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Special Session Begins June 16

The State legislature will be looking for money during the June special session which starts June 16 in Helena.

At the invitation of elementary principal Bob Aumaugher, Representative Janet Moore spoke to faculty and staff last month at Seeley Lake Elementary school.

Moore addressed a small group of teachers and citizens who were concerned about the possible cuts to the educational Foundation program.

Moore indicated that she thought legislators would pass revenue raising bills during the special session that would temporarily cover the current state deficit (which is close to \$85 million). However, Moore expressed deep concern about the federal Gramm-Rudman legislation which will be put into effect by October 15, 1986. Moore's figures indicate that Montana will lose more than \$80 million in federal aid.

Gramm-Rudman is a problem that probably won't be dealt with until the next regular session, according to Moore.

Montana has had a "revenue fallout" because of poor economic conditions which have lowered state tax revenues, the crisis in agriculture and the drop in oil prices, among other things.

Montana loses \$1.4 million every time the price of oil drops one dollar a barrel, Moore said.

The state also lost money that legislators thought they had gained during the special session in March. Burlington Northern has tied up \$10.6 million by challenging legislation which raised their property taxes to 11.5%.

State revenue generated from tax on liquor is down because the consumption of alcohol has dropped.

Moore believes that the House will pass a lottery bill in June. She also

expects to see a 10% surcharge on income tax, and a three-to-five cent gasoline tax.

Other states have solved their revenue problems by implementing "a full-blown sales tax" which Moore does not support because she feels that the people of Montana do not support it, and because it would "hit the farmers and ranchers" who are already hard pressed.

Montana's constitution requires a balanced budget. "We can't run in the red like the federal government," Moore said.

The special session in June will cost taxpayers approximately \$35,000 per day.

Committee meetings begin next week.

Water Board Issues Restrictions

Because of the extremely hot weather and heavy water usage recently, the Seeley Lake Water District has begun enforcing seasonal water restrictions.

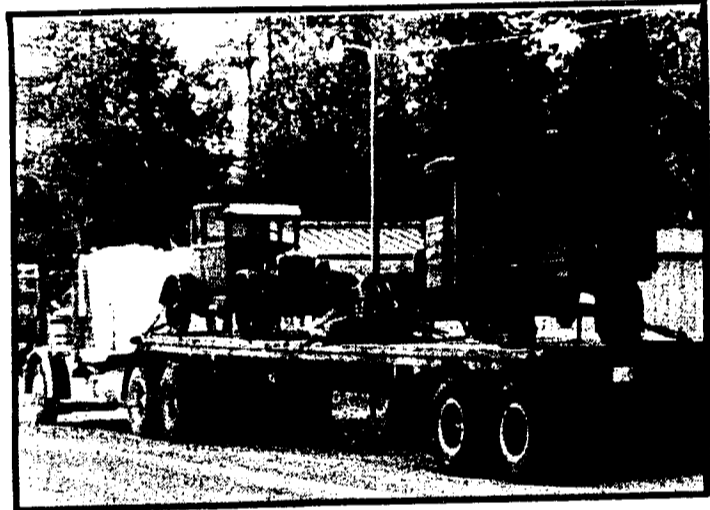
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The water district ran out of water temporarily last summer when a tank went dry.

"There will still be water available in that situation, but there wouldn't be any pressure," according to Doreen Culver, secretary for the water district, who emphasized the importance of conserving water at this time.



The new and the old: Robert Thompson, Moore, Montana stopped for dinner in Seeley Lake last week. He owns the 1976 Peterbilt; his brother-in-law owns the 1928 Fords.

BACKPACKERS RETURN SAFELY

The Missoula County Sheriff's Department received a call last week that two 19-year-old backpackers were feared lost in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, according to Deputy Scott McDonald.

Roger Davis and Gary Hawkins, Seeley Lake, reportedly told their families that they would return home the evening of May 25, Sunday, from a backcountry trip that began the previous Thursday.

Families of the two men notified local law enforcement Tuesday that they feared the men were lost.

The Missoula County Sheriff's department assisted Powell County officials and Missoula County Search and Rescue in assembling personnel and volunteers to help with the search. The Air Force in Great Falls was asked to assist with an air search. The air search lasted about an hour and a half, and it

was while the plane was refueling in Missoula that the two men arrived at Holland Lake Lodge and notified their families that they were safe.

The men were 60 miles from where they had told family and friends they would be camping.

They did not file a trip plan at the Pyramid trailhead or with local ranger districts.

McDonald emphasized the importance of filing accurate trip plans when going into the backcountry or wilderness.

When major changes are made, McDonald suggested that hikers report into the nearest wilderness ranger stations.

The two men stopped at Big Prairie but did not, or could not, use the phone there to notify relatives of their change in plans.

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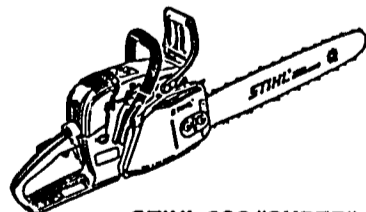
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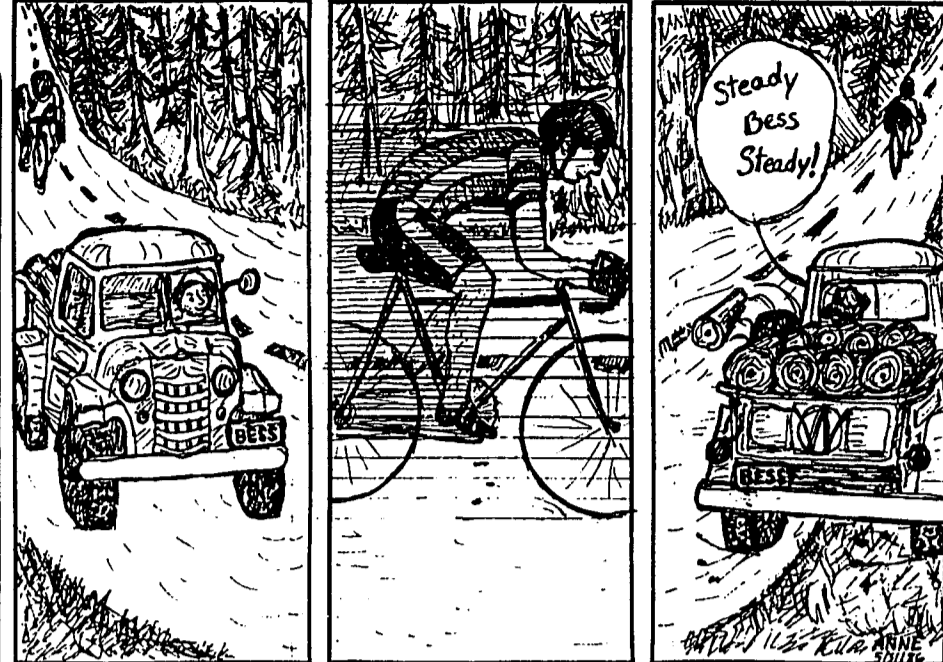
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OPINION

There's a Lot Happening...

