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Seeley Lake Community Council Comp Plan hearings in July

Deliberations continued last week for the preparation of a new Comprehensive Plan for Seeley Lake. The first draft of a Health & Human Services section was reviewed by the Community Council. The section emphasized the need for continued (and, eventually, expanded) health services, as well as facilities for senior citizens and youths. Establishment of a local cemetery was also called for.

The Council also decided to begin drafting a housing section and this will be reviewed at the April meeting, at which time all the sections of the plan will be consolidated. The consolidated plan will be provided to county planning officials, who will be asked to provide their comments at the May meeting. The June meeting is reserved for public comment on the plan by seasonal residents. The July meeting will mark the beginning of general review by the public.

The Council also intends to push for a continuation of the pollution testing in Seeley Lake which was begun last fall. Councilman Dan Mizner, who is the overall plan coordinator, will be arranging a meeting of local homeowners associations. Although the main purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the comprehensive plan, Mizner also intends to seek the cooperation of lakeshore residents in conducting dye tests.

Lindbergh Lake residents face drug charges

Two Lindbergh Lake residents made an initial appearance in Missoula County Justice Court last week in connection with a drug raid by Missoula County law enforcement officers. On Tuesday, March 22 officers reportedly confiscated more than \$50,000 worth of marijuana plants in the Lindbergh Lake area.

Kerry H. Good III, age 43, and Stacy Lynn Good, age 39, both of Lindbergh Lake, are facing charges of

felony possession of dangerous drugs with intent to sell. After their initial appearance in justice court last week they were released on their own recognizance.

According to Missoula County Deputy Attorney Craig Friedenauer the next court appearance for the Goods will be conducted in district court, probably in April. The Goods will then be arraigned and asked to enter a plea.

"Company's Coming" theme for annual Community Clean Up Day

"Company's Coming—Let's Get Cleaned Up!" is the theme for the annual Community Clean Up Day set for April 23 in Seeley Lake.

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce helps to coordinate the event. Local scouting groups and the

Lions Club are instrumental in cleaning up the litter and trash that have accumulated alongside the highways in and near Seeley Lake.

For more information, or if your club or organization would like to participate, contact the Chamber at 677-2880.



Salmon Prairie and Swan Valley students took part in the annual AARP Speech Contest held Friday night at the Swan Valley Community Hall. Mel Mohler of AARP helped organize the event. See story page 11.

Saving trees, not cutting them, may help state fund, study shows

Current plans to log all remaining old growth timber from Northwest Montana's Swan River State Forest may be a mistake, according to a recent study conducted for a local conservationist group. Estimated returns from harvest of future timber stands may be less than 10 percent of the land's current market value, and on slopes steeper than 40 percent, second-growth timber is expected to lose upwards of \$100 per acre, the report concludes.

The recently released economic analysis of the Forest's timber management program performed by Dr. Charles Sperry of Kalispell for the Friends of the Wild Swan has recently been published and distributed to concerned individuals, agencies and the press.

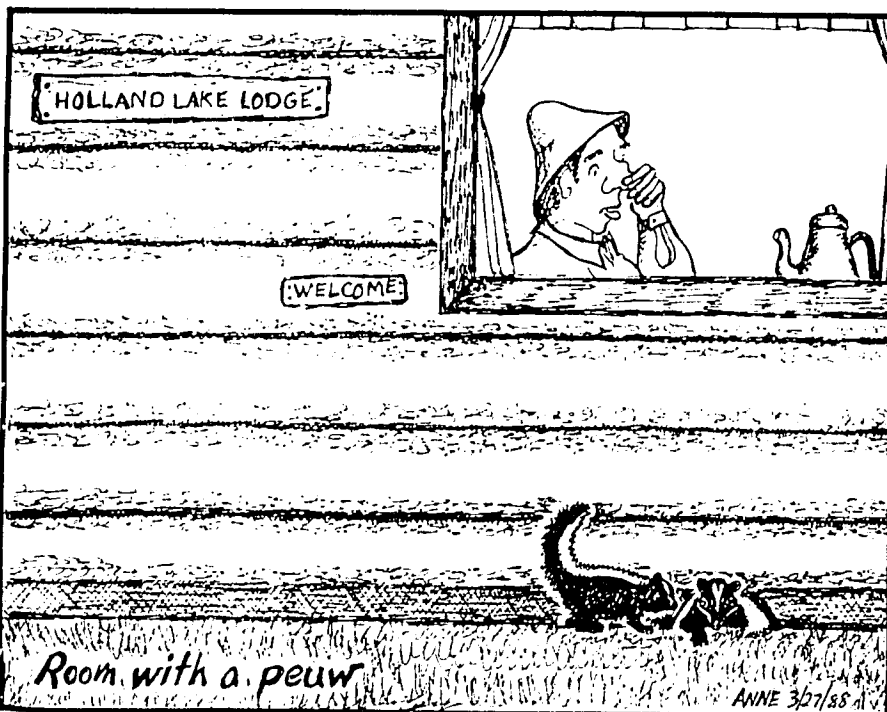
The report recommends careful rationing of remaining old-growth timber and states that co-dominant use for both recreation and timber may offer greater long-term returns to the state's schools than can be expected under the present commitment to timber harvest exclusively.

Expected returns on second-growth timber are found to be low at all interest rates and prices trends. For slopes under 40% reported values range from minus \$70 to a high of \$260 per acre, while on steeper slopes they are always negative, the report shows.

Based on estimated recreation use and recent past timber cash flows, the Swan River State Forest could generate the same amount of money from recreation as is currently earned from timber by collecting recreational user fees at popular campgrounds and recreation areas. In view of this possible alternative and a marginal economic outlook for future timber management the author of the report argues that a strategy for managing for recreation and timber as co-dominant uses of the land should be seriously investigated.

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Natty Bumpo



Glad to Have a Well

Editorial

Just about a year ago, you read in this column that the federal government intends to ram a water filtration plant down our throats—to eliminate a non-existent giardia problem. Somewhat lightheartedly, it was calculated that the cost of trapping giardia was equivalent to the astronomical sum of 10 quadrillion dollars per ounce.

A year later, it's no joke. The final regulations have been enacted and there is a gun pointed squarely at the head of the Seeley Lake Water District. As matters now stand, the district is being coerced to design and build an un-needed filtration plant. Construction cost is likely to be around one million dollars. Operating costs will soar because of the complexities inherent in maintaining a filtration plant.

The real tragedy is that our 20-year old water system is plagued with other problems, such as crumbling mains, inadequate burial depth, incomplete looping and insufficient storage. The wasted time and money going into a filtration plant should be used to solve the real problems.

