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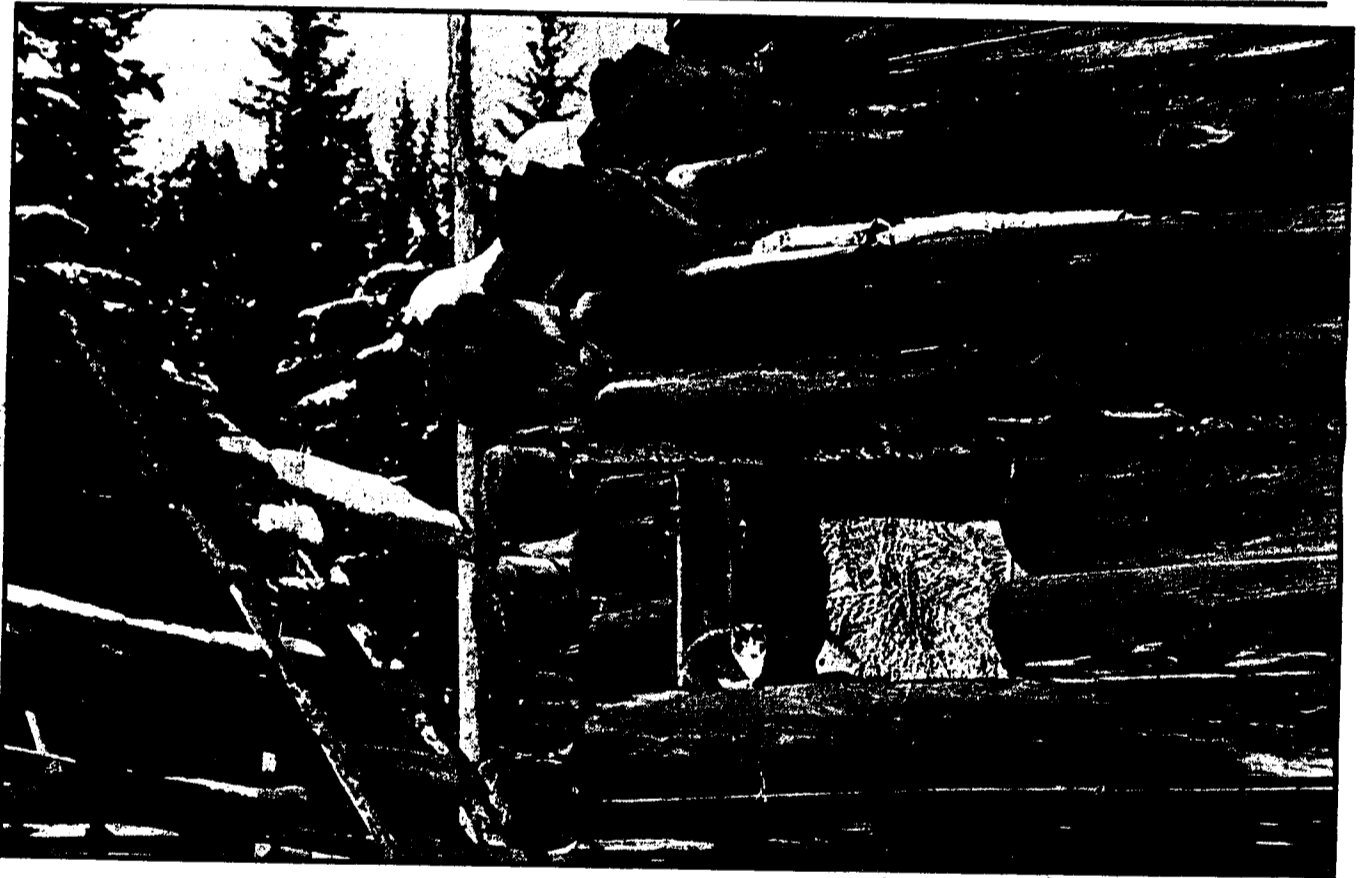
January 15, 1987

## Area lodging booked solid for YAMAFEST

All Seeley Lake lodging facilities have been "booked" for about two weeks now, with people coming to town for the YAMAFEST snowmobile festival which begins Friday, January 16 and continues through January 18. YAMAFEST promoters are expecting about 500 snowmobilers in the area, who will be participating in scheduled events.

YAMAFEST will begin Friday night at the Seeley Lake Community Hall with a Poker Run and pre-registration for trail rides. The popular "Liar's Contest" will also take place at the Community Hall north of Seeley Lake on Friday night, starting at 8 p.m. Winner of the local contest will receive a jacket. All stories will be recorded for submission to a national contest sponsored by Yamaha. Winner of the national event will receive a 1987 Phazer snowmobile.

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A barnyard cat basks in the sunshine in the window of this aging structure located north of Boy Scout Road near Seeley Lake.

## Forest Service cuts trees inside Mission Wilderness

by Suzanne Vernon

Cutting trees inside a Wilderness Area with a chainsaw is against the law, but members of a thinning crew on the Swan Lake Ranger District did just that in September 1986, under the direction of the district silviculturist and ranger Bill Pederson.

"They had thinned the stand before they realized they were in Wilderness," Pederson said on Thursday. "It was a slip-up."

Approximately seven-tenths of an acre was cut inside the Mission Mountains Wilderness in Section 7, Township 19 North, Range 17 West, in the Red Butte area of the Swan Valley.

Pederson said that it is common practice to locate section lines before any activity next to Wilderness. In this case, however, the silviculturist assumed that the 19-acre unit was entirely outside of the Wilderness because it had been logged before, Pederson explained.

A history of the stand shows that it was first logged in the late 1950s, before it had received Wilderness designation. In 1984, crews began precommercial thinning in the unit, but only completed about 10 acres because of early snowfall that year. Those crews were provided with maps and air photos showing where the Wilderness boundary was located, and they reportedly did not cross the boundary then.

Smokejumper crews began thinning the remaining nine acres in September 1986. However, their air photo reportedly did not show the Wilderness boundary, according to Laird Robinson, Region One public information specialist. "Directions (received by the smokejumper crew) were not specific," Robinson pointed out.

Pederson admitted that he had learned of the encroachment in October and had notified Flathead National Forest Supervisor, Ed Brannon, at that

time. However, the Regional Forester, James Overbay, Missoula, was apparently not informed of the encroachment until December 22, when he received a Congressional inquiry from Senator John Melcher, who had received a complaint from a Bozeman area resident.

"The Regional Forester has directed Brannon to perform a complete review of what occurred. . . and to make recommendations as to disciplinary (or) corrective action that might prevent further encroachment in Wilderness," according to Laird Robinson.

"He (Overbay) is very concerned," Robinson said last week. "He wants no more of this. . . no more of this at all. This is a violation of the law."

Senator John Melcher, in a telephone conversation last week, said "I don't think it's a big deal," and then asked, "Would you know where the Wilderness boundary is there?"

Melcher was chairman of a House subcommittee several years ago which

worked to establish the original boundaries of the Mission Mountains Wilderness. "I know that when we put those boundaries in there. . . we included forest land that had been cut before, which I didn't like too much. I suppose it made a better boundary," he said.

The Flathead Chapter of the Sierra Club has also requested that Flathead Forest Supervisor Ed Brannon explain the encroachment.

James Conner, chair of the Flathead Sierra Club, said last week that he believes it will take the Forest Service a while "to get to the bottom of it." He pointed out that the Forest Service normally uses caution when operating next to private land, often surveying and re-surveying lines.

"I'd like to see the same care exercised when operating next to Wilderness. This was an avoidable mistake. . . and I take a rather dim view of that," Conner said.

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Merle and Pat Gunsch have owned and operated the Seeley Lake Pharmacy since July 1, 1984. They moved here from Billings because they were looking for an area with good hunting and fishing potential, as well as for retirement. "And we just wanted to get away from city living," commented Pat. Merle is a professional trapper and has been through the Seeley Swan area many times over the years. He knows quite a few of the locals, so he felt comfortable with the move to Seeley Lake.

Besides being a registered pharmacist, Merle is a physical chemist and has taught chemistry at the college level. He has practiced pharmacy for about 14 years. He's available for educational presentations on such topics as drug abuse, drug education and pharmacy.

In addition to carrying a full line of pharmaceuticals, the Seeley Lake Pharmacy also has over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, greeting cards, wrapping paper, health and beauty aids, office and school supplies, jewelry and gift items. "We sell film and cameras and we're the only ones in the area providing film processing," Pat commented.

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# OPINION

## Start your engines, gentlemen - YAMAFEST is here.

Once again, the season of winter sports events is upon us. Buried somewhere in this issue of *Pathfinder* is a complete cataloging of these events. You might want to clip it out and keep it handy. Among other things, it serves as a reminder of how fortunate we are to live in an area where all these things take place. We're also fortunate to be one of the few places in the state with any snow this year - which is further testimony to the wisdom of staging winter events in our Valley.

A special welcome to our many out-of-town visitors who are attending YAMAFEST. We hope you have a wonderful time and that your snow machines run like Swiss clocks. Come on back anytime you have the urge to get into some first-class riding.

## Hitting the nail...

on the proverbial head is the thought which comes to mind in light of Governor Schwinden's most recent proposal. He has urged our legislators to put the notion of a sales tax to the test of a popular vote.

Unilateral imposition of a sales tax by the legislature would be the ultimate "cop-out." Unquestionably, it would be the quick and easy fix to the state's budgetary problems. Equally unquestionably, it would devastate our already faltering economy and signal a total retreat from fiscal responsibility.

There's more fat and waste to be trimmed from the state budget. But it will require some hard work and deep digging by the legislature to root it out. Nor can the lawmakers indulge themselves in pandering to special, budget-busting interests. It will not be an easy task to responsibly solve our budget problems, but that's part of the territory of being an elected official. A sales tax does not constitute a responsible solution - unless the entire electorate is consulted.

- Dick Potter

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## A Musher's Salute

To the Editor:  
 On January 7, a few members of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club attended a meeting in Lincoln on the Governor's Cup 500 sled dog race. It was a good, informative meeting and we met a lot of hardworking, nice people.

A gentleman at the meeting said they were expecting as many as 4,000 people to be on the streets of Helena when the race started. He also mentioned what the merchants were doing to attract these people. I listened with interest and, after some thought, decided to write this letter.

Here are my thoughts. The Governor's Cup 500 has a purse of \$15,000, put up by Iams Dog Food. On the other hand, the race committee of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club has raised \$6,000 - almost half the purse of the Governor's Cup - and this has been done without the "windfall" of a company willing to pick up the whole tab. We did this with your help, Seeley merchants, Seeley citizens - and some other great sponsors. Also, the *Pathfinder* has done us such tremendous help with all their coverage!

