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## Alert visits area for helicopter safety training

The Alert helicopter from Kalispell Regional Hospital visited Seeley Lake and Swan Valley last Saturday to provide helicopter safety training to Quick Response Unit and Search and Rescue members.

About 25 people turned out at the Seeley Lake airport for the training. Nearly a dozen Swan Valley QRU members received similar training near Condon later Saturday.

Alert is the second oldest dedicated helicopter emergency services program in the United States. The Alert helicopter serves people within a 150-mile radius of Kalispell, and operates with its "sister" program, LifeFlight, from St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula. Four dedicated helicopter "ambulances" exist in Montana: one each at Billings, Great Falls, Missoula and Kalispell.

Alert has been in operation since 1975 and, according to Bill Tillerson, one of three pilots on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the program was originally started because of concerned loggers.

"Some of those logging jobs are pretty remote. . . It sometimes took hours to get an ambulance to an injured logger," he explained. Basically, he continued, a group of medical people got together and organized the emergency helicopter service. Today, the Alert helicopter crew works out of Kalispell Regional Hospital and is active in two service areas: scene rescues (car accidents, heart attacks, logging injuries, etc.) and patient transfers. They make about 300 flights a year, with the average flight lasting about an hour.

Approximately 20 nurses are available to fly with Alert, with skills ranging from obstetrics and pediatrics to cardiac specialists. Three pilots rotate shifts for Alert. Three EMT's make their time available for the emergency medical service.

Rescues are often performed within a 50-mile radius of Kalispell, including requests from Quick Response Units in the Seeley Swan Valley, Polson, Libby, Eureka and Whitefish areas. Alert will respond and transfer patients to hospitals besides Kalispell Regional, if necessary.



The Alert advanced life support crew from Kalispell Regional Hospital visited the Seeley Swan area on Saturday, providing instruction on helicopter safety. Here, members of the Swan Valley Quick Response Unit watch EMT Chuck Curry demonstrate some emergency medical equipment designed for use in the Alert helicopter. Pilot Harold Skaar (near helicopter) and flight nurse Lynn Stevenson (not pictured) also helped with instruction on Saturday. Seeley Lake Quick Response Unit members, including EMT's, and Search and Rescue personnel from Seeley Lake also participated in the helicopter training.

### School elections

## Several apply for local trustee positions

Three Seeley Lake residents have applied for two openings on the Seeley Lake Elementary Board of Trustees, as of Monday morning. Deadline for District Clerks to accept applications was March 16.

Jeanne Moon, Cheryl Thompson and Kenneth Kopke have applied for two trustee positions vacated by Boyd Gosard and Larry Marx.

Voters will also be asked to vote yes or no on the annual school mill levy. This year's levy is approximately 39 mills, or \$99,500—the same as last year. This money is used for operation and maintenance of the school.

### Sunset School

Tom Vannoy has applied for re-election to the Sunset School Board, Greenough. Sunset District Clerk had received no other applications as of Monday. Greenough residents will also be asked to vote yes or no on a mill

levy of 14 mills, or approximately \$6,060, to be used for operation and maintenance of the school. Last year's levy was three mills.

### Swan Valley Elementary

Dwayne Forder is running for re-election to the Swan Valley Board of Trustees. Karen Anderson and Ronnie Matthew have also submitted applications. Three vacancies exist on the Swan Valley Elementary school board. Mike Holmes, veteran trustee, is not seeking re-election.

### Salmon Prairie Elementary

Pamela Hamilton, Russ Polson and Rick Krantz have all applied for one vacancy on the Salmon Prairie school board. Ron Turnacliff's term expired this year. Salmon Prairie school district residents will also vote this year on a mill levy of approximately 18 mills to raise \$11,500 for operation and maintenance of the school. On March 25, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a meeting at the Swan Lake Clubhouse to discuss this year's Bigfork High School mill levy and the local mill levy, and to meet the candidates.

### Ovando Elementary

Ted Murphy is seeking re-election to the Ovando Elementary school board. No other applications had been received as of Monday. Ovando area residents will also be asked to vote on a mill levy for 13 mills, or approximately \$10,000, for operation and maintenance of the school.

### Seeley Lake Fire District

Bud Johnson and Leonard Sorenson are running for re-election to the Seeley Lake Fire District Board of Trustees. No other applications had been received as of Monday.

### SOS Hospital District

Kim Haines, Reuben Kauffman, and Michael R. Biggins have applied for the SOS Hospital District Board. Haines and Kauffman are up for re-election; another position was vacated by Carole Schaeffer earlier this year.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday-Saturday: Rain likely Thursday, with snow in the mountains. Highs 40s to mid-50s. Lows 25-35.

# OPINION

Natty Bumpo

## The Failed 50th?

Let's hope not. We all lose if Montana's fiftieth legislature doesn't come up with a sensible program for the next biennium. The signs aren't encouraging, though.

Going into the session, every resident of the state knew that a major budget shortfall was the paramount problem facing the legislators. But, what do our wondering eyes behold? An avalanche of frivolous bills — genuine time-wasters. Such as the one proposing that license plates for the Billings area be assigned the "1" prefix. During the weighty debate of this and other like matters, an inescapable impression arises that many of our legislators are preoccupied with a misguided sense of self-importance, rather than with a sense of public responsibility.

Serious legislators would have immediately dismissed any attempts to squander valuable time. Competent legislators would have recognized that the first order of business was to roll up their sleeves and get down to the hard work of dissecting various departmental budgets. These budgets are typically a consolidation of many smaller group's budgets. Strange things happen during the consolidation process as a budget works its way up the bureaucratic pyramid: numbers are rounded upwards, discretionary items are lumped in with essential items, contingencies are thrown in, and most of the essential detail gradually blurs as the numbers are progressively consolidated. It's a tough job to root out the true elements of a budget — and there's precious little evidence that our legislators were up to the task.

We are constantly assured that all the fat is gone. Yet, we all know that government expenditures have been rising wildly in terms of real (ie, uninflated) dollars — in a state with a stable population and stable per capita income. Excusable. Well, if the fat has truly been reduced, the new budget will call for lower expenditures than the old budget. Any bets, Sports Fans?

Now that time has almost run out, we can expect the "cop-out" solution to the budget problem: abandon efforts (such as they were) to reduce expenditures, and rev up the revenue measures. The legislature is demonstrating particular aptitude in this arena. So far, we have the prospect of an outrageously high gas tax, passive acceptance of a substantial income tax surcharge (court-ese of the federal government, and which most other states are acting to nullify), and either an additional income tax surcharge or a sales tax. All of which will be devastating to an already crippled economy.

Much of the revenue problem can be solved by redirecting existing tax revenues but this, apparently, has little appeal to a group of legislators bent on taxing us into oblivion. Of course, there wouldn't be a revenue problem if the spending problem had been solved in the first place. And, so, we come full circle. The lesson seems to be that you just can't get good help any more. Maybe, though, they'll all come to their senses in the waning moments of this session — extreme crisis tends to sharpen the wits wonderfully. Let's hope so.