One little sidelight of all this is that, to improve distribution efficiency, the pumphouse would probably be relocated much further south on the lakeshore. Since it wouldn't be economic to actually move the existing pumphouse, it will be abandoned and a new facility will be built. More dollars down the drain. But, there's a silver lining: Given the dubious water quality further south (in the midst of civilization), a filtration plant is probably justified. Such is the bureaucratic mentality.

All of this has caused the water board to reconsider the idea of groundwater wells—which would obviate the need for a filtration plant. But,

—Dick Potter

Country Journal

Howard and Loris Uhl at Holland Lake Lodge had an uninvited guest for dinner the other night. Seems that a skunk decided to take up quarters under the Lodge! Well, he wore out his welcome and was on his way out as of Tuesday, Loris said.

The juncos arrived "back on the Summit" last week, along with the whitetail deer and several robins. The snowstorm over the weekend probably caught many of them off-guard. The deer are seeking shelter under the fir trees, along with the birds.

Too early for bear-of-the-week stories, but here's something out of the ordinary. A friend of ours hit a moose on the highway last week near Goat Creek. The long-legged critter was apparently running when he hit the highway. Something may have spooked him.

All of the animals are on the move now. Several people have seen elk looking for spring feed in the lodgepole stands along the highway, and the deer have been seen by the dozens on the open hillsides near Salmon Lake. Even heard one report of a coyote back in our neck of the woods this week.

No wolf stories recently, but several interesting things came out of the wolf discussion held earlier this

don't expect this to be significantly cheaper than filtration. Moreover, as chairman Bob Scott frequently observes, "Wells are a craphshoot"—especially in our locality.

The water district has about 300 customers, which is not a very big base for absorbing million dollar investments. The arithmetic is straightforward. Sure, the water board will be trying for some grant money. It's unlikely, though, that grants will cover the whole cost. The probability is that water district customers are facing substantial rate increases.

There is the merest glimmer of hope on the horizon, however—and that's what this editorial is about. There is a slight interest in this matter by our Congressional delegation—very slight. In fact, you might say token interest. Their grumblings have more to do with the requirement for additional water testing than the requirement for filtration. It's true that the new federal requirements for testing are incredibly burdensome and expensive—but this is a fleabite compared to the filtration requirement.

So, if you're a water district customer, what are you waiting for? Are you going to sit back passively and open your wallet wide for yet another government boondoggle? I hope not. Call or write our friends in Congress. (They all have "800" numbers, so it doesn't even cost you anything.) Since this is an election year, they're likely to do something if they think enough people are mad. (Gosh, I'm glad I have my own well.)

by Suzanne Vernon
Swan Valley

month at Holland Lake Lodge. For one, there have been quite a few wolf sightings in the Lindbergh and Holland Lake areas this past winter. Pat Tucker (who works for the National Wildlife Federation) said there is a slight chance that "our" wolves might be some of those that left the "magic pack" near Glacier Park. Those wolves are dark in color, like the ones seen in the Swan Valley.

Biologists today apparently don't have much evidence of wolves in the "Bob". However Mildred Chaffin from Seeley Lake knows there are wolves in the South Fork. She ran a few of them out of her hunting camp not too many years ago when she and her husband, Allen, used to pack into the Bob Marshall. You might say she had a rather positive "I.D." on the overgrown huskies.

If you think you have seen a wolf in our woods and would like to report the incident, contact the Wolf Ecology Project, c/o Dr. Robert Ream, Director, Wilderness Institute, School of Forestry, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812 or call 243-5361.

Good Manager

To the Editor:

Hooray for Dennis Johnson, District Ranger in Seeley Lake. His expression of concern for the cumulative impacts of Forest Service clearcuts and Plum Creek clearcuts is like a breath of fresh air. The *Pathfinder* quoted him as saying, "we cannot each do our own thing...we've reached the limit."

The Forest Service is in trouble. It badly needs managers who can see what the limits are. The Forest Service needs managers with vision, who will guide the Forest Service from "business as usual" to a new era of management for the health of the forest, the fish and the wildlife.

It might be said that this is long overdue and that we have had laws on this for many years now. But these things take a long time to take hold in a great bureaucracy. Most of the managers will be content with "business as usual" (call them Flatheads?). Some managers will take personal responsibility for guiding the change. We congratulate Dennis Johnson.

Ron Bader
Friends of the Wild Swan
Swan Lake

Opinions Shouldn't Be News

To the Editor:

As a budding young journalist I must say that I was sorely disillusioned by your March 24 issue of the *Pathfinder*. I am referring to the front page article entitled "State takes second look at Swan timber sale." In my two years on the staff of Bigfork High School's school newspaper, the *Norse Code*, I have always been told that opinionated articles belong on the editorial page and news items belong elsewhere in the paper.

I have also always been under the impression that a good journalist presents both sides of an issue without drawing his or her own personal feelings into the article.

I felt that the article in question was written in very poor taste. My view of the *Pathfinder* journalistically has been severely lowered.

Clint Gray
Swan Lake

PASSAGES

FIRST THINGS FIRST!
Matthew 6:33: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness..."

Jesus stated in v. 25 three things that man usually spend a major part of his time and energy on. What shall I eat? What shall I drink? What shall I wear?

These three questions in themselves are not wrong and, in fact, they are very important. We have a body which requires food, something to drink, and something to wear. Without them we would die. We can't get away from them—they lie at the basis of life.

The natural man's concern is mainly for the things of the earth. To him, pleasing the body is the most important goal in life. He gives much thought to it, and it receives the majority of his attention.

Many of the problems in the world today are due to unrestrained or extravagant desire for things. The way of the world is to gain more and more treasures, insuring against poverty. Having a large bank account, investing in stocks and bonds, buying houses, and land. I like how an Iowa farmer said it, "Buy more land to raise more corn to feed more hogs to buy more land to raise more corn to feed more hogs." The world's motto is, "Take every thought for your life and get all the earthly wealth you can."

But there are more important thing to think about. The life of the soul is of far greater importance than the life of the body! The things of eternity are worth far more effort and energy than the pleasing of the body! The body lives a little while, while the soul never dies.

On which are you spending the majority of your time and effort? The body or the soul? Providing for our

Gary Wayne, Pastor
Faith Chapel, Seeley Lake

needs isn't wrong. But are we more concerned with providing earthly things than spiritual things? We don't think anything about working hard to provide food and shelter, but do we work hard to provide the things that will help our spiritual man?

We are to seek first the things of God, and then God's promise to us is that all the things that we need will be added unto us.

We need to get our priorities straight. We need to get "first things first." Then, God will bless us beyond what we can imagine.



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Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 6 pm; call 677-2022 or 754-2365.