Well, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Seeley Lake area, people are talking about the great job we have done - and now let's show them that we have just begun! They talk about banners and people. I believe Seeley Lake merchants will show them all kinds of welcoming banners. And, how about a musher's pie - our cafes are known for their great pies anyway. Let each merchant have a banner and a doggie special, or a team special.

They expect 4,000 people for their start in the state capital. Let's show them that we will have 600 people out to watch our Seeley Lake 200 start. Remember, there will be a big drawing each morning (get your ticket at most all the stores) after each start of the race. Besides helping and being a part of history, you have a chance to win a nice prize and enjoy all the downtown specials and events!

Watch for all the events that will be taking place while the dogs are out. So far, the scheduled events include a skating rink, a tubing and sled hill, snow softball, dog sled rides, and a ski-pull on the lake. We will keep you informed via the *Pathfinder*.

The unity is something to be proud of: the people of Seeley Lake, the Wilderness Sportsman's Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Dridriders snowmobile club, and so many others - all working to boost our economy and give us enjoyment.

Having the Governor here would have been wonderful to start our 200 Race, but I feel we have just as much - and maybe a whole lot more - by just having the great people from our area on hand.

I don't mean to take anything away from the Governor's Cup 500, because there are lots of great people working very hard on that race, too (including a lot of people from our area). But, I do want to stress that, even though we are a very small community, we can achieve a great deal on our own. People of the Seeley Lake area - we have a lot to be proud of, and the whole state knows it.

Elinor Williamson  
 (née Beckman)  
 Seeley 200 Race Committee

# Legislature '87

## Haffey, Moore expect partisan battles

by Gordon Gregory  
 Helena correspondent

The atmosphere inside the Capitol throughout the opening week of the 50th Legislature seemed like the calm before a storm.

Only relatively minor matters were settled while the passionate issues - how much state government should be cut and how to pay for what remains - were largely still in the drafting stages. "Things are just starting to move. The people are just starting to get to know what the two or three big issues are going to be," said Senator Jack Haffey, D-Anaconda.

This legislature will address such controversial topics as the creation of a sales tax or the addition of an income tax surcharge; whether to set liability insurance limits; how to revamp the workers' compensation program and whether the university system should remain in its current form.

Haffey said this legislature, maybe more than any in recent history, needs to set partisan politics aside and act quickly on the flood of less-vital issues if it's to deal adequately with the complex questions.

And he's not hopeful that will happen. He says a lack of leadership at all levels will tend to stymie the lawmaking process and heighten partisanship.

He faults Governor Ted Schwinden for offering what he called a "short-term" approach to the state's budget crisis, as well as the leadership in both houses and both parties for not proposing the dramatic solutions needed to address the state's budget crisis.

"No one's taking the initiative to make long-term decisions," he said. For example, he said the governor's plan to use about \$90 million of the coal severance tax to balance state spending will do nothing for Montana beyond the next biennium.

"It just postpones the inevitable responsibility" of finding new sources of revenue, he said.

Representative Janet Moore, D-Condon, expects party politics will play a dramatic role throughout the session.

"This is going to be a very partisan session," she said. "This time we're going to have a lot of 49-51 votes," she said in reference to the 49-51 split in the Republican-controlled House.

Nevertheless, both expect that, in the end, this session will produce some dramatic changes.

One possible change is a sales tax. While neither likes the notion, both say they'll consider it.

"A sales tax is not the evil thing that over the years we in Montana have come to consider it," said Haffey. "It might be our best alternative."

Moore said she'd prefer a surcharge on the state income tax over a sales tax.

But before she'll consider voting for any new taxes, Moore said she'll want to cut state spending, particularly at the administrative level.

One measure she's fond of would eliminate the Department of Institutions. That would transfer most of the administrative functions from the Helena office to the heads of the individual state institutions.

Moore has other measures on her agenda. She will introduce a bill to increase the tax on chewing tobacco 10 cents a can. Another measure she's having drafted would create a soft drink tax. And she is writing a bill that would use a portion of the gambling tax revenue to fund a treatment program for compulsive gamblers.

Haffey is sponsoring a number of bills. One would have allowed handicapped people who are unable to pump their own gas to receive self-service prices at full-service islands. The Senate killed that bill last Friday.

Other highlights of the opening week include:

- The House voted down a measure requiring lumber mills to pay log haulers for the cull logs which the mills chip and then sell to pulp plants.

- a bipartisan House committee recommended that the tax on gasoline and diesel be raised an unspecified amount. (A number of lawmakers in both parties predict the gas tax will be raised about three cents a gallon).

- Another subcommittee recommended eliminating funds for the Office of Political Practices. If that decision stands, the 10-year-old office, which enforces campaign finance and lobbyist disclosure laws, would be abolished.

It's too early in the session to know when the critical issues will be heard in the committees, although workers' compensation may come up by the end of the week.

## Governor quotes Seeley Laker in State-of-the-State address

"I'm tired of hearing about our sagging economy. . . if we all work together we can overcome any problems our state has."  
 -Elinor Williamson  
 Seeley Lake

Those are the words heard by thousands of Montanans via television last Friday morning when Governor Schwinden quoted Ms. Williamson in his State-of-the-State address.

Williamson, a Seeley Lake resident and member of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club, wrote to Governor Schwinden last fall asking for his support of the Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race, sponsored by the Club.

"I don't want to hear about the bad economy. . . we already know about that," Elinor said on Monday. "I wanted the Governor to know about the positive things happening in Seeley Lake—like the Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race.

"What we need to hear about are the good things that are happening," she continued. "A community that survives the hard times is made up of people who support one another."

Williamson has watched Seeley Lake "really pull together" to promote events like YAMAFEST this weekend, and the Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race set for January 29 through February 1.

When Elinor was asked what she would do if she ever met the Governor in person, she replied: "I would give him a warm, cuddly, musher's hug and tell him 'thank you' from the people of Seeley Lake!"

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To keep track of bills, the legislature has a toll-free number: 1-800-237-5079. Copies of the bills are sent to all county courthouses as they are printed.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 4 pm; call 677-2022 or 754-2365.

## Events

Jan 16, 17, 18, YAMAFEST, Seeley Lake.  
Jan 25, Seeley to Holland Snowmobile Race.  
Jan 29, 30, 31 & Feb 1, Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race, Seeley Lake.  
Feb 7, OSCAR Cross Country Ski Race.  
Feb 8-12, Governor's Cup 500 Sled Dog Race, Helena to Seeley Lake to Helena.  
Bingo, 2nd & 4th Thurs every month, open to public, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

## Public Meetings

Jan 20, Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District Board mtg, 7:30pm, Double Arrow Ranch Landowners office, Seeley Lake.  
Jan 22, Seeley Lake Elem School Board mtg, 7:30pm, Elem School Library, Seeley Lake.  
QRU (Condon), 1st & 3rd Mon every month.  
QRU (Seeley Lake), 1st and 3rd Fri every month, 7:30pm, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.  
Rural Fire District, Meetings at Fire Hall, Seeley Lake. 1st Tues, Regular Firefighters bus mtg, 7pm; 2nd Tues, training mtg, 7pm; 3rd Tues, Trustees mtg, 7:30pm.  
SOS Trustees mtg, 2nd Mon every month.  
Water District, 2nd Tues every month, 8pm, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.

## Clubs &amp; Organizations

Jan 15, Condon Comm Club mtg, 8 pm, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.  
Jan 18, Blackfoot Bandits 4-H Club record book mtg, McNally's residence, Ovando.  
Jan 19, PTA (Seeley Lake Elem) mtg, 7 pm, 8th grade room, Elem School.  
Jan 28, Lions Club mtg, 6:30 pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.  
AARP, 1st Mon every month, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.  
Alanon, Mon, 7pm, Lutheran Church, Seeley Lake.

Alcoholics Anonymous (Condon), Thurs, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon.  
Alcoholics Anonymous (Seeley Lake), Sun, 7pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake; Weds, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.  
Booster Club, 4th Tues every month, 8 pm, Seeley Swan High School Gym, Seeley Lake.  
Drifters Snowmobile Club mtg, 2nd Mon every month, 7:30pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.  
Seeley Lake Women's Club, Tues, 1pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.  
SeLa SenCi mtg and potluck, 3rd Wed every month, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.  
Senior Nutrition Program, Mon-Tues-Weds, noon. Open to public, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.  
Swan Valley Post No. 63 mtg, 2nd Fri every month, 7pm, Comm Hall, Condon.  
TOPS, Thurs, 10am, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.  
Veteran's Coffee Group, Sat, 11am, Swan Valley Centre, Condon.

## Other

Jan 21, Advertising Seminar, 6:30pm, Leisure Lodge, Seeley Lake.  
Jan 21 (Weds), Bookmobile, Potomac School, 10am-12pm; Sunset School, 12:30-1:30pm; Clearwater Junction, 2-3pm; Seeley Lake town, 3:30-5:30pm.  
Jan 22 (Thurs), Bookmobile, Seeley Lake Elem School, 9am-12pm; Seeley Lake town, 12:30-2:30pm.  
Adult Volleyball, Weds, 7-9:15pm, Elem School Gym, Seeley Lake.  
Men's Basketball League, Mon, 7-9pm, Elem School Gym, Seeley Lake.  
Refuse Disposal Site, Winter Hours (October 1 thru April 30): Wed & Sat, 10am-4pm.  
Swan Valley Community Library, Weds, 10am-6pm; Sat, 10am-3pm, Condon.  
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## Advertising seminar in Seeley next week

by Grace LeFebvre  
Chamber correspondent

Every businessperson knows that effective advertising is a necessary part of a successful venture. Whether promoting products, services, or the Seeley Swan Valley, we must advertise so others will know who we are and what we have to offer. Some of the most difficult business decisions revolve around advertising and how to get the most for our advertising dollars.

In order to assist area businesses in learning more about advertising and to help them make informed decisions, the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an advertising seminar to be held Wednesday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Leisure Lodge in Seeley Lake. The seminar will be led by Dennis Schneider, Seeley Lake, who so aptly directed the Ad Hoc Committee meetings last summer.

Guest speaker for the event will be Wes Spiker, President and Creative Director of Spiker Communications in Missoula. A knowledgeable and dynamic speaker, Mr. Spiker's topic for the seminar is "Advertising—Pure and Simple." It will dwell on the

relationship of advertising creativity and sales as well as leadership and momentum, and how they all relate to marketing.

Because this area is a prime destination for tourists, a unique feature of the seminar will be presentations by advertising representatives for various publications and services which promote the Seeley Swan Valley. Each person will give a brief description of his/her publication or service, its distribution area, and what it has to offer its advertisers. These speakers will not directly solicit advertising during the seminar. The Chamber's purpose in bringing them all together is to provide a forum to interested individuals to learn more about what advertising can do for them. The audience will have an opportunity to ask questions and to visit with each representative informally after the seminar.