— Dick Potter



## Tram plans advance

To the Editor:

In regard to the proposed Seeley Aerial Tram, the response was gratifying.

Hence, some pertinent information provided and appreciated by our local Forest Service Ranger Station:

Morrell Lookout Elevation ... 7,796 feet  
 Double Arrow Lookout Elev. 4,941 feet  
 Difference in Elevation ..... 2,855 feet  
 Distance between Lookouts ..... 8 miles  
 Length of Road ..... 9 miles  
 Gradient of Road ..... 6%

Concerning the financial backing of this project, I recommend that Mr. J. Cowan and the trustees of our First Valley Bank take a good look for a long-term investment. Also, Mr. Dennis Washington of Missoula, Montana is interested in the economic development of Montana; he could be approached and might show an interest in this project.

Anyone with a hang glider and a video cam to take some pictures when the weather breaks?

Melvin Ketland  
 Seeley Lake

## Thanks for the memory

To the Editor:

I want to express a special thanks to Sharon Pohlman and Matt Cooper. Their volleyball picture on the front page of the March 12th Pathfinder shared a moment of triumph with our community. For those of us who couldn't be at the tournament, thank you for allowing us to share in the emotions that make memories.

Mary Ann Morin  
 Seeley Lake

## Count our blessings

To the Editor:

Being a subscriber of the *Pathfinder*, I would like to share what you can expect with progress.

Did Seeley Lake have a 15-year old boy shot two times in the heart and thrown in a pond last week? Or did Seeley Lake have an 18-year old boy shot in the head and thrown in the river last week? That's just the start for last week. Does Missoula County have eleven unsolved murders?

I have retired at a very early age. My family and I plan to visit your area for consideration of a new home. I plan to move to Montana because I feel you have what we have lost due to progress.

Your friendliness, wildlife, and wilderness are treasured possessions. Please be very careful in your decision for progress. Spend a week in Chicago, Houston, or New York. It will help you make a decision if you want to change your style of life for progress.

We asked for progress in rural Arkansas and, yes, we got it. Progress will create all types of jobs in the future:

"Immediate opening for tail-gunner on local-delivery bread truck."

Mac Jones  
 Greenwood, Arkansas

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# COMMUNITY

## Water Board requests public hearing on Circle Arrow project

The Seeley Lake Water District has requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) conduct a public hearing in Seeley Lake to more fully address questions raised by the district in connection with the proposed Circle Arrow hydroelectric project. The district was dismayed by the Environmental Assessment statement recently issued by FERC and believes their questions, which relate to the integrity of Seeley Lake's municipal water supply, were either inadequately addressed or ignored altogether. Principal among their concerns is the potential release of a large silt accumulation in the vicinity of the project.

The Circle Arrow project, as previously reported, is a small hydroelectric facility proposed for the outlet of Lake Inez, which is located approximately twenty miles upstream from the district's intake in Seeley Lake.

The district's board met last week and considered the Circle Arrow and other matters, including:

- A preliminary review of costs to meter the system and to re-paint the storage tank. A grant pre-application for the metering project is almost ready for filing.
- A motion was adopted, on a 3-2 vote, to change the district's name to the

Seeley Lake Water and Sewer District. There was no particular requirement for a name change, since state law automatically provides for the inclusion of sewer responsibilities as part of a water district's duties. However, the new name was adopted to remove any possibility for confusion should the district decide to apply for funding of a sewer system.

- New hookups: a) The district manager is preparing a rate schedule for the new car-wash scheduled to be built this spring; b) It was noted that the planned expansion of Country Things this spring would entail a new hookup; c) The proposed Catholic church can be admitted to the district by merely submitting a petition; the site for the church is presently outside district boundaries, and requires a 1000-foot long 6-inch main.

- The district manager was asked to present a plan for water conservation at the April board meeting. The board signaled its intention to tighten up considerably on violations of warm-weather watering restrictions.

Don Larson, chairman of the board, announced that he had arranged for Rick Rosa, Montana Water Quality Board, to address the Chamber of Commerce at its April 7 meeting. There will also be an informal gathering with Mr. Rosa, prior to the Chamber meeting, at 6 p.m. at the Filling Station in Seeley Lake. The session is open to any interested water board members and to the public. Larson is particularly interested in Rosa's views on the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments and the potential requirement for a filtered water supply.

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## Rate hike may be addressed at MEC Annual Meeting

Jim Jura, Administrator for the Bonneville Power Administration will be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Missoula Electric Cooperative March 21, beginning at 1 p.m. at the University Center Five Valley's Ballroom.

Jura is likely to discuss wholesale power rates and the effects upon Coop members of an expected 13 percent increase next year.

Currently, according to information released in MEC's Annual Report, the cooperative's wholesale power costs have gone from 26 percent of total operating costs to 47 percent in the last 10 years.

Sharon Jacobson (Ovando) and Ray Cebulski (Seeley Lake) are the two trustees elected from the Seeley-Swan-Blackfoot area. Cebulski is up for reelection this year. He has served as trustee for 13 years.

The Annual Meeting actually begins on Saturday at 11 a.m., with registration followed by the luncheon at 12:00, and the main program (guest speaker, reports and election) at 1 p.m. Pastor Rod Kvamme, Seeley Lake will give the invocation.

## UM offers poetry workshop

The University of Montana's Department of English will offer a workshop in Beginning Poetry Writing from 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays during spring quarter.

There are no pre-requisites for the course, except for permission from the instructor, UM Professor Patricia Goedicke. Goedicke has won awards for her work and recently published her eighth book of poetry. She may be contacted at 549-0343 or 243-5231. Final registration for the course, which begins the second week of April, is March 30.

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## Business of the Week

### JERRY'S UPHOLSTERY



Dean and Diane Swerman have owned and operated Jerry's Upholstery in their home in Seeley Lake for the past year. Diane believes she is a good seamstress, so "it seemed natural to go into the upholstery business." While Diane is primarily responsible for reupholstering, Dean is more involved in replacing springs, restoring furniture and woodworking — as a team they work well together.

Jerry's Upholstery is a complete upholstery service (including marine, auto, snowmobiles and furniture). "We offer re-dos as well as repairs," remarked Diane. A large selection of fabrics and vinyls are available (leather is a special request fabric). Diane said, "When your conventional home sewing machine can't do the job, my industrial Pfaff machine is capable of doing the work." It's a heavy-duty machine for work and repairs on items such as tents, saddle bags and wool logging pants.

Although Diane says she considers their at-home business the "upholstery hospital," she says the business is service oriented, including pick-ups and deliveries. "We also make house calls to determine whether or not the item is worth recovering or repairing, provide fabric samples and estimates."



