safe Home, but in my opinion they do, as there is no one who adores animals more than Lynne Jungers or Ryan, who just lost his beloved Jessie. Good deeds are worth mentioning!

### Buitenhuis Bulletin

Ever consider what dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul - chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we are the greatest hunters on earth.

\*Minimum fee for dogs recovered at Paws Up Safe Home - \$35.00

<i>Elinor Williamson</i>	Paws Up Safe Home
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Seeley Lake, MT 59868	PO Box 323
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## Fund-raising banquet honors Larry Marx, Jack Burgess

The first annual Seeley Lake Community Foundation Larry Marx Memorial Fundraising Banquet was held Saturday, October 4 at the Double Arrow Lodge. About fifty residents were treated to a wonderful dinner and evening designed to pay tribute to the contributions to the Foundation by Larry Marx and Dr. Jack Burgess.

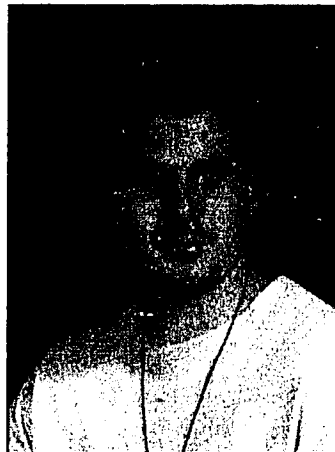
The Foundation was created to help not-for-profit groups in Seeley Lake fund projects to benefit the community. Education, arts and culture, economic development, natural resources and conservation, and basic human needs are the five areas of interest the Foundation is trying to encourage.

Jack and Donna Burgess were one of the first supporters of the Foundation. They made the first planned gift and responded to every fund raising effort. True to form, Donna brought one of Jack's sculptures to auction and a piece of her hand made pottery.

Larry was one of the original Foundation board members and headed up fund raising activities. One of the highlights was sharing the evening with Larry's wife, Addrien, and children Laurie, Erin and Trenton. Addrien was gracious enough to bake a huckleberry pie to auction, with the proceeds going to the Larry Marx Barn (Historical Society) Fund. Roger Johnson bought the pie for \$500 and donated it back. Al Foucar then paid \$475 for the pie. It was a fitting start to the auction.

The audience was informed that there were two specific needs that the board wanted to address - the scholarship and small grants funds. The auction, performed by Tom Lehman with the able assistance of Bruce Wold, was very successful. Enough money was raised to start a small grants program. Depending on the outcome of a challenge issued by Seeley Lake Trucking, there may be enough funds to start the scholarship fund as well.

Thank you to all those who made this a most memorable event.



Noah Madinger

## Madinger among top graduates at DeVry University

Noah Madinger, a graduate of the Seeley-Swan High School class of 2000, has obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronics Engineering from DeVry University, Phoenix, AZ.

He is the recipient of DeVry's President's Award, President of Tau Alpha Pi chapter, a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Association, and has maintained a 4.0 GPA for three years.

He will be employed by Sandia Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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- you have not done what I asked.
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- When I ask you to listen to me and you begin to tell me why I shouldn't feel that way,
- you are trampling on my feelings.
- When I ask you to listen to me and you feel you have to do something to solve my problem,
- you have failed me, strange as that may seem.
- I wish I asked was that you listen,
- All I can, I do for myself.
- I understand,
- Maybe discouraged and faltering but not helpless.
- When you do something for me that I can and need to do for myself.
- you contribute to my fear and inadequacy.
- But when you accept as a simple fact that I do feel what I feel,
- I matter how distant,
- Then I can get about the business of understanding
- What's behind this feeling.
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## 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. 23  
Apple Juice, Stuffed Salmon, Green Beans, Pineapple, Brownie
- Monday, Oct. 29  
Grapefruit Juice, Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Blueberry Pie
- Thursday, Oct. 30th  
Cranberry Juice., Sweet & Sour Pork, Rice, Peas, Cake & peaches



