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Swan residents spur fight against clearcuts

Tourists offer support; letter-writing campaign begins

by Suzanne Vernon

Swan Lake residents last week vowed to fight any more clearcuts in the Swan Valley and, also, expressed opposition to logging in critical wildlife habitat and fisheries areas of the Swan.

About 50 local residents, summer homeowners and even a few tourists gathered last week to support Friends of the Wild Swan, a looseknit group of concerned folks who have, for several years, been questioning Forest Service, Plum Creek and state timber sale practices in the Swan Valley.

The first action taken Thursday night was the beginning of a letter-writing campaign. Bob Stone, who lives north of Swan Lake, provided the group with 1,000 envelopes, the governor's address and the address for state forestry officials. Members of the group agreed not only to write letters, but to encourage their friends and neighbors to do the same.

Barren clearcuts visible from the swimming beach at Swan Lake, proposed timber sales adjacent to the Soup Creek Ranch and in the Jim-Fatty and Van-Alder areas, and present logging practices in the Jim Lakes area spurred discussions at the lively meeting.

Noticeably absent from the public meeting were timber industry representatives and businessmen from the Swan Lake area.

"I'd like to know where the businessmen are," asked Robert Halloran, a



Ursula Whitney (right) looked on as Bob Stone, center, wrote Governor Ted Schwinden's address on several of the 1,000 envelopes distributed at a Friends of the Wild Swan meeting held last Thursday night in Swan Lake. About 50 people gathered at the Swan Lake Clubhouse to express their opposition to clearcuts and other timber management practices in the Swan Valley.

self-proclaimed tourist from California. "I spend a lot of money here and I'm just as concerned as you are. . . I like to look at your trees," he said. Halloran commented later that, "If you run the tourists out, you'll lose a lot of help (in the fight to save trees). You have something here that we don't have anymore."

Another out-of-state visitor at the meeting pointed out that "without trees, you won't have any tourists—and without tourists, you don't have any business."

Several people joked about the slick ads now being used by Montana's Travel Promotion Bureau to sell Montana to tourists in California and other states.

"Why don't they show the clearcuts?" one visitor asked. "That's what we've been seeing since we got here."

Jack Whitney, unofficial representative for the Flathead Chapter of Audubon, expressed other concerns about plans to log the area adjacent to the Soup Creek Ranch. He explained that there is a heron rookery in that sale area, eagle roosting sites, and osprey nests. "The number of birds killed in just one 40-acre sale area would just astound you," he added.

Other long-time residents of the Swan Valley voiced their opposition to logging because of the detrimental effect on local fisheries. John Greene, summer resident who has fished the Jim Lakes area for over 50 years, said he has been shocked in recent years by logging practices in that area. He was especially upset when he saw logging taking place in spawning areas during the early summer months. "I am really very sick

that the forestry people aren't here," he said. He questioned a recent article in the *Daily InterLake*, Kalispell, where Forest Service officials said they would come back and "feather" clearcut areas and "clean them up."

"Where," he asked, "will they get the money to do that? You can still see where they cut 30 years ago. . . it hasn't changed a bit," he said.

Several people agreed to chair committees and address several issues, including the proposed logging in the Soup Creek area, scenic quality of the Highway 83 corridor, water quality, wildlife habitat and fisheries, and Forest Service land management practices (economics of deficit sales). The committees will meet again this week to further discuss strategies in the fight to change forestry practices in the Swan.

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Chuck Lewis turned over Lewis Excavating to his son Dick and daughter-in-law Cindy in 1976, whereupon the name was changed to Wilderness Excavating, Inc. "Working up here is like being in the wilderness, and all of our work is outdoors," Dick remarked. Although a family operation — Barry and Gary Lewis work full-time for the company — the business employs 20 people during the peak season (June through October) and is growing.



The Lewis's have worked all over the state. "We're licensed with the state as a general contractor and we have a county sewer license," Cindy said. Dick described the business: "Almost all of our work is competitive bid, large contract work, including logging road construction (which is our primary industry) and sanitation (municipal water and sewer)." On a local basis, Wilderness Excavating provides excavating on-site for sewer and water systems and driveways, and clearing and road building. Design and location consulting services for any property owner are also available through Wilderness Excavating.



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OPINION

Fingers in the Dike

Somewhere in the Circle Arrow hydroelectric saga, it came to light that there is a statistical expectation the Lake Inez fish barrier will wash out within the next five years. Apparently, we are due for an abnormally high spring runoff within that period and, since the earthen berm of the barrier is already showing extensive signs of seepage, the prognosis is not good.

Consequently, there has been talk about getting the state to remove this menace before catastrophe strikes. The idea is to carefully remove the earth fill and wooden spillway during a low-water period—then, let Mother Nature re-carve the stream channel. If done properly, the accumulated silt behind the barrier should undergo only marginal disturbance.

The fish barrier was originally erected to insulate the Seeley Lake fishery from the Lake Inez fishery. As everyone knows, though, both fisheries are chock full of trash fish. The barrier hasn't served its intended purpose, and it

may make a lot more sense, anyway, to manage all the Clearwater fisheries as a single unit.

Fine, but the time has come for action. The Seeley Lake Water District has led the charge against Circle Arrow. Their concern all along has been that the hydro units (at least, as originally proposed) would strain the fish barrier, leading to premature failure and a massive discharge of silt. The silt would end up in the district's intake and could lead to an outbreak of giardia and a general mucking up of household appliances and other equipment. These concerns now appear relevant regardless of the presence or absence of Circle Arrow generators, since the prophesied washout transcends any Circle Arrow considerations.

So, perhaps the first order of business would be for the water district to do some fact-checking. Then, if the facts warrant, the district should put its fingers in the dike, so to speak, and begin to apply pressure on the state. Hopefully, this particular disaster can be averted.

—Dick Potter

Put your garbage where your dump is

To the Editor:
It's good to know that our local refuse site has been inspected and approved, that area residents have been issued their "golden refuse passes," and that there is a cheerful caretaker to greet us upon our arrival.

Alas, folks, our scenic highway that leads to the dump is becoming the "pits" itself. The weekly flying garbage show is certainly ugly, as boxes, bags, papers, cans, bottles, etc. and etc. go flying out of the vehicles zipping on their way to the "big hole" in the hills. Come on, now, take a moment to secure your trash before striking out on your weekly adventure.