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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**
- Mar 24, Preschool Story Hour Birthday Party, 6:30-7:30pm, Kindergarten Room, Elm School, Seeley Lake.
- Mar 31, Boy Scout Pine Wood Derby, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
- Apr 4, Search & Rescue Annual Auction, 12 noon, Orchard Home Country Life Club, Missoula.
- Apr 6-13, International Wildlife Film Festival, UM, Missoula.
- Bingo, 2nd & 4th Thurs every month, open to public, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
- Public Meetings**
- Mar 25, Missoula County Commissioners - Refuse Disposal District Assessments Hearing, 1:30pm, County Courthouse Annex, Missoula.
- Mar 25, Swan Lake "Meet the Candidates for School Election", 7:30pm, Clubhouse, Swan Lake.
- QRU (Condon), 1st & 3rd Mon every month.
- QRU (Seeley Lake), 1st and 3rd Fri every month, 7:30pm, Fire Hall, Seeley Lake.
- Seeley Lake Rural Fire District, 1st Tues, firefighters bus mtg, 7pm; 2nd Tues, training mtg, 7pm; 3rd Tues, trustees mtg, 7:30pm; Fire Hall, Seeley Lake.
- SOS Trustees mtg, 2nd Mon every month.
- Swan Valley Volunteer Fire Department, 6-Week Training Sessions, every Mon thru Apr 13, Comm Hall, Condon; every Weds thru Apr 15, Fire Hall, Seeley Lake.
- Water District, 2nd Tues every month, 8pm, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.
- Clubs & Organizations**
- Mar 19, Wilderness Sportsman's Club, gen mtg, 7:30pm, Leisure Lodge Resort, Seeley Lake.
- Mar 19, Condon Comm Club, 7:30pm, Comm Hall, Condon.
- Mar 25, Lions Club mtg, 6:30pm, 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, 8pm, Seeley Swan High School Gym, Seeley Lake.
- Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary, 2nd Weds every month, 7:30pm, Boulé Residence, Seeley Lake.
- Seeley Lake Women's Club, Tues, 1pm, Comm Hall.
- SeLa SenCi mtg and potluck, 3rd Weds 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.
- Veteran's Coffee Group, Sat, 11am, Swan Valley Centre, Condon.
- Other**
- Mar 19 (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): Weds & Sat, 10am-4pm.
- Swan Valley Community Library, Weds, 10am-6pm; Sat, 10am-3pm, Condon.
- EMERGENCY: 911 (Seeley Lake or Condon); 1-728-0911 (Greenough or Ovando).

*Nuts: Hard fruits of trees that split when ripened are considered nuts. Native nuts of the United States include: pecans, black walnuts, filberts (hazelnuts), beech and chestnuts.*

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# COMMUNITY

## Annual Conference on tourism April 14

Montana Info and Holland Lake Lodge once again are hosting the Annual Holland Lake Summit Conference on Tourism to be held at Holland Lake Lodge on April 14.

Invitations to this year's conference will soon be mailed. All Seeley-Swan-Blackfoot area businessmen and women are invited to attend, according to organizer Al Cluck.

This year's conference will feature Dr. Charles Jonkel, well-known grizzly bear researcher and director of the Institute of the Rockies organization. Also scheduled to speak are C.B. Rich, Seeley Lake outfitter and guide, and current president of North American Outfitters; Larry McRae, head of the Montana Innkeepers Association (who will show a video on the Flathead Valley); Alan O'Neal, assistant supervisor of Glacier National Park; Phyllis Berck, who will speak on the 1988 Olympics; and Joe Flood, wilderness ranger, who will speak about wilderness and tourism.

Roger Wade, Swan Valley photographer, is scheduled to present a new multimedia slide show he recently created for a business group in the Great Falls area.

Last year's conference drew about 120 people. This year Cluck expects the same turnout. Holland Lake Lodge will also serve a Wrangler Rib buffet as a highlight of the day's events.

## Forest products sales reach record in 1986

Production and sales levels for Montana's forest products firms during 1986 were among the highest in the industry's history, according to a University of Montana research office.

Charles E. Keegan, director of forest products research at the UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research, said production of all major products including lumber, plywood, pulp, paper, particleboard and fiberboard, reached record or near-record highs last year.

The recently released information was obtained through quarterly surveys conducted by the Bureau in cooperation with the Montana Wood Products Association. The surveys include 32 plants, accounting for over 90 percent of the state's forest products manufacturing activity.

An estimate of 1,490 million board feet of lumber production would make 1986 the second-highest statewide output year on record, exceeded only by the 1,499 million board feet produced in 1968. Plywood production was up to 671 million square feet in 1986, only 14 million square feet below the 1978 record.

Sales by Montana mills also were at record levels in 1986, according to Keegan. He said that even after adjusting for inflation, total sales value in 1986 approached the peak industry levels in 1979.

Keegan said prices for forest products, especially for lumber and paper, were up dramatically in 1986 over the previous year. He attributed those higher prices mostly to long strikes at Canadian and northwestern U.S. sawmills, as well as to the lower value of the U.S. dollar and tariffs and taxes placed on Canadian lumber entering the United States.

Increased efficiency and mechanization contributed to higher output per worker in 1986 as compared to 1985, despite fewer people employed by the industry, Keegan said. Average monthly production employment for 1986 was 4,298 workers, down from the 4,488 workers employed in 1985. This continues a trend that began in the early 1980s, according to Keegan.

Total production wages also continued to decline from just under \$109 million in 1985 to \$106 million in 1986.

Keegan said the employment and wage figures refer only to production workers at mills surveyed and are not total employment figures. Not included in the estimates are nonproduction workers at the plants or the several thousand workers in related industries such as logging and trucking.

## Potomac news School wins outdoor classroom award

The Missoula County Conservation District's outdoor classroom award was divided this year between three schools, including Potomac Elementary. Teachers Andrea Onken (7th grade) and Bruce Hall (fifth and sixth grade) will use award money to improve their school grounds. Students and teachers will be involved in planning and implementation of projects such as weed control, grass seeding and tree and shrub planting.

Other schools which will share the cash award are Hellgate Elementary and Missoula County High School Vo-Ag Department. Last year's conservation award went to Target Range Elementary, Missoula.

**PUBLIC HEARING SWAN VALLEY - CONDON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**  
 On Wednesday, March 25, 1987, the Missoula County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on a Resolution of Intention to Adopt the proposed Swan Valley - Condon Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Missoula County Comprehensive Plan. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Room 201, County Courthouse Annex, 200 West Broadway in Missoula, Montana. Testimony will be taken on the proposed Plan Amendment as well as proposed changes to the document that resulted from two previous public hearings.

For copies of the document and further information contact the Rural Planning Office in the Missoula County Courthouse (721-5700, ext. 484). Plans and proposed changes to it are also available at Nelson's, the Swan Valley Centre and the Mission Mountain Mercantile in the Swan Valley-Condon area.

# COMMUNITY

## Seeley group plans Art Fair in July

Spring is about to be upon us and, in anticipation of a release from the winter "blahs," the Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts group is making plans for another Arts and Crafts Show and Sale.

