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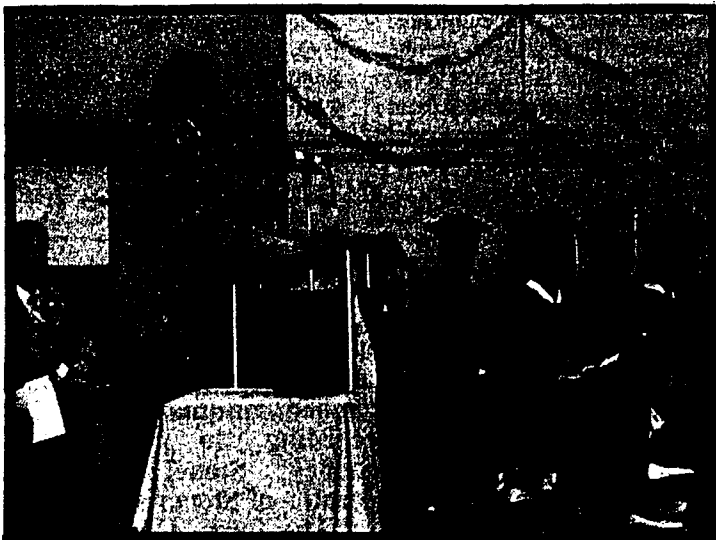
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Seeley Swan High School

GRADUATION!!!!



C. B. Rich addresses Seeley-Swan graduating class; Tom Holmes (far left) was baccalaureate speaker.

FERC Prepares Environmental Assessment For Circle Arrow Hydro

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is now preparing an environmental assessment on the proposed Circle Arrow Hydro Project near Lake Inez, according to J. T. Griffin, FERC Washington, D. C. Office.

Griffin declined further comment on the project but agreed to provide information at a later date to *Pathfinder*.

FERC does not ordinarily publish their environmental assessments, but will mail them to interested individuals and agencies involved in the project, according to Larry Pederman, biologist

with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Helena.

Pederman pointed out that Environmental Impact Statements are not usually completed on the "smaller" hydro projects which he has been involved with, such as Circle Arrow, and that FERC completes environmental assessments instead.

FERC is responsible for the licensing of all private hydro power plants where power is commercially marketed. In the case of Circle Arrow, a private developer will be building the facility, not the Army Corps of Engineers, according to Pederman.

The MDFWP has filed as an intervenor in the project, requesting specific engineering information, and also projected impacts on wildfowl habitat above the proposed site. Information may be available later this week from FERC concerning the agency's request.

Twenty-eight seniors graduated from the halls of Seeley Swan High School Sunday June 8. The highlights of the two ceremonies--baccalaureate and commencement--were the speeches delivered by Tom Holmes and C.B. Rich.

Tom Holmes is Paul Holmes' uncle, and Tom and his brother Mike were raised in the Swan Valley. He is a Deacon for the Catholic Church and now lives in the Bitterroot Valley near Hamilton. Holmes is the Work Program Officer for the Trapper Creek Job Corps. Holmes presented an inspirational service at the baccalaureate and also gave the invocation and benediction for commencement.

C.B. Rich, Seeley Lake, was introduced by his granddaughter Diane Herron, a graduating senior. (See related story this issue.)

Rich encouraged the graduates to make sound decisions as they begin their adult lives after commencement, and stressed the importance of continuing their formal education at a college, vo-tech or university.

"Gather all of the best information you can get, apply all of the best reasoning you can, and make good decisions," Rich said.

Rich cautioned graduates against drinking and driving. "Helen and I have friends in Eastern Montana who will suffer the rest of their lives from bad decisions by their children on graduation keggers.

"One boy joined a kegger, got too much to drink, wrecked his car, killed his best friend, injured 2 girls, and broke his own neck. He is now paralyzed from the neck down, will be for the rest of his life, and can only move his head," Rich explained, and continued, "I know this is morbid, and serious, but now, in this new decision-making era of your life, decisions are serious!

"Good decisions will take you anywhere you want to go, and bad decisions will follow you the rest of your life, and maybe end that life too early," Rich concluded.

Kim Haines, Seeley Swan High School Principal, presented "Smarty Buttons" to Tina Kitras, Scott Johnson,

Wendy Hallam, and Lisa Anderson. These students all achieved a 3.0 grade point average or better. Missoula County High Schools do not recognize a valedictorian or salutatorian.

Amy Hahn, graduating senior, concluded with a farewell address, "We are not saying goodbye, but hello to a new beginning."

Class motto was "Special times and special places, special friends together; the moments pass so quickly, but the memories last forever."

Several students were recognized for special achievement and are listed elsewhere in this issue of *Pathfinder*.

The Black Tie Affair provided musical entertainment, and the Honor Society served refreshments. Nearly 500 people attended the ceremonies.

Graduating seniors are:

Lisa Anderson
RaeDean Bartlett
Scott Blekkenk
Donna Bowers
Shawna Broderick
Elizabeth Childers
Robert Christman

Bridget Kennedy
Tina Kitras
Clifford LeMay
Jeffrey Culver
Todd Ding
Karla Gehrke
Amy Hahn
Wendy Hallam
Justin Haveman
Diane Herron
Paul Holmes
William Jacobs
Scott Johnson
Dena Jorgensen
Edward Michael Jungers
Elizabeth McKean
Russell Squillante
Anthony Talbert
Kevin Talkington
Michael Timpano
Becki Whitcraft



OPINION

The Missoula Pipeline...

is Jim Cowan's favorite gripe. Jim, as most everybody knows, is president of 1st Valley Bank in Seeley Lake and very active in community affairs. The phenomenon he refers to is the siphoning of our community's cash into the coffers of Missoula (or Kalispell, for that matter). Unfortunately, most of us seem to be regular contributors to this phenomenon.

Typically, when we need something we just automatically hop in the car and go fetch in Missoula. This flies in the face of one of the fundamental propositions of modern economics, which says that, when it comes to monetary matters, people act rationally. The profligate injection of cash into the Missoula pipeline is not a rational act. Consider:

1) Contrary to widespread assumption, prices are not necessarily lower in Missoula. Do some careful comparison shopping and, in many instances, you will be pleasantly astonished. Travel costs and the value of one's time are additional factors to consider.

2) There is a host of new businesses in the community, providing an array of new products and new services. Established businesses are diversifying. Things that were previously available only in Missoula are now available here - something to think about before putting your cash into the pipeline. With a little investigation, you may save yourself some time and money.

3) Quality and service are important elements of a purchasing decision. And that's where a small community generally has a major advantage over a metropolitan area. This is the unsurprising result of having your friends and neighbors "do the work." Our community is no exception, and we are particularly fortunate to have an abundance of skilled craftsmen in diverse areas. The next time you are on the verge of going the "store-bought" route, think about the potential advantages of "custom-made": better value (in terms of cost and durability) and uniqueness.

No doubt there are a few curmudgeons who are thinking that this is a fairly self-serving editorial; admittedly, this particular exposition of opinion is unlikely to offend our advertisers (which is not altogether bad). The main point, though, is that the draining of wealth from our community's economy is highly debilitating.

Economists take delight in attempting to quantify the "multiplier effect" of each dollar which cycles about in an economy. For us non-economists, this just means that the dollar you gave to your neighbor Joe when you bought a widget was then given by Joe to his neighbor Frank for a gadget, and so on. So long as that dollar stays in the community, it does a lot of good. Like creating jobs and prosperity. But when that dollar is piped out of the community, it "dies" with respect to benefiting the community.

Sure, we don't have the infrastructure to be wholly self-sufficient. If you need a new car, for instance, the only "game in town" is out of town. Collectively, though, we can do a lot to help ourselves if we make the pipeline more of a conscious consideration - think a moment before you reflexively hop in the car to go to

Missoula. Are you certain you can't get a better deal locally? No doubt there will always be a pipeline to Missoula, but maybe we can work toward making it less like the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and more like a garden hose.