In our community, a lot more than one might have imagined. Each of us has his or her unique perspective on activities and events in the Seeley Swan and Blackfoot valleys. This perspective is the product of happenstance - the result of seeing or hearing about things by virtue of being in a specific place at a specific time. Since the laws of physics constrain the ability to be in more than one place simultaneously, it is a real challenge to know about every worthwhile thing that's happening.

That, of course, is the nature of our task, perhaps never fully attainable, at the Pathfinder. We hope that we are helping to broaden our community's awareness, at least with respect to the more significant news stories. But the heart of the matter is this: In the process of assembling the news over the last few weeks, we have been struck by how much is occurring in so many corners of the community. And the news is good - many dynamic, exciting, positive things are happening. For the most part, this seems to arise from the initiative of talented, creative individuals rather than from a "knee-jerk" reaction to events that have overtaken us.

There is genuine "electricity" in the air lately - have you noticed? If not, get out there and look around. We all share a really great dwellingplace, and it seems that it's getting better all the time.

- Dick Potter

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The Ties That Bind Us...

The Seeley Swan area is tough to define geographically. Most of us see ourselves as living in part of the Clearwater or Swan River drainages, but the "ties that bind us" go beyond nature's boundaries.

School districts tie us together. Kids from Ovando, Greenough, Seeley Lake and the Swan Valley attend Seeley Swan High School. As taxpayers, we all contribute to funding of that school system through income taxes, property taxes and voted levies.

We are tied together by our legislative and senatorial districts, which reach from the Lake County line north of Condon south, nearly to Anaconda, Clinton and East Missoula.

The Missoula County Commissioners govern us all and we, in turn, pay for their services through our taxes.

Pathfinder notes that the socioeconomic area served by businesses in Seeley Lake and Swan Valley includes parts of three counties, four legislative and senatorial districts, five school districts, two national forests, the state forest, state and county highway departments, a defined water district, one rural fire department, a refuse board and a hospital district.

We, as taxpayers, are governed by and pay for services that at times seem scattered, unrelated and unavailable to the public.

Next week, Pathfinder will begin a series of articles aimed at untangling the web of government that has fallen upon us by defining the roles of each of the various "ties" that bind us.

About Our Photos

All news photos are taken by the Pathfinder News Editor unless otherwise noted.

Grant Lindemer, Seeley Lake, is presently developing, printing and screening our news photos.

Wedding and engagement photos will be printed in a timely manner when possible. Color photos may be submitted but extra time must be allowed for printing. Black and white pictures are preferred.

Business of the Week
SWAN VALLEY CENTRE



In August, Bill & Jo Lynn Mahaffey will celebrate their 10th year as proprietors of the Swan Valley Centre general store and welding shop. The Mahaffeys moved here from Pocatello, Idaho where Bill had been employed by Garrett Freightways.

Bill's specialty is welding and he particularly enjoys custom fabrication of items such as woodstoves

and barbecue grills. "I learned to weld when I was 12 years old. I was the smallest guy on the ranch and the only one who could crawl around inside the combines, so they put me to work," he said.

Bill & Jo Lynn also celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary last week. They have three daughters: Teresa Lynn, Kay Lee, and Jo Holly.

Swan Valley Centre carries a variety of grocery, fishing, and hardware items. They also have shower facilities available.



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New Junior High On Agenda For June 5 Board Meeting

There will be a special Seeley Lake Elementary school board meeting Thursday June 5 at 7:00 pm in the Elementary library to discuss preliminary plans for the possibility of holding a public election to construct a new junior high building.

During the past several years, the Seeley Lake Elementary Board of Trustees has reviewed the space requirements concerning the elementary school district. Various Office of Public Instruction reviews and other inspecting bodies have made recommendations in a number of areas to the Board for needed expansion.

Several months ago, the Board hired an architect to draft some preliminary cost estimates to answer those recommendations.

Prior to making a formal presentation to local voters, the Board needs to complete the following:

1. Make accurate cost estimates of any proposed construction.
2. Identify the actual impact such construction will have on local taxpayers.

Once the Board has the information they need, a public meeting will be held for formal input from the community.

Any building program would require a positive vote from the local taxpayers.

Six From Seeley Lake Area Finish Degrees

Six former Seeley Swan High School graduates will complete their college degrees this spring.

From Montana State University at Bozeman:

Scott Gossard, son of Boyd and Pat Gossard, will receive a Bachelor of Science degree (B.S.) in construction engineering technology.

Mitch Baretta, son of Dan Baretta and Geri Netherton, will receive a degree (B. S.) in electronic engineering technology.

Jackie Jungers, daughter of John and Sally Jungers, will receive a degree in Pre-Med.

From Montana Tech in Butte, Dana Wilkie, son of Lynn and Marlene Wilkie, will graduate with a degree in petroleum engineering.

From the University of Montana at Missoula, Steve Johnson, son of Roger and Rhea Johnson, will graduate with a degree in business administration.

Michael Haines, son of Kim and Zelda Haines, will graduate from Western Montana College at Dillon with an education degree with emphasis in math and physical education.

Elks Choose Student of the Year

Heidi Olson, junior at Seeley Swan High School, was presented with the Student of the Year Award by the Hell Gate Elks Lodge in Missoula last Tuesday night.

Elks members selected Heidi because of her outstanding grade point average (4.0), her involvement in extracurricular activities, and honors received during the past year.

Heidi's list of achievements is long and only a few can be listed here.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, which requires students to have at least a 3.5 grade point average, and participation in specific extracurricular activities. She received a Yale Book Award, and the Bausch and Laumb science award. She is Editor of the yearbook, and participated in varsity basketball, cheerleading for the boys basketball, MTI Rainbow Connection (a teenage drug and alcohol abuse prevention program) and was president of her freshmen and sophomore classes, and vice president of the junior class. She works in her spare time at the Elkhorn cafe, teaches aerobics two nights a week in Seeley Lake, and teaches Red Cross approved swimming classes on Seeley Lake in the summer.

Heidi is the daughter of Bob and Doreen Culver of Seeley Lake.



Heidi Olson, Seeley Lake, was named Student of the Year.