Bonell Kopke
Seeley Lake

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, August 10
Pork over noodles
- Tuesday, August 11
Cabbage rolls
- Wednesday, August 12
Pork chops

Reservations are appreciated for these noon meals. Suggested donations for residents under 60 years of age are \$2.50; over 60, \$1.50.

No praise for the Lord

With regard to the article entitled "Lord of the Whitetails" in the July 16th edition of *Pathfinder*:

It is one thing to obtain meat for the family, or even hang the head of the victim on the wall, if that is so important to the hunter's set of values.

To create a wall of dead animals says something chilling about the priorities and values of our society.

Caroline Berner
Condon

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Sheri's Stained Glass

by Suzanne Vernon

Kaleidoscopes are the latest in stained glass creations, and Sheri Burden will have her version of the popular ornaments for sale at the Swan Lake Huckleberry Festival this weekend.

Looking through the kaleidoscopes that Sheri has made recently, it's easy to understand why people love to admire and create stained glass. Many-colored rainbows dance inside the triangle of glass in much the same way that shifting colors from stained glass windows light up a room.

Color and design attract people to stained glass. Sheri admired stained glass for many years before she began creating her own lampshades, windows, wall hangings and suncatchers. About four years ago, after she had given an abundance of stained glass to all of her relatives and friends, she decided to try selling some of her work at local art shows. Each summer, she attends a half-dozen art and craft shows. Sheri's Stained Glass, which is the name of her enterprise, has become more than a hobby—she says that she works full-time on her projects now, except for the winter months of January and February.

Sheri prefers to use natural colors when she creates a window hanging, for example. But, some people prefer pink birds and purple skies as they shop for stained glass to decorate their homes. Sheri's custom stained glass business is growing, and each year she gets more and more requests to design windows and gift items.

The hummingbird suncatchers that Sheri creates are always popular, she says. Lately, though, she has had many requests for frogs and sheep.

"I was a little reluctant to make frogs," she laughed. But, folks seem to want them at the art fairs, she explained. Many of her customers are collectors of stained glass. The smaller items, she believes, are the most popular at craft fairs.

Sheri has attended the Swan Lake Huckleberry Festival for several years. She enjoys talking with the local residents and visitors who drop by for fresh pie and Made In Montana art and gifts.

Sheri and her husband, Dan, have lived in the Swan Valley for about seven years. They moved here from Ohio, where Sheri was a parole officer. "I missed it when we first moved out here," she reminisced. "But, I wouldn't go back now."



Sheri Burden, Swan Valley artist, enjoys her stained glass business. She will be displaying her work at the Swan Lake Huckleberry Festival on Saturday.

Dan Burden is a social worker at the Swan River Forest Camp. He helps Sheri draw many of her designs and enthusiastically supports her hobby. Together, they are designing plans for a new home on their Swan River property.

Huckleberry Festival begins Saturday

Dozens of artists and craftsmen are expected to display their wares at the annual Huckleberry Festival in Swan Lake this Saturday. Other highlights of the day include a huckleberry bake-off contest and live music in the evening.

The Huckleberry Festival is being sponsored by the Swan Lake Chamber of Commerce, and will be located outdoors near the Swan Village Market and the Swan Lake Post Office. Activities begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 6 p.m.

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Events
Aug 7-8, A Victorian Entertainment (Songs, Poetry & Dramatic Prose), Evening Performance, Holland Lake Lodge, Condon.
Aug 8, Swan Lake Huckleberry Festival, 10am-6pm, near Swan Village Market, Swan Lake.
Aug 10, "The World of Genealogy" seminar, 2pm, Swan Valley Library, Condon.
Aug 15, Great Bob Trek Potluck/Music, Holland Lake Lodge, Condon.
Aug 17, The Fantasticks, Evening Performance, Holland Lake Lodge, Condon.
Aug 12, Refuse District Hearing, 1:30pm, Room 201, Courthouse Annex, Missoula.
Clubs & Organizations
Aug 6, Condon Alcoholics Anon, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon.

Aug 8, Jaycees State Convention, Camp Paxson, Seeley Lake.
Aug 9, Seeley Lake Alcoholics Anon, 7pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake.
Aug 10, 11, 12, Senior Nutrition Program, Noon Lunch, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
Aug 12, Alanon Mtg, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.
Aug 13, Swan Lake Chamber of Comm Mtg, 7pm, Swan Lake.
Other
Aug 6, Bookmobile, Seeley Lake 9am-2:30pm.
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Lynn Kelly, graduate student in wildlife biology, recently observed loons (the kind with feathers) on Seeley Lake.

The Loon Lady returns

Two nesting sites lost in the Seeley Swan

by Suzanne Vernon

Lynn Kelly has been studying loons as part of her graduate work in wildlife biology for the past two years. Two nesting sites in the Seeley Swan have been lost this year, but she points out that people haven't deliberately destroyed the nesting areas.

"You have a situation here — not of harassment — but of lovin' them (the loons) to death," she smiled, shaking her head. Local residents take the loons for granted, and enjoy taking a closer look at the birds in the summertime.

Most people just don't understand how sensitive the nesting loons are, and how susceptible the eggs and young chicks are to predators. As a result, when boaters first hit the lakes in the early spring, nesting loons are often disturbed.

"You've always had loons here," Lynn said, commenting on how lucky local residents are to be able to listen to the calls of the loon. She adds, though, that people don't realize that there are only 30 lakes in the West where the loons return each spring, and less than 200 of the majestic birds in all of Western Montana.

In the Seeley Swan, there are only five loon chicks this year. That doesn't sound like very many, but it's better than Lynn would have predicted in May. "I'm really shocked that Alva and Seeley have chicks this year. . . In May, they (loons) were continually off the nests due to fishermen." Seeley lost one nest, but another nesting pair of birds there has one healthy chick.

Lynn is quick to point out, though, that the fishermen aren't out to harm the loons. After many, many discussions with fishermen this year, Kelly believes that the last thing local residents want to do is disturb a loon. Many of them don't recognize the loon's familiar tremolo call as a cry of alarm.

"There's a tremendous amount of local support for the loons," she observes. Education, she believes, is the key to saving the loons in the Seeley Swan, and biologists are trying to find a better way to communicate with fishermen and boaters. One method they are thinking about is to attach a sticker to fishing licenses or permits.

