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WINTER PAINTS A PICTURE—The first significant snowfall of the season decorated trees and covered the banks along this stream near the Homestead Cabin in the Double

Arrow Meadow. Snow from last week had almost melted away when several inches fell again Sunday night.

—G. Noland Photo

Inside . . .

Lady Hawks are District Champions and move into Divisional Tournament play this week. **Page 10.**

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Early Holiday Edition. Pathfinder will print and distribute on Tuesday of next week rather than the normal Wednesday since the Thanksgiving Holiday falls on Thursday.

Record deer harvest in the works

Wildlife biologists in western Montana are predicting a record deer harvest this season. According to Mike Aderhold, information officer with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Kalispell, the number of deer killed legally by hunters this year in the Kalispell region alone will exceed 13,000 animals.

"The deer harvest this year is unprecedented," Aderhold said. The Kalispell region of Fish, Wildlife and Parks encompasses three counties

including the Swan Valley, Thompson Falls and the Flathead Valley.

In the Missoula area, wildlife manager John Firebaugh says that check station statistics reflect the same trend.

"Whitetail deer harvest is up 40% over last year. We could be looking at an all-time record deer harvest," Firebaugh said.

Firebaugh also noted that there appears to be slightly fewer hunters out this year in the Missoula region, which includes the Blackfoot, the Bitterroot

and portions of the Clark Fork valleys. That means hunter success rates are better this year than in the recent past.

Wildlife officials point out that the third week of the season is usually the slowest for hunters. However, the bucks are now beginning to rut and the season will get considerably busier by Thanksgiving.

The elk harvest in the Kalispell region is also going to be higher than normal, Mike Aderhold pointed out. "It'll be better than the 10-year average," he said.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Events

November 17-19-Girls' B'ball Divisionals at Sentinel
November 24-THANKSGIVING!

Public Meetings/Clubs & Organizations

November 17-Seeley Lake Elem. Bd. meets 7:30pm at elem. bldg.
November 17, Historical Society meets at Swan Valley Library 1:30pm
November 17, Condon Comm. Club meets 7pm, Swan Valley Com. Hall
November 17, TOPS meets at REA bldg at 10am.
November 19, Condon Com. Club. Arts & Crafts show, 10-5 at Swan Valley Community Hall
November 20, Swan Valley Christian Singers, practice Holy Cr. Luth. Church, 7:30-9:30
November 21, Pinochle, 1-4, Seeley Lake Com. Hall
November 21, Seeley Lake Comm. Council meets 7pm-Com. Hall
November 21, Seeley Lake PTA meets at Elem. School Bldg.

November 22, Seeley Lake Refuse Bd. meets 7pm-Fire Hall
November 23, Seeley Lake Water Bd. meets 7pm-REA bldg.

Other

GED Classes (9-21 thru 11-23), 7pm, Swan Valley Elm School, Condon
Alcoholics Anonymous
•Condon: Every Thur, 7:30pm, Swan Valley School
•Seeley Lake: Sun, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake; Wed, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd; Thur, Noon, 449 Grizzly Rd
•Young People's Meeting, Every Fri, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake
Al Anon
•Seeley Lake: Thur, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake
Refuse Disposal Site, Sat. & Wed. only, 10am-4pm (winter hours)
Seeley Lake Public Library (Seeley Lake): School Days, 9:45am-3:30pm (closed from 11:30am-Noon for lunch); Tue & Thur, 7pm-9pm; Sat, 10am-4pm
Swan Valley Library (Condon): Wed, 10am-6pm; Sat, 10am-3pm

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Editorial comment Chips — bits & pieces

We've had our first taste of the visual delights our first Montana winter promises us. This is just the beginning, we are assured by those who've wintered here for some time. "Wait 'till it's up to your armpits," someone said. The few inches received this past week may be just a teaser, but we do need to just ease into it, so it's about right starters.