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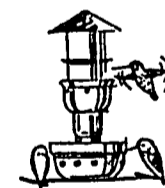
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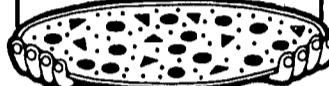
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High School Graduation Sunday June 8

Twenty-eight seniors will graduate from Seeley Swan High School on Sunday. Baccalaureate Services are scheduled for 1:45 p.m. at the high school. Commencement will follow at 3:00 p.m.

Guest speaker for baccalaureate will be Tom Holmes, who is the uncle of Seeley Swan senior Paul Holmes. Speaker for commencement will be C.B. Rich from Seeley Lake. Rich is the grandfather of senior Diane Herron.

Scholarships will be announced at the graduation ceremonies.

The Black Tie Affair will perform at both ceremonies. Refreshments will be served between baccalaureate and commencement in the high school cafeteria.

Eliason Accepts Counselor & P.E. Job at Swan Valley Elementary

Neil Eliason, Bozeman, has verbally accepted a contract offered by the Swan Valley Elementary School Board for the part-time position of counselor and physical education instructor.

The board has not yet received confirmation from other teachers whom they offered positions.

Seeley Post Office Receives Award

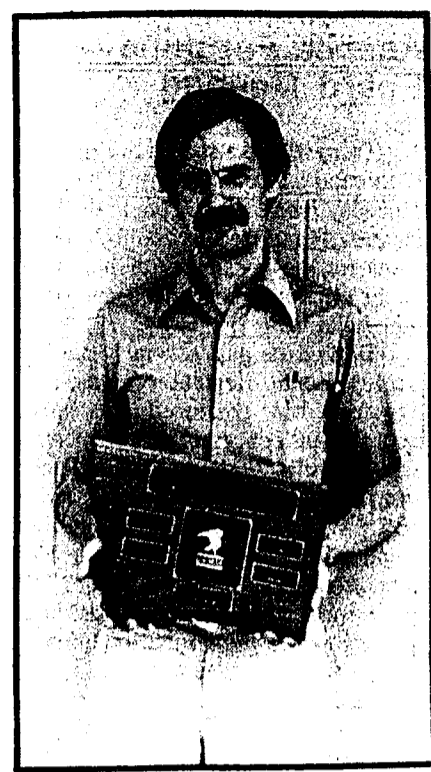
Dennis Nemmers, Seeley Lake Post Office, and his clerks Roselynn Carey and Renae Owens, were awarded the Customer Service Most Valuable Office trophy last month.

The trophy was awarded based on the office that accumulated the most "points" throughout the year.

Points are given on a sliding scale for offices that meet or exceed budgeting goals predicted for the year. Another criterion is whether the post office received any complaints, which Seeley Lake did not.

Seeley Lake won the award for the first quarter last year, and received the trophy permanently because they tallied the most points for the whole year.

Corvallis, Lolo and Sheridan were other post offices which had highest quarterly tallies.



Dennis Nemmers, Seeley Lake Postmaster, displays award for customer service.

Girl's State and Boy's State Delegates Chosen

This year's delegates to Girl's State and Boy's State activities, which will be held next week, are Heidi Olson, Seeley Lake, Colleen McNally, Ovando, and Randy Johnson and Matt Cooper, Seeley Lake.

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary recently selected the delegates to Girl's and Boy's State. Delegates will participate in activities at weeklong sessions in Helena (girls) and Dillon (boys) which are aimed at educating the students about state government. Delegates will participate in mock political campaigns and legislative efforts.



RE-OPENING

HINTZ DISPELS RUMORS; SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BOAT NOT INVOLVED IN "ACCIDENT"

The Missoula County Sheriff's Department received an informational report of a boating incident which occurred May 24 on Seeley Lake.

The Sheriff's Department boat was recently acquired by Missoula County for use by deputies in the Seeley Swan area. The Sheriff's Department is responsible for investigating boating accidents, according to Greg Hintz, Missoula County Undersheriff.

The boat, operated by Hintz, apparently "bumped" into another boat on Seeley Lake. The officers cited the operator of the other boat for not having a valid registration and not having decals displayed on the boat.

"A couple days later," Hintz said, "we were asked to investigate the report." Officials looked at the boat which was "bumped" by the county boat, and concluded that there was no concrete proof that damages were incurred during the incident cited in the report.

No charges have been filed regarding the damaged boat.

Local Girl Wins Award

Cindy Baker, daughter of Ron and Connie Baker, Seeley Lake, has received the Presidential Award for Physical Fitness. The award is "in recognition of outstanding achievement and exceptional dedication to the ideal of a sound mind in a strong body" and is signed "My congratulations to you on this accomplishment, Ronald Reagan."

Classifieds... Pathfinder!

CONGRATULATIONS SEELEY SWAN HIGH SCHOOL 1986 GRADUATES



Top Row: Amy Hahn, Shawna Broderick, Diane Herron, Todd Ding Middle Row: Rob Christman, Tony Talbert, Will Jacobs, Scott Blekken, Paul Holmes, Jeff Culver, RaeDean Bartlett, Justin Haveman, Eddy Jungers, Wendy Hallam, Roger Anderson, Bridget Kennedy, Kevin Talkington, Scott Johnson, Russell Squillante Front Row: Mike Timpano, Dena Jorgensen, Elizabeth Childers, Karla Gehrke, Becki Whitcraft, Tina Kitras, Donna Bowers Not Pictured: Lisa Anderson, Cliff Lemay, Kari McKean

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Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

Last week we froze in the snow and this week we bake in the sun. My poor tomatoes have been doomed from the start this season, but I don't dare complain about this weather!

The asparagus has shot up and gone to seed in the heat, along with my Chinese cabbage. I have heard that you shouldn't plant the cabbage until mid-June. Anybody know for sure?

The yellow transparent apple tree is covered with white flowers, as are the wild trees here by the road. The hawthorne and lilacs are just starting to bloom. Heat and a gentle breeze seem to send their fragrance for miles.

The bear grass is blooming! A sure sign that summer is here. The arnica and wild Oregon grape with their yellow flowers really stand out from the small purple violets which will continue to bloom into July.

The lakes are warming up. Heard there were kids swimming in the pothole at Seeley Lake already, and we

saw a few youngsters at the Holland Lake Beach last weekend.

The sunshine has brought the bears out of hiding. Anne Dahl saw a "big, shiny black bear" on her meadow last week. She suspects he is the young bear they observed last year and has now grown up a bit.

Spring bear hunting closed last weekend, so no more legal hunting until fall.