This winter has seen an increase of activity among artists in the Seeley Swan. Classes in calligraphy, watercolor, and basketry have made art a part of the lives of many local residents.

The Arts and Crafts Show and Sale is sponsored not only for those new to these activities, but for those who have participated in other years. Artists may display their work to the public and be awarded ribbons for their achievement.

Plans are now under way to hold the show in the Seeley Lake Community Hall on the weekend of July 11 and 12. As in the past, entries from Ovando, Greenough, Condon and Seeley Lake will be welcome, and there will be special prizes for school children.

The Arts and Crafts group would appreciate early notification of intent to enter the show and would also appreciate volunteer help in getting the show on the road. For more information contact Bob Holey at 677-2342 or Jan Nemmers at 677-2857.

## Consumer Clinic offered in Missoula

A Consumer Clinic, sponsored by Extension Homemakers and the Missoula County Extension Service, will be held Saturday, April 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 2701 South Russell Avenue.

There will be a variety of mini-workshops, including wills, home-based businesses, gardening, weight control, lean beef, sewing and make & take crafts. For more information, or to register, call 721-4095. Deadline for registration is March 27, 1987.

## 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, March 23 — Tuna Noodle Casserole

Tuesday, March 24 — Pork Chops


Wednesday, March 25 — Chef's Choice

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.

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## CORNUCOPIA by Michele Potter



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For a free tofu recipe booklet, send a self-addressed envelope to: Morinaga Nutritional Foods, Inc., 5800 S. Eastern Ave., Suite 270, Los Angeles, CA 90040. The following recipe is from the Morinaga collection.

**Tasty Tofu Burgers**

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| 2 10-1/2 oz. packages tofu, drained          | 3 tablespoons bread crumbs, finely ground, whole grain preferred |
| 1/3 cup carrot, shredded, firmly packed      | 1 rounded tablespoon parsley, finely chopped                     |
| 1 rounded tablespoon parsley, finely chopped | 3 tablespoons bread crumbs                                       |
| 1/2 cup onion, finely chopped                | 3 tablespoons whole wheat flour                                  |
| 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder                   | 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder                                       |
| 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper             | 1/2 teaspoon powdered ginger                                     |

Put tofu in cheesecloth, squeeze out excess water, crushing tofu as you squeeze. In a mixing bowl, combine first seven ingredients. Mix thoroughly. On a plate combine coating mixture. Form patties. Cover generously with coating mixture, brushing off excess. Heat oven to 375. Place patties on lightly oiled baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes on each side or til golden brown. Drain on paper towel and serve hot with your favorite condiments. Serves four.

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## Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

Robins, Robins, Robins! Boy, I asked for it and I got it! Everybody has seen robins in the Seeley Swan! Joyce Himes, Swan Valley, recorded three or four robins at her house on February 12. We didn't see them here until last week. They woke us early one morning, along with the blackbirds.

Ken Wolff saw robins near his Swan Valley home on March 7. More exciting than that: he confirmed the first black bear seen this spring. The bear crossed Highway 83 near Owl Creek Loop Road at the top of Frye Hill. Ken also mentioned flocks of geese on the Swan River; and the ravens and pileated woodpeckers are performing their mating flights.

Several people in the area have lilacs. One Seeley Lake woman called to say that her lilacs have been "budding" for a month! Many people said that their lilacs were already showing considerable "green." It won't be long, and we'll have hummingbirds to entertain us!

Are you concerned about native plants? Many people in the Seeley Swan pay close attention to the native willows, berries and flowers in our area. Several people affiliated with the De-

partment of Botany at the University of Montana are organizing a Montana Native Plant Society. They hope to bring together people interested in the flora of Montana. Areas of interest include gardening with native plants, plant identification, wildflower photography, historical uses of native plants, natural history, ecology and rare and endangered plants.

Anyone interested should write to Montana Native Plant Society, Organizational Committee, Department of Botany, Herbarium, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812.

The Audubon Society, in their recent newsletter, announced the second Glacier Institute/Flathead Audubon Scholarship program. After last year's successful "first run," the local chapter has again set aside funds to promote the Glacier Institute among Audubon members in the Flathead Valley. The Insti-

tute is an outdoor program examining Glacier's cultural and natural resources, including everything from rafting on the North Fork to nature photography to stars and storytelling. Deadline for application is April 20, 1987. Want to join Flathead Audubon? Write to Flathead Audubon Society, P.O. Box 715, Bigfork, Montana 59911. Introductory Membership (National) is only \$20 per year. If you would just like to receive the Flathead's monthly newsletter, send \$3.50/year.

Don't forget to celebrate the Equinox, March 20. As if we didn't already know that spring is here!

### Swan Refuge closed until July 1

The Swan River National Wildlife Refuge, a 1567-acre refuge at the south end of Swan Lake, is now closed until July 1. The refuge is generally open to the public, except during the spring and early summer months, when it is closed to protect waterfowl during their nesting season.

The Bog Road, an area near the refuge which is popular among local residents for hiking, is open this year. The Lake County Commissioners recently dropped plans to close Bog Road.

According to refuge manager, Ray Washiac, Creston Fisheries Center, the refuge receives some public use the rest of the year. "Some school groups and others come here to bird," he explained, adding that there are many species of birds that use the refuge area. Eighty percent of the refuge is floodplain, and the riverbottom area is rich in natural wildlife habitat. Washiac points out that the area supports moose, elk, black bear, grizzly bear, coyote, fox, mink, beaver, river otters, mule and whitetail deer and waterfowl.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has a pamphlet available describing the birds known to occupy the refuge. For more information about the closure, call the refuge manager at 755-4375. For the pamphlet only, in the Swan Valley call 754-2365.

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### Swan Valley Elementary

Third and fourth graders at the Swan Valley Elementary School are now studying some of the larger cities in the United States. As part of their project, they are collecting songs about cities, such as "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," and "By the Time I Get To Phoenix."

Teacher Diann Ericson is asking local residents to loan records or tapes with songs about New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Detroit, San Antonio, New Orleans, Boston, Houston, Indianapolis, etc. She will record the songs, and return tapes or records as soon as necessary.

For more information call the Swan Valley Elementary School at 754-2320.

**PIZZA!!**  
Hungry Bear

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### New Post Office to be discussed tonight

At the Thursday night meeting of the Condon Community Club, members will be discussing the recent Postal Service proposal to plan a new Post Office in the Condon area.

Public comment deadline for the initial proposal was March 6, although Condon residents have asked the county commissioners to reply to the Postal Service and request an extension.

The Community Club meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Swan Valley Community Hall near Condon.

### Swan Valley PTA notes

During the recent meeting of the Swan Valley PTA, new officers were elected: Susie Cox was re-elected as president; Dixie Parker is vice president; Lois Ekstedt is treasurer; and Barbara Seaman was elected secretary.