Our three-year-old and our big, lumbering, ageing dog both played in the white stuff for the first time. The child's fascination and excitement was contagious and before long the dog was acting like a puppy and us grown-ups like kids again.

For our good-weather readers who follow the ducks south for the winter, look at what you're missing!

The beauty is not without its hazards, though, as the melting and freezing this past week has left many icy spots on road and walk ways. A few cars have ditched and some derrieres have been bruised as feet take to the air in defiance of gravity—so be careful, watch your step and drive carefully.

The snow reminds us too soon that the holidays are upon us. A season of giving and generosity. Local cub scout troops are working in this spirit, putting together food packages that will be used to help feed working firemen and-or families who may suddenly find themselves homeless and in need if a fire strikes. Everyone wants to give of themselves to help others, and more so at this time of the year, so thanks to the scouts and their leaders for this contribution.

All right, Lady Hawks. District champions—in a one-point cliff-hanger over Philipsburg. The ladies seem to be hitting their peak just when coaches hope they will. This week it's the state divisional tournament with the Hawks taking on Harrison Thursday evening. Onward and upwards, Ladies!

We've had quite a time pulling the election results together. The courthouse was closed Friday, Veteran's Day, and Monday the election office was so busy they were reluctant to give us the information over the telephone. Thanks to Juanita Cotter who commutes to Missoula, we were saved a trip ourselves. She returned from work Tuesday evening with a computer printout we had requested. So, for those who like to see the vote, precinct by precinct, it's printed elsewhere in these pages.

Have a happy, safe week!

—Gary Noland

So Glad To See The Snow...

Well, it's about time. We woke up to several inches of new snow on Monday morning and the white stuff just keeps floating down from the sky, the trees, and the powerlines. Every time the wind blows it stirs the powdery snow from the lodgepole branches and pulls a tall white curtain in front of the trees.

How much snow do we have? Enough so the kids can make angels when they flop down and slide their arms through the fluff. Enough so the grouse leave tracks that look like a squirrel tried to wear snowshoes through the drifts. Enough to start seriously considering Christmas.

As usual, we forgot to mark that perfect Christmas tree which we spotted on one of our July jaunts. Some friends of ours are better at this. They usually tie an orange ribbon on their special tree before the snow flies. Then they can hike right back to that same spot in December and dispense with all that cold-weather decision making.

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon
Swan Valley

As the cold weather settled in this week the small ponds began to freeze and ice was forming along the lakeshores.

Wildlife tracks crisscrossed logging roads in the valley this weekend. In the Swan, two people mentioned that they saw mountain lion tracks. One man saw a lion lope across Highway 83. The lions may be more visible now, but the bear stories are just about over for the season. All of the grizzlies except a few old males are snuggled into their dens by now.

The swans made a late appearance in the Swan Valley this week. A friend of ours watched them land on Lindbergh Lake beneath a ceiling of grey clouds one morning.

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LETTERS

An anchor to windward

To the Editor:

I consider myself to be an environmentalist. Still, I don't feel as though I should be categorized as "they" as opposed to "us", as the Vice President of Pyramid Lumber has done.

Here are two quotes that I would like to share with Mr. Mood. I think they reflect the way most wilderness advocates feel. I don't think they should divide us into enemy camps.

"We have lots of utilitarian answers to the, 'Why must there be wild places?' But the most important answer is not utilitarian. It is wild, hopelessly unscientific. It is that except by the measure of wildness we shall never really know the nature of a place, and without a sense of place, we shall never really make a poem, and without a poem we shall never be fully human." (Author unknown)

"Wilderness is an anchor to windward. Knowing it is there, we are still a rich nation, tending to our resources as we should — not people in despair searching every last nook and cranny of our land for a board of lumber, a barrel of oil, a blade of grass, or a tank of water." Clinton Anderson, Former Senator of New Mexico.

I, and by extension, "we" don't want political power. What we want and are fighting to protect, is that our grandchildren and great-grandchildren will still have wilderness to anchor them to windward.