The whitetail bucks are growing large racks already. Saw a nice one on Pete Rovero's meadow the other night.

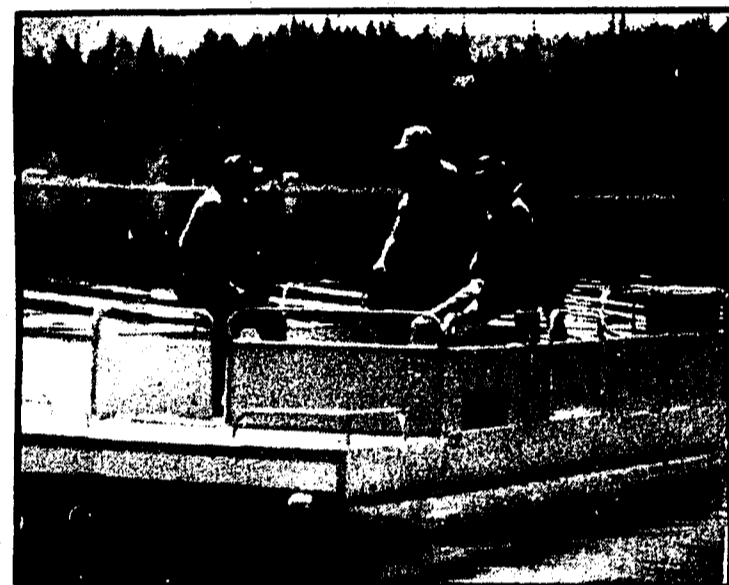
Claudia Kux, Lindbergh Lake, saw a group of Townsend Solitaires recently. They are members of the thrush family, according to the Audubon Bird Guide. She said they seem to be more active this year than in the past.

The Hummingbirds are really going for the juice. We mix ours by putting two heaping tablespoons of sugar in two cups of warm water. Skip and Jess Stratton reported eleven hummers on their feeders last weekend.

Upper Rumble Falls, in the Swan Valley, "broke through" on Memorial Day this year. The falls were "froze solid" until the hot weather hit last weekend. Al and Susie Cox, who live on Guest Ranch Road, have a good view of the falls and said that "there's a lot of water" tumbling off the mountain this week.

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR MAY

Seeley Lake received 1.62 inches of precipitation in May. The maximum temperature for the month was 93 F. and occurred on May 30. The minimum temperature of 19 F. was recorded on May 7.



Left to right: Brian Strohschein, MDFWP; Virgil Roeder, Erv Gysler, and Al Chaffin. Ole Olson was operating the boat as the group returned from planting small salmon in Seeley Lake.

FISHING REPORT

Weather Warms; Rivers Rise

When the Blackfoot River approaches the high water mark, the larger trout move up the Clearwater and other small tributaries, according to local fishing experts.

Use spinners and bait to catch the big ones in the roily water. If you are "sittin' and fishin'," use night crawlers and worms.

Boaters who troll for trout should have pretty good luck with cowbells and worms. If you are looking for Kokanee try leaded line and leader with Triple Teasers.

Microwave Radiation Different From Chernobyl Radiation

The radiation in microwave ovens is not the same kind of radiation that escaped recently from the Soviet nuclear plant in Chernobyl, says a Montana State University household equipment specialist.

Carol Jo Thompson, who is with the Cooperative Extension Service, says county Extension offices have received phone calls from microwave oven owners asking about the safety of the ovens in light of the recent U.S.S.R. disaster.

"When properly used and cared for, microwave ovens needn't worry people," says Thompson. "Microwave-produced radiation, like light and sound waves, is non-ionizing. It is much less powerful than ionizing radiation. Nuclear reactors and x-ray machines are examples of ionizing radiation producers."

Ionizing radiation is cumulative and powerful enough to alter biological functions and explode atoms. Non-ionizing radiation does not accumulate. Exposure may cause a burn, but not biological change.

"Research shows there is no way to receive exposure from a microwave oven without bypassing several safety interlocks. Were a microwave oven to leak, it is possible to receive a tissue burn after being in direct contact with the radiation leak for several hours," explains Thompson.

Because microwaves become less powerful the farther they travel from the source, standing away from the appliance while it is in use is a good idea, says the specialist.

"Only in the past 100 years have we even begun to harness the radiation that has been part of the universe since time began. Science has barely scratched the surface in learning about microwaves, so some precautions are wise. As designed today, however, microwave ovens are considered to be as safe as an appliance can be."

Home Health Services Available For Seniors

Home health care is available for seniors over age 60 in the Seeley Swan area, according to Marion Kincaid, home service provider from Seeley Lake.

In the past, Kincaid has helped people with personal care services such as cooking, bathing, and hair shampooing.

She said that a lot of her time is spent helping seniors split firewood and haul it inside, and also helping with snow removal.

The program, which is contracted through Mountain West Home Service, Missoula, is funded by State and Federal grants, and by donations from recipients.

More information on the program is available by calling Kincaid at 677-2382 or by contacting Judy Cox, Mountain West Home Services, 715 Kensington #15, Missoula, Montana 59801, phone 549-8970.

Seniors Organize Bingo

The Seeley Lake Senior Citizens group (Sela Scnci) has organized Bingo games to be held the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Community Hall. The Bingo is open to the public, with prizes awarded nightly.

The Bingo was brainstormed by the group in an effort to raise additional funds for the senior's nutrition program which received a 3.4% cut earlier this spring as the result of the The Gramm Rudman Act.

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CORNUCOPIA



by Michele Potter

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Chicken was cooked in many innovative ways at the 36th National Chicken Cooking Contest held in Asheville, North Carolina. Each of the 51 finalists was already a winner, having been chosen the best recipe from each state and the District of Columbia. Our Montana finalist was Teresa Wallace from Kalispell with her "Chicken Chablis" (call me for that recipe).

One chicken recipe from Karen Johnson (Kansas) was selected by judges as the new \$10,000 chicken recipe - "Chicken with Lime Butter." And four others were good enough to share an additional \$10,000 in prizes.

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| 1/2 teaspoon pepper | 1/2 teaspoon dill weed |

Sprinkle chicken on both sides with salt and pepper. In large frypan, place oil and heat to medium temperature. Add chicken and sauté about 4 minutes, or until lightly browned. Turn chicken, cover and reduce heat to low. Cook 10 minutes, or until fork can be inserted in chicken with ease. Remove chicken and keep warm; drain off oil and discard. In same frypan, add lime juice and cook over low heat until juice begins to bubble. Add butter, stirring, until butter becomes opaque. Stir in chives and dill weed. Spoon sauce over chicken. Makes 6 servings.