Several items were discussed, including purchase of a new P.A. system and a piano dolly for the school. Members also confirmed that the Shirtworks store at Southgate Mall in Missoula now has the silkscreen of the Warhawk (Swan Valley Elementary) logo, and interested parents or students may purchase T-shirts and sweatshirts there. The group also decided they had enough funds to send three people to the State PTA convention May 1 and 2. Also coming up is Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4 through 8. For more information call Dar Kearney, 754-2729.

### READ-A-THON COLLECTION BEGINS THIS WEEK

Parents and friends of Swan Valley Elementary students will be asked to pay money they may have pledged recently to the Read-A-Thon program at the School. Students will be collecting pledge monies during the next two weeks. It is hoped that students can purchase a new set of encyclopedias for the school with a combination of Read-A-Thon pledges and contributions from World Book Encyclopedia.

### HIGH HONORS AT SWAN VALLEY

Students listed on the High Honor Roll at Swan Valley Elementary School for the second quarter are: Aaron Himes, third grade; Wendi White, third grade; Stacy Holmes, sixth grade; and Kalin Raible, eighth grade.

### AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 63 NEWS

On behalf of Swan Valley Post No. 63, I wish to give a heartfelt "thank you" to our community. Your support at our *Old Time Social Dance* enables us to send a boy to Boy's State again. From all reports, everyone enjoyed a relaxing evening, good music and friendship renewals. Special thanks to Bob Reed and Gang, to the Ladies Auxiliary and to the pie-bakers. We intend to hold three or four such dances yearly.

Election of officers is scheduled for the April 10 meeting. Those interested in a Post office, let your wishes be known.

The Post voted to support and participate in *Condon Mule Days*, June 6 and 7 — a very worthwhile event and fully deserving of community support. The following ongoing projects were discussed and are well underway: the White Cross Fatality Program and Community Flagpole.

Reminder to those who have not renewed yet: we can surely use your support and dues. We also extend an open invitation to area veterans to check us out. American Legion Post No. 63 meetings are the second Friday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Swan Valley Community Hall, Condon.

Ken Wolff, Post Commander

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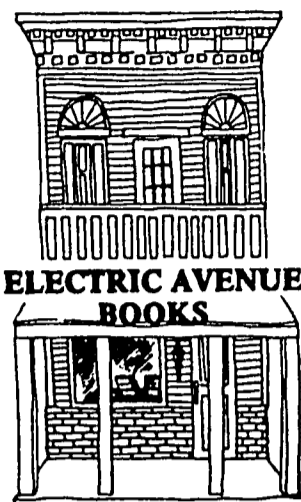
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## Trustees table proposed hike in user fees

Missoula County High School trustees last week tabled the proposed hike in user fees for Missoula County high schools, according to Dennis Kraft, superintendent.

Trustees received a letter from the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce requesting an explanation of the proposed fee schedule, and Dr. Kraft plans to visit Seeley Lake later this week to discuss user fees with interested residents.

Kraft indicated in a phone call Monday that trustees might be able to adjust the charges for Seeley Swan High

## Youngsters need Social Security Numbers

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 requires taxpayers to show a Social Security number for each dependent age 5 and over whom they claim for tax purposes, beginning with returns filed in 1988 and later. The provision is designed to reduce tax evasion in cases where parents filing separate returns claim the same dependent, a growing area of revenue loss, according to Internal Revenue Service officials.

About two-thirds of all young people already have a Social Security number, officials report. Those who

School. The proposed fee schedule currently increases fees for community and charitable organizations from a daily rate of \$40 to a rate of \$50 for the first three hours (cafeteria), and \$15 for each additional hour. Use of the gymnasium would go up from a \$40 daily rate to \$100 for the first three hours, and \$25 for each additional hour. Classroom users would be charged \$40 for the first three hours, with \$10 to be paid for each additional hour.

Commercial users (those who make a profit which is not distributed to a charitable organization, according to Kraft) would pay \$150 for using the gym, \$90 for using the cafeteria and \$40 for using a classroom *per hour*, as compared to the \$40 daily rate now in effect for all users of the school.

now have a number will not have to get another one. It is estimated that about nine million additional persons will need Social Security numbers to meet the requirements of the new law.

Parents may apply for a Social Security card for their dependents by phone, mail, or in person. They must complete an application, which can be obtained by calling 1-800-332-7770. Proof of date of birth, identity, and citizenship or lawful alien status are required with the application.

A public, hospital or religious birth record can generally be used as proof of date of birth and citizenship. Acceptable proofs of identity include hospital or physician records, school records, vaccination certificates, welfare records, library cards, and membership cards in youth organizations.

## Principal heads up exchange student program

Principal John Hebnes, Seeley Lake Elementary, is no stranger to the foreign exchange student program in Montana. While he and his family lived in Brady, Montana, they hosted two foreign exchange students, and he feels his family learned a lot and grew closer because of the experience.

"The toughest thing (with accepting an exchange student for a year) is letting them get back on the plane and go home," Hebnes said recently. "They really become part of the family."

Hebnes now has an extensive list of teenagers available for local residents to review. These young people wish to visit the United States for a year and live with an American family. What follows is a brief introduction to a few of these students. All of the students are listed as having good-to-excellent language skills.

An 18-year-old-girl from Herrala Lahti/Finland describes herself as a Christian, and would like to live on a farm. She enjoys animals and would like to help care for them.

Another girl, from Ota-ku, Japan is 17 years old, Buddhist, and coaches a volleyball team. She is described as a very good student, thoughtful, energetic and outgoing.

One 17-year-old boy from Hamburg, Germany is described as quiet, attentive and ambitious. He spends much of his free time oil painting, and also enjoys sports.

From Harestua, Norway, another 17-year-old boy says he likes swimming and sailing in the summer, and skiing in the winter. He would like to spend a year with a host family who likes animals.

For more information about these exchange students or the program, contact Principal John Hebnes, Seeley Lake Elementary School.



Chris Anders, Seeley Lake Quick Response Unit member, demonstrates use of a blood pressure "cuff" to these children from the Seeley Lake Pre-School. Emergency services personnel from Seeley Lake led the preschoolers on a "tour" of the ambulance and fire trucks parked at the Seeley Lake Fire Hall last Thursday morning.

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## Back in the Saddle

### Singletree Saddle Shop opens for business

Saddle making is almost a lost art, according to Bob Smith, of the Singletree Saddle Shop near Placid Lake. Smith should know—he grew up in Helena with some of the best saddlemakers in the Northwest. The capital city of Helena supported many miners and freight lines, and the result was a large demand for harness and leather gear.

When he was a youngster, Smith passed a Helena saddle shop on his way to and from school every day.

"I was always either late for school or late coming home," he chuckled, shaking his head at the awe he held for saddlemakers, the smell of leather and saddle soap.

"I swept that saddle shop—just to be there. Finally, one day he (the saddlemaker) told me it was time I picked up a tool and learned how to do something."