- Dick Potter

Apathy In The Swan

To the Editor:

The apathy of the new generation of Swan Valley residents is appalling. The past ten years or so has seen a vast influx of new residents to the area who have by a large majority chosen to become hermits since arriving and show no interest in becoming a participating part of our community as evidenced by the turnout and response to the recent annual meeting of the Summit TV Association at the Condon Community Hall. A total of six people attended and since a quorum was not present no business could be conducted. Anyone receiving Butte TV does so only by virtue of our booster translator and are obligated to pay an annual fee of \$10 for this service. The poor return of dues may soon mandate the shutdown of the system due to the inability of the association to continue to pay BN site rental fees, insurance, power bills and maintenance.

Again, the special meeting of the Community Club the evening of June 3 was attended by less than 10 people who were saddled with the decision whether or not to stage a traditional, long standing July 4th celebration and activities. The attending, concerned residents decided it was not in the community's best interest for such a small group to make such a decision. In view of the lack of community support there will be no activity scheduled for the 4th, breaking a valley tradition of over 35 years.

The Community Club is an organization of dedicated, caring valley residents who assume responsibility for the management and maintenance of the community hall and grounds for the benefit of the valley. No dues are required and every resident is a potential member whose input in community affairs is requested and considered at monthly meetings at the hall the third Thursday each month. Young people especially are invited to become involved in community affairs and do their part to preserve Swan Valley traditions and establish new goals for the valley area.

The voting turnout percentages for our Swan Valley precinct are far better than most precincts of Missoula County but are still nothing to brag about. There is no excuse for citizens failing to register or cast a ballot regardless whether the issue is a primary or general election or bond issue.

Those who fail to fill their obligation to vote would be the first to howl like a mangled cat if they lost the right to vote as do many citizens of the world.

Come on residents, exercise your responsibility as part of this community and become active and assist us in making it a better place to live and work.

Charlie Goff
Condon, Montana

Natty Bumpo



Cancer Crusade A Success

To the Editor:

On behalf of the American Cancer Society, I would like to thank area residents for their generous donations to the 1986 Cancer Crusade. This year's contributions totaled \$621, not counting mail-ins. This is a significant increase over previous years and very impressive for a community our size.

Special thanks to this year's Crusaders, Chris Anders, Sharon Ding, Eva Richards, Sue Carlson, Ella Goodbread, Pauline Kvamme, Marge Smith, Gwen Schneider, Gayle Dykstra, and Carol Jacobs. The crusaders are the volunteers who donate their time to go door-to-door in their neighborhoods to collect funds and distribute educational

information for the Cancer Society. Their job is not an easy one. Without their help we would not be able to accomplish this tremendous task.

The funds raised through their efforts support lifesaving programs in research, education, patient service, and rehabilitation. Hopefully what is being accomplished in research today will save future generations from this disease.

We thank the crusaders for their time, energy and a job well done.

Marion Kincaid, Area Chairman
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Phone 677-2382

Business of the Week

STONE'S 4G'S



The blue-eyed hereford bull at Clearwater Junction has been a much photographed landmark for years, according to Warren G. "Stoney" Stone, owner and operator of Stone's 4G's.

"The four 'G's' are Gas, Groceries, Gifts and Goodies," Stoney said.

Stoney and his wife Betty have lived here for 16 years. Stoney was born and raised in Glendive, Montana

and later moved to California. "When we lived in California, we would vacation up here. Now we live here and vacation in California," Betty laughed.

In addition to the basic gas, groceries and gifts, 4G's also has several taxidermy displays of interest to tourists. The huge bull elk, rated number 10 in Boone and Crockett, has seven points on one side and eight on the other. Stoney bought the mount 15 years ago, and last fall had it redone as a "bugle mount." The elk was shot in 1959 near St. Regis, Montana in Mineral County.



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Josephine Vannoy and Lucille Praast at Sunset graduation.

Sunset Graduates Two

Josephine Vannoy and Lucille Praast graduated from Sunset Elementary School the evening of June 2, 1986.

The small classroom, decorated with banners and flowers, was packed with more than 70 friends, family members and the other students from Sunset.

Clyde Praast and Tom Vannoy, fathers of the graduates, were guest speakers. Praast went to the one-room school 26 years ago and remembered the family and friends who supported him and now his children in the Greenough community.

Tom Vannoy, another past graduate of Sunset, urged the graduates to keep God in their hearts as they venture into high school, and to not lose sight of high principles and moral standards.

Jean Clark and Hazel Simonton, missionaries who have been involved in Bible Study classes every Thursday at the school, were recognized for their outstanding contributions over the past thirty years.

Trudy Hallam provided music, and as a surprise highlight, eleven past graduates of the school were asked to sing "America the Beautiful" as part of the entertainment.

"Jo and Lucy" read their class wills, and left something to every other remaining student at Sunset. Applause echoed through the school when the young women willed a big hug and a kiss to schoolmate Samuel Vannoy.

The ceremony concluded with the Benediction by Frank Vannoy.

Swan Valley Graduates 7

Christy Triplett was the valedictorian and Gabrielle Mowlds the salutatorian for the 1986 graduating class at Swan Valley Elementary.

This class is the first to graduate with a ceremony in the new multipurpose room at Swan Valley Elementary, which was decorated with shining banners and the class motto "We should all be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there." The seven graduates are Peter Tor Dahl, Jenny Kathleen Klebenow, Gabrielle Stewart Mowlds, Jason Andrew Squillante, Gary Paul Styler, Tracey Nanette Terrillion, and Christy Megan Triplett.

Lee Tiffin, Swan Valley, was the guest speaker. Tiffin has been a member of the library board, AARP, and assisted with the Gifted and Talented Program at the school. He compared the future of the graduates to a winding path, where they would be "moving up the trails of knowledge." He warned students against wandering off the path. "Look around," he said, urging them to read all the signs along the trail. He added that elementary school was only the base camp in a long climb on the mountain called education.

Each graduating student spoke a few words of thanks to their families before presenting red roses to parents and relatives.

The Black Tie Affair provided musical entertainment. Rev. Jim Patterson, Swan Valley Baptist Church, gave the invocation and the benediction.

Bookmobile Announces Summer Hours

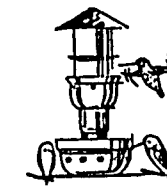
The summer schedule for the bookmobile has been announced: Every other Wednesday and Thursday:

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Double Arrow Lodge Friday, June 20, 1986

Problem Solvers Return

Brian Morin, Jack Shoupe, Janet Williams, and Tom Leonard returned from International Problem Solvers Competition held last week in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The team of seventh grade students qualified for competition by winning the State competition held in Butte in May. They did not place in Ann Arbor, but according to Addrien Marx, who along with Mary Ann Morin, accompanied the team to Michigan, the students ranked among the top ten of 38 teams competing.

The students feel very lucky that they had the opportunity to make the trip and have offered to share their experiences with community clubs and organizations.

The topic that the team studied in preparation for the event was organ transplants. The specific question they

answered pertained to animal/human transplants.

Tom Leonard was selected to write for the newspaper "Future News" and contributed to the editorial section.

There were students from 48 states participating in the event.

The Seeley Lake students have a lot to share about their trip, according to Marx.

They flew out of Missoula to Denver where they boarded a 747 "people's express" with 10 seats across and over 450 people aboard.

From Denver, they flew to Newark, New Jersey (the cheapest way to get to Detroit, according to Marx) where they got to see the Atlantic Ocean.

In Detroit they visited the Greenfield Village where they rode in a horse-drawn carriage and toured the homes of Orville and Wilbur Wright, Thomas Edison, and the Henry Ford birthplace.

"It was phenomenal to see all that in one place," Marx said.

The International competition began with an opening ceremony Sunday night on the University of Michigan campus. Throughout the week in addition to competition events,

students listened to other presentations by scientists, professionals and other specialists.

An overriding theme throughout most of the presentations was that it is not necessary to receive a well rounded education, according to Marx. Professionals are placing more and more emphasis on learning concepts as opposed to teaching information in the educational process.

Many of the kids who attended the competition were involved in the gifted and talented programs in their home states. Three of the top scenario speakers were in gifted and talented programs, and two of those were from "magnet" schools, according to Marx.

"It was good for the Seeley Lake kids to get out and look around," Marx said.