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 "Anyone who isn't schizophrenic these days just isn't thinking clearly!" observed a comedian about the times in which we live. And we all know exactly what he meant, don't we? Headlines like "Lumber Mill Lays off 500" or "Terrorists Blow up Airliner" or "Study Concludes Cancer Rate Increasing," are all too familiar to us. Problems like these seem like giants ready to crush us. We can't fight them, so we try to escape them.

Some of us, as the comic noted, rely on mental escape routes ranging from daydreaming to schizophrenia and psychosis. Others accomplish their getaway by donning stereo headphones and bombarding their senses with music so loud it drowns out the threats of the giants. For others, sporting events serve as a means to block out reality and still others utilize alcohol or drugs. Whatever the means, escape is the name of the game. Modern man is an escape artist frantically searching for a little island of peace and security.

Of course, escape is not the answer because in fact escape from modern "giants" is impossible. Shut them out,

ignore them, deny their existence all we want, they aren't going to just disappear. Ultimately we must wake up from our daydream, take off the headphones, turn off the football game, or return to sobriety. And when we do, there they stand ready to gobble us up. We don't need escape routes. What we need is a Giant Killer.

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Swan Valley Eighth Grade
 Graduation, June 6

Swan Valley Elementary
 School Board, June 10, 7:30 pm, Swan
 Valley Elementary library

Water Board, June 10, 8:00 pm,
 REA building, Seeley Lake

Bingo, June 12 & 26, 7:00 pm,
 Seeley Lake Community Hall, open to
 the public

Powell County Judging Day,
 June 14, 9:00 am, Terry Smith Ranch,
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Amy Hahn Fundraiser, Barbe-
 cue dinner on Father's Day, June 15, at
 Holland Lake Lodge

Condon/Swan Valley QRU,
 June 16, 7:30 pm

Baby sitting Clinic, June 18,
 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, Swan Valley
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The services will be held every Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. through - out the summer and will be held in a clearing north of the parking lot which is near the swimming beach.

Pastor Rod Kvamme, resident of Seeley Lake, will direct the services in cooperation with other local pastors and congregations. At a recent meeting of the pastors, it was decided that a Saturday evening service would be preferable to one on Sunday morning because it would allow residents to participate without interfering with Sunday morning schedules.

The outdoor gatherings are new to Seeley Lake this year. Beginning July 5, the informal 45-minute service will include "The Purple Puzzle Tree," a children's puppet show presented by Steve, Cheri and Sean Thompson.

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Sports Scholarship Winners Announced; Hahn Fundraiser a Success

The Blackhawk Booster Club announced winners of two \$200 scholarships at the annual Sports Banquet held last Friday night at the Seeley Swan High School cafeteria.

Amy Hahn, daughter of Lloyd and Carolyn Hahn, Swan Valley, and Paul Holmes, son of Mike and Sue Holmes, also of Swan Valley, will receive the \$200 scholarship when they register for college next fall.

The Amy Hahn Fundraiser Auction held immediately after the Sports Banquet was a real success, according to Carolyn Hahn, fundraiser coordinator.

"We're nearing the \$2000 mark," she said. The group needs to raise nearly \$3000 by July to send Amy Hahn to China. Amy was selected earlier this spring to participate in track and field events in The People's Republic of China in July. She will join other outstanding teenagers from around Montana.

Fundraising efforts are continuing, according to Hahn, who is in charge of ticket sales for the upcoming raffle. A three-day trip for two into the Bob Marshall Wilderness, sponsored by Lloyd and Carolyn Hahn of Sun River Outfitters, will be raffled at a fundraising barbecue dinner (Ribs For Amy!) to be held Father's Day at Holland Lake Lodge, Swan Valley.

Tickets for the raffle are \$2.00 each; tickets for the dinner will be available "at the door" for \$5.00 each.

SPORTS



Softball season is underway. The Seeley Lakers beat Helmville last Wednesday night.

World Snowmobile Gathering Slated for Alberta

The 18th International Snowmobile Congress will be held in Calgary, Alberta June 11-15. Four general sessions will be held during the Congress: Liability Insurance, Report on the American Outdoors, All-Terrain Vehicles, Communications with Snowmobilers.

Major snowmobiling groups, including the Montana Snowmobile Association, will participate in the Congress. The membership of the Montana Snowmobile Association includes recreational clubs (such as the Seeley Lake Drifters) and dealers (such as Seeley-Swan Sports), according

to Marvin Hammer, District 3 Representative for the Montana group. Individuals who are interested in attending the Congress should contact Hammer in Missoula at (406) 251-2698.

Meet of Champions Held In Great Falls Last Weekend

The top "placers" at the recent State Track Meets from all Classes of schools statewide competed last weekend in Great Falls at a special "Meet of Champions."

Several members of the girls Blackhawk track team did well at the meet. Amy Hahn placed fifth in the 200 meter dash; Shauna Haines tied for fifth in the high jump; Teresa Frye placed fifth in the 300-meter hurdles. The relay teams competed but did not place at the special meet.

Seeley Swan Fisheries Bring Dollars Into Area

In the late seventies and early 1980's, a study of the Swan Valley estimated monetary values of the fisheries to be about \$788,000 a year, "every year," according to Mike Aderhold, Kalispell Division of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Aderhold spoke at the Fourth Annual Conference on Tourism Sponsored by Montana Info of Condon and Holland Lake Lodge earlier this spring.

To further illustrate the value of hunting and fishing resources, Aderhold also cited a national study conducted in 1980 which concluded that the national hunting and fishing industry was worth \$40 billion annually. "That's worth more money annually than J.C. Penney, Sears, and General Motors combined," Aderhold said.

Bob Scott, Seeley Lake, has also gathered information from various studies that show that the average "per party" visit to the area by sportsmen fishing for bull trout generates about \$450 in Seeley Swan communities.

Seeley Lake can support 10,000 "fisherman days" (one fisherman for one day) annually, according to Scott. This is worth about \$48.30 per day to the Seeley Lake community, or \$483,000 per year, he added.

Mike Aderhold also pointed out that a community's "reputation for wildlife viewing and fishing" is often a determining factor that potential visitors to the area may use when planning vacations.

Bob Scott, Larry Copenhaver, Al Chaffin, Erv Gysler, Hank Lipsey, Ole

Olson and Virgil Roeder, among others in the Seeley Lake Community, have worked hard in the past five years to specifically improve the fishing in Seeley Lake.

Last week, for instance, several of these people assisted a MFWP biologist and planted 100,000 small Kokanee salmon in the lake.

A short history of the recent fish plants in the lake provided by Bob Scott illustrates the need for long range planning of the local fishery.