That was the beginning of a lifelong love for restoring old saddles and building new ones. Smith worked for many saddlemakers over the years.

"I worked for a fella one time who was really ornery. If he looked at my work and found one stitch out of place, he'd pull the whole thing out and make me re-do it. Nothing short of topnotch went out of his shop. He probably taught me more that I needed to know than anyone before or since."

About ten years ago, saddlemaking went a step further for Smith when he began building his own custom version of the popular Decker packsaddles, which have become standard equipment for people who travel in the mountains.

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"Many people began building Deckers about that time, and I ended up fixing the broken ones," Smith explained. Smith was convinced that he could build a better packsaddle, after seeing repeated design problems.

When he started out, though, he had a tough time finding durable saddle trees. "I finally got disgusted enough... I started making my own."

Smith's Decker saddles are fitted with linseed oil-soaked cottonwood saddle bars, and bronze D-rings and hardware.

"The overrings, or D-rings, are not standard, but of my own design," he pointed out, adding that the rings are larger (actually deeper), allowing more room for rope. Smith created the mold for the rings, sent it off to a bronze foundry and, from there, he now orders his own hardware.

His Decker packsaddles have proven themselves. He guarantees all of his work for a year from purchase, and in one recent year, when he made about 600 packsaddles, only two came back. "I'm proud of that," he said.

Leather, of course, is an important part of saddlemaking and, as Susan Smith, partner in the Singletree Saddle Shop, points out, "That's half the trade... knowing the type of leather (such as fatigo or split cowhide) to use." The Smiths order their leather from a tannery in St. Louis, which they have learned to trust. In addition to restoring antique saddles, rebuilding used ones and building new, custom-made saddles, Bob and Susan work together to create leather gun scabbards, saddlebags, chaps, vests and even hobbles for horses. "Leather hobbles, custom-made, won't rub a horse raw like some of the nylon hobbles do," Susan explained. "A lot of people are going back to leather. It lasts longer than canvas or nylon."

To complement their line of Decker packsaddles, they also make leather, canvas and wool fabric panniers.

Bob and Susan have also recently had requests to design llama packs for backcountry use, reflecting an increase in folks who use llamas for packing into the wilderness.

Bob and Susan Smith operated a saddle shop in Missoula and at Rock Creek, before they moved to their remote, mountain home near Placid Lake. They recently moved into their newly constructed log workshop, and are now "back in the saddle business." Bob and Susan have one son, Erin, who attends school at Seeley Lake Elementary.

PIZZA!! Hungry Bear



Bob and Susan Smith, and son Erin, Seeley Lake, recently moved into their newly constructed workshop, and are back in business as Singletree Saddle Shop. Note the top of Bob's custom-made Decker packsaddle (left front). Bob designed the mold for the bronze D-rings, one of the unique features of his packsaddles.

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## Upsata Lake may be closed to fishing

Upsata Lake, north of Ovando near the Woodworth area, may be closed to fishing for at least two years in order to improve the trout fishery there and control the exploding population of small perch, according to Fish, Wildlife and Parks officials.

At a meeting held in Seeley Lake two weeks ago to discuss the Blackfoot River fishery, Dennis Workman, fisheries biologist for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Region Two, Missoula, indicated that the department will be introducing McConaughy trout (a hatchery strain of rainbow) into Upsata Lake later this year.

"The population of perch there is getting out of hand," Workman said. "Hopefully, these (McConaughy trout) will help control that population."

The proposal which Workman discussed will be subject to Fish and Game Commission approval on April 3. Written comments about the closure should be submitted to Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula 59801, or by calling 542-5507, before March 31.

Poisoning of the lake to get rid of the perch population was considered, but since local residents use the lake water for drinking, that option was abandoned.

Growing perch populations are becoming a problem in many area lakes, including Placid Lake, Lake Inez, Alva, Summit Lake and Seeley Lake. Introducing 13-inch rainbow in Upsata Lake, which is full of 4 to 6-inch perch, would be experimental.

"This is something new; we've never tried it before. We are proposing it, and we hope it will work," Don Peters, fisheries biologist, added.

Since fishing regulations have already been printed for the 1986-88 seasons, officials would notify sportsmen of the closure through news releases and by posting signs in the area.

## April 1 deadline Sportsmen may apply to grizzly damage hunt

Applications for sportsmen wishing to have their names included on a list of hunters to be contacted, if a hunt for grizzlies causing damage along the Rocky Mountain East Front is called, are now being accepted by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

According to Arnold Olsen, Administrator of the Department's Wildlife Division in Helena, authority to conduct a special grizzly damage hunting season along the East Front from April 15 through September 30 was granted by the Montana Fish and Game Commission last week.

In adopting the season, Olsen said, the Commission opted to use controlled hunting, when appropriate, to resolve nuisance grizzly bear problems along the Rocky Mountain East Front Bear Management Area, in much the same way that controlled hunting is now used to control buffalo wandering into Montana from Yellowstone National Park.

"In the past, Department employees handled these problems," he continued, "but now we're going to give Montana sportsmen the opportunity to handle them."

A roster of 50 potential hunters will be drawn from all applications received. These hunters will be called in the order they were drawn if grizzly problems in the area become apparent. In no case, Olsen emphasized, will the state exceed any established mortality quotas for the bears.

Interested sportsmen can apply simply by sending their name, address and telephone number to: Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Rural Route 4041, Great Falls, MT 59405.

All applications must be received by April 1.

## Fishing Report

Fishing in the Clearwater River is reported excellent. Now's the time to hit your favorite fishin' hole, before the runoff muddies the water too badly. The Blackfoot is already starting to rise, and is just muddy enough so those big lunkers won't see you coming!

Although a few brave souls were seen ice fishing this past weekend, the season is about over. It looks like the lakes will be opening up soon. Fly fishermen have reportedly begun to tease the Blackfoot River trout now that the sunshine has hatched a few bugs in the area.

## Fish and Game to sell confiscated heads, hides

Numerous bear, lion, bighorn sheep and bobcat hides, several bighorn sheep skulls and one buffalo robe will be auctioned by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks on April 4 at Building #3, Gallatin County Fairgrounds, Bozeman. Thirteen sets of elk antlers are also among the items confiscated and frozen over the past two years. For more information call 586-5419.

## Steel shot required

Beginning with the fall 1988 waterfowl season, all waterfowl hunters in Montana will be required to use steel (non-toxic) shot, according to a proposal recently adopted by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

There will be no changes in the current steel shot zones in Montana for the 1987 season.

## Turkey season opens April 18

The spring turkey season will run from Saturday, April 18 through Sunday, May 10 this year. A total of 120 gobbler permits will be available for three hunting areas in Region One, including portions of the upper Flathead Valley (District 170) and the Swan Valley (District 130).

Drawing applicants should submit their name, address, phone number and hunting area preference on a 3 x 5 card, along with a \$2.00 non-refundable fee to Kalispell Regional Office, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, P.O. Box 67, Kalispell, Montana 59903.