Marion R. Bermeister
Seeley Lake, Montana

Good job YMCA soccer coaches

To the Editor:

The Seeley Lake YMCA soccer coaches volunteered their time and energy in running a great program this year.

The participants, in grades one through six, have developed soccer skills, had a super time at the games and

enjoyed plenty of fresh air and exercise this fall.

The teams practiced twice a week with Saturday games at the Missoula YMCA soccer fields. The ten week schedule has represented a tremendous commitment by individuals that gave, not only time, patience and energy, but also the expense and responsibility of driving to Missoula each Saturday.

The YMCA coaches were Harold Salomon, Paula Holka, Pam Brown, Bob Rogers, Henry and Debbie Fassnacht, along with Debbie Clevidence who was also responsible for organizing the soccer program.

You did a great job Volunteers!
Gwen Schneider
Seeley Lake, Montana

B-ball team deserves support

To the Editor:

For anyone who attended the girls' District 12 C championship basketball game Saturday, November 12, they probably noticed an important factor missing from that game. Namely, school spirit. And let it be clear that spirit was not lacking in those attending the game.

What was noticeably absent was the pep band and cheerleaders representing Seeley-Swan High School. This was unbelievable, for the game was the final championship meet for the 12C crown. The opposing team was well represented by their school with cheerleaders and band, and their team support was obvious throughout the game.

Whatever circumstances prevented the band and cheerleaders from attending should not have included punishment to all. This was an insult and embarrassment to the team and those who attended the game. It portrayed a negative image of Seeley Lake to the public by demonstrating a lack of support for their team.

The basketball team's performance was one that would bring pride to the school. For those of us attending the game, we are very proud of the players whose efforts were not diminished despite this incident.

Let us hope that a tragic mistake like this never happens again. The championship game is history now, but the Divisional Tournament starts this week. We hope the school will display true sportsmanship and spirit for its team and allow the band and cheerleaders to function as they were meant to — promoting support and spirit for the team that represents this community.

Parents, relatives & friends:

Larry & Ann Copenhaver
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Marie Klemenhagen
Kim Klemenhagen
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Rhea Johnson
Carol Jacobs
Dan & Barb Frye
Jerry & Carol Miller
Jim & Bev Smith

Need to find some real solutions

To the Editor:

Why is Douglas Mood, Pyramid Lumber's vice-president so mad? He's made at environmentalists, appeals, grizzlies and lightning-caused fires — things he can't control. And why does Bruce Vincent imply that our future depends on destroying more wilderness? Because as "Executive Director" of Communities for a Great Northwest that's what he's paid to do. Mr. Mood, I suggest you enroll in a fire ecology class, while Mr. Vincent could use a lesson in natural resource economics.

The real fact is that both wilderness and jobs are losing to corporate clearcutting. Wildlife and fish are losing too. Right now, big sawmill owners are bidding up sales and squeezing out smaller competitors. Meanwhile, the Forest Service is offering larger sale volumes and has all but eliminated the small timber sale, which also squeezes small bidders from the market.

Has your favorite fishing stream or elk sanctuary been trashed yet?

It's much easier to blame the problems of smaller mills on environmentalists, appeals and grizzlies than to address the real reasons for the timber supply crunch. Regrettably, most productive timberlands have been cut, leaving only marginal lands that are ecologically sensitive and costly to harvest. Equally disturbing are Champion and Plum Creek policies to liquidate their timber and aggressively outbid competitors for public timber.

To solve small mills' problems, Mr. Vincent and Mr. Mood think we should "streamline" the appeals process and develop over 85% of our roadless lands. What they don't know is that crippling the appeals process will not lead to fewer appeals, but more lawsuits. Have they also forgotten that 57% of Montanans want most or all of our roadless lands preserved as wilderness? (October 28-Missoulian).

Can't we find some real solutions to these problems?

How many jobs would be created if we insisted (God forbid) that all of Champion and Plum Creek timber was processed in Montana.