Currently scheduled to speak are: Wes Lyles, Montana Magazine; Greg Bryan, Glacier Country; Al Cluck, Montana Info; Toni Hale, Chamber of Commerce publications; Jim Ludwig, Vacationland; Ron Proul, Travel Host; and Sandy Rose, Hi-Ways & Buy-Ways.

The advertising seminar is open to the public. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Admission is \$2.00 per person to help defray expenses. For more information, call the Chamber at 677-2880.

## Marx sees a "new look" for Chamber

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce has taken on a new look, according to its new president, Adrien Marx, Seeley Lake.

"We really do represent the business sector now. I see a lot of new faces," Marx said last week. Marx is also looking forward to what the "theme" committee does in 1987. That committee, headed up by Geri Netherton, is looking at a "theme" for the entire community that would reflect the pride of area residents.

Other officers elected at the general membership meeting of the Chamber last week are: Rod Kvamme, vice president; and directors, Dick Duncan, Cheri Thompson, Grace LeFebvre, Frank Netherton, Jerry Ding, and Bud Johnson.

## Business Briefs

Jeanne Moon will be offering a Calligraphy class on Thursday evenings, beginning February 12, through March 12. Classes will be held at the REA building from 7 to 9 p.m. A minimal amount of materials will be required. Cost is \$25 for the five-week course. For more information call 677-2892.

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Bill and Patsy Brunner, manufacturers of Pitch Blend products, informed *Pathfinder* that their harness oil is not yet available at retail outlets as reported in last week's paper. It is available only from Montana Pitch Blend, Ovando.

## Traffic count January 15, 16

The first traffic count of 1987 will be conducted over YAMAFEST week-end. The counter will be installed during the afternoon on Friday, January 16, and will remain in place until Monday morning, January 19. The counter will be located just south of the entrance to the Double Arrow Ranch. A "comparison" count will be conducted the following weekend, January 23-26. Results of the traffic counts will be available at the Chamber office. Area merchants may wish to conduct their own "traffic counts" of persons entering their establishments to determine whether the vehicles counted on the highway are stopping in the area or just passing through.

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## Swan Valley

## Analysis begins for Van-Alder, Jim-Fatty II tree sales

Environmental analyses have begun on the Van-Alder and Jim-Fatty II timber sales on the Swan Lake Ranger District. Both sale proposals are scheduled to occur in 1989.

In the Flathead Forest Plan, Van-Alder is listed as a six million board foot sale; Jim-Fatty II is shown as a 13 million board foot sale. As a comparison, the Swan Lake District annually offers about 30 million board feet of timber for sale.

The environmental analyses of these proposals will explore and examine alternatives which would best manage the resources, according to the objectives provided by the Forest Plan.

The Van-Alder analysis area is bounded approximately by Highway 83, Van Lake, and the Missoula/Lake County line. The Jim-Fatty II area is bounded approximately by Highway 83, Jim Creek, Fatty Creek and the Mission Mountains Wilderness.

The public is invited to share comments, ideas, and concerns about these areas during January and February 1987. Any comments received will be incorporated into the analysis process in late February and early March.

Further clarification of the area boundaries and additional information may be obtained by contacting the Swan Lake Ranger District, P.O. Box 370, Bigfork, MT 59911, phone 837-5081.

## CAROL SCHAEFFER RESIGNS FROM SOS BOARD

Carole Schaeffer, Holland Lake, resigned from the SOS Hospital District board of trustees Monday night. Schaeffer has accepted a job near Ronan and will be moving soon.

With her resignation, there are now three openings on the board for the coming year. Three-year terms for Kim Haines and Reuban Kauffman will expire this year, although both men are planning on running for office again.

January 22 is the deadline for applying to run for a seat on the SOS Hospital District board. For more information call Billie McDonald, SOS Health Center, Seeley Lake.

## Nominations for Citizen of the Year

Nominations are now being accepted for the Second Annual Citizen of the Year Award, which will be presented at the Chamber of Commerce awards banquet this spring.

Dan Cainan won the award last year. The award is given to a deserving Seeley Swan resident based on their civic accomplishments and contributions.

Persons who submit nominations must include their telephone number and address, according to Gail Dykstra, committee member.

Nominees need not be members of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. Deadline for nominations is January 31, 1987. For more information contact the Chamber at 677-2880.

## County offers info for senior citizens

Older Montanans can get information on diets, housing, retirement and other special concerns through the Cooperative Extension Service agent in their county.

Each county Extension office keeps a list of publications—most of them free—that are available to Montana citizens. Several of these are aimed at older residents.

For instance, a series on "Nutrition and the Elderly" answers questions on problem nutrients, emergency food shelves, food-drug interactions, food supplements and health food, easy meal planning, exercise and modified diets.

Another series on housing looks at community support services, dependent

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and independent choices, and design considerations for a supportive environment.



## CORNUCOPIA by Michele Potter

You don't have to be Cajun to cook Cajun! Remember the black-eyed peas recipes? For us Northern folk, here's another recipe using those "foreign" peas. It's from Chef Paul Prudhomme's, "Authentic Cajun Cooking."

## Chicken Smothered with Black-Eyed Peas

Seasoning Mix:  
1 tablespoon salt  
1-1/2 teaspoons onion powder  
1-1/2 teaspoons garlic powder  
1 teaspoon white pepper  
1 teaspoon dry mustard  
1 teaspoon rubbed sage  
1/2 teaspoon thyme leaves

1 (3-1/2 - 4 pounds) stewing or roasting hen, cut in 8-10 pieces  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
Vegetable oil for frying  
1/4 cup chicken fat (preferred) or pork lard or shortening  
9 slices bacon, cut into 1/2 inch pieces  
2-1/2 cups finely chopped onion  
1-1/2 cups finely chopped celery  
3 bay leaves  
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon TABASCO pepper sauce  
1 pound dried black-eyed peas  
1 tablespoon garlic powder  
1-1/2 teaspoons rubbed sage  
1 teaspoon onion powder  
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves  
11 cups chicken stock (preferred) or water  
About 3 cups hot cooked rice

Combine seasoning mix ingredients in a small bowl. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon mix on the chicken pieces, patting in by hand. Combine remaining mix with flour in a plastic or paper bag. Set aside. In a large skillet heat 1/2 inch oil to 350 degrees Fahrenheit over high heat. Dredge chicken pieces in seasoned flour, shaking off excess; fry in hot oil (large pieces and skin side down first) until golden brown, about 5 minutes per side. (Adjust heat as needed to maintain 350 degrees.) Drain on paper towels. Set aside.

In a 5-1/2 quart saucepan or Dutch oven, melt fat over high heat. Add bacon; cook just until it starts to get crisp, about 3-4 minutes, stirring often. Stir in onion, celery, bay leaves and 1 teaspoon TABASCO sauce, cook until vegetables start to get tender, about 3-5 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in peas, garlic powder, sage, onion powder and thyme. Cook until oil and juice are absorbed and mixture sticks excessively, about 2-4 minutes, stirring often. Add stock or water, chicken pieces and remaining 1 tablespoon TABASCO sauce; bring to a boil, reduce heat. Simmer until chicken and peas are tender, about 1-1/2 to 2 hours, stirring occasionally. (Cooking time varies according to toughness of hen.) Adjust salt to taste toward end of cooking time.

To serve, place 1 to 2 pieces of chicken on each heated serving plate. Mound about 1/2 cup rice to the side, then top the rice with about 1/2 cup peas. Spoon extra sauce over the peas and chicken. Yield: 4-6 servings.

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# Swan Valley

## Condon plan nears approval

A dozen Swan Valley residents met Friday with Missoula County Commissioner Janet Stevens and planning department personnel John DeVore and Pat O'Herron to discuss the final draft of the Swan Valley-Condon Rural Area Plan.

Condon is the first rural area to submit a plan to Missoula County Commissioners for incorporation into the 1975 County Comprehensive Plan. Commissioners will vote on whether or not to approve the Condon plan after area residents hold a public hearing on the issue this spring.

The original Condon plan was drawn up about two years ago by members of the Condon Community Club. It states as the goals and objectives of the Condon Community: a strong consensus favors retaining the present rural-wild character of the Swan Valley and, at the same time, maintaining a base of economic activities sustainable in the long term, compatible with the natural environment and consistent with the land's capability to sustain yields of natural resources. Subdivision of private lands, management practices on all lands, and the generation of new or expansion of existing industries should support the foregoing community objectives.

Subdivisions are directly addressed in the proposed plan. In Section VI,

"Land Use Designation," the plan states: "Rural Low-density residential (One Dwelling per 10 acres) This designation is applied to most lands suitable for development. The occasional need for homesteads smaller than ten acres would be met by designation, with approval of the residents of the affected area, of sites in or adjacent to areas where densities higher than one dwelling per ten acres were established prior to the 1975 Comprehensive Plan."

The Plan further allows for implementation of objectives, such as the rural low-density provision, by allowing a community meeting to be called "by the person or persons most affected by the proposed action. This meeting will allow the actions to be discussed and a vote of approval, approval with modifications or disapproval will be taken by those in attendance."

Pat O'Herron pointed out at Friday's meeting that "a meeting and vote by Condon residents cannot bind the County Commission." Final approval of any subdivision would lie with the County Planning Board and the Missoula County Commission, who base their decisions on established criteria. "Your input will be one of those criteria," O'Herron told Condon residents on Friday.

Implementation of this rural plan would add substantial weight to comments submitted by area residents who may oppose activities such as subdivisions or commercial development.

Copies of the Draft Plan are available from the Missoula County Commissioners office, 721-5700.



## Carla Jensen new postmaster at Condon

The Postal Service has selected a new postmaster for the Condon post office, located in the Mission Mountains Mercantile building. Carla Jensen will begin her new job January 16.

"I'm really excited and looking forward to it," Jensen said last week. She and her family have lived in Coram, a small, rural community between Columbia Falls and Glacier Park, for the past 13 years. Jensen has worked at post offices in West Glacier and Columbia Falls since 1979.

Jensen is a native of Western Montana. She and her husband, Doug, and their two sons, Boone, age 11, and Cody, 8, all enjoy outdoor recreation such as Nordic skiing, fishing and hunting.

Former Condon postmaster, Jim Schoonover, was promoted to a position at Philipsburg early last summer. Ellie Greenough and Lonna Leahy have been working as "relief postmasters" at Condon while postal officials sought a replacement for Schoonover.

### Adult basketball begins

Co-ed basketball has begun at Swan Valley school on Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. There is a small fee for use of the gym. Interested persons may call Karen Anderson at the school, 754-2320, or contact Mike Holmes, Swan Valley.

**Roger Wade Photography**  
754-2793

## Many "closed" forest roads found open

SWAN VALLEY—A study conducted last fall by two Flathead Valley conservation organizations concluded that more than one-third of the gates included here in the Forest Service road closure program did not effectively restrict undesired motor vehicle use.