And look around they did! After the competition, the team rode on Amtrak to Chicago where they got a firsthand glimpse of life in the inner city. They flagged a taxi at the railroad station, and the conversation they had with the driver gave considerable insight about city life. One of the students asked him how many people were in downtown Chicago, as they sped through a maze of honking cars and crowds of pedestrians who seemed to be standing still because they were so crowded. The cab driver replied, "Oh, about two million downtown," and the kids all gasped! They told the driver they were from Montana and that there weren't that many people in the whole state. He didn't believe that there could be such a place. According to the taxi driver, there are about three million people accounted for in Chicago and another two million NOT counted.

After the students and chaperones boarded their plane for home at Chicago's O'Hare airport, they were still happy to have had the experience, but glad to be going home.

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Ferndale Opens Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market and Flea Market at the Ferndale Market parking lot opened last Saturday at 9 a.m. Farmers and other interested individuals may sell vegetables, flowers, plants, herbs, bakery items, flea market items and crafts at the weekly Saturday morning event.

Cost per space is \$1.00 and the market is open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. For more information call the Ferndale Market at 837-5597.

Extension of Bus Route Denied

Aumaugher Resigns; New Superintendent To Be Hired Next Month

The Seeley Lake Elementary Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Bob Aumaugher last Thursday night at a special board meeting. Aumaugher had informed the board that he had applied for a position with Evergreen School in Kalispell. He was notified last week that he had been selected as superintendent of that school.

Aumaugher has been the superintendent at Seeley Lake Elementary for the past seven years. He moved here from Jordan, Montana where he had been superintendent at Garfield County High School.

Aumaugher was confident that the board would have many applicants to choose from to replace him and would be able to fill the position in July. The board will begin advertising the opening next week. Application deadline is June 27 for interested educators and teachers.

In other business, the board voted to deny a request by families in the Kozy Korner area to extend the current bus route from Placid Lake to Kozy Korner. The trustees discussed the matter with bus contractor JoAnn Heninger before deciding that the District couldn't afford the additional \$4000 to extend the route.

Crosscut Saloon Reopens

The Crosscut Saloon, Seeley Lake, has reopened under a temporary operating permit from the Montana Liquor Licensing Division, according to Dianna Combs, Division director.

The State received an application for transfer of ownership of the establishment from the current recorded owner to Savage of Seeley Lake, Inc. Rocky Zavarelli, manager of the OK Corral in Missoula, is a major stockholder in the corporation.

The new owners have complied with all regulations except the final investigative report to be completed by the State.

"The issuance of temporary permits is quite common," according to County Attorney Dusty Deschamps.

However, according to Combs, the temporary 45-day operating permit is not a guarantee of approval of the license application by the Liquor Licensing Division.

The Ties That Bind Us

SCHOOL BOARDS

(Editor's Note: the following report was compiled with assistance from Mike Sehestedt, Missoula County Attorney's Office.)

There are five school district boards of trustees in the Seeley Swan area: Missoula County High Schools (Seeley Swan High School is included in the general funding for the county), Seeley Lake Elementary, Sunset Elementary, Swan Valley Elementary, and Salmon Prairie and Swan Lake are combined in one district.

The public decision makers who have been elected to these boards must determine how to spend annual appropriations of money from the State in addition to some voted levies and special "straight line" appropriations such as special education funding.

Meetings are open to the public except in instances where the "merits of individual privacy outweigh the . . . merits of public disclosure," according to Montana law. Reasons for executive, or closed, sessions are for discussion of personnel matters, student-teacher and parent relationships.

Mike Sehestedt, Missoula County Attorney's Office, suggests that boards have "good substantive reasons for closing meetings." He added that "nobody ever went wrong by holding an open meeting unnecessarily."

Regular meetings require 48 hours public notice. Special meetings may be held at the decision of the Chairman or any two members of the Board of Trustees with 48 hours notice to members. Again, all meetings are open to the public, with the above mentioned exceptions.

In addition to the foundation program funding provided by the state of Montana, which is a per-student amount of money, district boards may ask voters to decide on mill levies. Boards may ask for any amount they feel necessary to fund the school district, and they usually outline the needs of the school and balance it against what they think people will pay. If the levy fails, trustees may try again with a special election, (not common because of the cost) or another vote at a scheduled election.

There are no turnout requirements for school elections. One person can decide the vote.

There were 20 students enrolled at Sunset Elementary for the 1985-86 school year. The general fund was \$59,094 which included \$1,323 voted levy and \$11,080 for special education. The meeting for the 1986-87 preliminary budget is not scheduled until July.

Swan Valley Elementary. There were 59 students enrolled at Swan Valley during 1985-86. The general fund was \$220,546, which included \$18,283 for special education. There is no voted levy in the Swan Valley school district.

Swan Lake-Salmon Prairie. These school districts are combined for administrative purposes, but each receives separate funding from the foundation program. The District's voted levy, \$20,633, is split between the schools.

There were 14 students enrolled at Salmon Prairie for the 1985-86 school year. The foundation funding was \$34,023.

There were 13 students enrolled at Swan Lake Elementary. The foundation funding was \$24,227.

School district boards of trustees were set up under the guidelines of the 1972 Montana Constitution, Article 10, Section 8.

CALENDAR

Community Survey meeting at Swan Valley Community Hall, June 19, 8:00 p.m.

Seeley Lake School Board special meeting, June 13, 7:00 p.m. Seeley Lake Elementary library

AARP first Monday of the month, Swan Valley Community hall.

Wilderness Sportsman's Club, June 19, 7:30 p.m. at Lindey's, Seeley Lake

Amy Hahn Fundraiser, Barbecue dinner on Father's Day at Holland Lake Lodge.

Condon/Swan Valley QRU, first and third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m.

Seeley Lake Senior Citizens, Potluck and meeting following, June 18, Seeley Lake Community Hall, 6:30 p.m. sharp.

Bingo, second and fourth Thursday each month, 7:00 p.m. Seeley Lake Community Hall, Open to the public.

Senior Nutrition Program, Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday each week, 12:00 noon, Seeley Lake Community Hall.

Powell County Judging Day, Terry Smith Ranch, just for Powell County 4-H'ers. 9:00 a.m., June 14

Babysitting Clinic, June 20, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Swan Valley Library

Swan Valley PTA, June 17, 7:30 p.m. Elementary library.

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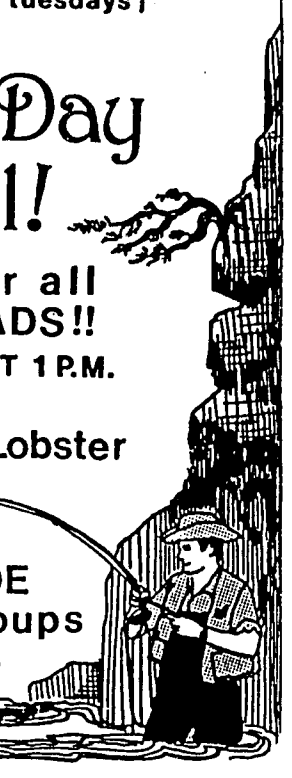
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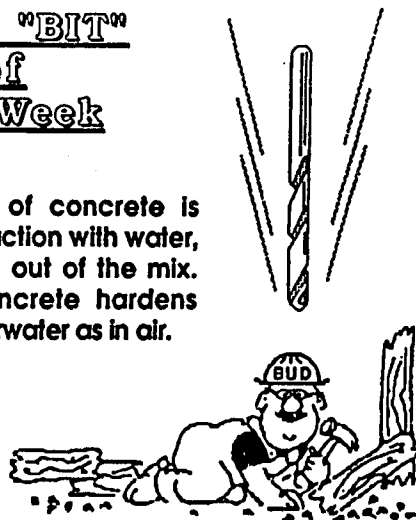
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Bud's "BIT" of The Week

The hardening of concrete is caused by a reaction with water, not by a drying out of the mix. This is why concrete hardens just as well underwater as in air.