Rainbow trout which were traditionally planted in the lake did not stay in the lake but, rather, migrated to the Blackfoot River. About 1984 the MFWP began planting various sizes of McBride cutthroat in the lake in an experimental effort to improve the

fishery. The McBride cutthroat, named for McBride Lake in Yellowstone Park where they originated, are fish-eating fish with good spawning ability. They are not particularly migratory, grow up to four or five pounds and are relatively long-lived.

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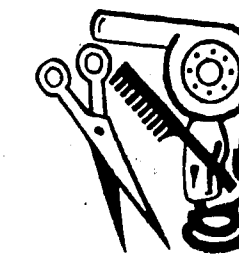
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Wages Down; Production Up In Local Mills, Plants

Output of Montana's wood products plants in the first quarter of 1986 was up slightly from the last quarter of 1985, but production employment and wages were at the lowest quarterly level in three years, according to a University of Montana research office.

The quarterly figures, compiled by the UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research, are gathered through a survey done in cooperation with the Montana Wood Products Association. The survey includes 32 plants, accounting for over 90 percent of the state's wood products manufacturing activity.

Charles E. Keegan, Bureau research - er, said the drop in employment is due to a continuing trend within the industry toward increased mechanization as well as changes in the types of products produced and the size of logs use.

Lumber production during the quarter was reported at 326 million board feet, 12 million board feet higher than the previous quarter, Keegan said. Plywood production was up, from 146 million square feet in the fourth quarter of 1985 to 158 million square feet in the first quarter of 1986.

Figures for the same quarter a year ago show lumber production at 320 million board feet and plywood production at 157 million square feet.

An average of 4,263 production workers were on the job during the first quarter of 1986, compared to 4,405 for the fourth quarter of 1985. Total wages paid to production workers were \$26,033,000 in the first quarter of 1986, compared to \$27,200,000 for the fourth quarter of 1985.

A year ago, in the first quarter of 1985, there were 4,417 production workers, and they earned \$26,510,000.

The figures refer only to production workers at mill sites and do not include the several thousand workers in logging, trucking and other related areas.

Farmer's Market Opens

The Missoula Farmer's Market opens Saturday, June 7 for its fifteenth season, for local folks who want to buy or sell vegetables, plants, flowers, honey, eggs and bread.

The Market will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the north end of Higgins Avenue along Railroad Street where the new city park is being constructed.

Kozy Korner Bus Route To Be Discussed

The recent request by families in the Kozy Korner area to extend the elementary bus route from Placid Lake will be discussed at a special board meeting Thursday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m.

The board will discuss costs with JoAnn Heningger, who is the transportation contractor for the school.

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Goodbye Junior High, Hello High School!



Jacketed young men in white shirts and ties; young women in high heels and long, flowing gowns. The eighth grade class of Seeley Lake Elementary graduated May 29 with a traditional ceremony in the Elementary gymnasium.

Valedictorian was Tracy Lynn Malone. Salutatorian was Ralph Henry Prazak, Jr.

Barry Anthony DeLeo received an award for perfect attendance for the 1986-87 school year.

Bill Peña, guest speaker, encouraged students to dream. "Dream big," he said, "Dream realistically, and always have hope. Please don't stop learning and growing."

Twenty-four graduating students presented roses to their families, a tradition at Seeley Lake Elementary.

Highlights of the ceremony included the reading of the class will and prophecy.

Pastor Roger Combs presented the invocation and benediction.

The following is a list of the graduates:

- Laura Ann Bernstrauch
- Derek James Broderick
- Pamela Lynn Brown
- Lorena Louise Cahoon
- Cary Ann Catonguay
- Shannon Kimberly Combs
- Barry Anthony DeLeo
- Leanne Holly Dillree
- Anthony C. Eichenlaub
- Stacey Jo Herncane
- Tracy Lynn Malone
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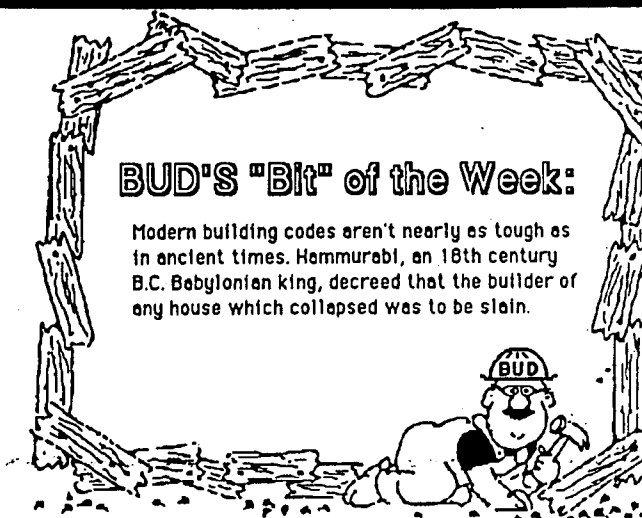
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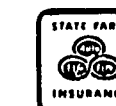
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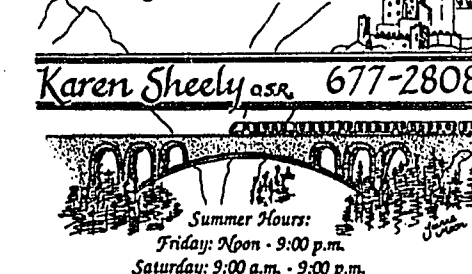
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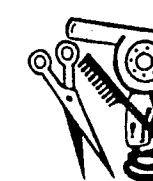
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Emergency First Aid will be covered along with hints for children's snacks and meal preparation. Participants will learn how to use a standard "babysitter's checklist" of things such as emergency phone numbers, and specific items a parent might want babysitters to do.

For more information call the Swan Valley Community Library on Wednesdays or Fridays at 754-2521.

Seeley Hosts Old Time Country Dancers

The Missoula Folklife Society hosted a gathering of like-minded folks at the Seeley Lake Community Hall on Saturday, May 31.

Sandal-footed women in cotton dresses and barefooted men in blue jeans listened and danced to music performed by players and callers from Missoula, Helena, Bozeman and Kalispell.

Contra dancing originated in New England and is distinctly different from old time square dancing and "clogging" which originated in Appalachia, according to Diane Stinger, Helena, who enjoys playing guitar and other musical instruments for country dancers.

Contra dancing, which was the main event Saturday, has become popular recently in Montana.

"They (callers) teach it and then you dance it," Stinger said, referring to both contra and traditional square dancing.