Dan Funsch
Missoula, Montana

Applause for PTA

To the Editor:

This is an open letter to let the committees in PTA know they are really appreciated.

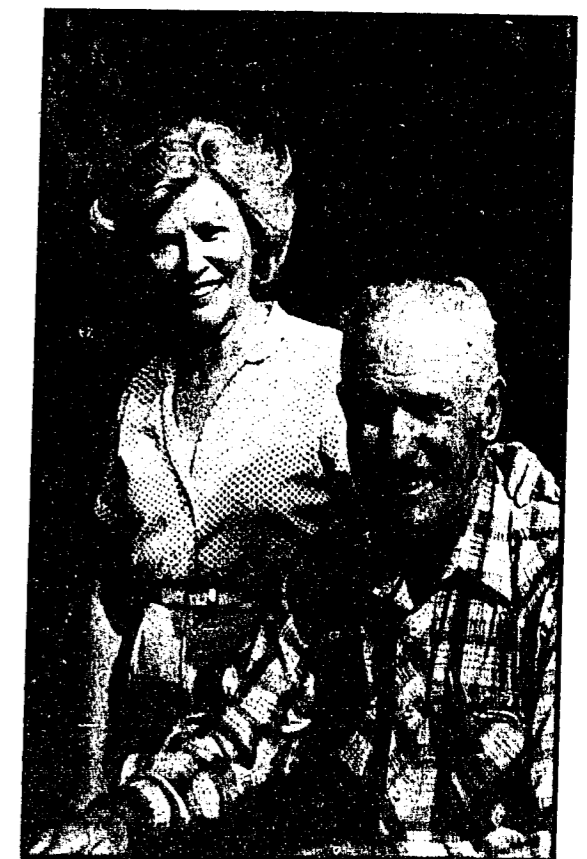
Lori Schaller and the calendar committee; Sue Pepper and the candy sales committee; Sheila Devins and the salad bar committee this summer; Diana Plum for the coffee hour for new parents—the first day of school; Tammy Cahoon for membership. These people have put in a lot of time for our children.

All of the money raised this year will be used for a Missoula Children's Theatre production coming to Seeley Lake in April which will involve our children.

We always need help — you don't even have to have children in school to be a PTA member. Great job everyone!

Cindy Chaney
PTA President

Our Special Thanks to those who supported Janet's Re-election Fair representation of people, business and issues shall continue as top priorities. Lets keep in touch.



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Local residents fined for possession of marijuana

A Swan Valley couple arrested last spring on charges of possession of dangerous drugs was fined \$1,500 by District Judge Jack L. Green on November 3.

Kerry Good III and his wife, Stacy, had earlier pleaded guilty to charges of criminal possession of dangerous drugs with intent to sell. Missoula County authorities confiscated nearly 80 marijuana plants and about \$10,000 worth of growing equipment from the Good's home at Lindbergh Lake last March.

In addition to the fine, Judge Green also deferred sentencing for Kerry and Stacy Good for three years. The felony possession and intent to sell charges against them will be dropped if the Goods avoid trouble.

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Lake Creek

Timber to be salvaged

Dennis L. Johnson, Seeley Lake District Ranger, has announced the decision to salvage a portion of the fire-killed timber in the Lake Creek area north of Ovando. Most of the timber to be salvaged is located within the existing South Lake Timber Sale and can be removed by modifying the existing contract. Pyramid Mountain Lumber Inc., has this contract. A smaller amount of the timber to be salvaged is located outside the existing timber sale boundary and will be sold separately. Minor, temporary additions will be made to the existing road system built for the Lake Creek and South Lake Creek Timber Sales. About 16 miles of road already exist in the area. Approximately 3.5 miles of new roads will be constructed and around 2.3 miles of existing road will be reconstructed, but all new or reconstructed roads will be obliterated as soon as salvage operations are completed. Volume, acres and road construction estimates for this decision are:

Modified S. Lake Sale:
 Vol. 14.6 MMBF — Area: 840
 Temp. Rd. 2.6 mi. — Reconst. 2.0 mi

New Sale:
 Vol. 2.2 MMBF — Area: 150
 Temp. Rd. 0.9 mi. — Reconst. 0.3 mi.