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| Thursday, October 30  | Fish Sandwiches   |
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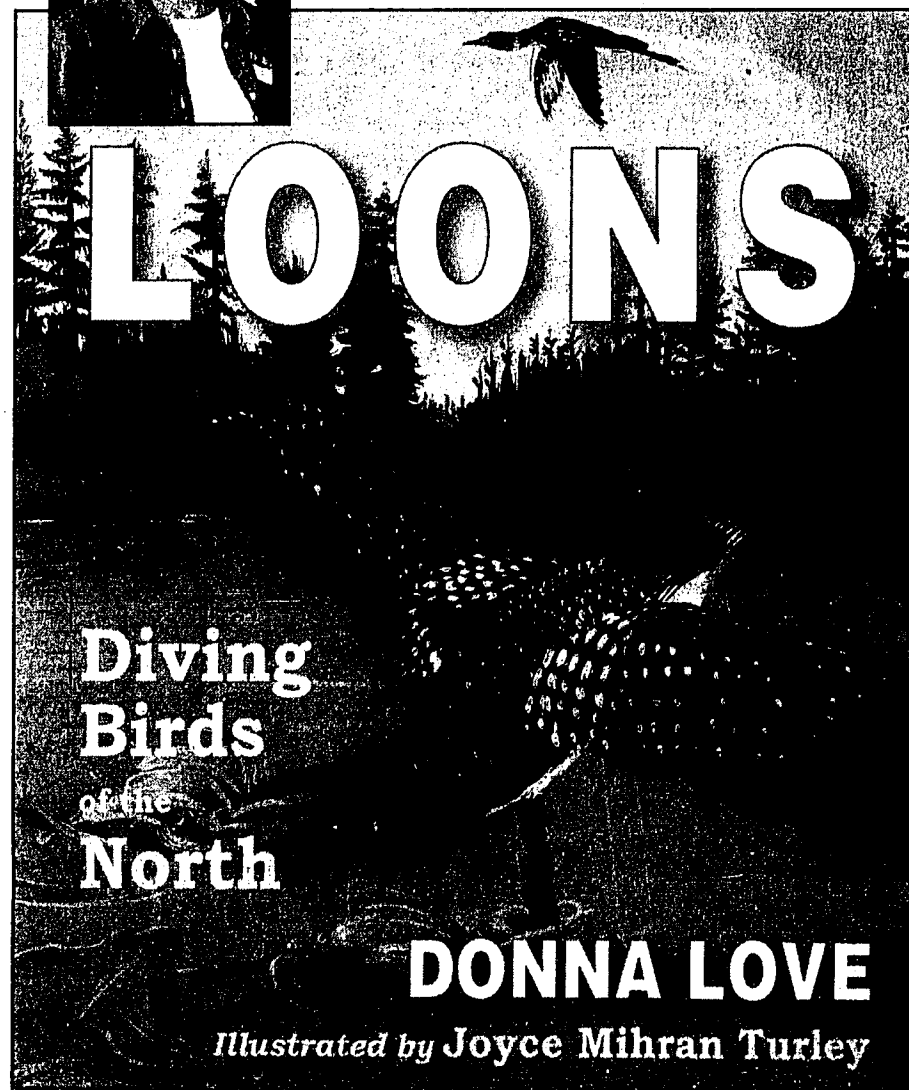
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**Local author writes book on Loons**



**Local Author Donna Love Publishes *Loons: Diving Birds of the North***

*Loons: Diving Birds of the North* is a factual, fun-filled introduction to loons, ancient birds that have inhabited earth's northern waters since about the time the dinosaurs died out. Famous for their eerie calls and magnificent fishing abilities, loons have long held a special place in many human cultures. This lively and informative book covers loon history, physiology, behavior, and coexistence with humans, with plenty of information for young researchers and older enthusiasts. Gorgeous paintings show loons diving, swimming, preening, raising chicks, and acting, well, just plain "loony." Suggested activities provide opportunities for further exploration of loons as kids learn

how to walk, paddle, and float like a loon. An appendix offers more information on all five species of loons found worldwide. "Loon Resources" provides information for continued study, with links to photographs, recordings of loon calls, and loon research and conservation.

For the past seven years, Donna Love has watched a loon family hatch and raise chicks on the lake outside her door. To help with loon conservation she serves as an officer for the Montana Loon Society and speaks statewide on behalf of Montana's loons. She lives in Seeley Lake where her husband, Tim, is the District Ranger for the Seeley Lake Ranger District of the Lolo National Forest.