Folklife enthusiasts chose Seeley Lake as the site for the third annual gathering because "it's in the middle" of the Whitefish, Missoula, Bozeman and Helena areas, according to Connie Kuether, fiddle player from Whitefish.

The event was well-attended by local families and visitors from outside of Seeley Lake.

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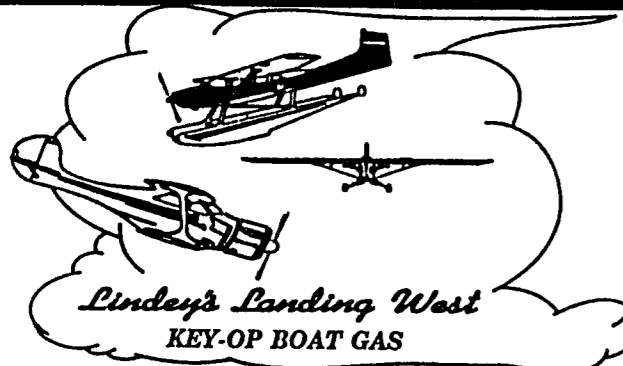
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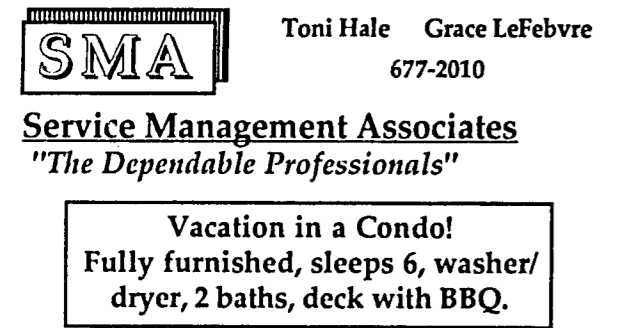
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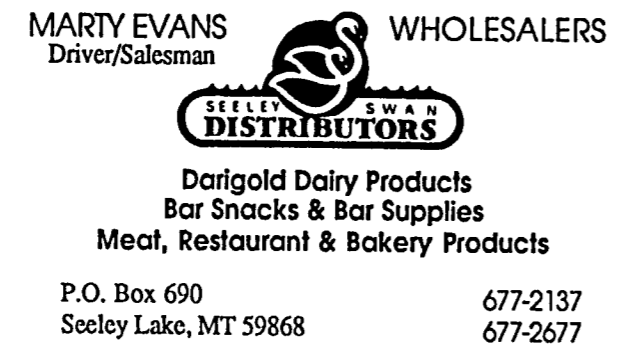
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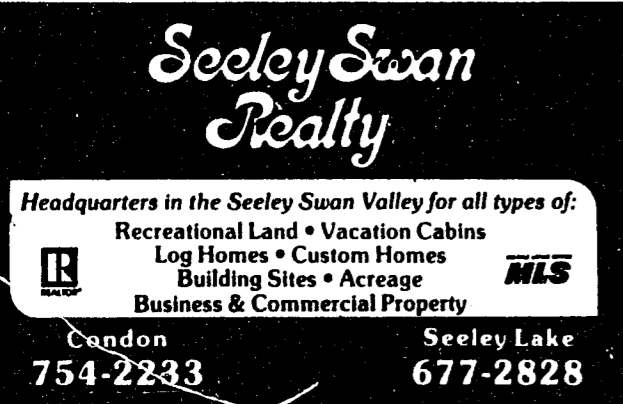
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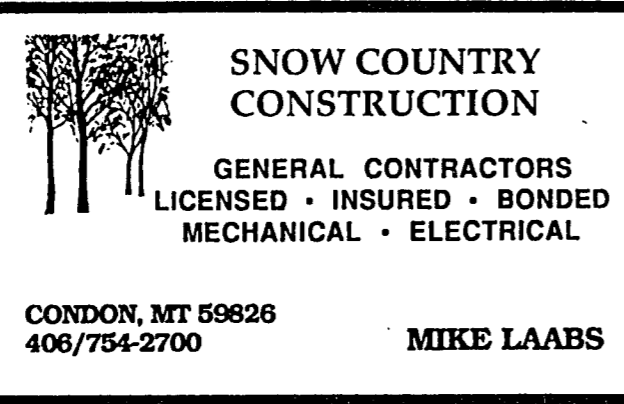
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Chamber Plans Salebration

Seeley Lake has a reputation for providing plenty of entertainment on the Fourth of July holiday, and it looks like 1986 will be no exception.

On July 4, a parade is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. Additionally, the Chamber will be organizing a Salebration, amateur auctioneer contest and auction.

The Salebration will take place all day July 4 and 5 in the lot next to the Chamber Office. People are being invited to bring arts, crafts, antiques, household items, and home dealer products to sell during the holiday. Booth space is available at \$2 a foot.

An auction will be held on Saturday, July 5, at 1:00 p.m. to sell consigned and donated items. The auction will be kicked off with an amateur auctioneer contest. Contestants will try to auction the same item and the winner will be determined by the largest solicitation.

The parade promises to be better than ever with more floats, a pack string, dog sled team and a few surprises including a rolling gun fight put on by the local group "Wilderness Renegades."

The theme of this year's parade will be "Recreation in Montana."

There will be a concert on Barney's "Green" immediately following the 4th of July parade. Performing will be the Mission Mountain Messengers, Swan Valley Christian Singers and Marge's Barstool Four (a local barbershop quartet).

Deadline for auction items and booth space is June 25. For more information contact the Seeley Condon Chamber of Commerce at 677-2880.

HOPE Two Years Old

Norm Nash, Montana Highway Patrol, is engaged in speaking to various community groups about the Patrolmen Association's very successful HOPE Project, now two years old. The project's purpose is to make dreams come true for terminally ill children. Examples include all-expenses paid trips to popular vacation spots such as Disney World. According to Nash, every effort is made to accommodate a child's wish, no matter what it might be.

HOPE's Board of Trustees recently commissioned artist Stan Lynde (of Rick O'Shay fame) to develop a "Patrol Bear" logo. The logo will be appearing on all future HOPE communications, along with a new slogan: "The Bears That Care."

Nash is particularly interested in receiving the names of children who may qualify for the project.