PASSAGES

Pastor Christopher Williams
Blackfoot Presbyterian Church

THE TEMPTATION TO QUIT: we face it a number of times each day in many forms and in various ways. In running a long distance race there is always the temptation to just stop picking up your feet. I was told by a friend that several G.I.'s who, when faced with a training mission challenge of eluding the enemy for a few days, decided to give up because "it was just too hard." Perhaps it was a matter of not knowing how. Yet animals far less intelligent than human beings will strive to the point of exhaustion, even death, to elude a life-threatening situation. It is the advanced human that can talk himself into dropping out of

the race early. Apathy plagues our society. A survey once asked what is the greatest problem in America - ignorance or apathy; the overwhelming response was "I don't know and I don't care."

Citing Israel's half-hearted relationship to God at the time to be adultery, the prophet Hosea implores his people to "press on to know the Lord, his going forth is as certain as the dawn; and he will come to us...like the spring rain watering the earth." (Hosea 6:3) When we drop out, be it with our ambitions, a task, a job, a relationship, or life itself, we prevent ourselves from not only experiencing the satisfaction of a job well done but, also, separate ourselves from the fullness of life Christ talks about (John 10:10); we prevent ourselves from knowing God. (Please note that I am not talking about abusive-destructive relationships but about relationships and life situations

that are plagued with stagnation, lack of vitality and joy.) The greater joys come from profound closeness with those around us. There is no such thing as instant intimacy; it deepens only with time, loyalty and commitment.

We not only hinder ourselves but others when we drop out, for God has gifted us each with a unique ministry for the upbuilding of those around us. We who are part of Christ's church are blessed with special gifts for God's purposes. The apostle Paul compared the Christian faith to running a race, of "pressing on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:14) The church, then, as a body of believers is also running a race, a relay race. Each contributing his or her own part as we run this race called life. If one member of a relay team drops out, the whole team loses; if

one member breaks the rules, the whole team is eliminated. Let us in our own lives then press on, run the race with diligence, for our benefit as well as for the benefit of all. Jesus Christ has blazed the trail before us. Let us look to him as we run, for he is both our guide and our goal.

New Lutheran Pastor

Reverend Herb Schiefelbein is the new pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Condon, and Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Seeley Lake. He arrived at his new home in Seeley Lake on June 10 and will be installed as pastor of both churches at 4:30 p.m. on June 15 at Faith Lutheran in Condon. On June 22, he will conduct worship services at Holy Cross at 9:00 a.m. and at Faith at 11:00 a.m.

Schiefelbein moved here from Good Thunder, Minnesota where he was pastor of St. John Lutheran church for more than 18 years.

His service there included being Circuit Pastoral Advisor for Youth, LWML and LLL, Circuit Education Representative, and Circuit Evangelism Representative, as well as conducting Evangelism workshops.

The Reverend's wife, Fran, has also been actively serving congregations for many years. She taught in Lutheran schools in Anaheim, California, in Faibault, Minnesota, and in St. Louis, Missouri. She spent several years teaching adults in remedial reading, was secretary in MCCI, and has served as secretary of St. John Lutheran Church in Good Thunder for the past 15 years. She is also active in camp work as counselor and swimming instructor, and has been involved in many phases of congregational activity.

Pastor and Fran have raised seven children: Rev. Dennis (and Anita) are in Corpus Christi, Texas; Cathryn (and Rev. Daniel) Rinderknecht and four grandchildren reside in Carvel, Alberta; Carol Irvine and granddaughter, and also son David are living in Minneapolis; Jessica (and Douglas) Bishea and grandson reside in Houston, Texas; Doug (and Kim) Schiefelbein's home is Amboy, Minnesota, and Camille remains also in Minnesota, in Mankato.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Condon Community Church**
Sunday School 9:30-10:30 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:45-11:45 am
Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7 pm
Condon Comm. Hall
Pastor Jeff Crippen
- Blackfoot Presbyterian Church**
Pastor Christopher Williams 677-2649
Sunday Service Seeley Lake 11:30
Bible Study Mon. 8:00 pm
Potomac Worship 8:30 am
Bible Study Tues. 8:00 pm
Ovando Worship 10:00 am
- Fundamental Baptist Church**
Sun. School 9:45 am
Sun. Services 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Wed. Eve. Bible Study 7:30pm
677-2268
- Swan Valley Baptist Church**
Salmon Prairie Road
Pastor Jim Patterson 754-2509
Sunday Service 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Sunday School 9:45 am
Bible Study and Prayer Wed. 7:30 pm
Community Bible Church
Seeley Lake, Pastor Rob Morris 677-2837
Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am
- Living Water Catholic Community**
Father D.A. Okorn 754-2429
Sunday Mass 11:30 am
(Holy Cross Lutheran, Seeley Lake)
Daily Mass 5:00 pm
Sycamore Tree, Piper Creek
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Mark Meissner 677-2575
Sunday School 11:45 am
Sunday Service 10:00 am

- Faith Lutheran Church - Condon**
Pastor Herbert Schiefelbein
Sunday Service 2:30 pm 677-2281
Sunday School 1:30 pm
- Holy Cross Lutheran - Seeley Lake**
Pastor Herbert Schiefelbein
Sunday School 10:15 am 677-2281
Sunday Worship 4:30 pm
Faith Chapel -
A Spirit Filled Fellowship
Pastor Roger Combs 677-2220
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship 11:00 am & 6:30 pm
Bible Study Wed. 7:00 pm
- St. Joseph's Church**
Legendary Lodge, Salmon Lake
677-2211
Mass, Saturday 4:30 pm
Memorial Day through Labor Day
- Swan Valley Catholic Community**
Father D. A. Okorn 754-2429
Sunday Mass 8:45 am
(Faith Lutheran, Condon)
- Outdoor Worship Services**
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SENIORS

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Independent Insurance Agencies Scholarship: District II Honors Band:
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Independent Bankers Assn. - First Valley Bank Scholarship:
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TINA KITRAS

All Star Class C Football:
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PAUL HOLMES

Black Letter for Black Tie Affair at State:
LISA ANDERSON
WENDY HALLAM
DONNA BOWERS

Black Letter for Girls' Basketball:
SHAWNA BRODERICK
DIANNE HERRON

U.S. Army Reserve Athlete/Scholar Award:
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SCOTT JOHNSON

Student Council:
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Black Letter in Track: International Sports Exchange Student to China: Gene Ogden Memorial:
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TINA KITRAS

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Kalispell 4-H Clothing Camp Deadline is June 13

"Create Your Future" is the theme for the upcoming Western Montana 4-H Clothing Camp, sponsored by the Flathead 4-H Home Economics Committee. The camp will be held June 23-25 at the Kalispell Junior High School, with registration at 7:00 p.m. on June 23. It is open to 4-H members who will be in the 7th grade or older, 4-H leaders, and parents. The charge is \$20.00 per person and the deadline for registration is Friday, June 13. Pre-registration is required and the workshops are on a first-come, first-served basis. Those wishing to attend just the lunch, picnic, or brunch or need further information, contact the Flathead County Extension Office at 752-5300, Ext. 202.

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Even though fewer than 60 *Vitis* species are known, grape growing today is the world's biggest fruit industry. In the United States, grapes are grown in every state, with production second only to apples among the fruit crops.

At the supermarket, you can find green grapes from late May through February; red grapes from late May through March; and blue/black grapes from June through February.

When you buy grapes, look for bunches with well-colored, plump berries firmly attached to green, pliable stems. Avoid soft or wrinkled grapes and those with bleached areas around the stem end. Color provides the key to flavor. Grapes that are true to their varietal color are the sweetest. Look for yellow-green grapes, light crimson red grapes and deeply colored blue-black grapes.

Grapes stay fresh for a few days in the refrigerator. Gently rinse them just before using and drain or pat dry. Slightly chilled grapes have better flavor and texture than those kept at room temperature. Frosty little nuggets of refreshment, cooling and sweet, frozen grapes are a real treat!

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Thunderstorms, and accompanying hail, were frequent this week. Swan Valley even had a lightning caused fire--an old snag smoldered for a couple of days, but Forest Service employees were on the spot to take care of things.