Events & Public Meetings

Mar 31, Easter Egg Hunt, Swan Valley Elem. School, 1pm

April 1-9, Wildlife Film Festival, Univ. of Montana, Missoula. Call for schedule.

April 1, Good Friday, Pathfinder's Seeley Lake office closed.

April 2, Easter Egg Hunt & Party, age 12 & under. 1-3pm, The Saloon, Seeley Lake

April 2, Blackfoot Telephone Annual Meeting, Univ. of Montana, Missoula. Registration at 11am, mtg. at noon.

April 3, Easter Sunday Services, Condon Comm. Church & Comm. Bible Church, 10:30am, Swan Valley School Gym.

April 5, VOTE!! Election Day for school districts, SOS Hospital, fire districts, community council.

Clubs & Organizations

April 4, AARP meeting, Swan Valley Community Hall.

April 5, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, 7pm, Seeley Lake Comm. Hall.

April 5, Swan Valley PTA meets, Swan Valley School, 1:30pm.
April 9, Roller skating, Swan Valley Elem. School Gym. 1-3pm

Other

Alcoholics Anonymous
•Condon: Every Thursday night, Swan Valley School, 7:30pm

•Seeley Lake: Sunday nights, 449 Grizzly Road, Seeley Lake, 7pm; Weds nights, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd; Thursdays at noon, 449 Grizzly Rd;

•Young People's Meeting, Every Friday nite, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd

Al Anon
•Seeley Lake: Thursday nights, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake, 7pm

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Swan Valley Library (Condon): Weds, 10am-6pm, Sat, 10am-3pm.

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Business of the Week

1st VALLEY BANK

Great institutions frequently have casual beginnings. 1st Valley Bank is no exception, having arisen from an informal chat between Jim Cowan and Wayne Mahugh—while they were both leaning against the tailgate of a pickup parked in Polson. Both men had read a newspaper article which mentioned that Seeley Lake had no bank. They decided then and there to do something about it.

A meeting was arranged with about twenty interested local residents. That meeting led to a feasibility study...and the rest is history. 1st Valley Bank is celebrating its third anniversary and is now the highest-rated commercial bank in the state.

Jim (who has nearly thirty years of banking experience) is the president of 1st Valley and he would like to see more growth for the bank and for the community. The two are closely related. "We encourage people not only to support the local bank, but to support all of the local businesses. Stimulating economic activity in the area will attract businesspeople who will open up new facilities for goods and services that we don't presently have. This, in turn, will make living in Seeley Lake much more enjoyable and much more convenient. It will also provide jobs—particularly for our young people."

Happy Birthday, 1st Valley! In the meantime, "Business of the Week" is going on vacation. If your business hasn't been featured as yet, give Pathfinder a call—we'll put you on the list.



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ELECTIONS

Meet the Candidates—for Swan Valley board

The Swan Valley Elementary School may be forced to make some major changes in the way it operates next year. Next week's election ballot reflects the magnitude of the problems.

Five people have filed for two openings on the board of trustees. The two openings reflect the expiration of two terms: Billie McDonald and Ronald Mathew. McDonald did not refile. Mathew, who was appointed to the board about 18 months ago, is a candidate for reelection.

The Swan Valley Elementary School PTA sponsored a *Meet the Candidates* forum last week. Profiles of the candidates follow:

Bill Alexander

Bill and Susan Alexander moved to the Swan Valley about a year ago after living in Bigfork, Montana. They are originally from Texas. They have two children, who are enrolled at Swan Valley Elementary. Bill Alexander is self employed in the wood products industry.

Alexander believes that community involvement in school activities and concerns is a top priority. At a *Meet the Candidates* forum held last week at the school, Alexander repeatedly commented on the light attendance. "I would like to see these seats filled up." He sees his role, if elected to the school board, as that of a mediator between the school and the community. The trustees' job, he said, is to run the school as a busi-

ness and to take care of budget matters. He supports continuation of the current middle school system if voters would support the necessary mill levies, though he expressed doubts about the possibility of any increased funding coming from other sources (such as the legislature).

Darlene Kearney

Darlene and Les Kearney have lived in the Swan Valley for many years. They have 2 children currently enrolled

at Swan Valley Elementary. Darlene Kearney is a homemaker and self employed craftsman.

Kearney has been active in community organizations for many years. She is past president of the PTA and has served as secretary of that group several times. At the community meeting last week she pointed out that she frequently attends school board meetings and is familiar with state law and school budgets. She believes that the school could operate efficiently by going back to the elementary program (no middle school for seventh and eighth grade students). She indicated she was somewhat undecided about the mill levy issues or what the school should do next year when huge losses of funding are predicted. She believes that board members should keep in close touch with the school (i.e. visit classes and participate in school sponsored events) in order to

better determine the type of program that should be maintained at the school.
Jeff Mason

Jeff and Lee Mason moved to the Swan Valley in 1980, where they now have two children enrolled at Swan Valley Elementary School. Jeff grew up in Kalispell, worked for a few years out of state, and later returned to Montana. Mason is a self employed electrician and believes his business experience with contractors and the public would help him as a school trustee. He supports a mill levy to continue funding for the middle school program. He believes that if people understand the educational value of the middle school program they will support it financially. At last week's meeting he stated that he would do his best to maintain the school in its present form.

Ronald Mathew

Ron and Tori Mathew both grew up in the Swan Valley. They have two children currently enrolled at Swan Valley Elementary. Ron is a self-employed building contractor.

Ron Mathew has served as a school trustee for about a year and a half. He was appointed to the board when another trustee resigned. He feels that understanding state laws and school budgets is not an easy chore, and that his experience on the board is a valuable asset. He is also active in the Swan

Valley-Condon Quick Response Unit along with other community organizations. At last week's meeting he said there are some areas of the present budget that can be cut without affecting the core education subjects and that he felt the school could go back to operating under the elementary program (without the middle school in the seventh and eighth grades).

Linda Styler

Linda and Gary Styler are longtime residents of the Swan Valley. They have one child enrolled at Swan Valley Elementary. Linda is employed at the Hungry Bear Chalet.

Linda Styler has been active at the Swan Valley Elementary School as a teacher's aid for several years as her children progressed through the school. She has helped coach cheerleaders at the school and for ten years has been very active with youth in the AAU wrestling program. Styler believes the school budget can be cut in many areas. Some activities, such as the sports, music, and art programs, could be funded through community support of fund raisers, she said. At last week's meeting she said that she supports "back to basics" in education, explaining that more emphasis should be placed on reading, writing and arithmetic, rather than spending so much time, money and energy on extra curricular activities.

ELECTIONS

Polls open April 5 for school, local elections

School elections will be held next Tuesday. Residents of the Seeley Lake area will also be voting on a variety of other district levies and positions.