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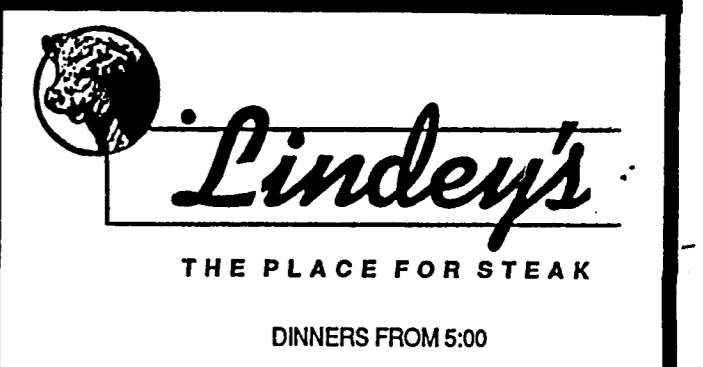
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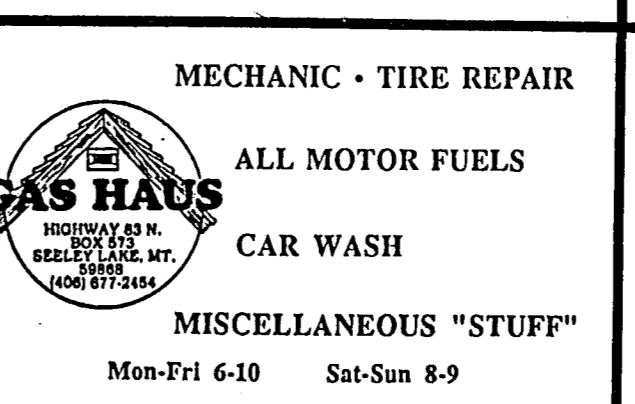
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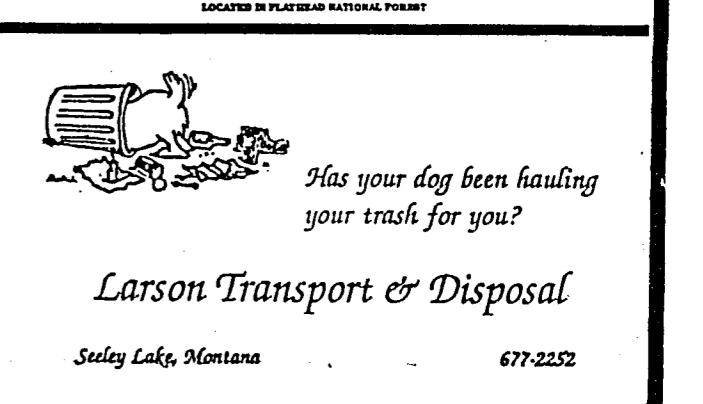
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New Business Reclaims Small Forest Materials

Alpine Products of Condon, a post and pole operation which began early in 1985, uses the smaller lodgepole trees so abundant in the Swan Valley, to make a variety of fencing and landscaping materials, according to Al Childs, owner/operator of the business.

Childs has invested in a Morbark peeler--sort of a giant pencil sharpener--which peels and "sizes" lodgepole up to six inches in diameter with little or no taper.

In addition, Childs has assembled a rip saw to make split rails out of the sized materials.

Split rails are easy to put up and last two to three times longer than round rails, according to Childs. Snow and water don't sit on the rails because of the flat sided surface against the post.

"You want to Cadillac-up a fence, put those split rails on and oil 'em. They make a beautiful fence," Childs said.

Childs makes use of even the smallest lodgepole materials by making tree props, or tree stakes, which are sized to about two-inches in diameter with no taper and "pointed" on the end so they will pound into the ground easier.

He has recently been contacted by people in Missoula who want to buy tree stakes and smaller sized materials to use as bean poles and other garden props.

The Morbark peeler can size about 150 tree stakes an hour.

Tree props are used mainly in California to stake young fruit trees and also in large landscaping projects to prop up newly planted trees.

Most of the finished products are shipped out of state, according to Childs. The demand for his product in Montana is steadily increasing, however. He sells fencing materials in the Mission Valley on a regular basis.

"A guy in Billings has built some playground forts with some of these sized materials," Childs said. He pointed out that the Morbark peeler leaves a smooth surface on the peeled lodgepole, and that people have even built cabins with the larger sized rails and logs.

Most of the lodgepole that is utilized by Alpine Products comes from Forest Service land. Although the

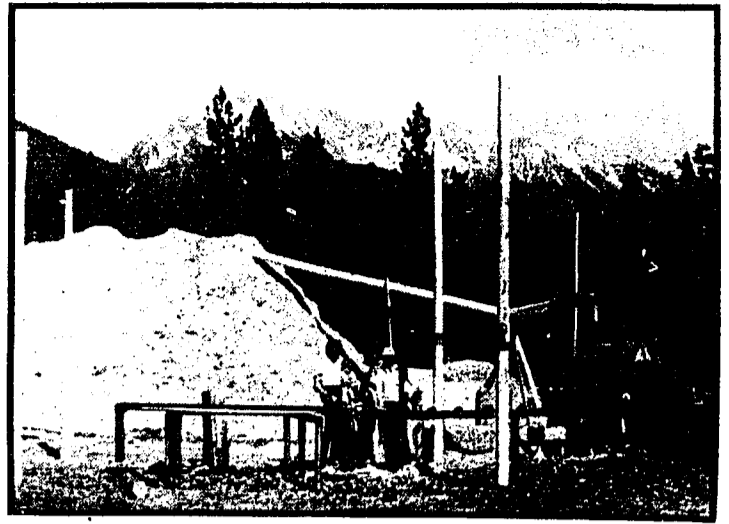


Forest Service is "kind of slow" getting materials lined out for "cutters," Childs thinks that there is plenty of material available in the valley.

Childs estimates that he had about 10 "pretty steady cutters" bringing in posts, rails and tree stakes at the height of the season last year. He has fabricated a special "roller table" next to the peeler that has helped speed up production. He also plans to build a roof over the area this summer to improve working conditions.

Being self employed, for Childs, means putting in 12 and 16 hour days. "Eventually, I hope to be able to take weekends off!" he laughed.

Childs was raised in Montana and moved to the Swan Valley about three years ago.



Left: Al Childs demonstrates some of the functions of Morbark peeler. Above: Childs explains operation of peeler to visitors at Alpine Products of Condon.

FOR THE RECORD

Local deputies issued \$120 in citations to boat operators over the Memorial Day weekend, according to Deputy Scott McDonald.

Memorial Day weekend was the first time local officers used the newly-acquired boat purchased by the Missoula County Sheriff's Department.

Most of the citations issued were for outdated boat registrations and failure to display current decals, according to McDonald.

CONDON POST OFFICE BOXES TEMPORARILY OUT OF ORDER

Because of recent construction and renovation at the Mission Mountains Mercantile in Condon, residents who receive their mail in post office boxes will temporarily have to get their mail from a walk-up window outside of the building from approximately June 12 through June 30.

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