Hail about the size of a quarter and smaller pounded the Summit. Knocked off some of the lilac blossoms and ruined some of the tender young cabbage and cauliflower plants in the garden. At least the mosquitoes let up a bit after the deluge of rain, but I'm afraid we are in for round two with the hungry mobs.

The snow is almost gone from the mountains. With everything greened up, the "shutter bugs" seem to be everywhere. Snapshots of the mountains are hard to pass up right now. The waterfalls really stand out with the runoff, and that combined with a little snow make the Mission and Swan ranges look very impressive.

The creeks are starting to clear up, as are the lakes, with the exception of Swan Lake. It looked pretty muddy last week, according to Loris Uhl, Swan Valley. Of course, Loris compares everything to Holland Lake, which could possibly have the cleanest water in the Northwest!

A few more bear stories this week--besides the furry friend who wandered into Dave Shoupe's house. One of the local pastors was almost run over by a lumbering bruin while on a firewood gathering trip. Some friends of ours saw a black bear run across the road in front

of their car near Lake Alva last weekend. Bob Henderson, Biologist for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, heard an interesting bear story this spring. Two Missoula area hunters shot a three-legged black bear! Upon closer inspection, it appeared that the bear must have been born with the defect. The critter was estimated to weigh about 275 pounds -- a large specimen normally, but especially so with the "limp."

The wild roses are blooming. The road to Van Lake looks like a parade route with all the bright colored wildflowers along the route. There are some bright orange flowers which I have heard are called wild honeysuckle, but haven't found them in a brief search of our flower books. The Segoe Lilies are also blooming, along with Larkspur and Monkshood at the north end of the Swan Valley.

The whitetail are turning their summer shade of red. Some of the bucks have really dark velvet on their horns. Pat Koch, Swan Valley, called to talk about apple trees, and mentioned that the deer seemed especially hungry this spring, and they even munched her irises.

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C.B. Rich -- An Introduction

(Editor's note: Diane Herron, graduating senior, delivered the following speech at the Seeley Swan High School graduation ceremony Sunday June 8 in Seeley Lake. C.B. Rich is Diane's grandfather. Diane is the daughter of Wayne and Mary Anna Herron, Seeley Lake.)

"I would like to introduce a very special person to me and to the graduating class of 1986. One who has helped make our community grow.

He was born March 6, 1919 in Dean, Montana on his parents ranch. This man's heart and beginnings are set deep in Montana. His grandparents were early Montana pioneers. His grandmother was with the first wagon train over the Bozeman Trail after Bozeman was killed.

He lived in Dean, Montana and attended a one room school until the 6th grade. He then moved to Columbus, Montana and graduated from Columbus High School in 1936. Following high school he enrolled at Montana State College in Bozeman, Montana and majored in Electrical Engineering. He developed a love of horses and the outdoors at an early age. During his high school years he packed for the Forest Service and later for the Bureau of Mines.

In 1942 he married a very dear person and then enlisted in the United States Air Force. He graduated from navigational school and was sent to the European Theater of War. While flying a lead mission in a B-24 Bomber, he and his crew were shot down over France. Five were killed, five captured, but this

man evaded capture. After 70 days behind enemy lines posing as a deaf mute, he made his way back to the allied lines. He was discharged in 1945 and returned to the family ranch to operate it and to pursue his love of outfitting.

In 1958 he bought the Double Arrow Ranch and started outfitting in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. During that time the Double Arrow Ranch was the scene of the local school dances, proms, parties and numerous other activities.

His oldest daughter rode the bus from Seeley Lake to Missoula for four years to attend high school. For two years he and other interested persons stumped the county seeking help and funding. They even went so far as to make many trips to Helena to have the law changed allowing a branch high school in Seeley. He made many speeches and met with numerous groups explaining the need for a high school.

During the years of the first basketball teams it was a common sight to see the teams traveling to away games in the station wagons belonging to this man and Mr. Haines. He furnished transportation for other things as well as including an ambulance service for the community.

In addition to helping get our high school started, he has been active in other community activities. He lobbied to get phones in our area, served a number of years on the grade school board and was active when the addition was built on the grade school.

This man is still very active in our community, running his own business, as well as being a member of many clubs and other activities. He is President of the North American Outfitters Association making many trips to Washington, D.C. to help preserve our wilderness areas and leave a legacy for generations to come."



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FISHING REPORT

Placid Lake and Hidden Lake in the Clearwater Drainage were planted last week with West Slope Cutthroat that ranged from 3 inches to 5 inches in length.

Waters in the area are still murky. Bait fishing is still good, but lures are recommended in the lakes.

The recent heavy rains have cut back on the number of fishermen willing to get soaked trying to catch a meal, but fishing should improve with the warmer weather forecasted for this weekend.

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. Remember to hook the Triple Teaser directly into your line. A swivel will "knock the action out" of the sensitive lure.

If you're fly fishing, the old standards are best. The salmon fly hatch has barely begun around Salmon Lake, with the main hatch still ahead.

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Recreation and Trails

Some of the lower elevation trails in the area are opening up. The snow is going at the rate of about 18 inches a week, according to Joe Flood, who maintains trails for portions of the Flathead National Forest in the Swan Valley. Flood is a partner in Gunderson-Flood Wilderness Partnership (GFWP).

The north slopes and basin areas still have quite a bit of snow. Flood reminds backpackers who are heading into the Bob Marshall Wilderness or the Missions early in the season to take along a light "climber's" rope in case they have to pass through some of the higher elevation trails that are still covered with snow. "A sixty-foot rope could save your life," Flood pointed out.

GFWP has contracted for extensive work for the Forest Service in the Mission Mountain Wilderness area. In addition to paid services, Joe Flood and Keri Gunderson volunteer much of their time in efforts aimed at restoring heavily impacted campsites and educating visitors about wilderness ethics and management.

Youth Fishing Tournament

A youth fishing tournament, sponsored by the Wilderness Sportsman's Club, will be held June 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the "Pothole" on Riverview Drive, south of Seeley Lake.

There will be three age categories: 8 and under, 9 to 11, and 12 through 15. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest, most and smallest fish.

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Wayne Herron poses with Dave Shoupe bear.

Bear Visits For Lunch; Ends Up Being Dinner

A large "cinnamon" bear invited himself to lunch the week of May 29 at the home of Dave and Mickey Shoupe, who live in the Garnet Range near Coloma.

"He came in and ate a bag of dogfood," Dave Shoupe said. "He was pretty neat about it, he didn't make a mess."

Mickey Shoupe said that their house has a "push open" door that wasn't locked at the time and the bear simply "came in the front door."

The Shoupe family had been gone, and arrived just in time to accuse the family dog of eating all the dog food when they realized the bruin was the culprit.

Later that evening, the dog started barking "at the front door" and Dave Shoupe looked out and saw the bear, who was evidently expecting another handout.

Shoupe promptly shot him with his .32 Winchester, and then tagged the critter.

He took the bear to Wayne Herron, Seeley Lake taxidermist, who recorded the length at 6 feet 3 inches, and estimated the weight at close to 300 pounds. "Field dressed, about 200 pounds, I guess," Herron said. He also said that Shoupe's bear was the largest of "about a dozen" bears brought to Herron this spring.

The bear had a red tag in one ear, and according to Bob Henderson, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the bear may have been one tagged by Andrea Easter, Bozeman, who was tagging bears as part of a University of Montana wildlife project in recent years. Henderson will attempt to track down the numbers on the tag and provide more information about the bear.