This timber is part of the districts' timber base and will contribute to the local economy. This decision emphasizes the timely harvest of valuable timber by concentrating on higher value, accessible stands while protected watershed, wildlife, visual and recreation values in the area.

Salvage cutting units may be adjacent to units already cut under the original sale. Resulting continuous cut areas may range from 4 acres up to 200 acres in size. After harvest, these units will generally appear as clearcuts or seed tree cuts. Regeneration needs will be assessed and necessary prescriptions will be written to ensure reforestation of the analysis area.

The environmental analysis which this decision is based is fully documented in the Canyon Creek Fire Salvage Environmental Assessment and Project File. This decision is described as Alternative 4 in that file, which is available for public review at the Seeley Lake Ranger District, P.O. Box 717, Seeley Lake, MT 59868

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Wildthings reviewed

by Kimberly Musick
 Our National Yellowstone Park's ecosystem was the topic focused on by the Montana State University vigilante players this last Thursday and Friday, entitled "The Wildthings."

Addressing the audience, which ranged from first grade through adult, they pointed out many of the things which affect our ecosystem and world today.

The skit contained singing, a switch in characters and costumes, and humor.

The skit was informative in many subjects concerning the ecosystem of the park. The ecosystem is interdependent with the plants and animals working together and depending on each other for survival.

After explaining this, the skit went into man's influence on the land and parks. The work in the forest such as making recreational places and the logging and building have created a large controversy.

Some believe that this type of industry is destroying our natural resources and others argue this work is necessary for growth in the economy. There were other controversial issues that were brought up.

These issues continued to emphasize the vital importance of preserving what God has given, well summed up in the quotation, "We have to enter, but not intrude."

Weather

SEELEY LAKE—Rainfall recorded at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station during the month of October was well above average.

Total precipitation recorded last month was 3.03 inches. That compares to a high of 3.39 inches recorded in October of 1975. The lowest precip recorded since the early 1960s was .17 inches in 1978.

No snowfall was recorded during the month of October. However, a trace of snow was noted on November 6 and snow flurries continued through Tuesday.



SCOUTS from Pack 19 have fun preparing food packages at the home of Carly Boule, standing at back. From left to right, front row, are Ricky Morris, Lane Dellwo, Ben Cahoon, Ryan Nemmers, Cory Thompson, Max Fassnacht, B. J. Parker, and Lelan Anders. Back row, left to right: Deno Swerman, Danny Phipps, Abe Kats, Chris Paxton, Casey Thompson, and Tom Chaney.

—G. Noland Photo

Scouts help in 'Food Good Turn' project

In cooperation with the National Good Turn of the Boy Scouts of America, the Seeley Lake Cub Scout Pack 19 participated in the "Food Good Turn Project."

The young scouts brought food from home and shopped for their fa-

vorite groceries to deliver to the fireman's auxillary storage room at the home of Duane and Carly Boule.

The food will be distributed to any family in need in the event of a fire.

The Food Good Turn Project meets two purposes: to help meet the needs of

the hungry and to expose the youth to the highest ideals of the scouting movement.

The boys gain real experience in how they can live up to the words of the cub scout promise "...to help other people."

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Holiday Arts & Crafts fairs begin Saturday

Several area arts and crafts fairs are being scheduled for the Christmas season.

Condon-Swan Valley residents will hold an arts and crafts fair on November 19 at the Swan Valley Community Hall.

The Seeley Lake Women's Club will hold their annual bazaar on December 2 this year at the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

The University of Montana will host its Christmas Art Fair the week following Thanksgiving: November 29 & 30 and December 1 and 2.