Elementary schools in most precincts serve as the voting places with polls being open from noon until 8 p.m.

Seeley Lake (Missoula County)

Voters can cast their ballots at the Seeley Lake Elementary School. They will be asked to vote on a number of issues including a school mill levy to raise \$99,500 (approximately 40 mills). One school trustee, Joe Anders, has filed for reelection to the school board. Other items on the ballot include a mill levy of approximately 5 mills to raise \$15,690 for operation of the SOS Health Clinic and Hospital District. Candidates for two terms on the SOS board are Janice Nemmers and Sandra Doucett. In the Seeley Lake Fire District, two trustee positions are open. David Whitesitt and Samuel Moore have filed. Directors on the new Seeley Lake Community Council will also be elected on Tuesday. The candidates are (vote for six) Robert (Bud) Johnson, Kent Brown, Jeff Macon, Addrien Marx, Melvin Kelland and Norman Baier.

Voters will also be asked to cast ballots for or against the Missoula County High Schools mill levy to raise \$3,380,000 to operate the county's high schools, including Seeley-Swan High School. A separate ballot item is a mill levy to raise \$677,000 to operate the Missoula Vocational Technical Center.

Swan Valley (Missoula County)

Swan Valley voters will be asked to cast their ballots at the Swan Valley Elementary School gym for or against a mill levy to increase the elementary school's reserve fund. The levy, if passed, will raise \$10,000 (approximately 12 mills) for the fund. Five people are running for two positions on the Swan Valley Elementary school board. (See related article.) Swan Valley residents will also vote on the SOS Hospital District levy, the Missoula County High Schools levy and the Missoula VoTech levy.

Potomac (Missoula County)

One 3-year term and one 1-year term on the Potomac Elementary School board are open. Grady (Jake) Woirhay, Brenda Butler and Martha Denman have all filed for the 3-year position. Jeanne Hall is the lone write-in candidate for the 1-year term.

Sunset School (Greenough - Missoula County)

The Sunset School District #30 school board of trustees has passed a resolution stating that a financial emergency exists due to decreased enrollment and a subsequent loss of state funding.

In order to maintain the present quality of education which employs two teachers, the trustees plan to use available state funding and part of the reserve

fund. These amounts will not be adequate to maintain the present education program.

Therefore, voters of School District #30, Sunset School at Greenough, will be asked to raise \$6,800.00 by a special levy of approximately 16 mills for the purpose of operating and maintaining the school.

Voters will also select a trustee to fill the one opening. Susan Loran and Frank Maus are running for this position on the board.

Salmon Prairie-Swan Lake (Lake County)

Swan Lake voters will probably decide whether to keep the Swan Lake Elementary School open next year by voting for or against a mill levy to raise \$8,063.20 (about 12.5 mills). The Swan Lake Elementary School currently has only three children enrolled with no enrollment increase predicted for next fall. Swan Lake voters will go to the polls at the Swan Lake Community Hall.

Salmon Prairie residents will vote at the Salmon Prairie Elementary School, though both Swan Lake and Salmon Prairie residents will be voting on the same issues since the school district is combined. Two people are run-

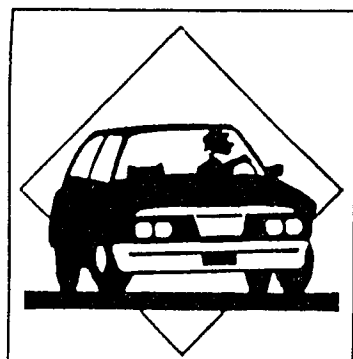
ning for one position on the Salmon Prairie School Board this year. They are Russ Polsen and Dave Ensign. Polls are open from noon to 8 p.m.

Ovando (Powell County)

Ovando-area voters will be asked to vote for or against a school mill levy to raise \$10,978.59 (approximately 16 mills) to operate the school and a separate mill levy to raise \$3,430.81 (approximately 5 mills) for five years to pay for maintenance on school buildings. Russ Stott is running unopposed for election to the Ovando Elementary School board of trustees.

Powell County High School in Deer Lodge has a mill levy on the ballot to raise \$381,300 (approximately 28.83 mills) to operate the school and a separate mill levy to raise \$39,670 (about 3 mills) to pay for requirements of the asbestos management plan.

Helmville residents vote at the Helmville Community Hall; Ovando residents vote at the Ovando Elementary School gym. Polls are open from noon to 8 p.m.



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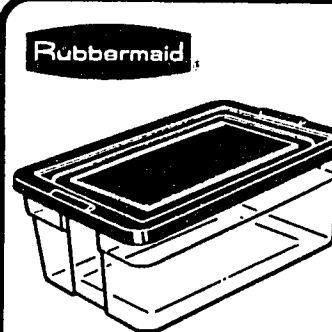
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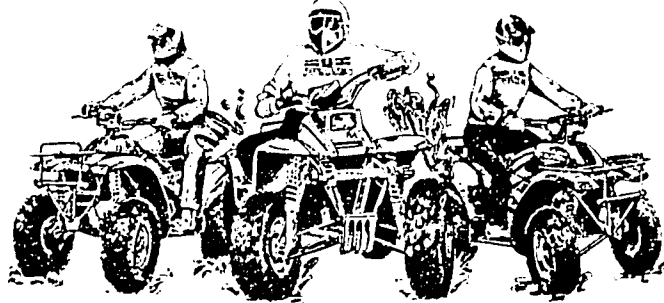
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COMMUNITY

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1st Valley Bank is the top-rated commercial bank in Montana, according to Sheshunoff & Company, a national bank-rating service. Through the third quarter of 1987, which is the most current information available, 1st Valley had an overall rating of 95 (out of a possible 99). The only other bank in the state with a rating over 90 is Valley Bank of Kalispell (rated at 92).

The ratings are based upon a weighting of capital, asset quality, management, earnings and liquidity.

"Buff" Hultman files for Senate

R. H. "Buff" Hultman has filed for the Senate seat in District No. 33. Hultman, it will be remembered, lost in a close race to the incumbent, Jack Haffey, in the last election.

Buff is an old time Condon resident. He was an outfitter in the Bob Marshall area for over thirty years before moving to a ranch near Drummond. He and his wife, Dune ran the 33-Ranch in the Condon area for many years.

Hultman was on the Swan Valley District #33 School Board; was the Little League baseball coach and grade school basketball coach in the Condon area, as well as the Hunter-Safety instructor for both the Seeley Lake and Condon areas for many years.

Montana mills, loggers represented during Senate wilderness hearings

Representatives of the Montana forest products industry last week testified before the Senate Public Lands Committee in Washington D.C. in opposition to portions of Senator Max Baucus' and Rep. Pat Williams' wilderness proposals.