Joyce Mihran Turley, the illustrator of the book, has illustrated

books on many topics for readers of all ages. She retired from engineering in 1984 and soon established her own illustration studio, Dixon Cove Design. Raised in upstate New York, Joyce has lived in the Colorado foothills of the Rocky Mountains for over twenty years. She regularly observes deer, lizards, eagles, and coyotes outside the windows of her home studio. No loons have been sighted so far!

Donna will have book signing events at Borders Books & Music in Kalispell on Saturday, November 1 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and Fact & Fiction in Missoula on Wednesday, November 19 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

*Loons: Diving Birds of the North* is available from your local bookseller or directly from Mountain Press Publishing Company at 800-234-5308 or [www.mountainpress.com](http://www.mountainpress.com).

**Seeley Lake Fuels Reduction Project Legal Notice**

The Seeley Lake Ranger District of the Lolo National Forest announces that an Environmental Analysis for the Seeley Lake Fuels Reduction Project is available for review and comment.

The proposed action is to treat hazardous fuels on about 1,663 acres in the Clearwater River drainage from the town of Seeley Lake north to Rainy Lake, near recreational sites and adjacent to private land, by means of harvesting trees, manipulating vegetation and the controlled burning of fuels created by those activities. Associated activities include approximately 10 miles of reconstruction of long-term roads, 5.7 miles of reconstruction of short-term roads, 11 miles of road obliteration, culvert replacement and removal, and approximately 68 acres of weed management. The project area is on selected USDA Forest Service lands in T. 17 & 18 N., R. 15 & 16 W., on the Seeley Lake Ranger District of the Lolo National Forest, Missoula County, Montana. The Environmental Analysis (EA) produced three action alternatives to reduce hazardous fuels. The no action alternative has also been analyzed.

The Seeley Lake Fuels EA is available on the Lolo National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/planning-d6/seeley-fuels-reduction/seeley-fuels-reduction.html>. To obtain copies of this document or to request further information, contact Bruce Higgins, IDT Leader, Bldg. 24,

Fort Missoula, Missoula MT 59804, (406) 329-3995.

Comments are invited on this analysis. To ensure consideration in the decision-making process, comments must be postmarked or received within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Missoulian* - notice was published in the *Missoulian* on Tuesday, 10/14/03. Please address your comments to Bruce Higgins, IDT Leader, Bldg. 24, Fort Missoula, Missoula MT 59804, (406) 329-3995. Respondents should include: (1) name, address, telephone number, organization represented, if any; (2) title of the document on which the comment is being submitted; and (3) specific facts and supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1 27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets.

**Notice of Availability Dunham Creek Cattle Grazing Allotment Environmental Analysis and Decision Notice Legal Notice**

The Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, Dunham Creek Cattle Grazing Allotment Environmental Analysis and Decision Notice is available for review. The decision, signed by Lolo National Forest Supervisor Debra Austin on September 30, 2003, authorizes issuance of a 10 year Term Grazing Permit to the Two Creeks Ranch of Ovando, Montana. The equivalent of 30 cow/calf pairs grazing for 30 days will be permitted.

To obtain copies of these documents or to request further information, contact Jim Blackburn, Seeley Lake Ranger District, Seeley Lake MT 59868, (406) 677-3924. This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 217. A written Appeal must be submitted within 45 days following publication of the notice of this decision in the *Missoulian*, Missoula MT. Send Appeals to: USDA Forest Service, Northern Region, Attn: Appeals Deciding Officer, PO Box 7669, Missoula MT 59807.

It is the responsibility of those who appeal a decision to provide sufficient written evidence and rationale to show why my decision should be changed or reversed. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 217, which state: state that the document is a Notice of Appeal filed pursuant to 36 CFR part 217; list the name, address, and telephone number of the appellant; identify the decision about which the requester objects; identify the document in which the decision is contained by title and subject, date of the decision, and name and title of the Responsible Official; identify specifically that portion of the decision document to which the requester objects; state the reasons for objecting, including issues of fact, law, regulation, or policy, and, if applicable, specifically how the decision violates law, regulation, or policy; and identify the specific change(s) in the decision the appellant seeks.