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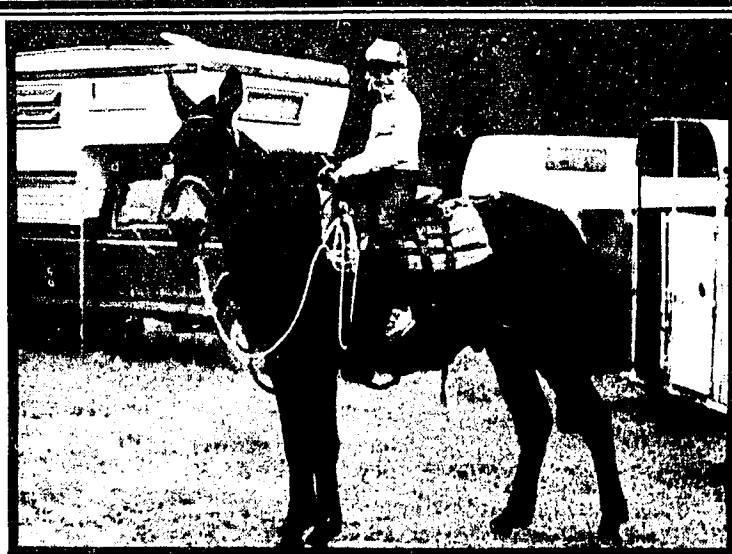
SPORTS

Transportation Plan Reviewed at Condon Work Center

An open house was held at the Condon Work Center last week to discuss the new Flathead National Forest Travel Plan. The meeting was attended by only two residents of the Swan Valley.

Bill Pederson, Ranger at the Swan Lake District, said last week that the Travel Plan is basically the same as last year, with no major changes. However, he did add that there will be some enforcement action taken on the "green dot" system initiated by the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department later this summer and fall.

The Travel Plan includes an outline of all road closures and travel restrictions on Forest roads.



Clockwise from left: "Jennifer," High Point Donkey has been renamed the "Swan Valley Flash"; Courtney Poff, Potomac, on "Gabriel"; Jack Eden, Corvallis, drives High Point Mule, "Molly."

Mule Days Held Last Weekend

The annual "Mule Days" mule and donkey show was held in the Swan Valley near Condon last weekend and drew nearly 75 entries from around the Northwest Region.

High Point Mule was "Molly," owned by Jack and Helen Eden of Corvallis, Montana. Edens also own the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Draft Mules "Trixie" and "Molly."

High Point Donkey was "Jennifer" owned by Tom and Carrie Lee Parker of Buck Creek Ranch, Swan Valley.

Grand Champion Saddle-type Mule was "Snazzy" owned by Joy Ritchie, of Ritchie Outfitters, Darby, Montana.

Reserve Champion Saddle-type Mule was "Zeke" owned by Eric Lambert, Sunset Mules, Stevensville, Montana.

Grand Champion Donkey was "Colt 44" owned by John Lance, Nighthawk Ranch, Florence, Montana.

Reserve Champion Donkey was "Huntin' Jim" owned by Tom and Carrie Lee Parker of the Buck Creek Ranch, Swan Valley.

There were 29 halter classes and 36 performance classes.

The American Donkey and Mule Society sanctioned the show which was sponsored by the Montana Longears Association.

ADMS judge for the event was Lee Draeger, Condon who has judged the show for the past four years.

Harol Haasch and Joe Wilhelm, Swan Valley, were the packing judges.

One of the highlights of the show was the showing of "miniature mules" by Indian Tree Farms, Dutton, Montana. Chris Maurer, owner, said that the donkeys are "miniature Sicilian and spotted donkeys" and are popular mostly as pets.

"We sell a lot of them to grandparents," she laughed.

Nearly 500 people braved the rainy weather to attend the show and enjoy the activities.



Softball Tournament Sunday

The Northern Division Fastpitch Softball Tournament will be held in Seeley Lake on Sunday, June 15 beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the playing fields behind the elementary school.

Six teams will compete. They are the Lakers and Barney's from Seeley Lake; the Helmvillians and Copper Kings from Helmsville; and the Wilderness from Lincoln, and the team from Avon.

The top four teams of this tournament will compete in Deer Lodge on June 21st with winners of the Southern Division.

In last week's games, the Lakers lost to the Clinton Clowns, 5-6. That game was a revenge match. The Lakers beat them in the Championship tournament last year and the Clowns avenged their loss!

Barney's game last week was cancelled.

Trip To China Becomes Reality For Amy Hahn

Amy Hahn almost threw away the letter she received in May from the International Sports Exchange inviting her to participate in track and field competition in Canton, China July 15 through 25.

"But now I'm glad I didn't," she laughed. "I didn't take it seriously at first," she said. "I thought it was just another piece of mail."

But Amy's parents took it seriously. "My mom jumped up and down and was about ready to cry," she said.

One of Amy's teachers encouraged her to talk to Carolyn Jette, Seeley Lake, about raising money required for the trip. Jette is now the coordinator for the fundraising efforts which will culminate on Sunday with the Barbecue at Holland Lake Lodge and the drawing for the three-day back-country trip into the Bob Marshall. Jette was also instrumental in the fundraising efforts for Joe Beatty, the Seeley Swan student who went to Singapore for track events in 1984.

Amy Hahn is the first girl to be invited to China from Seeley Swan High School.

"I get a little nervous and jumpy when I really start planning for the trip," Amy said. She is making herself save money this summer so she will have enough to spend on her trip.

"I'm going to try a whole bunch of different foods and not be a chicken," she laughed.

Amy has been studying Chinese culture in her spare time. She will travel to China with 20 other Montana students. The group will fly to Hong Kong where they will have time for sightseeing and shopping.

In addition to the students from Montana, there will be track stars from Oregon, Washington and California who will also compete with each other and Chinese students in Canton.

"I think I'll be running the 200 and 400," Amy said. Final plans for the competition have not been decided yet.

Ron Jones, Hellgate track coach in Missoula, is coordinating the Montana team. Jones has also been in charge of the summer track camp held annually in

Seeley Lake. Jones chose Amy as a member of the team because of her outstanding track record.

The Seeley Swan Blackhawk girls have won the State Class C Title for the past four years, and Amy has contributed heavily to that effort. Her best year was 1985 when she took three firsts and two seconds at the State meet. She has competed in the 100, 200, and 400 meter runs and the 400 and mile relays.

Amy was awarded the Blackhawk Booster Scholarship for \$200 and the Gene Ogden Memorial Scholarship for \$100 this year. She was also the vice president and president of her senior class (after Diane Herron, president, finished her senior year early.)

Hahn worked last summer at Holland Lake Lodge, and will work part-time at the Mission Mountain Mercantile in Condon this summer. She plans to attend the University of Montana this fall.

Les Gordon Selected As Coach of the Year

Les Gordon, Seeley Swan High School girls track and field coach, was recently selected by the Montana Coaches Association as "Coach of the Year" for the Class C division. Gordon, along with other selected coaches, will be honored at the Association's annual banquet in Great Falls on August 8. The Seeley Swan girls' track team won their fourth straight State Class C title this spring.

CORRECTION
Last week's *Pathfinder* incorrectly reported that Carolyn Hahn was the fundraising coordinator for the "Amy Hahn To China" effort. **CAROLYN JETTE** is the fundraising coordinator.

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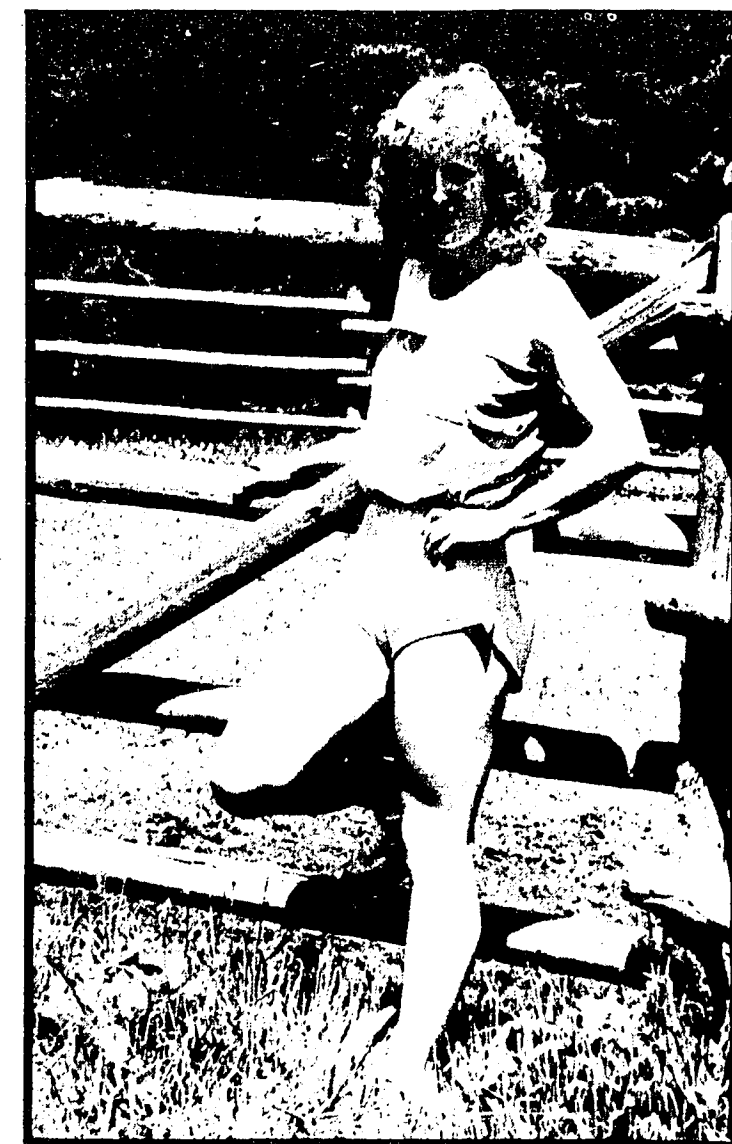
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Amy Hahn at home in the Swan Valley.