"The industry is making a sincere effort to approach the wilderness issue positively," said Don Allen, Executive Director of the Montana Wood Products Association.

Industry statements also opposed inclusion of the Nevada Mountain, Electric Peak, Thompson Seaton and portion of the Swan Crest and Cowboys Heaven areas as wilderness. "All of these areas contain timber resources which are vital to our industry's future," said Jim Riley, Executive Vice President of the Intermountain Forest Industry Association. "However, we have tried to be positive by identifying areas which could be made wilderness without having substantial impacts on our industry. We would like to see this issue resolved. But the solution, must be reasonable and at least leave open the opportunity for continuous timber supplies for the industry. Elements of both Sen. Baucus' proposal and Rep. Williams' proposal would shut the door on the future of some mills. The Montana congressional delegation has stated they don't want to harm the industry by this bill. Thus, we are optimistic that our objections to the current proposals will be rectified as a result of these

hearings."

In total, the nearly 960,000 acres of additional wilderness that the industry has identified as acceptable is very close to the totals proposed by Senator Baucus and Representative Williams. However, "Both bills contain new areas that could cause serious harm to our industry; therefore, we oppose both bills. We are optimistic that these problems will be corrected in the final version of the bill," he added. "We would like to see a Montana Wilderness bill pass this

year, but one which makes enough timberlands available to support our mills." Industry spokesmen identified several areas proposed for wilderness or study which would limit timber supplies. One of the areas drawing most industry attention is the Sapphires, Stony Mountain, Quigg. "There are certain portions of these areas which could be made wilderness," said Tony Colter, Senior Resource Manager for Louisiana-Pacific sawmill in Deer Lodge, "but the combined proposals of Senator Baucus and Rep. Williams are far too expensive." Current Forest Service plans provide the opportunity to log portions of these areas if timber demand in the Deer Lodge market area proves necessary. "Timber supplies for our operation are already limited, so leaving these areas available for multiple-use is essential and represents the strong local consensus of what should be included in wilderness."

The most immediately critical timber supply situations in the state are on the Beaverhead and Bitterroot National Forests according to testimony by representatives of the F. H. Stoltze sawmill in Dillon and Darby Lumber Company in Darby, Montana.

"We have only a nine month timber supply at our Dillon mill and very little prospect for purchasing enough timber to allow our mill to continue operating if these bills are enacted without change," said Mark Simonich of F. H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Company. Of particular concern is the West Pioneers Area which is proposed for classification as a National Recreation Area. "If managed for timber, this area could produce 13 million board feet of timber annually," said Simonich. "This is our best hope to keep the Dillon Sawmill running."

Bill Crapser, Resource Manager for Darby Lumber company expressed a distressing outlook for his company. "If something does not change very quickly, our company and our 150 employees will be out of business by the end of the year," said Crapser. "We will need a final solution to the wilderness question, and that solution must leave the timber in the North Bighole and West Bighole areas available for harvest if we are to avoid a serious impact on our business."

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*** Orange and chocolate go together; that's why you add orange liqueur to the chocolate base of a souffle. For more intense flavor, stir a few spoonfuls of your best orange marmalade into the warm chocolate.

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Program helps parents determine "school readiness" in children

by Jeanne Moon
Seeley Lake PTA

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On Monday, April 11, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., Seeley Lake Elementary PTA is sponsoring a program on "school readiness" to assist parents in decision making. This program, held at the grade school, will include the film, "Jim Grant on - Do you know where

your child is? What every parent should know about school success and what every teacher already knows about your child."

Headstart educators Kathy Bergstrom and Margaret Selway will give a presentation on "indicators of readiness" and Seeley Lake Elementary educators will join in discussion. The program will be preceded by a PTA business meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. All members and others interested are encouraged to attend. Child care is available at the school.

CHICKEN
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Annual Meeting Saturday

The annual meeting for the Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will be held Saturday, April 2 at the University Center Ballroom, University of Montana, Missoula.

The Ovando area (District 2) is one of the Districts where a trustee will be up for re-election this year. Robert Stinson from Elliston has represented phone company subscribers in that area since 1974.

Registration for the event begins at 11 a.m. The meeting and entertainment begins at 12 noon.

Wade Cebulski wins OSCAR Contest

The winner of the OSCAR contest is Wade Cebulski for his entry titled, "Over Seeley's Creeks and Ridges."

According to the OSCAR nordic ski race committee, there were 24 entries overall; 14 of which were sent in by the high school students.

McLane briefs water board

Mike McLane, field manager of the Water Rights Bureau in Missoula, spoke at length to the Seeley Lake water board last Wednesday on the subject of water rights. The board had invited McLane because of its interest in acquiring additional water rights as part of its long-term planning effort.

McLane stressed that a water "reservation" is the only way to assure adequate water for long-term development by a municipality. So far, reservations have been obtained only for major projects, such as the entire Yellowstone drainage. An Environmental Impact Statement is required in such cases, and this is typically a three-year process entailing significant expenditures. However, McLane held out the possibility that an EIS would not be required for a smaller project, such as for the Seeley Lake water district.

McLane also described the Montana Water Development Program, which is a grant and loan program funded by the state coal tax. He indicated that these funds could be used for an EIS, if required. However, all applications must be received by May 15 of this year in order for the legislature to appropriate funds in 1989. Bob Scott, board chairman, said that the district was not far enough along in its planning to apply by the deadline.

In other water district news:

- The board voted to require the elementary school and high school to install water meters. Cost is estimated at \$3600.

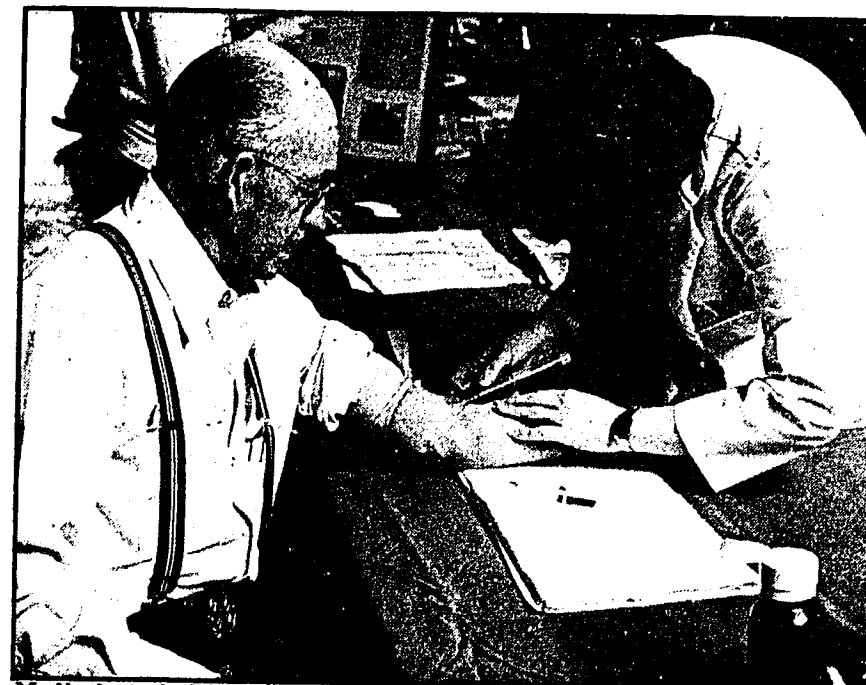
- Doreen Culver, district secretary, has been elected a director and, also, the treasurer of Montana Rural Water Association. Culver's term will run for three years.