**SSHS Students of the Week**



**Heather Matthew** - Heather is always upbeat and fun to be around. She has a great sense of humor. Heather is involved in many different activities in school. Heather is a great student with lots of school spirit.



**Marshall Meyer** - Marshall is a diligent student who takes pride in his work. Marshall has a positive attitude towards school, friends, work and life. Marshall is also an accomplished fisherman and can be found spending his time on Swan Lake pursuing his hobby.

Students of the Week submitted by staff of SSHS

**Thank You All**

For Making the Richard George/Ralph Cahoon Jr. Benefit a Very Successful Event

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| Mike and Sue Holmes          | Jeff and Julie Hainline      |
| Shawn and Michele Holmes     | Wold's Valley Market         |
| Robert Lee                   | Paul Knox                    |
| Janet Conroy                 | Teresa Gysler                |
| The Janssen Family           | Cyd and Will Kats            |
| Pat, Cheryl, Victoria Elliot | J & E Contracting            |
| Hall Wood Processing         | Seeley Lake Trucking         |
| Cliff Hawkins                | Eldon Rammell                |
| Cenex                        | Deer Creek Excavating        |
| First Valley Bank            | Heritage Plumbing            |
| Teresa and Leelyn Cahoon     | Mark Cahoon                  |
| Martina and Vera Cahoon      | Mission Mountains Mercantile |
| Montana Rockies Log Homes    | Pop's Family Restaurant      |
| Pyramid Mountain Lumber      | NAPA                         |
| Seeley Lake Motor Lodge      | Kozy Korner Kids             |
| Stu Cebulski                 | Western Fuel                 |
| Bison and Bear Mercantile    | Donna Hoffman                |
| Laurel Deniger               | Confluence Experience        |
| Ice Cream Place              | Shauna Anders                |
| Center at Salmon Lake        | Charlee and Rett Parker      |
| Peacock Designs              | Seeley Swan Pathfinder       |
| Deer Country Quilts          | Margaret Burback             |
| Great Bear Properties        | Rovero's                     |
| Seeley Lake Pharmacy         | Rockinghorse Antiques        |
| Chicken Coop                 | Glen's Automotive            |
| Rent All                     | Timberline                   |
| Stage Station                | Books, Yarn and More         |
| Kurt's Polaris               | Nugget Campground            |
| Total Image                  | Filling Station              |
| Foxfire Grill                | Rainbow Enterprises          |
| Jan and Dave Guefff          | Mountain Creek Taxidermy     |
| Jim Herncane                 | Double Arrow Outfitters      |
| Loren Rose Family            | Rhonda and Gary Malecha      |
| Plum Creek - Ksanka          | Lil Bindon                   |
| Bill and Sandy Myra          | Carol Bellon                 |
| Drew Bellon                  | Faith and Leigh Erickson     |
| Ted Smith                    |                              |

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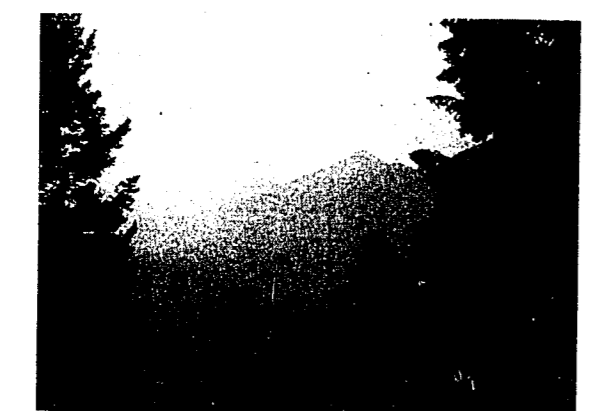
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# Sheriff's Report