The results of Forest Service shortcomings in the Swan Valley "could be disastrous," according to Keith Hammer, Swan View Coalition member who helped prepare the recent study. Citing grizzly bear biologists' findings that the Mission Mountain population of grizzlies is declining, and that the Flathead Forest Plan calls for management of a secure grizzly travel corridor along the Swan-Clearwater Divide in order to avoid isolating the Missions from the greater Glacier-Bob Marshall Ecosystem, Hammer states "86% of the road mileages listed as 'closed' in the corridor area were not effectively closed."

The study, sponsored by the Swan View Coalition and Resources, Ltd., looked at roads which were deemed "closed" for wildlife protection in portions of the Swan Lake Ranger District, and considered by the Forest Service to be "needed for the survival and recovery of the grizzly bear."

Fifty-three of the sixty-two road closures listed by the Forest Service as within the study area, located between the crests of the Swan and Mission mountains, were inspected on-site and evaluated. 38% of those inspected were found to be ineffective in fully restricting passenger-type vehicles. Of these, 50% were not closed and locked, 25% demonstrated that vehicles were easily driven around the closure, 10% were rendered ineffective by minor vandalism, and 15% were not yet established on roads claimed as "closed" by the Forest Service.

According to Hammer, a surprising finding is that not a single case of major vandalism to a Forest Service gate was encountered. Contrary to Forest Service reports of major problems with gate vandalism, Hammer found "not a single gate which evidenced attempts to pull it from the ground, or which showed significant disruptions in the surrounding terrain in order to detour around it."

Seventy-five percent of the ineffective closures resulted from either poor placement of the gate, which allowed easy detour around it, or the simple fact that the gate was not closed and locked.

All the road closures inspected are intended by the Forest Service to also restrict trail vehicles, such as motorcycles, on a year-round basis, and snowmobiles from April 1 to November

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**Sobering facts highlight Vietnam Night**

**Veterans have much in common**

Vietnam veterans are not all that much different than veterans of World War II and the Korean War according to Philip Burgess, counselor with the Missoula Vet Center. Burgess was guest speaker at Vietnam Night, sponsored by Swan Valley Post No. 63 of the American Legion, last Friday night in Condon.

"I think the experience of combat makes us all a little crazy," he said Friday night. Talking in a low, conversational voice, Burgess spoke honestly and frankly about his lifestyle since he returned home from Vietnam 18 years ago.

Burgess works daily with veterans from Vietnam, Korea, and recently, Grenada, who are suffering from delayed stress, or "shell shock" as it may have been called in other wars. His own experiences as an Army officer in Vietnam, and as a veteran returning home, have helped him to focus on the similarities between veterans, rather than the differences.

"It's not what war you fought in, kids... it's the sense of the family (society) that sent you to war that matters," he said.

Burgess went on to explain that he believes veterans should join together and share a responsibility in teaching others about coping with the aftereffects of war. "Vets need to concentrate on

helping society move on," he said. "We haven't taken our experiences and put them to work yet."

Ken Wolff, Swan Valley post commander, gave an historical presentation about the Vietnam War. Wolff, a Marine door-gunner on a helicopter gunship in Vietnam, is well educated on the subject of Vietnam. He displayed dozens of factual books about Vietnam during his presentation.

His lecture began with a brief history of how the United States became involved in Indochina in the early 1950s, and how that involvement escalated into a 20-year war where, ultimately, thousands of Americans were killed every year.

Wolff touched on some sobering statistics of the Vietnam War: the United States violated the terms of the Geneva Accord more than 5,000 times during the war; Vietnam was America's first "teenage" war, with the average age of troops being 19.6 years old (compared to 26.1 years old in World War II); and three-fifths of American troops in Vietnam were addicted to narcotics by 1970. The last American soldier died in Vietnam in 1973.

Wolff also discussed the ecocide, or war against the land, that occurred in South Vietnam. Ninety-six million gallons of dioxin poisoned the soil of that country, which is roughly the size of Western Montana. In many places, the land there will not support any living thing (including spiders, plants or people) for another 10,000 years or more because of the effects of Agent Orange and other poisons used by the United States.

30. The study reports, however, that none of the closure devices were physically capable of restricting these uses and 92% of them failed to exhibit a sign indicating that these types of vehicles are prohibited.

The study cites numerous scientific research papers which document the negative effects of open forest roads upon elk and grizzly bear. Hammer points to the Forest Service's January 22, 1986 Decision to implement the Flathead Forest Plan, showing that the public expects and supports forest road closures. That Decision states "There seems to be more agreement among various interest groups and individuals on the need for aggressive road management than any other issue."

Recently released Forest Service studies of the Noisy Face forest road and off-road vehicle trail system in the northern portion of the study area reveal that the "equivalent open road density" is 2.2 miles per square mile of wildlife habitat. "This is more than twice the road density allowable under interagency grizzly bear management guidelines.

The excessive road density is also equivalent to over a 50% reduction in the ability of elk to use the area's habitat, according to the Montana Cooperative Elk-Logging Study," Hammer states. He concludes: "The Forest Service should be getting the current Forest-wide road system and ORV use under control rather than planning and building more roads into already stressed big game and critical wildlife habitats."

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ASSETS		Dollar Amounts in Thousands	1986	1985
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:				
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		110.0	110.0	110.0
b. Interest-bearing balances		221.1	221.1	221.1
2. Securities (from Schedule RC-B):		523.1	523.1	523.1
3. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell:		193.5	193.5	193.5
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:				
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income (from Schedule RC-C):		11.3	11.3	11.3
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses		(1.3)	(1.3)	(1.3)
c. LESS: Allowance for real estate losses		(1.3)	(1.3)	(1.3)
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income		8.7	8.7	8.7
e. Allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)		(1.6)	(1.6)	(1.6)
5. Assets held in trust or fiduciary capacity:		218.6	218.6	218.6
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases):		11.3	11.3	11.3
7. Other real estate owned:		11.3	11.3	11.3
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies:		11.3	11.3	11.3
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding:		11.3	11.3	11.3
10. Intangible assets (from Schedule RC-D):		11.3	11.3	11.3
11. Other assets (from Schedule RC-E):		11.3	11.3	11.3
12. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11):		1,500.0	1,500.0	1,500.0

LIABILITIES		Dollar Amounts in Thousands	1986	1985
13. Deposits:				
a. In domestic offices (sum of totals of columns A and C from Schedule RC-F):		216.0	216.0	216.0
(1) Noninterest-bearing:		110.0	110.0	110.0
(2) Interest-bearing:		106.0	106.0	106.0
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement Subsidiaries, and IFBs:		11.3	11.3	11.3
(1) Noninterest-bearing:		11.3	11.3	11.3
(2) Interest-bearing:		0.0	0.0	0.0
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase:		11.3	11.3	11.3
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury:		11.3	11.3	11.3
16. Other borrowed money:		11.3	11.3	11.3
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases:		11.3	11.3	11.3
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding:		11.3	11.3	11.3
19. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits:		11.3	11.3	11.3
20. Other liabilities (from Schedule RC-G):		11.3	11.3	11.3
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20):		247.7	247.7	247.7
22. Limited life preferred stock:		11.3	11.3	11.3
23. Perpetual preferred stock:		11.3	11.3	11.3
24. Common stock:		11.3	11.3	11.3
25. Surplus:		11.3	11.3	11.3
26. Undivided profits and capital reserves:		11.3	11.3	11.3
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments:		11.3	11.3	11.3
28. Total equity capital (sum of items 22 through 27):		113.2	113.2	113.2
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital (sum of items 21, 22, and 28):		360.9	360.9	360.9

I, **Marlene Barlett**, Cashier of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the State Banking Authority and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the State Banking Authority and is true and correct.

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# OUTDOORS

# Winter Recreation Guide

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## Negotiations for new shooting range near Seeley Lake

The Wilderness Sportsman's Club is now in the process of negotiating to lease a parcel of State land along the Cottonwood Lakes road for the purpose of establishing a shooting range.

Recent discussions have centered around leasing a 30-acre area in the NE 1/4, Section 36, Township 17 North, Range 15 West, which lies north of the Cottonwood Lakes road about two miles from Seeley Lake.

The recreation lease would enable the Club to construct proposed facilities including two "trap" ranges, a big-bore rifle range (100-200 yards), covered firing lines, a picnic area and a clubhouse. Future plans include constructing a walk-through archery area, a pistol range, and a larger rifle range.

Merle Gunsch and Barton Peterson, Seeley Lake members of the Range Committee, may be contacted for more information about the proposal.

## Snowpack below average

BOZEMAN--Mountain snowpacks are below average over most of Montana, according to January 1 measurements by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

Phil Farnes, snow survey supervisor, says that many watersheds have only one-half of the snowpack usually expected at this time of the year. Those watersheds include the headwaters of the Bitterroot, Red Rock, Madison, Galatin, Yellowstone, and Clark Fork rivers, the Salish Mountains west of Kalispell, and mountain ranges in Central Montana.

Usually, about 40 percent of the season's snowpack is on the ground by January 1. "There's plenty of time for the snowpack to improve," Farnes says. Only two areas have near-average snowpacks—the Continental Divide from Canada south to the headwaters of the Sun River, and the northeast face of

the Beartooth Range west of Red Lodge.

Up to 75 percent of the state's spring and summer streamflow is generated from melting snowpacks.

Farnes describes the precipitation in the last four months as "a collection of extremes rather than any specific pattern."

A wetter than normal September, recharging soil moisture and generating some runoff, was followed by a dry October. Mountain snowfall in November was well above average, with the northern watersheds getting more moisture than the southern ones.

December was very dry, with most of the state receiving only 20 to 30 percent of average moisture. The Flathead and Kootenai fared a little better, but still had only 35 to 45 percent of normal December moisture.

The January 1 snowpack measurements were made at about 100 of the 240 snow courses and the 70 automated SNOTEL sites. Many federal and state agencies and private organizations cooperate with the SCS to gather snow survey data. The next measurements will be made around February 1.

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## Seeley Lake Snow Facts

Elevation—3995 feet

Average Valley Bottom Cumulative Snowfall (since 1951)—139"

Average Valley Bottom Cumulative Snowfall (1978-1982)—101"

Average Valley Bottom Maximum Snowpack—36"

Average Valley Bottom Snow Season—November 1 through April 1

Average Mountain Cumulative Snowfall—285"

Average Mountain Maximum Snowpack Depth—123"

## Seeley man wins sled dog race

Bruce Graham, Seeley Lake musher, recently won the long-distance sled dog race held during the annual "Fun Days" at McGregor Lake near Libby, Montana. The race was originally scheduled as a 30-mile event, but was shortened to 12 miles due to icy trail conditions.

According to Ron Ogden, Seeley Lake musher who also participated in the event, the race "was a real white-knuckler." Trail conditions were extremely fast due to hard-packed snow and ice.

Mushers from Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Idaho and Montana competed for prizes.