Swan Valley Weather

Swan Valley received 2.49 inches of precipitation in May, as recorded at the Condon Work Center. That compares with 6.65 inches of precipitation received in May 1980, and .74 received in May 1965.

The high temperature for the month was 91 degrees Fahrenheit on May 27; the low was recorded on May 16 at 24 degrees Fahrenheit.

Sunset Hires Teachers

Sunset school trustees have hired two teachers for the 1986-87 school season. Michael and Andrea Greene from Cutbank will begin this fall at Sunset, according to Chris Wallace, district trustee.

Mrs. Greene will teach grades K-4; Mr. Greene will teach grades 5-8. Mrs. Greene has 12 years teaching experience; Mr. Greene has three years experience.

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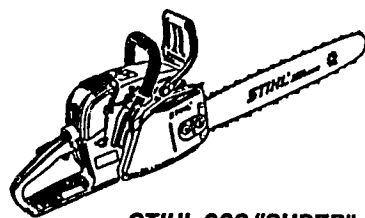
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Allen Chaffin enjoys working with horses and is breaking a new team to pull the antique buggy he is restoring.

Al Chaffin - Active Senior

Allen Chaffin. The name and the face beneath the dark brown cowboy hat are familiar to nearly everyone in the Seeley Lake area.

Allen and his wife, Mildred, have called this valley "home" for more than thirty years. He moved here April 26, 1952.

"It started raining the next day and rained until the fifth of July. That was the year they didn't go back to work in the woods until the middle of July," Mildred remembered.

Allen survived the Depression and later worked as a packer in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, or "South Fork" country, as it was called then. He worked with Indian guides whose families first saw the coming of white men into the valley.

The Chaffins raised their family in this country, and both are conservative minded because of the hard lessons they learned during the Depression years.

But they enjoyed those years, just as they continue to enjoy the community they have helped to shape over the past several decades.

Allen Chaffin was recognized last August as the Senior Citizen of the Year at the Governor's Conference on Aging held in Great Falls. He received an Award of Merit for Outstanding Achievement and Contribution to the Elderly for the District 11 area, which includes Missoula, Kalispell and Hamilton.

Chaffin has been the Seeley Lake representative for the District 11 Advisory Council on Aging for several years. Chaffin is also responsible for distributing commodities such as cheese, butter, flour, rice and honey to low income families in the Seeley Swan area. The commodities program is administered by Missoula County.

One of Chaffin's many contributions to the community has been his role as chairman of the Seeley Lake Community Hall board. He has held this position on and off since the Community Hall was built in 1967. He was instrumental in coordinating volunteers who constructed the hall after Jim and Bert Sullivan donated the land.

"It was all donated work and labor," Mildred Chaffin recalled, thinking back on the initial construction of the facility. "The women would take lunch down there and cook meals for the various volunteers." She remembers Allen's attention to detail during the several years that it took to construct the hall. Architectural plans were drawn up by engineers who at that time worked for Burlington Northern and the Forest Service, and existing state and local codes were adhered to. Logs for the building were cut according to an agreement with Roger Johnson, Seeley Lake, and then were hauled to Eureka where they were "tongue and grooved" according to Chaffin.

Allen retired in 1979 from the Forest Service, Seeley Lake Ranger District. He has stayed busy by being involved in community activities, continuing his "hobby" of breaking, training and packing horses, and by working for local people when they need his assistance to build a fence or to work on a house.

Chaffin's most recent project is the restoration of an antique "horse-drawn buggy" which he hopes to finish soon.



Survey Committee Lists Priorities

The Community Survey steering committee met June 4 with Westridge Consultants to begin final preparation of objectives, goals and questions to be included in the survey in July. Information from the survey will be used by eight local boards to make informed decisions about such things as water systems, health services, fire protection, adult education in schools, and refuse disposal.

The committee prioritized goals and questions to be answered by the survey in the following order:

1. Are users satisfied with the current water system in Seeley Lake, or are improvements necessary?
2. Is there public support for a sewer system in the community of Seeley Lake?
3. Are residents of the Seeley Swan areas satisfied with current health services offered by the SOS center or are additional services desired? If so, what specialists would you like to see available at the clinic, and should that be funded through increased fees or levies?
4. Should the Seeley Swan area plan for future growth?
5. Should there be a forum for better communication in the area?
6. Is the area now served by the Refuse District adequate or should it be expanded to include areas not currently served?
7. Do residents see a need for self-imposed land-use regulations?
8. Is the present involvement by the Chamber of Commerce in community affairs satisfactory?
9. Are school extra-curricular activities meeting the needs of the community?
10. Is there a need for organized teen activities after school hours and weekends?
11. Would you like to have a cemetery for the Seeley-Swan area?

Steering committee members will be discussing with their various boards their final objectives with the survey, and the consultants will be finalizing questions later this month.

A community meeting has been scheduled for the Condon/Swan Valley area at the Swan Valley Community Hall on June 19 at 8:00 p.m.

The next Community Survey committee meeting will be on July 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the REA building. At that time, Westridge Consultants will present and review the Draft Survey and Procedures.

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Dennis Johnson Addresses Chamber

The budgetary outlook could be bleak for the Forest Service, according to Dennis Johnson, District Ranger for Seeley Lake. Johnson told the June 4 general meeting of the Seeley Condon Chamber of Commerce that "the fat went out (of our budget) a long time ago."

Staffing for the district is down to 17 (plus an additional 3 part-time individuals out of Missoula). This compares to an earlier staffing level of 25. For the first time, the district is without a fulltime fire management officer. Johnson indicated that additional cuts seem to be in the offing because of the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction act. He pointed out that field locations are generally hit hardest by spending cuts, because local budgets are viewed as containing items of a more discretionary nature. A 5% cut in budget at the national level can translate into a 25% cut locally.

Johnson said that although Seeley Lake is the smallest district on the Lolo National Forest, it has a significant impact on the community's economy. The district has an annual budget of close to one million dollars. Seventy percent of this goes for salaries, which is a direct input to the local economy.

Looking ahead, Johnson guessed that the district would be in existence for at least another five years and that, presently, there is no consideration

being given to shutting down the district. However, he mentioned that consideration is being given to consolidating the Garnet BLM district into Seeley Lake. This would result in 25 additional people on the district's payroll. It is possible that, as a result of consolidation, the district office would be moved to Missoula, with Seeley Lake becoming a smaller, satellite office.

Johnson also commented on the timber and recreational programs administered by his office. The timber sale program has declined to an annual level of 9 million board feet, compared to prior levels of 20 to 30 million board feet. The forecast is for a further decline to about 7 million board feet annually. The decrease is attributed to the increase in roadless and wilderness areas and, also, to past heavy cutting. The hope was expressed by Johnson that someday the program would expand as a result of maturing second-growth timber.