Those receiving a permit will be required to purchase a 1987 Conservation License (\$2.00), an Upland Bird License (\$4.00) and a Turkey License (\$3.00).

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## Montana Outdoors

### The Western Bluebird

by Dennis Flath  
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Many Montanans are familiar with the sight of bluebirds returning to nest in the spring and decorating the newly-green roadsides and pastures with their eye-catching splash of blue. It's a scene that ushers in a time of growth and renewal for the awakening countryside.

Most observers will recognize the mountain bluebird, which is widespread and quite common throughout our state. Bright blue backs and more pastel underparts distinguish males, while females are less obtrusive in their gray to dusky-blue plumage.

Other observers will note a different species in which the male sports a red breast, a clear indication of a close relationship with our most familiar thrush—the robin. This bird is the western bluebird, the range of which includes only the western part of the state, where it overlaps with the more familiar mountain bluebird.

Western bluebirds are becoming more common and more regularly en-

countered in some portions of their range, now, than they were just a few years ago. European house sparrows, introduced in the mid-1800s, and starlings, introduced in the 1890s, caused a tremendous decline in all bluebird species. As these introduced species spread westward across the continent, they occupied nesting cavities used by bluebirds, thus forcing the native species out. The result was a decline of bluebirds in the wake of increasing house sparrow and starling populations.

In an effort to correct the mistakes of past generations, concerned citizens have been strategically placing nest boxes to attract nesting bluebirds. Nest boxes are designed to exclude starlings and are located to limit occupancy by house sparrows. The holes of the bluebird boxes are 1-9/16 inch in diameter, which is too small for starlings to enter, and the boxes are placed away from barnyards and other areas frequented by sparrows.

Results, to date, have been encouraging. In the western part of the state, the western bluebird has made remarkable gains. Participants in the nest box program report over 1,200 western bluebirds fledged from nest boxes in 1986 alone.

Unlike house sparrows and star-

lings, bluebirds are highly beneficial to man's agricultural activities. Bluebirds consume large numbers of harmful insects and their larvae. Bluebirds forage on the ground in open areas, so pasture and croplands are ideal foraging habitats. The insects they feed on are primarily ground-dwelling insects which are most likely to cause economic damage. This is quite in contrast to the habits of their exotic competitors, which are generally regarded as agricultural pests.

Not only do bluebirds provide economic benefits, they also provide an intangible aesthetic benefit to the environment. Their beauty and song are reminders of the inherent quality of life which is so much a part of Montana. Without bluebirds, our world would be just a little bit duller and a whole lot less interesting. Conservation of bluebirds is important, not only for their sake, but for our sake as well.

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks' Nongame Wildlife Program includes a project to facilitate placement of nest boxes by interested persons. This project is supported by funds from a Nongame Checkoff on the Montana income tax form. You can share with bluebirds and other nongame wildlife species by designating a gift to the program on your 1986 state income tax return. Make a check, and share with wildlife!

## Bring Back the Bluebirds

by Art Sikkink

Have you ever wondered about the birdhouses along Highway 83 on the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range at Clearwater? The boxes are a part of the Montana Bluebird Association's Bluebird Trails and are becoming part of a statewide centennial effort to bring larger numbers of Bluebirds back to Montana.

Originally set in place by Harold Knapp and forestry students from Missoula County High School, the upkeep of these boxes is now being undertaken by students from Seeley Swan High School. The local trail forms a loop around the game range starting at Kozy Korner, proceeding east to Upsata Lake, then south to Highway 200, back to Clearwater and north. This loop contains over 100 boxes, of which 20 percent are normally occupied each summer by pairs of Mountain Bluebirds.

This week marks the beginning of a project to place Bluebird nesting boxes across the state along Highway 200 in an effort to "bring back the Bluebirds." The project is set for completion by the centennial year. Seeley Swan High School students will be joining other groups in this effort over the next few weeks. Harold Knapp and his students will be placing boxes from Missoula to Rainbow Bend on the Blackfoot. Members of the Potomac 4-H Club are continuing up to Clearwater. Students from Seeley Swan will be placing boxes from Clearwater through Ovando, to link up with boxes extending to Rogers Pass being put in place by Lincoln High School students.

Data collected over the past few years show that Bluebird numbers are on the rise in the western areas of Montana. Construction plans and a limited number of boxes are available if you wish to assist these birds by constructing or placing boxes in your area. Contact Art Sikkink at Seeley Swan High School, 677-2224 for more information.

## International Wildlife Film Festival starts next month

Media and wildlife experts from every corner of the world will once again convene in Missoula, April 6 through 13, for the annual International Wildlife Film Festival (IWFF). Celebrating its 10th year of work to raise international awareness of wildlife and wildlife communication, the week-long festival is widely acclaimed for the excellence of its films, workshops and special events.

Participants from India, Pakistan, Great Britain, Japan, Sweden, New Zealand, Mexico, Canada and Australia are expected to attend the week-long festival, which is held at the University of Montana.

The event presents a unique opportunity for Montanans to see the world's best wildlife film and television work produced in 1986. The Festival acts not only as a competitive forum for professional wildlife film-makers but, also, aims to encourage new work and to provide a context for the public to see and enjoy the films.

The Festival is sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Film Institute, the UM IWFF Committee and UM's student chapter of the Wildlife Society. It is co-sponsored by UM's School of Forestry, as well as a variety of other private and public organizations.

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### Prophets of Doom . . . or Are They?

Joel 2:1-2, "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound the alarm in my holy mountain: Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: For the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; a day of darkness and of gloominess, and a day of clouds and of thick darkness."

In today's modern church, the average Christian just doesn't want to hear the type of message like the one delivered above by brother Joel the prophet. We, instead, want to seek out men who will preach what we want to hear, rather than what God wants to say. They label those few who will preach the uncompromised Gospel as the gloom and doom preachers. Pressure applied by the worldly church members have put preachers who preached the truth on the endangered species list — yet God will always find a man who loves Him enough to preach, "Thus saith the Lord."

A word of warning to the lost without God and to the church members who just want to have their ears tickled

each Sunday morning. I'm sure the people on planet Earth during Noah's day didn't want to hear the gloom and doom message that God gave to Noah: "Repent, lay aside your evil ways, for the Lord is going to destroy this place." *Matthew 24:37* states, "But, as in the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

If Peter states that Noah was a preacher of righteousness (right living). I believe he felt it was his God-given duty to cry out against the eating, drinking, and marrying and giving in marriage. I, too, have felt the heart-rending cry move upon my spirit to reach the lost before it's too late. Let us comply with Joel 2:12: "Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping and mourning, and rend your hearts and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: For He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of evil."

God is a God of love, but he is also a God of wrath and JUDGMENT!

### New officers elected

## Lutherans begin plans for 1987

Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), recently elected new officers for 1987. Lili Wood is the new president; Jerry Ding, vice president; Karen Pagett, secretary, and Sharon Ding, treasurer.