Tom Scollick, also from Seeley Lake, participated in the race. All of these Seeley Lake mushers will be competing in upcoming sled dog races around the state. The next major race is the 150-mile distance run at Polebridge, on the North Fork of the Flathead.

Two big sled dog races are scheduled in the Seeley Lake area this winter. The Seeley Lake 200 begins January 29. The Governor's Cup 500 race begins in Helena February 8, and continues to Holland Lake before the return leg to Helena.



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## YAMAFEST

Continued from front page.

On Saturday, young folks can compete for prizes in the Snodeo at the old heliport site, north of Seeley Lake. The Holland Lake Trail Ride will begin at the heliport, and demonstration rides will take place all day there.

The Ugly Snowmobile Suit Contest will take place Saturday night at the Community Hall. First place wins a new snowmobile suit from Yamaha.

Folks are welcome to join in the chili feed, Yamaha Open House and dance, also set for Saturday night.

Sunday morning will begin with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Seeley Lake Lions Club at the Community Hall. Adult snowmobile events will be scheduled throughout the day at the heliport, including another Holland Lake Trail Ride, Radar Runs and a Poker Run.

Snowmobile demo rides will be offered both Saturday and Sunday at the heliport by the five Yamaha dealers sponsoring the event: Mike Tingley, Missoula; Al's Cycle Center, Hamilton; Ronan Sport Cycle, Ronan; Cycle Center, Missoula; and Fun Unlimited, Columbia Falls.

Proceeds from various events held during YAMAFEST will be split between the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, the Seeley Lake Quick Response Unit, and the Driftriders Snowmobile Club.

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The Driftriders Snowmobile Club in Seeley Lake has taken over the responsibility of grooming area snowmobile trails this year.

## Nordic Ski Report

There are two main cross-country ski systems in the Seeley Swan: the Seeley Creek Nordic Ski System and the Holland Lake Area Ski System. These trails have been groomed and marked this year.

Access to the Seeley Creek trails is behind the Community Hall north of Seeley Lake or north of the Elk Horn Café near Rice Ridge Road. The Rice Ridge access is recommended for beginners. There are maps at both trailheads, and parking is available nearby.

Access to the Holland Lake ski system is from the Holland Lake Lodge in the Swan Valley, about 18 miles north of Seeley Lake off of Highway 83.



## Snowmobile Report

Local residents have been working to groom area snowmobile trails. So far, about two-thirds of the 300 miles of snowmobile trails in the Seeley Swan are groomed, including those west of Seeley Lake, and in the Rice Ridge country.

## The bare essentials

Members of the Seeley Lake Driftriders Snowmobile Club recommend that snowmobilers take the following items with them on outings, whether two people or a dozen are going.

- tow rope
- extra gas
- flashlight
- essential tools
- extra gloves
- matches
- maps
- snacks
- hot chocolate or coffee

## Winter Calendar

<b>January</b>	
16-18	YAMAFEST
29-1	Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race
<b>February</b>	
7	OSCR 50-kilometer Nordic ski race
8-12	Governor's Cup 500 Sled Dog Race (Helena to Holland Lake and return)
14-16	SnowmobiliVivous
21	Snow Joke Marathon
<b>March</b>	
7-8	Maggot Race

## SnowmobiliVivous Feb 14-16

The next major snowmobile event in the Seeley Lake area is the SnowmobiliVivous, sponsored by the Seeley Lake Driftriders snowmobile club. SnowmobiliVivous begins February 14 and continues through the long weekend until Monday, February 16.

Trail rides are scheduled for all three days. A spaghetti feed and "social hour" will highlight activities Saturday night. Sunday, the Driftriders will host their famous chili feed served from their "kitchen on skis." Other events include a poker run, and tickets will be sold for a drawing to be held on Sunday.

For more information call the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, 677-2880, or contact any member of the Driftriders Snowmobile Club, Seeley Lake.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday-Saturday: Scattered snow, mainly in the mountains, Friday or Saturday. Highs 15-25. Lows 0-10.



Ron Ogden, race contestant, training with his dogs

## SEELEY LAKE 200 Sled Dog Race

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Friday, January 16, 1987

- 6:00 pm Sign-up Poker Run & Pre-Registration for all trail rides at the Community Hall.
- 6:30 - 8:30 pm **MOONLIGHT POKER RUN, AROUND TOWN MONEY & TROPHIES FOR HIGH MEN'S & WOMEN'S HAND TROPHIES FOR HIGH & LOW KID'S HAND**
- 8:00 - 9:00 pm **YAMAHA SNOWMOBILE LIARS CONTEST** at the Community Hall. This is a nationwide contest sponsored by YAMAHA (they are co-sponsoring 42 festivals, each one having this contest). The "lies" will be recorded here, and the winning "lie" from this contest will be submitted to YAMAHA for the National Contest. The local contest winner will receive a jacket. Winner of the National Contest will receive a 1987 PHAZER.
- 9:00 - 10:00 pm **Cider and Cheese Party** at the Community Hall. Awards will be given to the winners of the Moonlight Poker Run and the Liars Contest when both are completed.

#### Saturday, January 17, 1987

- 8:00 am **HOLLAND LAKE TRAIL RIDE** from Heliport. There will be various trail rides all day. Times posted at Trail Ride/Poker Run tent. Snowmobile demo rides all day long from 10 am 'til 4 pm. Five area YAMAHA dealers will provide snowmobiles. The dealers are: Fun Unlimited (Columbia Falls), Mike Tingley's (Missoula), Cycle Center (Missoula), Al's Cycle Service (Hamilton) and Ronan Sports Cycle (Ronan).
- 10:00 am **SNODEO EVENT** for young people at the Heliport. NO ENTRY FEE. Four age groups: 6-8; 9-12; 13-15; 16-17.
- NOON - 1:00 pm **INTERMISSION.** Lunch concessions available at Heliport.

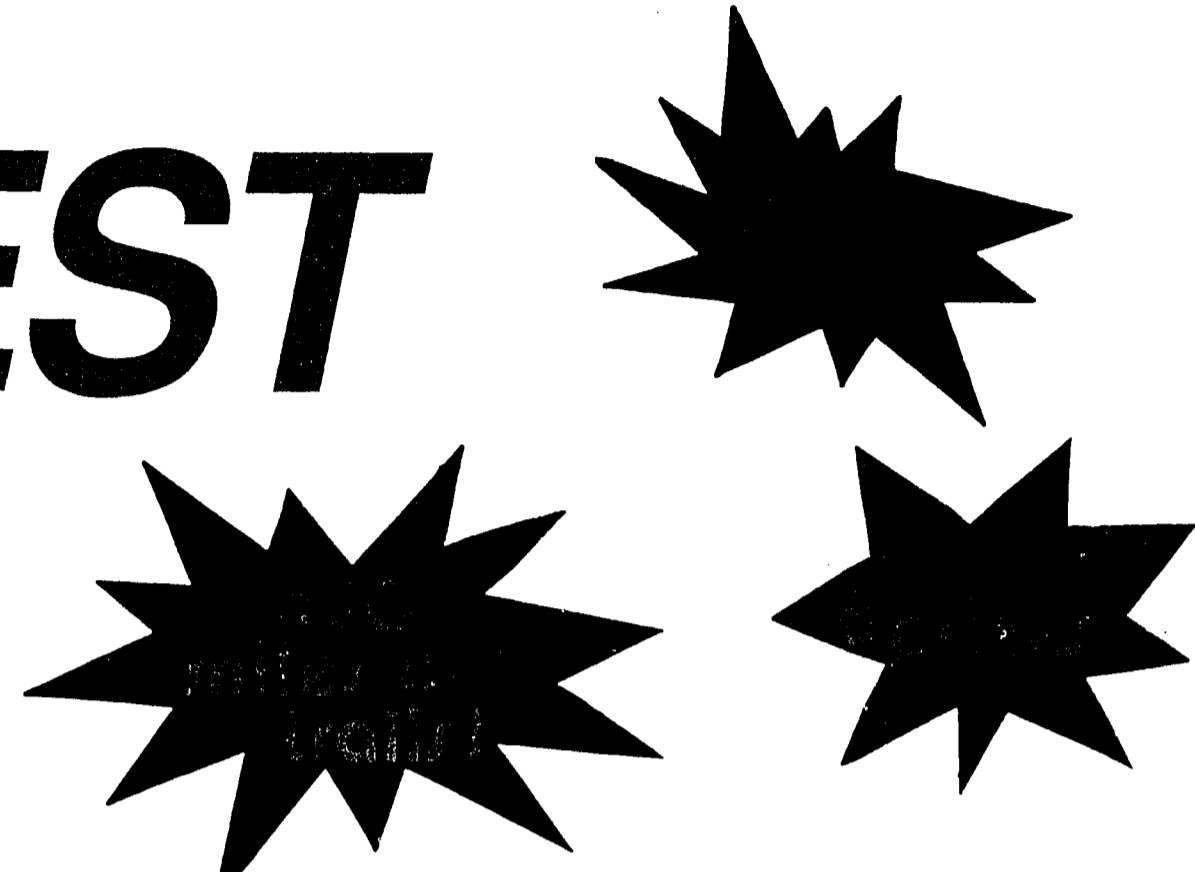
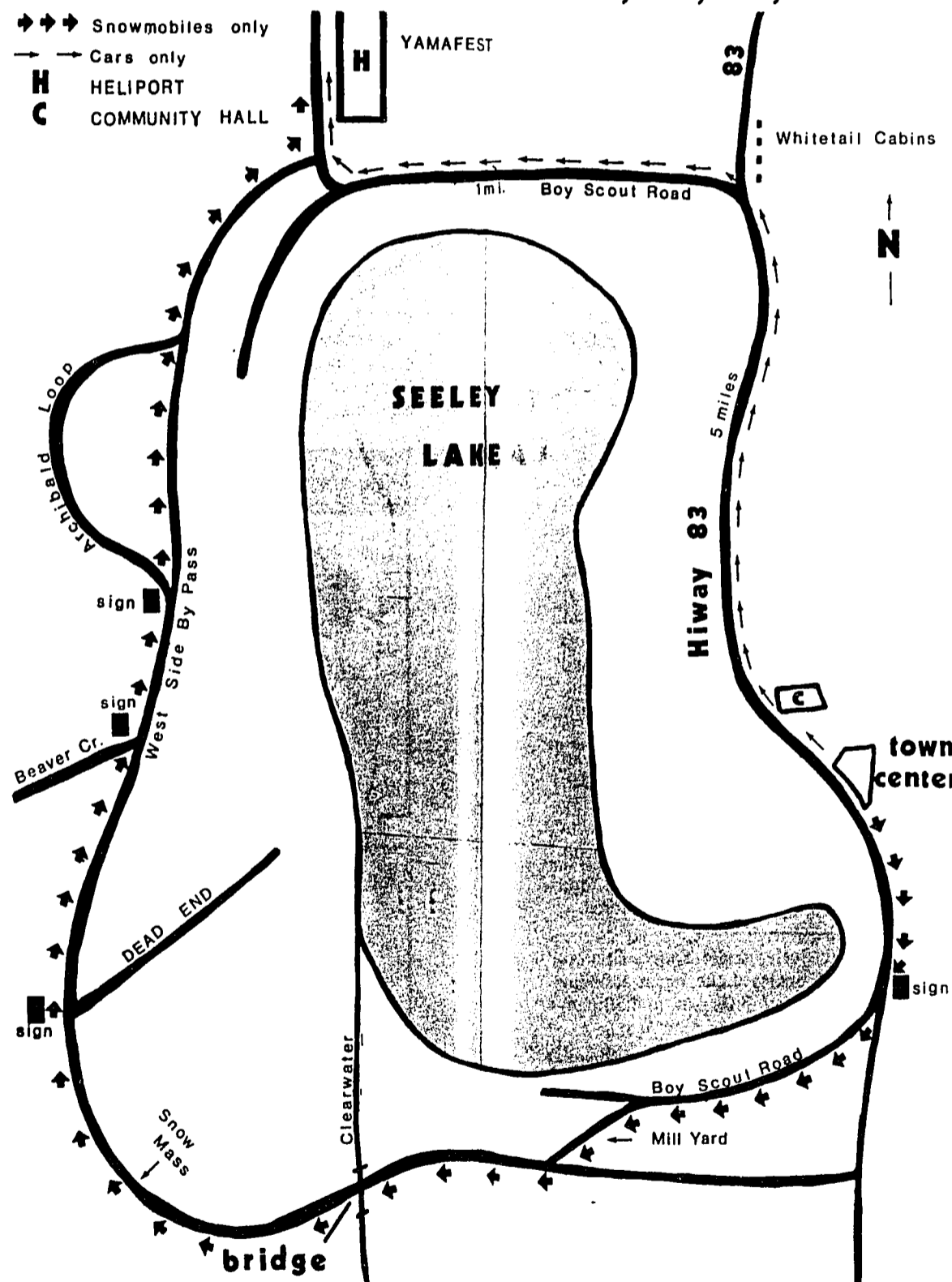