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

**September 27 - October 5, 2003**  
9/27, 6:35 p.m. - Intimidation - Seeley Lake  
9/29, 8:24 a.m. - Criminal mischief - Potomac  
9/29, 9:01 a.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake  
9/29, 9:12 a.m. - Follow up investigation - Seeley Lake  
9/29, 12:23 p.m. - Follow up investigation re: criminal mischief - Potomac  
9/29, 5:16 p.m. - Assault - Potomac  
9/29, 7:00 p.m. - Unlawful entry - Potomac  
9/30, 3:25 a.m. - Vehicle accident - Potomac  
9/30, 10:19 a.m. - Follow up investigation re: stolen vehicle - Seeley Lake  
9/30, 10:58 a.m. - Court warrant served - Seeley Lake  
10/1, 4:13 p.m. - Disturbance - Seeley Lake  
10/2, 11:26 a.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake  
10/2, 2:04 p.m. - Court warrant served - Seeley Lake  
10/2, 2:09 p.m. - Court papers served - Potomac  
10/2, 2:34 p.m. - Court papers served - Potomac

10/3, 1:48 a.m. - Harassment - Seeley Lake  
10/3, 2:09 a.m. - Follow up investigation - Seeley Lake  
10/3, 3:42 a.m. - Alarm - Seeley Lake  
10/3, 11:34 a.m. - Follow up investigation re: harassment - Seeley Lake  
10/3, 1:11 p.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake  
10/3, 2:39 p.m. - Suspicious activity - Seeley Lake  
10/3, 3:15 p.m. - Moving violation - Seeley Lake  
10/3, 6:00 p.m. - Vehicle accident - Seeley Lake  
10/3, 6:27 p.m. - Alarm - Seeley Lake  
10/4, 1:07 a.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake  
10/4, 1:37 a.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake  
10/4, 8:49 a.m. - Fish & Game - injured bear - Potomac  
10/4, 1:45 p.m. - Court papers served - Seeley Lake  
10/4, 1:51 p.m. - Court papers served - Seeley Lake  
10/4, 2:03 p.m. - Court papers served - Seeley Lake  
10/4, 5:13 p.m. - Court papers served - Seeley Lake  
10/4, 6:21 p.m. - DUI - Seeley Lake - 1 arrested  
10/4, 10:06 p.m. - Suspicious activity - Seeley Lake  
10/4, 11:53 p.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake  
10/5, 1:08 a.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake


10/5, 1:41 p.m. - Forcible entry - Seeley Lake  
October 6 - 12, 2003  
10/6, 1:27 p.m. - Theft of chain saw - Seeley Lake  
10/6, 3:03 p.m. - Moving violation - Seeley Lake  
10/6, 3:10 p.m. - Theft of bicycle - Seeley Lake  
10/6, 3:36 p.m. - Theft of fence posts - Seeley Lake  
10/6, 5:13 p.m. - Follow up investigation - Seeley Lake  
10/7, 11:08 a.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake  
10/7, 12:00 p.m. - Follow up investigation re: disturbance - Seeley Lake  
10/7, 12:41 p.m. - Follow up investigation - Seeley Lake  
10/7, 6:36 p.m. - Alarm - Seeley Lake  
10/8, 4:13 p.m. - Suspicious activity - Seeley Lake  
10/9, 10:03 a.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake  
10/9, 7:13 p.m. - Follow up investigation - Seeley Lake  
10/9, 7:51 p.m. - Vehicle accident - Hwy. 83, MM 2  
10/10, 11:27 a.m. - Theft of key - Seeley Lake  
10/10, 5:53 p.m. - Follow up investigation - Seeley Lake  
10/11, 7:17 a.m. - Criminal mischief - Seeley Lake  
10/11, 11:49 p.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake  
10/12, 12:32 a.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake  
10/12, 12:59 a.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake



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Seeley Lake COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
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SEELEY LAKE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

The Seeley Lake Community Foundation was created to help not-for-profit groups in Seeley Lake fund projects to benefit the community.

The Small Grants Program will fund projects that foster cooperation and partnerships and build organizational capacity to better meet the charitable needs of the Seeley Lake area (roughly defined by the Seeley Lake Elementary School District).