The district has the largest developed recreational program in the Lolo, with approximately 10% of the budget earmarked for this effort. Johnson indicated that, despite budget cutbacks, there is little likelihood that local campgrounds would be closed. The reason he cited for this is that the campgrounds can be operated at a modest cost and that campground fees represent an important source of revenue for the district.

Lambros Speaks to Chamber

Principles Are Important

One of the important rules of being in business is to "get your mind and heart set on a few principles, and when you have to make decisions, reach for those principles," according to Dan Lambros, Missoula realtor and Seeley Lake summer homeowner, who spoke at a social gathering of Seeley Swan business people last Thursday evening at Leisure Lodge, Seeley Lake. The event was sponsored by the Seeley Condon Chamber of Commerce.

Some of the principles required for successful business relationships are integrity, competency, and a sense of responsibility toward family, employees and community, according to Lambros.

About sixty people attended the event, which Lambros highlighted with portions of a video tape about the "Lady of the Rockies" project in Butte. The Lady of the Rockies statue erected earlier this year near Butte is a shining example of what a community can accomplish when people pull together and work toward a common goal, Lambros said.

"If they could accomplish this in Butte, Montana, just think what you could do here in the most beautiful spot in the state," Lambros said.

He suggested that the business people in Seeley Lake use the "rope principle" of joining hands and pulling together to improve the appearance of Seeley Lake.

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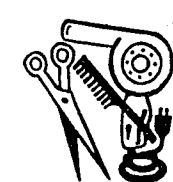
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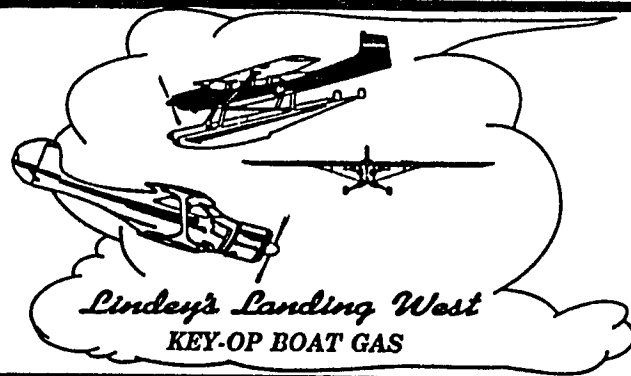


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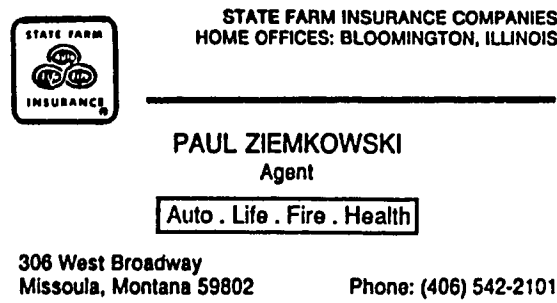
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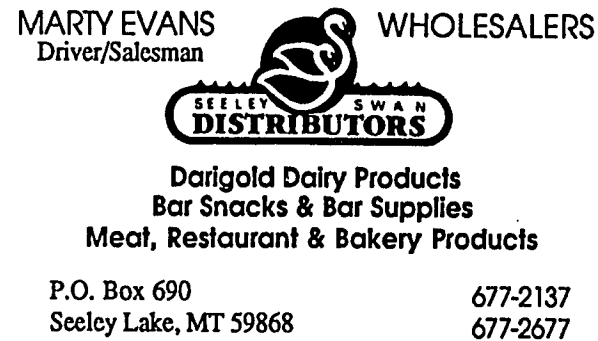
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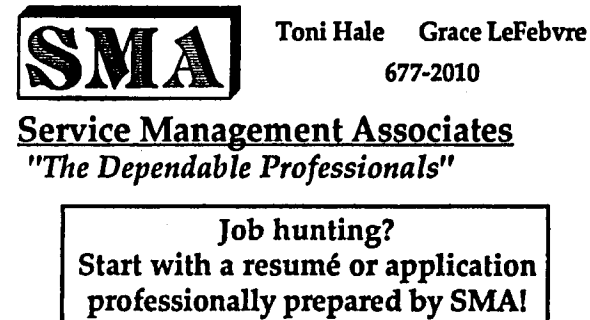
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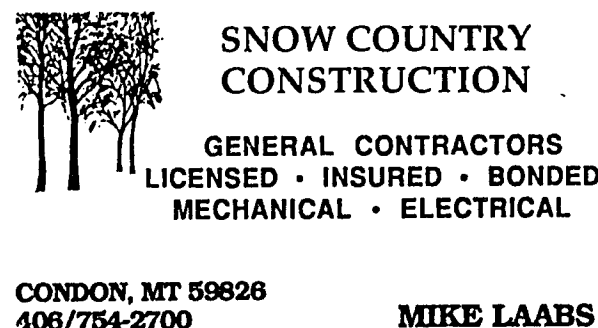
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"Because leafy spurge usually is found on rough terrain, the time of flowering and maturity can vary greatly," said Nelson. Patches on south slopes may mature much earlier than those on north slopes.

Recognizing the true flowers is important, because they often are confused with the flat-topped, petal shaped cluster of yellowish-green bracts. The small, green true flowers appear between the bracts.

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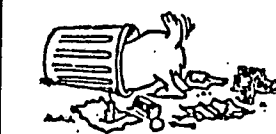
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"My grandparents had a shoe repair shop in Milwaukee," she said. "I guess it's just something that runs in the family."

Todd attended the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation convention in Denver last winter to sell her handmade leather fashions. The Foundation auctioned her "one of a kind" custom made elk hide poncho, lined with a Pendleton blanket, for over \$500.

"My market is really with the hunters," Jenni said. She plans to set up her tipi at the Sportsman's show in Kalispell later this month and again this fall at Holland Lake Lodge to sell and advertise her craft.

In addition, Todd sells quite a few items through the mail by advertising in publications such as *Bugle*, published by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. She sells some finished items locally and occasionally repairs leather goods for neighbors and friends. She is considering advertising special, seasonal discounts for local residents who often ask about more expensive apparel such as sheepskin coats.

Her most popular items are the loose fitting "hunter shirts" which are appealing because of their comfort. She makes them out of elk hide, but most women's shirts are made from pigskin, which is light and can be dyed in numerous colors.

Jenni learned the trade from her husband, Rick, who still considers leatherwork as his hobby. Rick's specialty is working with "hard leather" and braiding leather reins and other western accessories.

The Todd's enjoy their craft and wear leather clothing and footwear regularly. "We were married in buckskins," Jenni laughed. Members of the wedding party were also outfitted in leather. "The pastor wasn't," she said, "but he did wear moccasins."

Rick and Jenni met in Wyoming, where Rick was raised, then moved to Montana several years ago. They have been in Seeley Lake since 1985.

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Swan Valley Community Club held a special meeting June 2 to discuss whether or not to hold the traditional July 4th celebration and parade. In past years the Community Club and American Legion have worked to organize an O-Mok-See, a parade and concessions for the holiday.

Club members voted against the celebration mainly because of lack of community interest in the event.

After the meeting, several people discussed organizing a BMX course and races for 1987 in an attempt to involve more young people from the community.

For more information, contact Tom Parker, Swan Valley Community Club president.

PTA To Discuss Soccer

The Swan Valley PTA will hold a special meeting June 17 at the Swan Elementary library to discuss the summer soccer program, the July fourth parade entry, and committee set-up for the 1986-87 school year.

QRU Plans Dance In Condon

The Swan Valley/Condon QRU is planning a dance to be held in the Swan Valley Community Hall on the Fourth of July, according to Gwen Schneider, secretary for the Seeley Condon Chamber of Commerce.

Susie Cox, Swan Valley Librarian, will also coordinate a parade to be held at 10:00 in Condon on July 4th. Official schedules and entry procedures will be announced at a later date.

Hearing Scheduled for Highway Projects

A public hearing will be held by the state Department of Highways on Tuesday June 24, 7:30 pm, at the Sunset School. The meeting will air proposed plans for the reconstruction, widening and curve flattening of two adjacent sections of Highway 200. The sections comprise approximately 9 miles of roadway located immediately west of Clearwater Junction.

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