For more information, call 677-2880, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (continued)

#### Saturday, January 17, 1987 (continued)

- 1:00 - 3:30 pm SNODEO EVENT continues.
- 3:30 pm Sign-up for Poker Run at the Heliport in the event tent.
- 4:00 - 6:00 pm Poker Run ends at YAMAHA Open House.
- 6:00 - 7:30 pm YAMAHA Open House & Chili Feed Dinner at Community Hall (including door prizes/drawings).
- 7:30 - 8:15 pm **UGLY SNOWMOBILE SUIT CONTEST** at the Community Hall. First place wins a new snowmobile suit from YAMAHA.
- 8:15 - 9:00 p.m. AWARDS FOR SNODEO AND POKER RUN.
- 9:15 - ? Dance at the Community Hall.

#### Sunday, January 18, 1987\*

- 8:00 am **HOLLAND LAKE TRAIL RIDE** from the Heliport. There will be various rides all day. Times posted at the Trail Ride/Poker Run tent.
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm **SNOWMOBILE DEMO RIDES.**
- 10:00 am Sign-up for day's events.
- 10:00 am - NOON **RADAR RUN** at the Heliport. \$2.00 entry fee per run.
- NOON - 1:00 pm **INTERMISSION.** Lunch concessions available at Heliport.
- 1:00 - 3:00 pm **POKER RUN** (sign-up at 12:30 pm at the Heliport).

\*AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER EACH EVENT SUNDAY

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Ice fishing is a popular sport in the Seeley Swan now.

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## FISHING

### Read the ice - and avoid disaster

Frozen lakes invite many fishermen to the Seeley Swan area each winter. To make sure your fishing trip is a delight and not a disaster, Tim Pool of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks offers the following advice.

—For safe travel on foot, snowmobile, ice machine or in a motor vehicle, recreationists should carefully test the thickness and strength of the ice. The more weight placed on ice, the thicker it should be.

—While on the ice, a spud bar or ice auger should be regularly used to test the strength and thickness of the ice. One can test the ice by chopping a hole to determine its thickness.

—New ice is stronger than old ice and clear, blue ice is stronger than white ice.

—On large, deep lakes, the center is always the last section of water to freeze. Until the ice is of a uniform thickness, the center of a lake will usually be the weakest section.

### Fishing Report

Fishing is improving this week in the Seeley Swan area, although a few lakes have slush ice on top of old ice, which has frozen again in some places, causing unpredictable ice thicknesses. Use caution and "read" the ice. (See related fish and game article.)

A few fishermen reported catching the large rainbows that have been planted recently in Seeley Lake. Two nine-pounders were caught on lures. Anglers are also having luck with maggots and larger, bright-colored jigs.

In the Swan, the smaller lakes are fair for native cutthroat and rainbows. Swan Lake has not yet frozen solid at the outlet, usually popular this time of year for salmon fishing.

### Information

Seeley Lake is located in the scenic Clearwater drainage. From this recreational community visitors have access to dozens of mountain lakes, the Clearwater and Blackfoot rivers, numerous hiking areas, and, of course, the Bob Marshall, Scapegoat and Mission Mountains wilderness areas.

The Clearwater and Swan drainages are separated by the "Summit" approximately 15 miles north of Seeley Lake. South of this line, visitors are in the Lolo National Forest. Visitors north of the Summit will be in the Flathead National Forest.

For more information about these areas visitors are encouraged to talk to local merchants familiar with the areas, or contact:

The Seeley Condon Chamber of Commerce, Seeley Lake, open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Phone 677-2880.

—Ice does not drop along with a lake's water level. Use caution on water impoundments where water levels can fluctuate. A reduction in the water level will leave high, unsupported ice that will easily break.

—Avoid areas where water is in constant motion, particularly near water inlets and outlets, where the moving water affects the thickness of the ice.

—When the temperature rises above freezing (32 degrees Fahrenheit), warm air penetrates and softens the ice, which causes it to "rot" and lose its strength.

—Avoid trees, posts and anything else that protrudes through the ice.

—Single cracks that run through the ice are generally not signs of danger. However, multiple cracks in the ice should always be avoided.

—Always be aware of the ice you are on. Watch for gradual changes in color and/or texture that could alert you to a possible weakness.

With these tips in mind, Pool said, you'll be better prepared to read the ice and ensure a safe, enjoyable winter outing.

### More lunkers for Seeley Lake

One-hundred and thirty-one large rainbow trout were planted in Seeley Lake last week. The retired female broodstock weighed about 10.8 pounds each and averaged 28 inches in length.

Dan Cainan and Ron Frohling, Seeley Lake, helped Sib Malec, acting assistant manager at the Arlec Hatchery, with the fish plant. They first had to cut a hole in the ice, then netted the fish from the holding tank on the fish and game truck and, one by one, slipped the rainbows into the water. Some of the larger fish weighed nearly 14 pounds.

This is the third time Seeley Lake has been planted with retired broodstock this winter. According to hatchery officials, once the female trout grow to over 5 pounds in size, they are difficult to handle and, also, begin to quit producing eggs - so, they are "retired."

The Seeley Lake Ranger Station, north of Seeley Lake, open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone 677-2233.

Many local businesses, the Chamber and Forest Service have a variety of maps available. Topo maps are available at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station.

### December weather

Precipitation for the month of December at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station was 1.22 inches. That compares with a high of 5.66 inches in 1977 and a low of .86 in 1981 for the month.

Fifteen inches of snow fell during the month. On the 31st of December there were 12 inches of snow on the ground at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station.

## OUTDOORS

### Becoming a wildlife lister

By CRAIG TUFTS

There's no better time than New Year's to resolve to keep track of what's taking place in your yard - with an eye to making it even more inviting to wildlife.

If you've never before listed your wildlife observations, winter is an ideal time of year to begin; your yard is fairly quiet and your note-taking can get off to a comfortable, leisurely start.

Watching the comings and goings of wildlife visitors is turned into a profitable game when you actually list the changes brought about by the seasons.

Begin by making a chart, fastening it to a clipboard to be hung alongside your favorite wildlife-watching window or next to the door you use most between house and yard.

Your behavioral notes can be made in columns (left to right): Numbers and names of species; description (especially of species not easily identifiable); date observed; time of day; place (i.e., which part of your yard or where outside the yard); and activity (feeding, digging in the garden, nesting, pecking at a dead tree, etc.).

If you have a home computer, you might like to set up a data base format for all your information. That's my own method of keeping track of my wildlife observations. The computer makes it easy to see unfolding patterns.

Your lists can cover all kinds of wildlife. Even though birds will be the most common visitor, you'll want to note what goes on in the world of insects, mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

Your observations needn't be confined to your immediate yard, but can take in surrounding fields, woods or streets, if you like.

Friends of mine consider the space over their house as an extension of their home environment. They've kept track of large birds of prey and migrating waterfowl that

would not be apt to ever actually enter their yard, yet are certainly part of their personal world.

Within the last year, as my butterfly garden has developed, I've noted 23 species of butterflies and skippers - in both caterpillar and adult stages. I've even specified what shape each individual is in.

My notes tell me, for example, that when most of the tiger swallowtail butterflies take on a faded, tattered look in late June they are near the end of their life span. I discovered, too, that it's late summer before the caterpillars of the variegated fritillaries show up in my area from points south.

And just this past October, while checking over my plantings, I noticed small, pale, black-headed, yellow-green caterpillars nesting in the leaves of my native columbines, the tops of which were chewed off.

My books told me this was the caterpillar of the locally rare columbine skipper, which feeds only on columbines. It winters in small silk nests among dead columbine leaves and emerges in spring as an attractive little black, beige and white butterfly which will lay eggs on the new spring columbine shoots. I was glad not to have swept the columbine leaves into the compost heap!

Keeping detailed notes and looking through authoritative books for answers to puzzling situations lays the groundwork for identifying patterns of growth and behavior you may never before have known existed.

It may be a game or a hobby, but it can also be very helpful in making your yard a better place for welcome wildlife.

For more information about wildlife around your home, contact the National Wildlife Federation, Dept. BN, 1412 16th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036-2266.

Lion season on agenda

### Tentative game quotas to be set next week

The Montana Fish and Game Commission will meet in Helena, Thursday and Friday, January 15 and 16, to set tentative harvest quotas and bag limits for the upcoming big game hunting seasons.

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks' tentative big game hunting season recommendations for 1987 will be offered to the Commission on Friday, beginning at 9 a.m.

Also on Friday, the Commission will be asked to establish tentative opening and closing dates for the 1988 hunting seasons and to approve the Department's tentative recommendations for this spring's turkey hunting season.