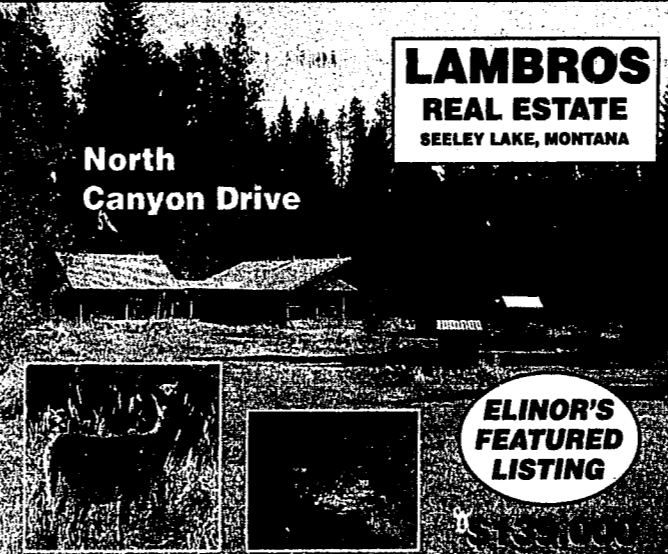
Grants will be made to not-for-profit, tax-exempt organizations, i.e., 501(c)(3) U.S. tax code organizations, governmental units, and groups sponsored by either. Grant applications are accepted twice a year, during two granting cycles, November 30 and May 30.

Grants will be awarded in amounts of \$100 to \$2,500, based on the availability of funds for the year.

Applications in the following areas of interest will be considered:

- ~ Education ~
- ~ Arts & Culture ~
- ~ Economic Development ~
- ~ Natural Resources & Conservation ~
- ~ Basic Human Needs ~


To receive an application form for the Small Grants Program, please send an e-mail to [user1@blackfoot.net](mailto:user1@blackfoot.net) or stop by the Seeley Lake Library.