Additional deputies for 4th—but same as last year

Sheriff Dan Magone has assured the Seeley Lake Community Council that additional law enforcement will be provided for the Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day weekends. Magone mentioned in a recent letter to the Council that the Forest Service will provide funding for additional deputies. The Council had raised the issue with the sheriff because it desires to avoid a repetition of last year's unruly crowd behavior over the 4th.

However, discussions with Forest Service officials in Missoula suggest that the level of support is likely to be no greater than last year. That would amount to three sheriff's deputies (in addition to the two local deputies) and two or three Forest Service officers (in addition to the local officer).

According to Tom King, regional law enforcement officer for the Forest Service, the cooperative program which provides funding for extra law officers has been in existence for many years and is primarily intended for the enforcement of state laws on Forest Service lands. However, King said, these personnel are not limited to operating on Forest Service lands and can be pulled away in order to respond to any emergency—such as might occur in the town of Seeley Lake.



Medical technician Ruth Smith from St. Patrick Hospital takes a blood sample from Jim Rusk (left) of Placid Lake during the recent Missoula Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting and Health Fair at the University of Montana. 300 people took part in the cholesterol tests.

Health Fair highlights MEC meeting

Seeley Lake man wins Cash Drawing

More than 600 people attended the Missoula Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting held in Missoula two weeks ago. Kirk Flynn, MEC consumer services director, attributed the meeting's success to the popularity of the Health Fair.

In addition, Jim Cowan of Seeley Lake won the Cash Award during the drawing at the meeting. Two names of MEC members who were not present had been drawn before Cowan's name was selected.

Numerous people have called to thank MEC and St. Patrick Hospital for sponsoring the Health Fair in conjunction with the annual meeting.

Flynn said. More than 300 people took the cholesterol tests offered by the hospital. Results of those tests should be in the mail to area residents this week. People with more questions about the test are advised to contact St. Patrick Hospital.

During the annual meeting the new bylaws were approved as they appear in the Annual Report recently mailed to MEC subscribers.

Several door prizes were awarded during the meeting. Local winners included Ruby Nelson, Greenough; Rusty Kessler, Swan Valley; Craig Sheely, Seeley Lake; Robert Newman, Swan Valley and Mary Phillips, also from the Swan Valley.

Extension offers home study course

Cooperative Extension Services announces they are offering a home study course, "Extension Education Connection," that covers topics on nutrition, financial management, home and self-improvement.

If you don't have time to attend workshops on these topics, but want the information, Extension Education Connection is for you. Each of the nine lessons is prepared by MSU Extension specialists and county agents.

Topics of future issues include budgeting, self-esteem, home repair, home remodeling, food safety, aging, home-based businesses and conflict management. Cost of the series is \$3.00. To subscribe contact your county extension office at 721-4095, before April 1st.

MEC to sponsor Driving Course

The Missoula Electric Cooperative will sponsor a Defensive Driving Course to be held at the Seeley Lake Community Hall on April 9 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and lasting until 4:30 p.m.

The free course is being offered as a public service of the Cooperative. Enrollment is limited to 50 people age 18 and over. Interested residents should contact the MEC at 1-800-352-5200.

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Rest of the package of chocolate sandwich cookies
1 quart rocky road ice cream
1 jar hot fudge topping

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From the General Mills files: How can brown sugar be softened? Place half an apple or the heel from a loaf of fresh bread with the sugar in an airtight container and refrigerate for two to three days. To soften immediately, heat (250 to 300 degree oven), uncovered, in an ovenproof container for a few seconds. Or soften brown sugar in microwave oven. Place in microwave-proof bowl. Cover tightly. Cook at 100% (high) checking every 30 seconds until softened.

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Ukrainetz unveils new work at Western Heritage Show

Lindbergh Lake artist Ron Ukrainetz took second place in the Best of Show category during the well-known Western Heritage Artists Show held March 16-20 in Great Falls. He unveiled his latest work—a wolf created in his familiar scratchboard style—during the Great Falls show, and he received overwhelming praise for the piece. The painting is now on display at

First Valley Bank in Seeley Lake. Ukrainetz creates wildlife art at his Diamond L Bar Studio at Lindbergh Lake. His recently released prints of Canadian geese and a mountain lion are on display at Artistic Expressions in Seeley Lake. Debbie Polich of Great Falls took first place honors in the Best of Show category at the Western Heritage Show.

Scenic 83 dinner set

A proposal to update the Swan Valley Highway Landscape Management Plan will be one of the highlights of the Scenic 83 Second Annual Dinner Meeting to be held April 7 at Double Diamond Guest Ranch.

Guest speaker Steve Kelly from Friends of the Wild Swan will present a Washington update. He will discuss wilderness status of the Swan Front and implications for continued protection of visual quality from Highway 83.

There will be a small charge for the dinner—a Western Chili Feed—which begins at 7 p.m. The meeting will follow the dinner. For more information contact Al Cluck, 754-2538.

Fisheries meeting set for Swan Lake

A third public meeting on past, present, and future fisheries management on the Swan Drainage will be held on April 12, at the Swan Lake Community Hall at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will focus on public input regarding future fish management goals and direction. This meeting is in addition to one held at the Condon Community Hall on March 28, and another at Lone Pine State Park in Kalispell on April 4, at 7:00 p.m.

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Susan Smith (left) and Claudia Kux (right) led the audience in singing "Montana Melody" at the conclusion of the recent Swan Valley Talent Show held at the elementary school.

UM to host Wildlife Film Festival

The University of Montana's 11th annual International Wildlife Film Festival will be April 1-9.

The film festival features some of the world's best wildlife films and videos as well as a number of lectures, workshops, panel discussions, and art and photography exhibits.

For a schedule of the film and video showings or for more information, you may call the I.W.F.F. office at 243-4493 or contact Joe Durso, radio/tv department chair, 243-4081.