On Thursday, the Commission will:

—review the fishery management plan for the Bighorn River;

—act on a Department proposal to introduce bighorn sheep to new areas in Region 2 and Region 5.

—Hear a presentation on mountain lion biology and natural history by experts Maurice Hornocker and Graham Taylor, and establish tentative lion seasons for 1987.

The Commission meetings will be held in the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks conference room at 1420 East Sixth Avenue. The public is welcome to attend.

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## Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

These January nights have led the sun to rise red-orange behind the Swan Range. It's the time of year I appreciate snow the most. It glistens everywhere. The white faces of the mountains drink in the sunrise colors and pale them across the sky at dawn.

The frozen rivers run eerie now, with their hollow voices beneath the ice. The frosted willows along the water hide the undecided tracks of a snowshoe hare.

It's good snow for walking in, if someone has already broken a trail. It's better snow for skiing—enough powder on top to slide across a crust that's not too fast.

I've seen fresh deer tracks each day now. This is the first year in five that they have wintered here and not headed south to Inez or north to Holland and

Salmon Prairie. And the elk are close by. We see their trails about once a week. They love to trample our ski tracks.

The elk smell like horses in this icy, humid air. You can recognize that scent a hundred yards from their daybeds, especially in late afternoon when the sun bathes the hillsides.

### Ice Skating

Figure skating is popular now on many of the frozen lakes. Holland Lake Lodge has cleared a nice area for skating, and has also installed lights for night skating.

Seeley Lake area volunteers have worked to form a skating rink near the center of town, and it should be ready for skaters this week.

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## In Our Churches

### PASSAGES

Pastor Roger Combs  
Faith Chapel, Seeley Lake

In a world that seems to be stumbling like a drunken man in a state of confusion as to which way to turn, it seems mankind is looking for some man who has all the answers. Many of us in this country have the idea our particular President (Republican or Democrat) will have all the answers and will lead us into a new and bright tomorrow. Look at our failing economy: the rise of drug flow; new disease, such as AIDS, which is reaching an epidemic stage; new records for teenage suicide, unwed mothers,

abortion. The list goes on and on, until we cry out, "What can we do? What is the answer?"

I believe that, in the time we live, no one man has the answer to mankind's problems except the Man, the Lord Jesus Christ. It's wonderful to know that in a society which changes with the weather, there is still One about whom Paul said, in *Hebrews 13:7*: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever!"

I don't know what tomorrow holds, but I know Who holds tomorrow. For our nation to be the great leader in the world that it once was, we must turn back to the path our forefathers chose - and founded this nation upon. That is, faith in the word of God and his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ!

### Bicentennial Essays (First of a Series)

### From Under The Liberty Tree

Jack Hane, President  
Liberty Tree Foundation

From Under the Liberty Tree comes a series of essays in observance of the bicentennial of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America. It seems only appropriate to take advantage of this time to be reminded of the significance and importance of the occasion. The primary purpose of these articles is simply to restore and bolster a faith that will give us a love and appreciation of the liberty we have in our country.

Noted historian and statesman, George Bancroft made the following statement:

"The principles that govern human affairs, extending like a path of light

from century to century, become the highest demonstration of the super-intending providence of God. Universal history does not seek to relate the sum of all God's works of providence. The wheels of providence are not turned about by blind chance, but they are full of eyes round about, and they are all guided by the Spirit of God. . . Providence is the light of history, and the soul of the world. God is in history, and all history has a unity because God is in it."

As one studies American history from the time of the parent colonies, Jamestown and Plymouth, it cannot be denied that the hand of God was ever-present. In Jamestown as well as Plymouth, our American ancestors would attest to the Bancroft statement without equivocation. They had experienced the love and concern of the providential hand of God. Such a humble beginning should not be taken lightly. It was from this beginning that the foundation for a structure of liberty would be built.

### CHURCH SCHEDULE

**Condon Community Church**  
Pastor Jeff Crippen  
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 Community Hall

**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**  
Pastor D. Paul Hickman  
677-2268  
Sun. School, 9:45 am  
Sun. Services, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm  
Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:30pm

**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 & Prayer, Wed. 7:30 pm

**Community Bible Church, Seeley**  
Pastor Rob Morris, 677-2837  
Sunday School, 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship, 11:00 am

**Swan Valley Catholic Community**  
Father D. A. Okorn, 754-2429  
Sunday Mass, 8:45 am  
(Faith Lutheran, Condon)

**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**  
Rev. Herb Schiefelbein, Pastor 677-2281  
Sunday Family Worship, 11:15 am

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Rev. Herb Schiefelbein, Pastor 677-2281  
Sunday Family Worship, 8:30 am  
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Pastor Roger Combs, 677-2220  
Sunday School, 9:45 am  
Worship, 11:00 am & 6:30 pm  
Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 pm

### Wilderness Ranger saves life, receives award

Bob Marshall Wilderness Ranger Kraig Lang recently received the Regional Forester's award for saving the life of a near-drowning victim in the Little Salmon Creek area of the Bob Marshall last summer.

Last August, when the incident occurred, Lang was swimming in the South Fork of the Flathead River while another member of his crew, Dave Banning, was fishing nearby.

Banning called to Lang that he had hooked a fish. While Lang was getting out of the water he noticed that Banning had disappeared. Lang became concerned and checked the area where he had last seen Banning. He found the fisherman face down in the water where he had fallen and hit his head on a rock.

Lang immediately pulled the injured man out, found him not breathing and administered CPR. The

employee responded to CPR efforts and Lang helped him to shore.

Lang then contacted and directed an emergency medical helicopter to evacuate the injured man. Banning was treated at the hospital for a concussion and head laceration that required sixteen stitches.

Lang credited his training in first aid and CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation), required by the Forest Service, for enabling him to save Dave Banning's life.

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## COMMUNITY

### Seeley residents may apply for house numbers

Seeley Lake residents may now apply for house numbers, according to Volunteer Fire Chief, Colin Moon. The County Surveyor's office has established a "grid" for the Seeley Lake area, which enables people to have designated street addresses.

The Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department is cooperating with the Missoula County Fire Protection Association in designating street and house numbers for those who wish to apply.

"The problem is, people have never had street addresses before," Moon said. With designated house numbers, emergency services personnel can locate places much easier, according to Moon. "It helps in the dispatch process."

Businesses, such as UPS and gas delivery, would also benefit from residents posting their house numbers.

Applications for house numbers are available from Duane Boulé, fire district manager. Boulé works at the firehouse in Seeley Lake Monday through Friday. People may also contact Colin Moon, 677-2892, for more information.

Homeowners may make their own signs for house numbers, or order signs from the Lions Club. Reflective metal signs are available through the Volunteer Fire Department for free, although Moon suggests that people might donate to the program to help keep it going. All funds arising from the signing/numbering project will go to the Missoula Fire Protection Association.

Designation of street and house numbers is a county-wide project. Residents of Clearwater Junction, Kozy Korner, Placid and Salmon Lakes are also encouraged to participate.

### January 27 last date to apply to Fire District

Two elected positions on the Seeley Lake Fire District board are open. Three-year terms are now up for Bud Johnson and Leonard Sorenson. Both men are reapplying to the board.

Area residents who wish to run for a seat on the Fire District board must have their applications in by January 27. Applications are available at Timberline Building Materials, Seeley Lake.

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Duane Boulé, fire district manager, and Mary Marshall, fire district clerk, will soon be using office space located in the new addition to the Seeley Lake Firehouse. Volunteers also recently constructed a cold storage room (right).

### Firehouse has two new rooms

Early last fall, volunteers in the Seeley Lake community added a new meeting room and a cold-storage area onto the existing firehouse behind Barney's in Seeley Lake.

The Seeley Lake Fire District appropriated about \$1,000 for the construction project. The rest of the required materials were donated by Timberline Building Materials, Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc. and local volunteer firefighters. Clawson Manufacturing, Missoula, and TimmLine, Kalispell provided windows and roofing materials at substantial discounts.

### Plywood can be lethal firewood

Michael McCann, Executive Director for the Center for Occupational Hazards in New York City advises you not to burn plywood, particleboard, or fiberboard in your woodstove. These materials are made with glues containing formaldehyde, which is released into the air when the materials burn. Formaldehyde is a strong lung irritant and sensitizer which may cause asthma. It also causes nasal cancer in animals and, therefore, is a suspected human carcinogen.

Pressure-treated lumber should never be burned. Burning of wood that has been pressure treated with arsenic compounds was blamed by medical authorities for the poisoning of one family in rural Wisconsin during a recent winter. Burning of other types of treated wood could also be hazardous. For example, much lumber is preserved with pentachlorophenol or its salt, which is applied by brush or dipping. Pentachlorophenol is very toxic, both in a single exposure and in repeated exposures, partly due to the presence of extremely dangerous dioxin contaminants. It may cause cancer and reproductive damage. Burning pentachlorophenol would also result in the formation of even more of the extremely toxic dioxins.

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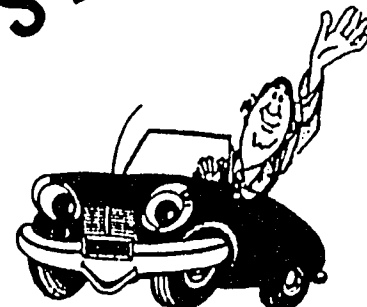
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# SCHOOLS



Seeley Lake Elementary V.I.P.s for December. First row, left to right: Nicole Fredericks, fourth grade; Paul Johnson, fourth grade; Joshua Combs, fourth grade; Jason Nentwig, fifth grade; Chris Paxton, second grade; Casey Adams, third grade. Second row, left to right: Laurie Leonard, sixth grade; Angie Hahn, sixth grade, Ty Anders, fifth grade, and Jason Abreo, eighth grade. Chris Smith, morning kindergarten class, is not pictured here, although he was chosen as a V.I.P. for the month of November.

### Seeley Elementary

#### Future Problem Solving

Seeley Lake's seventh grade FPS Team #260 (Trina Stevenson, Jenny Nentwig, Donnie Frederick, and Ray Koch) scored 6th highest statewide in Practice Problem 1 against more than forty junior high teams.

Sixth through eighth grade students at Seeley Lake are grappling with five issues this year in Future Problem Solving, all relating to potential

problems and changing world conditions by the 21st century. Issues range from water resources and garbage management to media impact and world illiteracy.

#### Spelling bee set

The School Spelling Bee is scheduled for January 30. Sixteen top spellers, 5th through 8th grade, will compete. The winner will represent the school in the County Spelling Bee.