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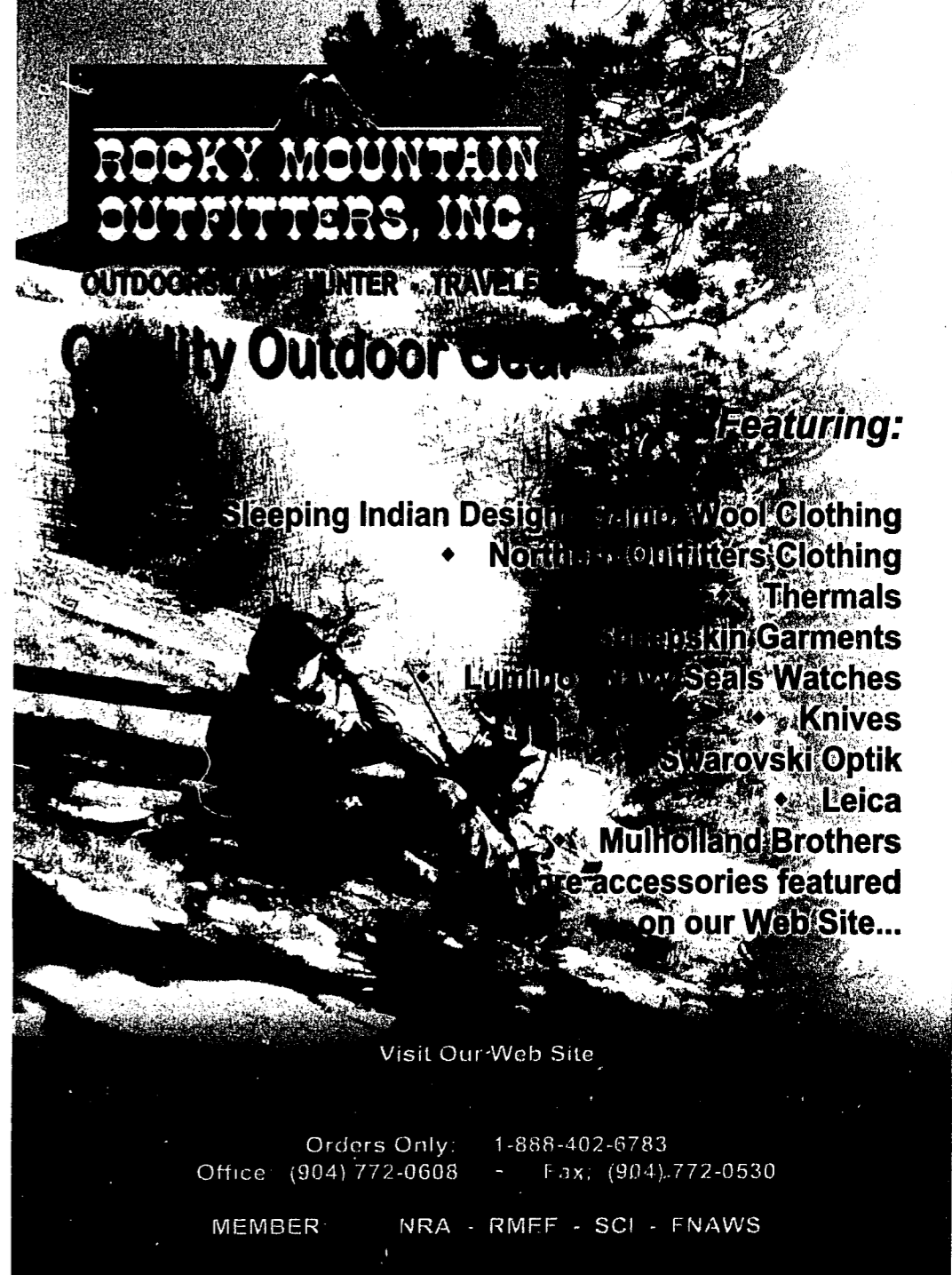
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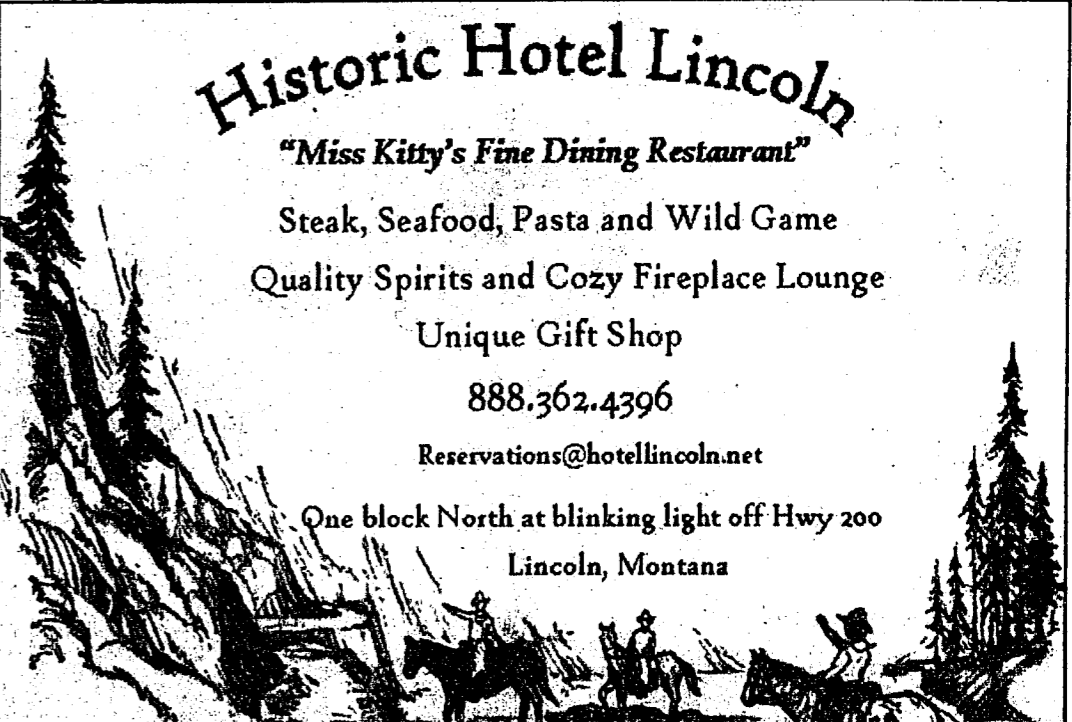
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# Blackfoot Challenge secures valley land for \$30 million

OVANDO, Mont. — The Blackfoot Challenge has announced an agreement for the purchase of approximately 41,000 acres of land in the Blackfoot River Valley in west-central Montana for approximately \$30 million. The Blackfoot Challenge, a local group of private landowners, public agencies, and conservation groups, worked with one of their partners, The Nature Conservancy, to secure a multi-year agreement to purchase these lands from Plum Creek. This sale is expected to close in 2004.