Another possibility is to rope off nesting sites each spring and prohibit boaters from entering critical nesting areas. But, as Lynn points out, that would be a last-ditch effort to save the loons. "Loons are so faithful, they return to the same nesting sites year after year, regardless of success," she explains. If fishermen could just be educated about loon behavior, drastic measures, such as closing areas of some lakes, could be avoided. Meanwhile, biologists continue to research the large

birds and talk to as many fishermen as they can about protecting the nesting areas.

Since early spring, Lynn has spent about eight hours a day observing loons. She sits on the shores of various lakes throughout the Seeley Swan area and near Eureka, and records loon behavior. On a recent Monday afternoon, she recorded 39 boats in the loons' "nursery" area on the north end of Seeley Lake. Each time a boat approached within about 100 yards of the loons and their one chick, the birds predictably sounded their alarm and dove beneath the surface of the water. That behavior was better than what may have resulted on other, less busy, lakes.

"The tolerance of these birds is incredible," Kelly points out.

Lynn has recorded loon behavior around boats for several months, and she has witnessed many near-misses. On Lake Alva last spring, she watched a boat repeatedly approach a loon's nest. Each time, the loon would slip off of the nest into the water—and ravens would appear out of the woods and go after the eggs. The loon managed to always scramble back onto the nest in time to fend off the ravens, but Lynn believes that on busier lakes, such as Salmon and Seeley, other nesting birds haven't been so lucky.

Lynn is becoming fond of the loons that she watches so often. "I find these guys are real characters. . . each one has a different personality," she said, admitting that researchers aren't supposed to look at animals as if they have human personalities. But, she says, she can't help but notice. The Seeley Lake birds are "real mellow" compared to a couple of other pairs on nearby lakes. Some of the loons are so nervous that they react to distant highway sounds in the same manner as they would an approaching fishing boat. She has also observed that loons on the more remote lakes are much more vocal than the birds on Seeley Lake. Although she can't prove it, she has a feeling that the birds enjoy making noise and communicating with each other in the more remote areas.

Lynn suspects that sometimes the loons make noise "just for fun," in areas where they aren't continually disturbed by people.

 (Lynn Kelly will return to Polson this fall to teach science in the Polson Middle School. By next spring, she hopes to begin completing the technical portion of her master's thesis in wildlife biology. Her data will become part of the Montana Loon Study currently being conducted by Don Skaar of Bozeman.)

Bob Marshall group still lacks funds for trails

by Dave Reese

Although the Montana director of the Bob Marshall Foundation vowed earlier this spring to try to raise \$2.4 million for trail work in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, he admitted recently that he has fallen far short of that goal.

Tom Coston, the foundation's director and former Region One forester, said he was "quite naive" in his assumption that he would be able to raise such a large amount of money. The money was to be used over the next five years to restore 234 miles of trail in the Bob Marshall Complex. Coston would not give a dollar amount as to just how much the foundation has raised, but indicated that he is "a long way from one-fifth of \$2.4 million."

Part of the plan for the trail restoration was to include volunteer labor and help from the Forest Service. But, so far, no aid has been offered, Coston lamented. "It doesn't appear that the Forest Service will have those capabilities for the next four or five years." Not since the days of the Civilian Conservation Corps has the Forest Service been able to handle the work of maintaining trails, Coston added.

There are other reasons why the goal of \$2.4 million has not been reached. "Since projects are not being funded by the government, they have to be funded privately. The competition for dollars is intense, he said, adding that public response has not been what he had expected.

Although the foundation has fallen

short of its long-term goal for trail work in the Bob Marshall, some trail work this summer is being done by volunteer crews in various parts of the wilderness. However, Coston pointed out that this work is limited to trail maintenance which, for now, means repairing run-off damage to trails. No trail construction or restoration is now being done. Only "critical trails of high use" are being worked on, he explained.

Part of the plan to raise money meant going to out-of-state sources, since the Bob Marshall is a "nationally significant area," he said. Coston, who has been with the foundation since its beginning one year ago, has relied on applications to other foundations and trusts for financial help, in addition to donations from the public. Now that he is retired from the Forest Service, Coston is spending his time "trying to raise money for the Bob."

Critter Chatter

by Ken Wolff

Objectivity, Perspective and Loon Lake

At times, we "natives" tend to lose our grip on our sanity and our objectivity. We all too often take our Valley, our mountains and our critters for granted. Sad—but we often have to be jolted by a new viewer to regain our sense of balance.

Over the Fourth of July holiday, my two sons, ages 13 and 15, their brother, age 9, and I (age often undetermined, but within a couple of months of 40) spent time in the muck of Loon

Lake. The loons are fine, and the leeches readily draw blood. It was the boys' first visit to Swan Valley and did they ever open the ole' man's eyes!

Having been around for the advent of paved roads, electricity, clearcuts, subdivisions and most of you folks, my perspective has become a bit jaded. The boys have renewed it for me and I thank them.

Some hints for those who don't fully partake of the splendor around us in Swan Valley: take a young person for a walk along the water somewhere; go for one of our many scenic loop drives; take the time to smell the flowers, watch the frogs, envy the kestrels, and marvel at a bluebird's fluttering.

With an effort to see as a first-timer on the next trip home from "zoo-town," you'll suddenly notice the many tints of green, the play of mountain shadows, that patch of snow you hadn't noticed before.

Swan Valley is still a nice place, a bit scarred perhaps, but filled with aquatic bugs, field mice, various sparrows, and untold greenery. I was honored to have introduced this place to three young men who care. Now, if only we could only control the epidemic of knapweed and Rainier cans!

Seeley to host wildlife films

Dr. Charles Jonkel will be showing several wildlife films at the Seeley Lake Community Hall August 14, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Donations to the International Wildlife Film Festival will be accepted at the door.



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Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

Several bears-of-the-week stories this week. Local residents are starting to talk of grizzly sightings this summer, and are encouraged at the thought of healthy bears in our woods. Loggers in the foothills of the Missions have seen two male grizzlies this summer. One of those may have been the same grizzly that a local resident saw feeding on a deer carcass a few weeks ago. Closer to the Swan River folks have reported two sightings: one, a sow with cubs, and another, "one of the largest bears" this fella had ever seen. Along the Swan Front residents have seen a nice, healthy male that appears to be the same bear that has been living in the area each summer.