## SEELEY LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### MENU - WEEK OF JANUARY 19

Monday, January 19	Cheeseburgers
Tuesday, January 20	Scalloped Potatoes and Ham
Wednesday, January 21	Beef 'n Bean Burritos
Thursday, January 22	Grilled Cheese Sandwiches & Chicken Noodle Soup
Friday, January 23	Pizza

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PTA Meeting - "Fire Safety at Home"  
Monday, January 19, 7 pm  
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### Gossard, Pohlman, Cooper & Kauffman receive honors

by Shauna Haines

Tammy Pohlman, daughter of Sharon and Phil Pohlman, and Jackie Gossard, daughter of Boyd and Pat Gossard, all of Seeley Lake, received the Elk's Student of the month honor for Seeley Swan High School in December.

For the month of January, Matt Cooper, son of Loretta Cooper, Seeley Lake, and Teresa Kauffman, daughter of Fern and Nathan Kauffman, Swan Valley, were chosen for the honor.

Every month a student is chosen by the principal of Seeley Swan High School to attend a dinner given by the Elks Club in Missoula. The Elks Club asks the principal to choose a senior who exemplifies the qualities they

believe to be the most desirable in a student. These qualities are citizenship, leadership, and community participation. The Elks are also interested in academic capabilities and consider the grade-point of the student as well.

The dinners are held every second Tuesday of the month at the Elks Club. Parents are encouraged to accompany their child to this event of honor.

### It's time to shape up!

by Shauna Haines

The intramural program started last week at Seeley Swan High School under the supervision of Les Gordon.

Intramurals are held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday evenings every week until spring. For any adults interested, the program offers basketball and weight-lifting. The program has been set up so that adults in the Seeley Swan community can use the high school gym as a community resource, as long as the resource is respected.

### Basketball

Three basketball squads will play against Drummond on Saturday morning, January 17, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Seeley Lake Elementary School gym.

The Seeley Lake Eagles won the Drummond Invitational Tournament against Drummond, Philipsburg and Clinton before Christmas and, also, defeated Helmville. The JV Eagles posted victories against Potomac and Swan Valley A squads.

### Shoupe represents Seeley

Eighth grader, Jack Shoupe is representing Seeley Lake in the opening round of the Missoula County Mathlete Contest, Tuesday, January 13.

### Lobby Day next week for senior citizens

January 21st is "Lobby Day" for senior citizens around Montana. Senior Citizens will join together to speak with important politicians and other powers-that-be in Helena, according to a recent Montana Senior Citizens Association release.

For more information about Lobby Day contact MSCA, P.O. Box 423, Helena 59624.

### Senior Nutrition Program

The following noon meals, which are open to the public, will be served next week promptly at noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Seeley Lake Community Hall:

Monday, January 19--Holiday, no meal served  
Tuesday, January 20--Tuna Noodle Casserole

Wednesday, January 21--Roast Beef  
Menus are subject to change. Local residents are invited to come and enjoy the home-cooked meals. Donations toward the cost of the meals, which are sponsored in part through the Area Council on Aging, are appreciated. For more information call Hazel Ford, 677-2008.

### Citizen workshop offered in Helena

The Montana Citizenship Workshop offers Montanans the opportunity to see how state government works.

The third workshop—held bi-annually when the Legislature is in session—will be in Helena, February 8-10. It will be sponsored by the Montana and Lewis & Clark County Extension Service and will feature legislators, state officials and lobbyists as instructors and panelists.

Participants will learn about their role in state government and how a bill becomes law, by visiting the House and Senate while in session and attending a legislative committee meeting. Simulated floor debates and other legislative sessions will include tracing a bill through the process of becoming a law.

Tours will include the Capitol, Supreme Court, State Library, Law Library and Governor's and departmental offices. Participants will visit their representatives and senators and state officials as they learn more about the functions of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.

Attendance on a first-come basis will be limited to 100 persons, said Harold Strobel, Extension 4-H youth specialist at Montana State University.

Applications are available at county extension offices, and must be sent to the Montana 4-H Office, Taylor Hall, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717, by February 1. The application forms must be accompanied by a \$10 nonrefundable fee made out to the Montana 4-H Foundation.

The workshop cost of \$35 will cover a dinner, two lunches, coffee breaks and learning materials.

Headquarters for the Montana Citizenship Workshop will be the Coach House East at 2101 11th Ave, Helena, phone 443-2300.

Strobel said the Montana Citizenship Workshop follows the general pattern of 4-H Citizenship Seminars, such as the one set for Helena on March 12-13 and each spring in Washington, D.C.

# SPORTS

### Blackhawks Down Panthers

by Dustin Gordon

On Saturday night, January 10, the Seeley Swan boys basketball team defeated the number three-ranked team in the state, the Alberton Panthers, 63-54.

The victory disrupted an unblemished Alberton record of 9-0 for the year.

With strong play by both Craig Tanner, scoring 23 points, and Les Meyer, scoring 20 points, the Hawks simply overpowered and outgunned the Panthers.

Four clutch freethrows by Meyer really put the game out of reach for Alberton and sewed up a victory for the Hawks.

The Blackhawks, 4-0 in conference play and 5-5 for the year, move on to play the Philipsburg Prospectors next week at home, and are looking to up their record to 5-0.

Also Saturday night, the Junior Varsity Blackhawks won their game by a score of 54-49.

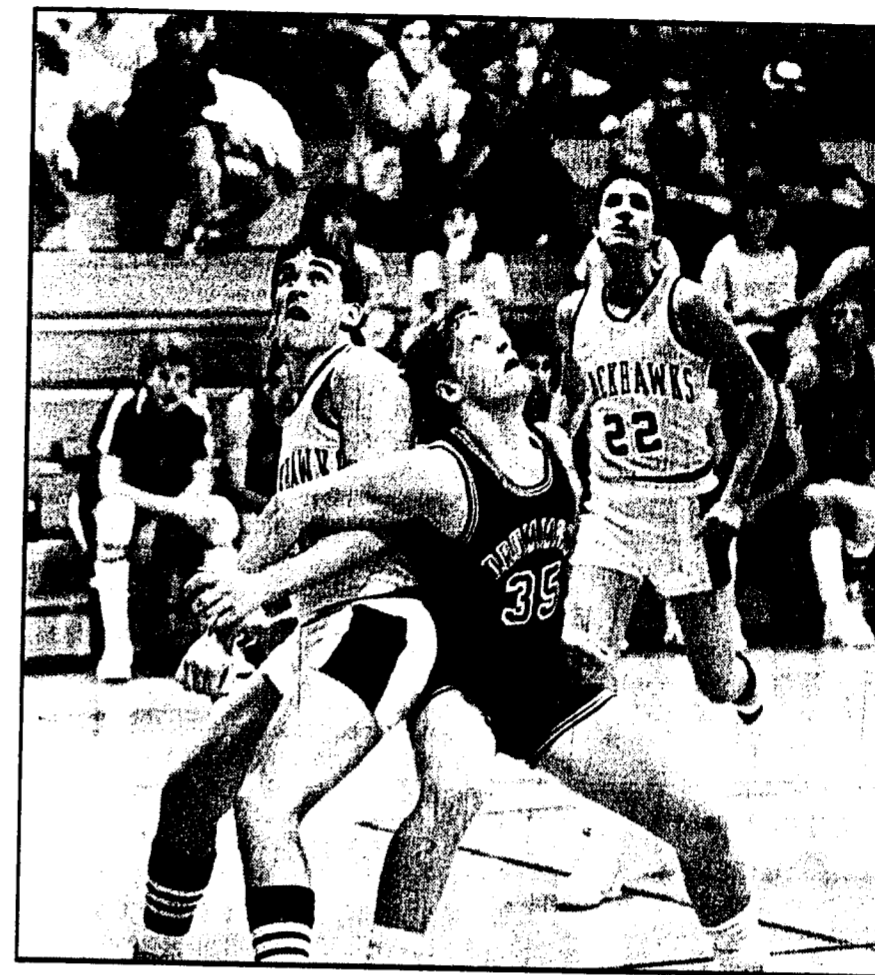
### Hawks Sink Drummond

by Shauna Haines

Last Friday night in the home gym of Seeley Swan High School, the Blackhawks defeated the Drummond Trojans 70-42. The Drummond Trojans couldn't match the Hawks' smooth teamwork. Randy Johnson, a senior who was on the main five last year, started his first game of the season. He wasn't able to play previously due to the required recovery period from orthopedic surgery on his knee. When asked how his first game felt, he said, "Good," but then added, "I'm still not 100 percent."

Randy's stats for his first game were: 11 rebounds, 3 steals, and 12 points. Craig Tanner was the leading scorer with 22 points and had three steals and three assists.

The Trojans' highest scorer was Sean Ragen with 13 points. Seeley made 12 for 20 at the freethrow line, while Drummond made 11 for 17. Coach Kim Haines of the Blackhawks said he was pleased with the progress the team was making this season.



Richard Klebenow battles for position.

### "200" TV, radio interviews set

Members of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club in Seeley Lake will soon be promoting the Seeley Lake 200 Sted Dog Race on area television and radio stations.

On January 21, Elinor Williamson will be interviewed on KGEZ radio station, Kalispell.

On January 22, Williamson will also be interviewed by Vi Thompson of KECI-TV in Missoula.

On January 27, Vi Thompson will also interview Jim Knowles and Charlie Williamson, and discuss the sled dog race, set for January 29-February 1.

### Fisher trapping ends in Region 2

The season for trapping fisher, a large, fur-bearing mammal related to the weasel, was closed in Region 2 on January 7 by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

The Commission's order to close the fisher trapping season came after the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks received word that the pre-established harvest quota of 10 fishers had been reached in Region 2.

## UPCOMING GAMES

(School Sports)

### Seeley Swan High School Boy's Basketball

Jan 16 Philipsburg at Seeley Swan  
Jan 23 Seeley Swan at Victor  
Jan 24 Seeley Swan at Valley Christian

### Seeley Swan High School Volleyball

Jan 15 Big Sky at Seeley Swan  
Jan 17 Hot Springs at Seeley Swan  
Jan 21 Loyola at Seeley Swan  
Jan 23 Victor at Seeley Swan  
Jan 24 Seeley Swan at Philipsburg

### Swan Valley Elementary School Basketball

Jan 22 Seeley #1 at Swan Valley

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**LeFebvre joins Holland Lake Lodge**

Holland Lake Lodge has announced that Chef Paul LeFebvre will soon be serving specialty dinners in The Lake Room on weekends. LeFebvre, a Seeley Lake resident, has been cooking professionally for about 10 years. He learned his culinary skills from professional instructors in New York.

Before moving to Montana several years ago, LeFebvre specialized in serving nouvelle cuisine in Albuquerque, New Mexico at Le Gourmet and La Nouvelle.

LeFebvre suggests that residents watch for the return of "The Sunday Brunch" at Holland Lake Lodge, along with prime rib on Saturday nights, and a variety of other new additions to their menu.



**Carey receives certificate**

Roselyn Carey, Postal Clerk at the Seeley Lake Post Office, recently received a certificate recognizing completion of a two-day workshop on "Attaining Excellence" in postal employee relations.

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