LAYING THE WREATH—Andy & Beth Hammer, members of the Swan Valley Post #63 of the American Legion, helped present the Memorial Wreath during Veterans Day services Friday in the Swan Valley. A large crowd of adults and students attended the ceremony.

SSHS Boy's & Girl's State Delegates attend Veteran's Day function

by Ron Gossard

The American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary met at the Swan Valley Community Hall on Veteran's Day, November 11, 1988.

Carolyn Jette, Seeley-Swan's Boy's and Girl's State coordinator, was accompanied by Ron Gossard the Boy's State delegate and Terry Bartlett the Girl's State delegate for this year.

Carolyn Jette explained the qualifications and the process for selecting the students. Terry and Ron each spoke about the government offices they ran for, the friends they made and of other activities they participated in during the week. Both thought it was a worthwhile experience and enjoyed it very much.

All three expressed their appreciation to the American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary for their sponsorship. The other two delegates, Dustin Gordon and Debbie Johnson, were unable to attend the meeting.

Swan Valley Elementary News

Swan Valley Elementary's 'Friday News Notes' tells us that there will be a dance for 5-8 graders from 7:30 to 10:00 this Friday, November 18, at the school gym. The dance theme is "Big City Sounds".

There will be no school on November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving Break.

The Basketball season is off to a great start with a lot of student participation. Practice schedule has been changed slightly to:

A Squad: Monday through Thursday
 B Squad: Every weekday-excluding Tuesday

A reminder to parents and students — please remember to bring snow clothes for those outside occasions. Hats, gloves, snow pants and boots of some kind are advisable now that the weather is turning colder and we have snow.

1988 area precinct election returns

	Seeley Lake	Swan Valley	Greenough	Potomac	Bonner Springs	Clinton	East Missoula	West Riverside	Missoula County
President									
Bush (R)	352	180	33	126	171	285	311	245	15,951
Dukakis (D)	236	121	29	130	268	310	463	344	19,158
Senator									
Burns (R)	374	185	29	148	206	316	330	278	16,713
Melcher (D)	216	120	34	118	247	299	456	337	18,856
Representative									
Pat Williams (D)	330	169	36	166	322	415	564	433	24,012
Jim Fenalson (R)	254	139	27	105	137	210	228	183	11,928
Governor									
Judge (D)	251	135	27	132	225	304	433	339	17,148
Morris (L)	14	15	3	11	12	28	33	19	933
Stephens (R)	323	159	35	129	218	290	332	252	17,708
Sec. of State									
Cooney (D)	202	130	27	120	263	311	446	320	18,666
Dodge (L)	65	28	6	26	31	45	62	54	1,913
Story (R)	306	131	30	118	143	254	270	215	14,388
Attorney General									
McGrah (D)	238	155	28	144	271	325	478	361	18,892
Ragocot (R)	338	141	30	124	177	288	309	247	16,631
Supt. of Public Instruction									
Poster (R)	238	122	28	88	122	173	230	172	11,305
Keenan (D)	324	167	34	177	323	420	540	439	23,870
Senate Dist. 33									
Hullman (R)	342	187	33	116	147	260	245	198	
Pipinich (D)	210	107	21	140	280	314	496	389	
House Dist. 65									
Mizner (R)	350	155	33	106	160	244	256	203	1,515
Moore (D)	215	147	27	152	269	335	497	391	2,033
County Commissioner									
Dussault (D)	270	158	21	125	232	241	430	339	20,031
Marbut (R)	289	132	39	138	209	356	339	263	14,811
Constitutional Amendment #17									
FOR	190	89	18	73	131	171	246	196	12,156
AGAINST	360	200	41	188	289	424	501	379	21,459
Constitutional Amendment #18									
FOR	319	150	35	136	218	315	373	336	18,010
AGAINST	254	149	28	136	212	289	393	262	16,536
Constitutional Amendment #19									
FOR	385	172	38	171	276	368	485	382	22,167
AGAINST	175	113	23	96	148	223	257	199	11,482
Constitutional Amendment #20									
FOR	275	135	34	120	213	265	368	300	17,557
AGAINST	295	150	29	146	217	328	384	290	16,733
Referendum #106									
FOR	301	134	32	148	242	312	421	348	23,543
AGAINST	278	165	31	122	200	296	340	252	11,556
Initiative #110									
FOR	241	140		109	172	277	337	235	11,321
AGAINST	355	169		162	284	345	451	377	24,599
Initiative \$ 113									
FOR	128	85	14	73	86	110	157	122	10,952
AGAINST	471	223	51	202	369	520	641	497	25,344
County General Obligation Bond									
YES	259	114	25	118	218	269	372	330	19,629
NO	304	178	35	151	214	324	394	261	14,831
Lolo Peak Ballot Question									
FOR	333	145	36	146	247	369	480	404	21,915
AGAINST	203	137	27	109	187	224	278	202	12,903