On a lighter note, I was attacked by another, considerably smaller critter the other day. Our housecat (appropriately named News) brought home a chipmunk, whose spirit, I thought, had already traveled to the Great Beyond. News dropped the chipper at my feet, (as is customary, with mice anyway) and we both danced around like rock 'n' rollers as the chipmunk scampered up my leg and onto my shoulder. Of course, my jumping and screaming tossed Mr. Chip into the bushes. Two lessons from this: never trust what the cat brings home and, (for News) don't lose sight of dinner!

Potluck planned at Holland Lake

Local residents and members of the Montana Wilderness Association are planning a potluck in conjunction with the Holland Lake Rendezvous. The potluck is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, August 15, on the lawn at Holland Lake Lodge.

People whose last names start with A-C may bring appetizers or a relish tray; D-F, breads; G-I, beverages (iced tea, lemonade, etc.—a keg of beer will be provided, and donations for that will be accepted by the MWA); J-L, desserts; M-R, main dishes; S-Z, salads. There will be NO facilities for keeping food hot or cold. However, a barbecue pit will be available.

For more information call Carleece Parker at 754-2471 or Evelyn Jette, 754-2235.

Fishing Report

Seeley Lake

Folks goin' after the Kokanee, and staying with it, are having good luck this week. Most fishermen are using a #6 hook, cowbells and worms, leaded line and 30 feet of leader. Triple teasers, Dick Knight, needelfish and other small lures are working well. Several fishermen reported nice catches in both Placid and Seeley lakes.

The Clearwater River is offering some pan-sized trout in the better holes now. Fly fishermen can have all the fun they can handle. Try Joe's Hoppers or any of the bigger look-alikes. Those that set high on the water work best.

Blackfoot River

Many anglers report that they are catching their limit of pan-sized trout from the river. The little fish are going for small lures and an occasional salmonfly nymph (if you're fly fishing). Folks stopping by the Roundup Bar showed off several nice "messes" of fish recently.

Swan Valley & Swan Lake

Fishing is fair to good for rainbow trout in both the river and the lake right now. Some nice bull trout have been taken from the river recently. Hopper-imitations are working well.

Northern pike fishing is good this week at Swan Lake. The pike are smaller now—only one 14-pounder last week. Smelt is what most of the folks are using for bait.

Hikers to celebrate Bob Marshall's birthday

Hikers will celebrate Bob Marshall's birthday on August 9 with a rendezvous at Inspiration Pass in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The three people who have journeyed, so far, on the Great Bob Trek will continue on the last leg of their 350-mile journey which began in June along the southern edge of the Wilderness.

Sunday's hike will begin at 8 a.m. at Napa Point in the Swan Valley, which can be reached by Forest Service road #554. From there, the group will travel 2-1/2 miles through high alpine country to Inspiration Pass. Elaine Snyder, Montana Wilderness Association, estimates that the trip will take about two hours. To make reservations for the hike, or for more information, contact Snyder in Kalispell at 257-8451.

FWP appoints Thompson to Game Range

Mike Thompson, wildlife biologist with Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Missoula, is now in charge of the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range south of Seeley Lake. He has assumed the wildlife management responsibilities for hunting districts 282, 285, and 292 in the Blackfoot Valley from biologist Kurt Alt, who transferred to Livingston last winter.

Thompson will also be in charge of the Nevada Lake, Threemile and Bitterroot wildlife management areas. He is a graduate of both the University of Montana and Montana State University, and has worked on elk research projects in Western Montana for the department since 1981.

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OUTDOORS

Grizzly killed, cubs removed from Swan Valley

Fish and Game officials last week removed three grizzly bears from the Fatty Creek area of the Swan Valley. A sow grizzly, described as an "habitual bear" who had a history of confrontations with people, was put to sleep last Friday by a veterinarian. Her two 25-pound cubs were trapped on Saturday and later transferred to Washington State University for research. The cubs will eventually end up in zoos, according to Mike Aderhold, information officer with the Kalispell Fish, Wildlife and Parks office.

The female grizzly had twice broken into a trailer in the Fatty Creek area in recent days. This wasn't her first encounter with people, however. The bear, judged to be about eight years old, was first trapped in West Glacier after repeated confrontations with people there in 1983. She was then moved to the Bunker Creek area of the South Fork of the Flathead. Last fall, she showed up at a ranch in the Fatty Creek area. There, she repeatedly entered a barn and other buildings. Wildlife managers moved her again to the South Fork of the Flathead but, according to Aderhold, "she came back over the hill again."

The grizzly knew her way around people, creating "a bad situation," Aderhold said. A recent inter-agency bear management agreement calls for destroying bears who commit a "third-time offense," according to Aderhold. This latest incident was the bear's third unfavorable encounter with people. Aderhold pointed out that, of 10 "transplanted" bears which FWP has tracked over the past ten years, only one was successfully relocated. Others became repeat offenders and were destroyed or removed from the ecosystem during the legal hunting season. During a recent bear management conference in the Swan Valley, researchers discussed the

fact that cubs learn from their mothers, another reason why the inter-agency team developed new guidelines for managing problem bears.

"It's too bad," Aderhold lamented. "The Swan doesn't have a lot of bears." The Bob Marshall ecosystem has a hunting quota of 14 grizzlies, with a subquota of six females. Since the cubs were both females, the subquota has now been reduced to three, and the total now stands at 11. If three more females are killed or have to be removed from the ecosystem, the legal hunting season in the district, which begins this fall, will be closed.

Future of grizzlies in Missions uncertain

The grizzly population in the Mission Mountains may appear to be stable for now, but without the protection of the Endangered Species Act, habitat such as critical migration corridors could be lost. The Mission Mountains Wilderness Area, if severed biologically from other critical grizzly habitat in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, couldn't fully support a healthy population of grizzlies, according to wildlife biologists.

Researchers attending a conference in the Swan Valley last week discussed the possibility of removing grizzlies from the threatened and endangered species list. In June 1987, the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks published a draft review of the status of grizzlies in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem, and concluded that populations have recovered to the point where delisting could be considered.

Tom France, of the National Wildlife Federation, pointed out that protection of habitat has been forgotten in the delisting discussion. "Look at the Mission Mountains—that's a finger sticking out that's going to be cut up."

"There's no doubt in my mind that the Swan Valley is going to see a lot of

development," he said, adding that development has already placed a lot of pressure on the bears.

The Mission Mountains is a fairly isolated ecosystem, he continued. Threats to migration corridors, especially north of Condon, will continue as forest managers schedule timber sales in those areas. Habitat could be destroyed without the legal protection of the Endangered Species Act. He pointed out that he has been involved with two formal appeals regarding grizzly bears in the past two months.