AAL is a fraternal benefit organization which provides insurance protection and fraternal benefits to Lutherans and their families. Fraternal means helping others, and that's just what each branch tries to do in its own community. AAL Branch #5657 has been active in this area for over 5 years, and has helped with many community projects, including purchasing the building materials for the Chamber office, and raising a lot of money (with the help of the community) for needy people in the area.

AAL has just improved its Helping Hands Program by cutting out much of the "red tape" and making it easier for the branches to help people and non-profit organizations in the community. The Seeley Swan area has a total of 61 members. Montana has more than 9,385 members, and there are more than 1.3 million members worldwide.

Branch #5657 has some exciting fund-raising projects coming up that will benefit everyone in the community. For more information about AAL, call Sharon Ding at 677-2041.

### Bicentennial Essays (Second of a Series)

## From Under The Liberty Tree

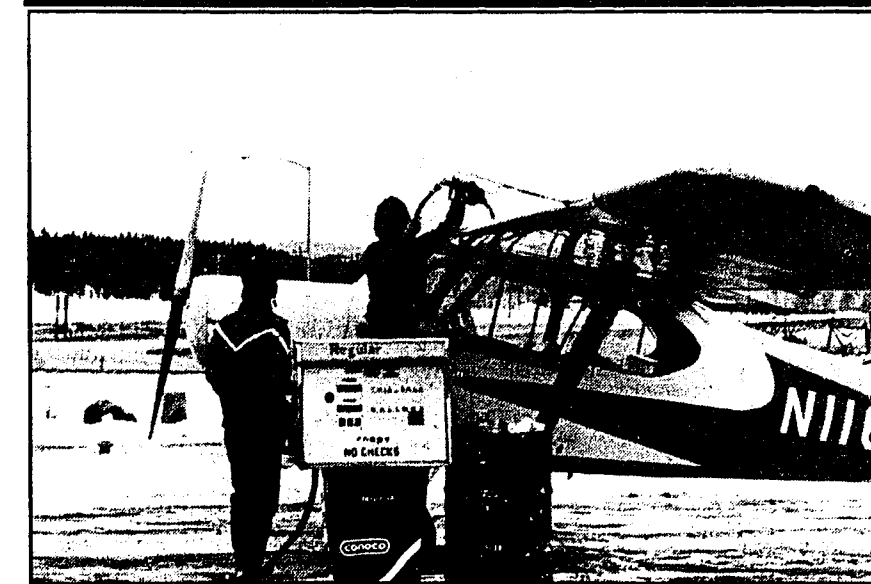
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In establishing a firm foundation upon which the structure of liberty (The Constitution of the United States) would be built, allow me to spend time to present a few notable documents and history leading up to the time of our Constitution. The Mayflower Compact must hold a most prominent position in the structure of liberty. Edwin Hall, in commenting on the Mayflower Compact of 1620 said this:

This compact was the first in the world, entered into by freemen, preserving the liberties of each, and guaranteeing to all equal privileges and rights. It was the germ of the first true republic on earth. The great idea, so novel, so startling to the world, so directly opposed to the divine right of kings and prelates, under whose sway the world had so long groaned in bondage — the great idea of a republic, as founded in the nature and inalienable rights of man, the Pilgrims derived from the gospel scheme of a Christian church. For this stupendous discovery, which is now so simple that we wonder it could ever have been overlooked, we are wholly indebted to the diligent search which the Puritans made into the great principles of the rights of conscience, and into the true scriptural model of a Christian church.

The great principle of the rights of conscience burned brightly in the hearts and minds of those whose signatures adorned this mighty document. And from that small candle there were lighted thousands of others by the time the Constitution of the United States was written. Two quotes I love to repeat were given by James Madison (Father of the Constitution) and George Washington (Father of our Country): Madison: "Conscience — the most sacred of all property"; Washington: "Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire — conscience." Without a doubt, liberty of conscience is a cornerstone of the form of government we have in our country.

# FARM & RANCH



Rick Stone, Clearwater, is shown here filling an airplane with gas at Stoney's near Clearwater Junction. The aircraft made an emergency landing because of a faulty fuel cap on February 26. Rick recalls about 6 planes that have landed on either Highway 200 or 83 in the past 12 years. Three of them made emergency stops because they needed fuel; and three of them landed because of bad weather. Photo courtesy Rick Stone.

## Beef: just the facts

by Vicki Kyler  
Montana Cattle Women

To eat or not to eat beef, that is the question.

So much bad press has been given beef at the instigation of rival meat industries and self-styled experts with an eye to personal publicity, that it's sometimes tough for the public to know what to believe.

The answer is easy: Listen to the real experts, the doctors and scientists who have made the study of good nutrition their life's work.

Here are some facts about beef determined by just such qualified experts:

•The American Cancer Society, upon completion of the largest human biological study ever undertaken of life and death, concluded that rates of coronary disease or stroke were no higher in people who eat meat than in those who don't.

Experts do agree large amounts of animal fat are not good, because large amounts of animal fat can cause obesity that has been proven to be detrimental. There is, however, no evidence that fat in and of itself causes cancer or heart disease.

That doesn't mean you must throw the baby out with the bathwater by eliminating meat from your diet. Buy lean cuts and trim off visible fat.

•A study by Dr. Maria Simonson of Johns Hopkins University reveals that vegetarian diets are no match healthwise, in general, or as slimming diets in particular, for a balance of meat, fish, dairy products, fruits, cereals and vegetables.

•Dr. George Briggs, nutrition professor at the University of California-Berkeley said a vegetarian must have such a sophisticated knowledge of nutrient sources that he or she would spend more time than a meat-eater (who makes choices from all food groups) in planning and organizing meals. The process of selecting appropriate food combinations is complex.

•A 1981 study by the University of Kansas Medical Center revealed that some vegetables, such as soybeans, actually inhibit the body's absorption of iron from other foods.

•Nutritionist, Dr. Andrea Pagenkopf of MSU in Bozeman emphasizes zinc as another vital nutrient of which beef is the greatest source, providing 38 percent of the minimum adult daily requirement in just three ounces of cooked lean meat.

•Beef is nutritionally complete, containing all eight amino acids in the correct ratio for human nutrition. A three-ounce serving of beef also provides only 73 milligrams of cholesterol. One guideline accepted by doctors of the American Heart Association recommends 300 milligrams of dietary cholesterol daily, of which a three-ounce serving of lean beef comprises 24 percent.



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**National Wildlife Week**

March 15-21, the week containing the first day of spring, marks the 50th annual celebration of National Wildlife Week.

National Wildlife Week began in 1938 by proclamation of President Franklin Roosevelt. Since that time, the National Wildlife Federation has used the occasion to educate the public about important natural resource issues.

The theme for Wildlife Week 1987 is "Let's Clean the Air — Understanding Air Pollution."

The Clean Air Act was passed in 1955 and strengthened through amendments in the 1970s.

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