Special Easter Worship Service

The Community Bible Church of Seeley Lake and the Condon Community Church are combining their Easter Sunday worship services.

The service on Easter Sunday will start at 10:30 a.m. and be held in the Swan Valley School Gym.

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Third Annual AARP Speech Contest boasts variety

by Suzanne Vernon

The Third Annual AARP Speech Contest held at the Swan Valley Community Hall Friday night was well attended with more than twenty students participating.

Students recited scripture, modern and traditional poems, and even some original presentations. Some of the original entries included stage props such as a bicycle, drawings and even a skateboard. One of the entrants recited her original poetry. (See sidebar.)

About 80 people attended the event. Of the twenty-two students who participated five were from the primary grades at Salmon Prairie Elementary School. Teachers from both Salmon Prairie (Peggy Perna and Hazel Jones) and Swan Valley Elementary (Penny Thomas and Dan White) helped students from their schools prepare for the event.

Winners of the various categories were:

Grade 5.
LaNette Conley, Salmon Prairie, first place, serious & humorous categories; Travis Hamilton, Salmon Prairie, second place, serious.

Grade 6.
Serious category: Scotty McDonald, Swan Valley, first place; Ronnie Melton, Swan Valley, second place; and Angie Himes, Swan Valley third place.

Humorous category: Boone Jensen, Swan Valley, first place; Mike Matola, Salmon Prairie, second place.

Grade 7.
Serious: Tonya Broers, Swan Valley, first place; Stacy Holmes, Swan Valley, second place.

Humorous: Jesse Kehr, Salmon Prairie, first place; Jordan Carter, Salmon Prairie, second place.

Grade 8.
Serious: Tara Anderson, Salmon Prairie, first place; Rosie Terrillion, Swan Valley, second place and Tracey Kearney, Swan Valley, third place.

Humorous: Owen Conley, Salmon Prairie, first place; and Jeremy Broers, Swan Valley, second place.

Students were judged in two categories (serious and humorous) on stage presence (overall presentation), enunciation, clarity, volume control and tone, memorization and continuity. Judges for the event were Pastor Rod Kvamme, Clarence Stillwell and John King.

Mountains

Mountains are such a precious sight
They stay where they are day and night
The mountains are a place to roam
But they are also an animal's home
And when I think of the trees high above
I will always remember the mountain is
a sign of love.

Friends

Friends are fun,
Friends are great,
Some friends are good playmates.
Friends care,
Friends share,
Friends do things that nobody else
would dare.
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Friends don't steal,
Friends always ask you the way you
feel.
Friends are fair,
Friends don't cheat,
Friends don't get mad when they are
beat.
Friends are old,
Friends are new,
But friends are always there for you.

—original poems by
Tracey Ann Kearney
recited at the Third Annual AARP
Speech Meet

Easter Egg Hunt set for Thursday (today)

The Swan Valley PTA will host an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages birth through eighth grade. The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, at the Swan Valley Elementary School.

Each family with students enrolled at the school has been asked to bring one dozen hard boiled, colored eggs to the school on March 30 (Wednesday).

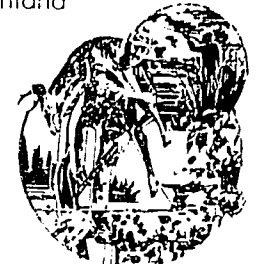
In other business, the PTA recently discussed the construction of a trophy case at the school, updated their budget, set up a new system for paying young adults who babysit for the PTA during school programs. A new amendment to the bylaws for the group concerning the quorum required to hold a meeting will be discussed at the next meeting, set for April 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the school.

New officers for the group are Dixie Parker, president; Billie McDonald, vice president; Lori Auchenbach, secretary and Linda Hannon, treasurer.

First place winners in the annual AARP Speech Contest proudly display their ribbons (left). Above: these Salmon Prairie first, second and third graders also recited poems during the speech contest.

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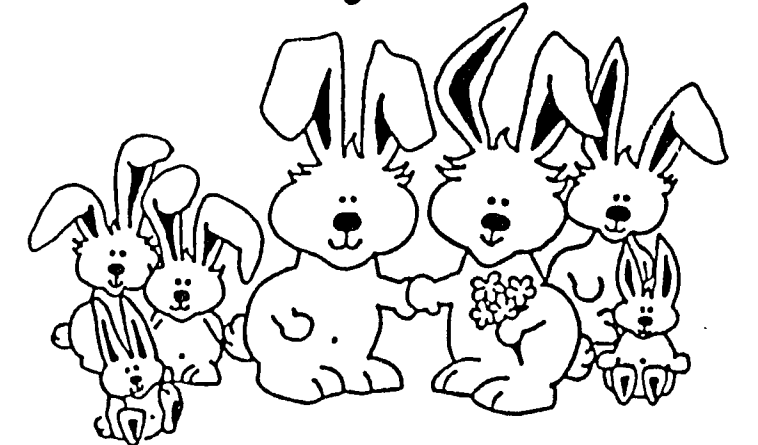
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Sportsman's Notebook

Notes from the Wilderness Sportsman's Club

Agenda for April 7, 1988 Meeting: A) Report on lease negotiations for the range; B) Report on the Spring Sport show; C) Election of officers and board members - nominated candidates are: President: Ron Ogden and Art Sikkink; Vice-President: Elinor Williamson; Sec/Treas: Debbie Ogden and Nina Scollick; Range Officer: Charlie Williamson; Youth Officer: Frank Wolfgram; Board: Bart Peterson, Tom Scollick, Jack Rich and Joe Farmer. Nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to voting. A quorum of 15 voting members must be present to hold elections. Membership dues (\$20.00) are to be paid before voting.

Program: Dave Thomas, Missoula Practical Shooters Club. The Practical Shooters Club is a handgun shooting club from Missoula. They operate the Deer Creek range outside of Missoula. Dave should be able to address some of our concerns about the range facilities and activities as we enter into building our range this spring and summer. Dave will speak on, and show a film of, the club's activities.

At the March meeting, Dennis Johnson presented an informative talk centered on the Forest Service travel plan and forestry practices in relation to wildlife, specifically big game. The Forest Service investigates game cover and feed before finalizing a timber sale. If the planned sale is shown to be too damaging to either of these factors, when viewed in combination with adjoining private timber sales, the sale may be delayed or changed. Forest Service clear-cut sales are maintained at or below 40 acres in size whenever possible. Roads within sale area are gated but maintained for use in firewood gathering, slash burning, reforestation studies, and further sales within the area.

The new travel plan for the Seeley Lake district includes some changes in "Area Closures" and newly gated roads. For more information and travel plan maps, contact the Forest Service headquarters.