"It's not always easy to get an agency to live up to a Forest Plan, even though the (management) direction is clear," he said. Managers should consider the tradeoffs in giving up legal protection for grizzlies and their habitat, he said.

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Timber company helps protect rare plant

The only known population of green-leaf manzanita in Montana is now protected in a voluntary landowner registry program run by a national conservation group.

The Nature Conservancy informed Plum Creek Timber Co., a division of Burlington Northern, Inc., of the rare plant's existence after searching unsuccessfully for other occurrences in the state. Plum Creek officials agreed that this site near Lake Mary Ronan had important scientific value and adapted their management plans to assure the survival of this unique population.

Plum Creek is the first corporate landowner in Montana to register a natural area. "When we first contacted Plum Creek, we were told they had plans for a timber harvest this year at that site," said Joan Bird, Montana Protection Coordinator for The Nature Conservancy. "But they also expressed an interest and a willingness to try to do something for the plant."

In May, Plum Creek's Flathead Unit Superintendent Jim Lehner, staff forester Eric Rozell, and wildlife biologist Lorin Hicks visited the site with staff from The Nature Conservancy. The Plum Creek resource managers agreed that they could work around the isolated population near Lake Mary Ronan. The company's area manager, Bill Parson, approved the recommendations of the resource staff and signed the registry agreement on June 1.

"This is a first in Montana, and Plum Creek deserves some credit for being willing to take the leap," said Bird. "The Nature Conservancy has always been strongly committed to the philosophy that business and conservation can be partners, and this is a good example."

The Conservancy's voluntary registry program began in 1984 in Montana. It recognizes the importance of private lands in conservation and encourages landowners to help protect rare species. In Montana, there are currently 17 private cooperators with The Nature Conservancy in this program. Although registry is a "gentleman's" agreement, and not legally binding, it has proved very effective in protecting important natural areas, according to Bird.

Green-leaf manzanita is not rare everywhere. It is common from the coastal ranges of California and Oregon to Colorado. Its range extends into the extreme southwest corner of Washington, but it

is not found in Wyoming or Idaho. "Disjunct" populations, such as the one at Lake Mary Ronan, are of great interest to scientists. Species often develop special characteristics to survive in an isolated situation outside their normal range.

The manzanita bushes may reach six feet in height in their optimal habitat, though the Montana shrubs are less than half that size. Green-leaf manzanita is a close relative of the more common bearberry, or kinnikinnick, and forms a hybrid with that species in Colorado, as well as on the edges of the single Montana site.

Balanced economy pursued

A balanced economy based on timber, tourism and telecommunications has recently been defined as one of the goals of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. After approval by the general membership at the July Chamber meeting, directors signed a resolution that also seeks to preserve the natural beauty of the Seeley Swan. The Chamber, through the resolution, has also adopted the theme, "Working Together Works."

Dogs must be licensed

All dogs in Missoula County must be licensed, and the fees can go as high as \$20 for a two-year tag. Animal control wardens are now patrolling Seeley Lake on a regular basis. If your dog isn't licensed and running loose, it may get a free ride to Missoula's animal shelter.

County dog licenses are issued on a pro rata basis, depending on the date of the dog's most recent rabies shot. Officials are trying to synchronize vaccination and licensing schedules for pet owners. If your pet received a rabies shot recently, then the county license would cost you \$10 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$20 for an animal that isn't spayed or neutered.

Officials may soon offer a clinic in Seeley Lake to encourage Seeley Swan residents to update rabies shots and license their dogs. The fine for not licensing a dog in Missoula County is \$35. Fees collected from licensing offset the cost of running the animal control program in Seeley Lake, according to Linda Hedstrom, Missoula County Health Department.

Seminar will help people trace family histories

Ronald A. Bremer will conduct a free seminar on "The World of Genealogy" on Monday, August 10, at the Swan Valley Community Library, Condon. Bremer is a former research specialist for the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City and founder of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. He has also written and edited several publications.

Monday's seminar will contain information for both beginners and the more advanced genealogy enthusiasts. Participants are invited to tape the seminar. Bremer is noted for his informative and entertaining lectures. For more information call 754-2238.

Search & Rescue picnic set

Missoula County Search and Rescue members are gathering at Lake Alva Campground for their annual picnic and get-together this weekend. About 40 S&R members and their families are expected to attend the gathering.

Did you know?

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McNally retires after 21 years

After raising her family and then going to work for the Postal Service for 21 years, 65-year-old Marie McNally recently decided that it was time to retire.

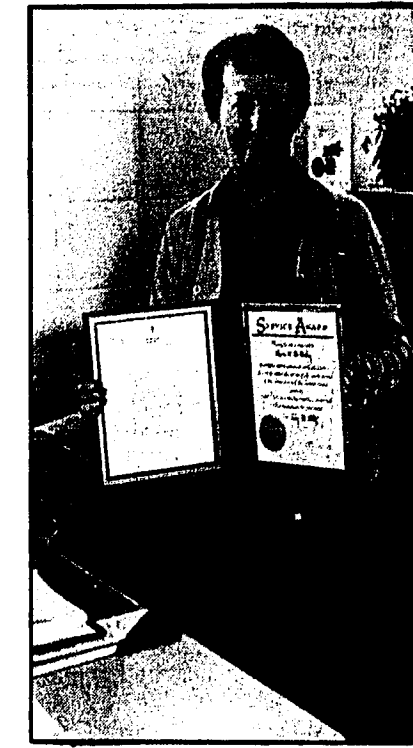
"I think it's time for Marie just to do her own thing," Marie laughed recently. Her last day as Ovando postmistress was Friday, July 31. Nearly the entire Ovando community turned out to help her celebrate with champagne and plenty of hugs on Friday night at the school gym.

For years, Marie had lowered the flag over the Post Office at 4:45 p.m., and residents had planned a surprise party for her then, when she would have handed the flag and postal keys to the new officer-in-charge. As it turned out, Marie turned over the keys to Eloise McNally (the new OIC) at 1 p.m. Residents caught up with Marie later, though, and drove her back to the Post Office for the 5 p.m. ceremony, anyway. Bonnie Murphy, Helmville Postmistress and poet, presented Marie with a special, handwritten poem.