The Blackfoot Challenge, which has a long history of stewardship and conservation in the valley, has spearheaded a community-wide planning effort to guide the future ownership and manage-

ment of these lands. The goal, according to the Challenge, is to maintain traditional uses in the valley — ranching, forestry, public access, and wildlife habitat.

"The acquisition of these lands offers a tremendous opportunity for the Blackfoot community to determine our future and protect our way of life," said Jim Stone, local rancher and chairman of the Blackfoot Challenge.

"With this effort to purchase and re-sell these lands according to a community-agreed-upon plan, we'll be able to keep lands intact which will be positive for agriculture in the valley," said Randy Mannix, Helmville rancher and member of the Blackfoot Challenge.

The project will also help preserve recreational opportunities and access to public lands. "I don't think many people know how much of the land they use is actually Plum Creek land," said Bob Bushnell, a community leader from Lincoln, Montana. "Maintaining access to these lands is pivotal to the local economy."

It will also be good for sustaining one of the most intact landscapes in Montana known for its wide-ranging wildlife and native fisheries. "Our goal in facilitating this transaction is to help the Blackfoot Challenge maintain the special character of the Blackfoot River Valley and its outstanding wildlife habitat," said Jamie Williams, state director of The Nature Conservancy of Montana. "The Blackfoot is one of the bright spots for local leadership in maintaining the unique natural and cultural character of their valley over the last 25 years," added Williams.

The Blackfoot Challenge, working with its conservation and agency partners, has led conservation and stewardship efforts in the valley that has seen more than 50 river miles and 85,000 acres in the watershed placed under conserva-

tion agreements. The first conservation easement in the state of Montana was signed in 1976 in the Blackfoot.

"Plum Creek recognizes that the Blackfoot River Valley is a special place in Montana," said Tom Ray, general manager, Northwest Region, Plum Creek. "In 1996, we sold 11,700 acres along the Blackfoot River to The Nature Conservancy of Montana. We are pleased to assist once again in the sale of important land to accommodate public interest in the conservation, economic and other community values associated with this property."

Recognizing the potential sale of forest lands in the Blackfoot, the Challenge began a two-year collaborative process to identify key community values it would like to see maintained. "We're working with our community leaders and the community as a whole to determine the best solution for these lands," said Stone. The Challenge is developing a disposition and management plan, which will guide which lands will become public and which will be sold into private ownership. Both will have safeguards to protect their biologi-

cal and community values.

The success of this local collaborative project depends on private and public funding. To this end, the Challenge is extremely grateful for Senator Conrad Burns' support of the project. "It just makes sense," said U.S. Senator Conrad Burns. "I've supported this purchase from its beginning because giving Montana the power to decide its own economic future is really what the federal government is about," he continued. "There is nothing more important to me than maintaining the integrity of our lands in the eyes of those who live, work and play on it."

If this project is successful, the Blackfoot Challenge and its partners anticipate working with Plum Creek to acquire an additional 48,000 acres, which are under option through this agreement, for approximately \$38 million.

"I applaud the cooperative effort that was required for this project," said Montana's Governor Judy Martz. "It has taken extensive commitment by all those involved and their commitment to the land, the community and the people of this area will be rewarded for generations to come."

Added Jim Stone, "We're doing what's right for our communities by continuing to support good stewardship, looking long term and saying 'we can determine our future.'"

The Blackfoot Challenge, comprised of local landowners, federal and state land managers, local government officials and corporate landowners, has been working in the Blackfoot Valley for 10 years to coordinate conservation efforts in the watershed.

The Nature Conservancy is a nonprofit conservation organization that conserves critical habitats for plants, animals and natural communities. Since 1979, the Conservancy's Montana chapter, based in Helena and with six community-based programs around the state, has worked with landowners to protect over 441,687 acres of land in Montana.

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### 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](mailto: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.

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