Following Dennis Johnson's talk, Dan Mizner answered some questions relating to his bid for election to the state legislature. His views on:

State acquisition of land for wildlife: only if a payment in lieu of taxes was made to the local and state governments;

Out-of-state hunters: the numbers should be controlled;

Sales tax: depending upon wishes of the majority of voters, a sales tax if enacted should bring property tax relief and be earmarked for education;

State leases: lease payments should be in relationship to the amount of taxes paid by private owners for comparable properties.

Trout Unlimited funds Blackfoot River study

S. Daryl Parker, President of the Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited recently announced that a major fishery study will soon get under way on the Big Blackfoot River. The study plan will take five years to complete and work will commence this May.

Estimated costs of the five year study are \$220,000. First year costs of the study (\$15,000) will be provided by the Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited, which has just completed a statewide and national fund raising campaign. The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks will participate in the first year's study by providing a full time fisheries biologist, Don Peters, from the Clark Fork, to oversee the work.

Funding for the remaining four years will be provided by a combination of public agencies, foundations and the Big Blackfoot Chapter which has agreed to contribute \$75,000 toward completion of the complete fishery study.

It is felt that this study has become necessary due to a perceived decline in the river's fishery, Parker said in a recent news release. Fisherman say that they are catching fewer fish and the size of

the few fish they do catch is declining.

There have been only two data collections completed within the last five years on the Big Blackfoot River (near Brown's Lake) and both showed very negative fishery attributes. The Big Blackfoot has had no significant fisheries assessment work since 1975.

However, these complacent attitudes of the past are no longer tolerable, Parker asserts. Anglers and recreational users of the Big Blackfoot are concerned about the future of the Big Blackfoot as an important state resource. The dwindling fishery, significant new and old mining activity, and accelerated timber harvests are concerns to be addressed.

DFWP biologists have said that the five year study plan will provide for a good assessment of the Big Blackfoot fishery resource and will provide the basis for developing a management plan for the resource for future years.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the fishery study may do so by sending their check payable to "Big Blackfoot Fishery Study", P.O. Box 7525, Missoula, MT 59807. Donations are tax deductible.

Seeley Lake may be site of Montana B.A.S.S. fishing derby

The Montana B.A.S.S. Federation has proposed to hold a fishing derby, the "Kevin Maki Benefit Tournament," on June 26, 1988, from 5:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Seeley Lake. The Montana Fish and Game Commission will consider the proposal at its April 28 meeting.

From 50-70 participants are expected to attend. Prizes will be awarded based on a point-total scoring system to those fishermen earning the top three point totals. Only bass will be scored. Each bass 12 inches in length, the minimum length that can be entered in the tournament, will earn the angler who

caught it 200 points, with 100 points added for each additional inch of length.

In making its decision, the Commission must consider what impacts the proposed tournament might have on the fishery and aquatic resources of the area.

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks will be soliciting comments from persons interested in, or potentially affected by, the derby through April 8, 1988. Comments should be sent to Fisheries Division, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620.

Seeley Lake Ducks Unlimited ranks in state's top 10

Out of 63 Ducks Unlimited chapter events held in Montana in 1987, the Seeley Lake Chapter ranked in the top 10 for increase in net dollar proceeds.

The Seeley Lake Chapter of Ducks Unlimited has set a tentative date of September 25 for their 1988 annual fund raiser and banquet. A Ducks Unlimited display will soon be featured at First Valley Bank in Seeley Lake.

1987 was a record-breaker in Mon-

tana, according to a recent Ducks Unlimited newsletter. Net proceeds from 61 events totalled just over \$400,000—about 8% better than in 1986.

Ducks Unlimited has completed 15 projects in Montana under the U.S. Habitat Program at a cost (construction costs only) of \$43 million. Another 20 projects are either under construction or proposed and awaiting design, permit approval and funding.

Wrestling news

Results of the Divisional Wrestling Tournament in Ronan are as follows:

1st place finisher was Tyler Schwarz; 2nd place finishers were David Boone, Scott Gehrke and Heath Harper; 3rd place finishers were Pat Morin, Jesse Boone, Jacob Baker and Gary Styler. Honorable mention — Ryan Nemmers, Cory Thompson, Leelyn Anders, Cole Christianson, David Gunter, Richie Styler, Jason Schwarz, Aaron Musick, Derek Muchmore and Breck Smith. The State Wrestling Tournament will be in Billings on April 9th and 10th.

***Correction:** The 1st place finishers were inadvertently left out of last week's news article. They were David Boone, Tyler Schwarz and Scott Gehrke. The 2nd place finishers were listed as placing 1st instead of 2nd.

Founders' Day April 17

Founders' Day, sponsored by the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held April 17 at the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

The event honors various pioneers and "founders" of the Seeley Lake community.

A pancake dinner including ham, a fruit cup, coffee and tea, will be served from 2-5 p.m. Entertainment will begin at 5 p.m.

Senior Nutrition

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, April 4
Fish nuggets
Tuesday, April 5
Chicken-birthday dinner
Wednesday, April 6
Roast beef & mashed potatoes



Invent America winners, left to right: Cedar Rogers, Jason Bousquet, Ladd Gordon, Leelyn Anders, Kacie Culver and, front, Shiloh Anders.

Invent America winners announced

The Annual Science Fair held at Seeley Lake Elementary School two weeks ago also included displays by students participating in the Invent America program.

The first place winning inventions for kindergarten through eighth grades will be sent on to a regional competition.

First place inventors for grades K-4 are: Ladd Gordon, kindergarten, (invincible crayon holder); Cedar

Rogers, first grade, (life saver); Leelyn Anders, (all-in-one poop scoop); Shiloh Anders, second grade, (automatic curtain turner); Kacie Culver, third grade, (rain hood backpack) and Jason Bousquet, fourth grade, (marshmallow roaster).

The upper grade top winners were: Kia Jette, fifth grade, (arrowhead protector); Ty Anders, sixth grade (portable pocket phone); Jason Zebarth, seventh grade (automatic tire inflator) and Jeremy Aumaugher, eighth grade (seat belt for pets).

Swan Valley School Good Citizens

The Swan Valley school announces their students selected as "March Good Citizens."

First grade: Brandon White
Second grade: Boomer Alexander
Third grade: Cody Jensen
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Eighth grade: Tracy Kearney

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Wednesday, April 6	Fish & cheese patties
Thursday, April 7	Chicken patties
Friday, April 8	Hotdogs

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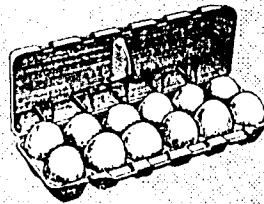
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