It's no wonder that so many people turned out to thank Marie for her service. She knows everybody in the community. Working for the Post Office, she said, "is just like being a bartender—you get to know everybody's problems," she laughed. Some days, she would take the weight of those problems home with her. Other days, she shared the joy of weddings, new babies and awards with her friends in the community.

"I loved every minute of it. I love the people—I'm going to miss them, too," she said.

Marie and her husband, Pat, raised their four children in the Blackfoot Val-



ley. Most of their eight grandchildren are now teenagers.

Marie began working for the Postal Service in the late sixties as a clerk for Ovando Postmistress Esther Evans. The Post Office was then located in a building next to the Blackfoot General Store. By 1971, the new Post Office had been built in its present location.

There have been a lot of changes in the operation of the Post Office since Marie started. "There's no more people here, but the volume of mail has tripled," Marie explained. She pointed out that there has been a huge increase in bulk mail and magazines. Presently, there are 116 postal boxes and 34 Star Route addresses served by the Ovando Post Office.

Iowa students study Montana trees

Students from Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa, have been studying trees in the Greenough area for the past six weeks. Freshmen and sophomore forestry students traditionally spend summers "in the West" to add variety to their field studies. The students shouldn't be limited to the lake states, according to Professor Dick Schultz of ISU's forestry department.

The students have been staying at Lubrecht Experimental Forest. In the past, the young foresters have toured Pyramid Mountain Lumber in Seeley Lake. This year they visited mills in Missoula. Students also get a chance to "tour" the mountains of Montana. Last week they hiked into the Mission Mountains Wilderness.

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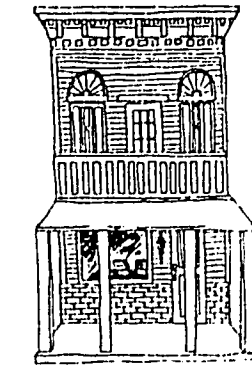
Sportsmen who wish to purchase grizzly bear and mountain lion permits are reminded that the deadline is August 31. A grizzly license is \$50 for residents and \$300 for non-residents. A mountain lion license is \$10 for residents and \$300 for non-residents, according to a recent Fish, Wildlife and Parks news release.

The scheduled grizzly season is October 1 through November 29. The general lion season runs from December 1 through February 15 with a "chase only" season from February 16 through April 30. A hunter is now allowed to legally kill only one grizzly bear in his lifetime as a result of recent state legislation. This provision also applies to those sportsmen taking a grizzly during the special damage hunt along the Rocky Mountain East Front this spring and summer.

Buffalo license applications are available from license agents throughout Montana. The nonrefundable application fee is \$5.00. Buffalo license applications for the 1987-88 season must be postmarked by August 31, 1987.

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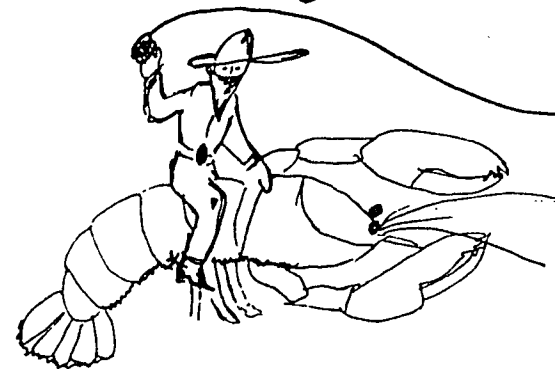
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Dale Smith in charge of Presidential campaign

Dale Smith, son of LeRoi and Marge Smith, Seeley Lake, is in charge of the Rock Island, Illinois campaign office for Presidential candidate Senator Paul Simon, Democrat.

Smith is helping to organize Simon's Illinois supporters, who are being brought together with Iowa voters before next spring's critical Iowa caucuses. Simon is one of seven announced Democratic hopefuls. Dale Smith managed a successful re-election campaign for U.S. Rep. Lane Evans, D-Rock Island, during 1986. He also worked on Iowa Democrat Tom Harkin's successful race for the U.S. Senate in 1984.

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Water board proposes new rates

Municipal water users in Seeley Lake will save money if they install water meters. That's an important part of the plan tentatively adopted by the Seeley Lake water board at last week's special meeting. Users have one year from November in which to install meters; otherwise, their rates will be increased by 20%. If they still haven't installed meters after another year goes by, their rates will be raised an additional 20%.

As of November 1st this year, metered users will pay a monthly flat rate of \$8.00 for the first 4000 gallons; each additional 1000 gallons will cost \$1.00. For users with a supply line greater than 3/4-inch in diameter, the flat rate (for the first 4000 gallons) escalates to allow for the potential demand upon the system:

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2"	45.00
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6"	200.00

In each case, the cost for every additional 1000 gallons is \$1.00. There will be an offset for customers who are forced to run their garden hoses in winter to avoid freeze-up. The board will entertain discounts for schools and the largest user—Pyramid Lumber, Inc.

The meter rates were derived from data supplied by the Montana Rural Water Association, in conjunction with an analysis of the district's cost structure. The district normally requires about \$130,000 for a year's operations. Factoring in the conservation effect from meters, the district estimates that revenues should be no lower than \$156,000. Don Larson, board chairman, emphasized that the rates are both tentative and temporary. Adjustments may

very well be needed to provide adequate revenue for the district.

Any extra revenue is likely to end up helping to pay for a full-time administrator. The board voted to hire an administrator to assist with planning and grant procurement. Depending on qualifications, the position would pay up to \$2000 per month for 13 months. A job description will be reviewed at the next meeting, after which the position will be advertised.

Jaycees meet here for convention

The Montana Jaycees, or Junior Chamber of Commerce, will meet this weekend at Camp Paxson. So far, about 165 Jaycees have registered to participate in the convention. 1987 marks the 50th anniversary for the Montana Jaycees. This year's theme is "A Golden Opportunity." Russ Axtman from Fort Benton, state president of the organization, will be on hand to help with awards and business meetings.

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce mailed information packets to Montana Jaycees earlier this month, according to committee chairman, Ron Sanguins. The Seeley Lake Chamber has offered to assist the Jaycees with their convention.

The Missoula Chapter of the Jaycees, which operates and maintains Camp Paxson for use by other service groups, is sponsoring this convention. This is the group's first state convention ever held outdoors.

"If anyone wants to come up and find out what the Jaycees are all about, they are welcome," according to Karylle Allick, convention chairman.

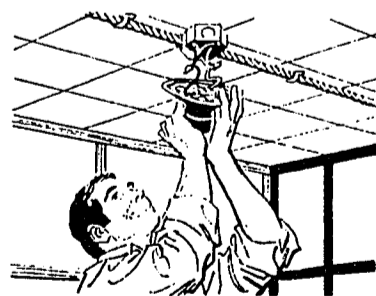
School board rejects bid for office

The construction of a new office for staff at Seeley Lake Elementary School has been put on hold, since school trustees rejected the lone bid for the project last week.

Marx Construction of Seeley Lake submitted a bid of \$17,443.00 for the office construction and remodeling project. Trustees briefly discussed the action, referring to an earlier understanding that the costs should probably not exceed \$16,000. Trustees also acknowledged that most area contractors are busy right now, and that may have had some effect on the bidding.

Trustees decided earlier this year to go ahead and convert the present school entry-area into office space, and move staff and computers out of the library where they are now located.

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MCHS proposes AIDS policy

Trustees for the Missoula County High School system are now considering an AIDS policy for all high schools within the district, including Seeley Swan High School.

The AIDS policy outlines action to be taken if it is determined that an employee is infected with AIDS. Generally, the policy states that whether or not an infected employee should be hired or remain in the school position will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Regarding infected students, the policy states: "A child with AIDS/HIV infection shall be allowed to attend school and to participate fully in programs and activities offered by the school, unless the Superintendent, assisted by an appointed ad hoc team of health professionals, determines that the child should be placed in another special program or excluded from school. During the time this determination is being made, an infected student may be excluded from school."

The second reading of the four-page proposal will take place at the trustees' August 18 meeting in Missoula. For more information call MCHS Administration office at 728-2400.

Former resident receives award

Chelle Schaeffer, daughter of former Condon residents, Dick and Carole Schaeffer, has received the Clevinger Award for academic excellence in the junior class at Seattle University. Chelle is studying finance and is a 1984 graduate of Seeley Swan High School.

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Watson-Cavera Engaged

Pat Knowles of Seeley Lake and David Cavera, Grand Rapids, Michigan, recently announced the engagement of their daughter, JoAnn Cavera, to Joe Watson of Seeley Lake. Watson is the son of George and Mary Watson, Missoula. JoAnn Cavera is a 1985 graduate of Ferris State College, Michigan and currently lives and works in Seeley Lake. Joe Watson is a graduate of Frenchtown High School and served in the U.S. Navy for six years. Joe and JoAnn are planning to move to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Joe will start school later this fall and major in business and finance.

A June 11, 1988, wedding is planned.



Tammy Martin.

Seeley native wins award

Tammy Martin, daughter of Lynn and Marlene Wilkie of Seeley Lake, was recently honored as the Nursing Assistant of the Year for the State of Montana.

Tammy was nominated by her co-workers and went on to win honors at the local, district and state level. She was honored recently at a banquet in Billings with a plaque and three certificates for each level.

Tammy is a 1982 graduate of Seeley Swan High School. She and her husband, Roger, live in Billings, where they work and attend school. Tammy is currently employed at St. John's Nursing Home.

Cornucopia by Michele Potter



These hurry-up dinners with pasta for a quick and easy meal in less than 30 minutes are from the National Pasta Association.

Chicken Almondine

3 cups (8 ounces) uncooked shell macaroni
3/4 cup sliced almonds
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
1 can (10 ounces) condensed cream of chicken soup
1 cup water
1 cup diced, cooked chicken

Cook shells according to package directions; drain. Sauté almonds in butter or margarine until lightly browned. Add mushrooms, soup, water, chicken and cooked pasta. Mix well and heat, stirring occasionally.

Linguine with White Clam Sauce

8 ounces uncooked linguine
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1/2 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
4 cans (7.5 ounces each) chopped clams with juice
1-1/2 cups chopped fresh parsley

Cook linguine according to package directions; drain. Sauté garlic in olive oil until golden; stir in flour. Gradually add clams and parsley. Cook, stirring constantly, over medium heat until sauce is thickened and smooth. Serve clam sauce over linguine.

Hints from the National Pasta Association: (1) No-cook sauces — just add butter, parmesan cheese, herbs or spices to your favorite pasta; (2) Try the new multi-colored curly pasta in your summer salad; (3) Pasta recipe ideas free: Pasta Pamphlets Series, Box 25496, Washington, D.C. 20007.

Just a note about our local cookbooks. Mildred Chaffin will probably have to go to a "third printing" with her *Cooking for Daily Living*. I understand a record number was sold at the Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts Show and Sale. Other Valley cookbooks: *From the Heart of the Swan Valley and Good Cookin' from the Swan*. Just ask around about all three of these books (or call me at 677-2022) — they can be purchased at a few of our local businesses.

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"Summertime, and the livin' is easy." On a recent trip to Minneapolis, we went to *Porgy and Bess*, performed by the Houston Opera Company. In a happy opening scene, the first song is sung by a young mother with a new baby in her arms. But, before the opera ends, the father is lost when his fishing boat capsizes. The young mother also perishes as she rushes out in the storm to seek her husband—and the baby is left orphaned. At the end, there is a haunting sound to the return of the refrain, "Summertime, and the livin' is easy."

We all look forward to the "easy livin'" of summer. Days are longer, schedules are varied and, hopefully, more relaxed. But, sometimes people, even Christian people, use Creation against the Creator. Summertime becomes a time of wandering, a parenthesis in our relationship with the Lord, instead of a time to experience a strengthening of that relationship. The beauty of Creation in summer should prompt more consistent worship with others who, also, are having an increased awareness of the Lord's presence in the world around them. Yet, the

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church gives witness of a "summer slump," while everything else in nature witnesses to summer as a time of life and growth.

Summertime may not be so easy. There may be hard times a-comin' when we will need all the spiritual resources we can muster. Summertime is a wonderful opportunity for gaining ground spiritually, not losing it. Spend time outdoors, inhale the fresh air, enjoy the bright sunshine, walk in the rain, let your steps remind you of your close connection to nature. Influence your company with your good habit of regular worship. Don't let them influence you to miss church. If you are traveling, drop in on another congregation's wor-

Evangelist plans Bible school, services

Evangelist Eldon Stevens and family are returning to Swan Valley Baptist Church for another week of special meetings. This year, the Stevens family will help conduct Vacation Bible School the week of August 10-14. This will run from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. with special classes for pre-schoolers on up. No one is too old to enjoy "Little Joe's" daily Bible story. David Stevens is a ventriloquist.

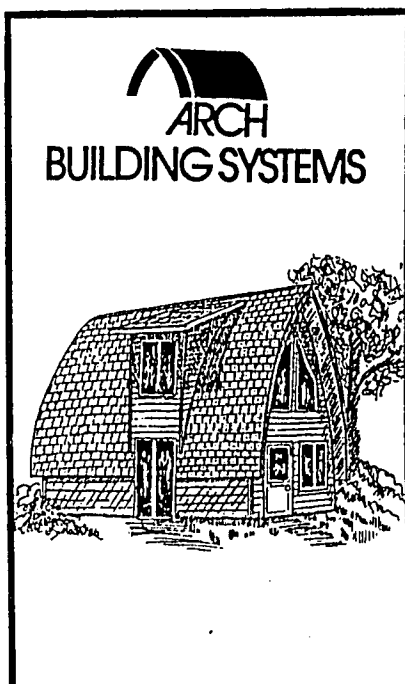
Dr. Stevens and his family will also be preaching, singing, and playing the saxophone and trumpet at the Sunday services, August 9, at 11 a.m. and, also, at 7:30 p.m. There will be a service on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and the program for the Vacation Bible School will be on Friday at 7:30 p.m., August 14.

The public is invited to come and enjoy God-honoring music, Bible stories, Bible preaching and good Christian fellowship, according to Rev. James Patterson. For more information call 754-2509.

ship...it may be a highlight of your trip. Or, pull up to a rest stop or scenic view and read a few of the Psalms (use 104, and note the things in nature that

the Psalmist connected to God). If you are around Seeley Lake on a Saturday (until August 29), come to the service at Big Larch campground at 7:00 p.m.

I wish for you a lot of "easy livin'" during the remaining weeks of summer, but guard against letting them be a subtle vacation from the Lord. This summer, be captivated by the same thought of the Psalmist in 40:5—"Thou hast multiplied, O Lord my God, thy wondrous deeds and thy thoughts toward us; none can compare with thee."



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Dennis Nemmers of the Express team tags second base and looks to first for the double-play. The Express team lost the league tournament to the Naturals in a game Sunday.

Business Briefs

Todds move to Augusta

Rick and Jenni Todd of Todd's Custom Leather and Rick Todd Horseshoeing are in the process of moving to Augusta, Montana. Rick has taken over Ron Mills' horseshoeing business in Augusta. He will also continue to travel to Seeley Lake to keep up with horseshoeing here.

Rick and Jenni will continue to repair leather horse gear, sew custom leather clothing and take orders through their mail order business. Their new address is P.O. Box 458, Augusta, Montana 59410, phone 562-3353.

Rendezvous closes; auction next week

Ron and Debbie Ogden of The Rendezvous second-hand store have contracted with Hawk Auction Company to conduct a complete dispersal of their antiques and second-hand items formerly offered for sale at their store in Seeley Lake. Hawk Auction will conduct the sale beginning at 11 a.m. on Sunday, August 9 in Seeley Lake. The Rendezvous has been closed since the 4th of July.

Ogdens recently said that they are looking forward to operating a whole-sale/retail business out of their home near Seeley Lake, including the sale of bulk ammo and firearms (at 10% over cost), pet foods and supplies and a variety of mail order sales. Both Ron and Debbie work at other jobs, and the convenience of working at home was a major factor in their decision to close The Rendezvous store in Seeley Lake.

Tall Timber to move shop

Kent and Laurie Hane of Tall Timber Industries, Seeley Lake, recently announced plans to sell out the store's merchandise, including their popular mountain bikes, and move their business to a new location later this month.

Aging agency seeks director

Vi Campbell has resigned as a director on the board for the Missoula Area Agency on Aging. Missoula County commissioners are now accepting applications for individuals interested in the public service position. The Area Agency on Aging oversees programs such as Elder Phone, RSVP and some senior nutrition programs. For more information contact Pearl Bruno at 728-7682, or the county commissioners at 721-5700.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON SEELEY LAKE REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT FEES

The Missoula Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 12, 1987 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Courthouse Annex on the following changes to the Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District as recommended by action of the Refuse Disposal District Board of Directors:

1. A rate decrease for a single family unit from \$28.00 to \$23.00 annually; and
2. Removal of the following statement from the assessment schedule: "The maximum assessment for any business will be ten (10) units."

Written protests will be accepted by the Board of County Commissioners, Commissioners' Office, Courthouse Annex, Missoula, MT 59802 until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 1987.

For further information, contact Ann Mary Dussault at the Commissioners' Office, Courthouse Annex, Missoula, MT 59802, 721-5700, ext. 200, or Kent Brown, P.O. Box 121, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 793-5595.

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Specifications and bid procedures for this purchase can be obtained at the Office of Central Purchasing, Room B-1, Missoula County Courthouse. A performance bond will be required. The Board of County Commissioners of Missoula County, Montana, reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Proposals shall be sealed and marked "Proposals for Repair of Old Courthouse Roof" and addressed to the Office of Central Purchasing, Missoula, Montana. By order of the Board of County Commissioners this 30th day of July, 1987.

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Dr. Norbert O'Keefe, far right, piloted this DeHavilland Beaver seaplane while retracing the route of the Lewis and Clark expedition this summer. O'Keefe and his partners, Charles "Chuck" Eastgate and Christ Welle, were in Seeley Lake recently for fuel and some sightseeing.

Flight follows trail of Lewis & Clark

A North Dakota doctor and two of his friends visited Seeley Lake in their seaplane recently on a trip that has followed the trail of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Seeley Lake's floatplane base at Lindey's Landing was one of the better facilities that the pilot and crew has encountered, according to Dr. Norbert O'Keefe of Bismarck. O'Keefe began planning the seaplane trip more than a year ago, since the party has to land in

places that have both seaplane facilities and fuel. It is thought to be the first attempt by anyone to retrace the trail of Lewis and Clark via seaplane.

O'Keefe, along with his crew, Chuck Eastgate and Christ Welle, left Pittsburgh three weeks ago. This week they are in Billings for the 19th Annual Meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.

O'Keefe plans to write a book about the trip. The DeHavilland Beaver seaplane he is piloting is one of only 1600 ever made. The planes were designed after World War II to help open up the interior of Canada. The planes have been, and still are, called the "work-horses" of the Yukon.

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