Amendment, Initiative, Referendum Explanations

Constitutional Amendment #17: FOR or AGAINST removing constraints on investment of public funds and allowing investment as authorized by the legislatures.

Constitutional Amendment #18: FOR or AGAINST allowing the legislature greater discretion to determine the eligibility, duration, and level of economic assistance to those in need.

Constitutional Amendment #19: FOR or AGAINST allowing the legislature to establish specific residency requirements for judges other than supreme court justices, district court judges, and justices of the peace.

Constitutional Amendment #20: FOR or AGAINST requiring the legislature to meet each year, with limitations on legislative days and business to be conducted.

Legislative Referendum #106: FOR or AGAINST giving the legislature authority to levy up to 6 mills for the support of the Montana university system.

Initiative #110: FOR or AGAINST repealing the Montana Sealbelt Use Act.

Initiative #113: FOR or AGAINST requiring refundable deposits on all beverage containers sold in Montana.

County General Obligation Bond: YES or NO. Shall the board of commissioners of Missoula County be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the County in the amount of \$1,800,000, payable semiannually during a term of not more than 10 years, for the purpose of financing the cost of acquiring and installing computer equipment for Missoula County, consisting of a new main frame computer system, a new computerized telephone system, a computer aided dispatch system for 9-1-1, an automated library circulation system, a computerized public catalog system to serve the library, and other related improvements; and to pay the costs related to the sale and security of the bonds.

Lolo Peak Ballot Question: FOR or AGAINST the idea of an economically feasible and environmentally sound major four season destination resort near Lolo Peak.

Lake County results

Precinct totals for Swan Lake and Salmon Prairie didn't necessarily reflect the majority vote in local elections.

In the race for House District 49 representative (which is a combined district including portions of Lake and Flathead counties) Republican Thomas Lee of Bigfork defeated Democrat Joyce Lape of Swan Lake by a District-wide total of 2,200 votes to Lape's 1,932. Precinct totals, however, showed Swan Lake voters cast 68 votes for Lape and 31 votes for Lee. Salmon Prairie voters cast 44 votes for Lape and 36 votes for Lee.

In the race for Senate District 25, another combined district including portions of Lake and Flathead counties, Republican Ethel Harding defeated Democrat Polly Walker by a District-wide total of 5465 to 2901. In the Swan Lake precinct, voters cast 32 ballots for Walker and 61 for Harding. At Salmon Prairie, Walker received 29 votes and Harding, 49.

Ted Newgaard was elected as Lake County Commissioner, defeating Fred Houle and write-in candidate Mike Hutchins. County-wide totals were: Newgaard, 4,666; Houle, 2848; and Hutchins, 1425. At Swan Lake Newgaard received 49; Houle 25; and Hutchins 16. At Salmon Prairie, Newgaard received 32; Houle 24; and Hutchins 15.

Arts council solicits work

The Montana Arts Council is urging artists through the state to submit proposals for more than \$22,000 in artwork to be purchased for two new state buildings.

New Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department headquarters buildings in Billings and Kalispell will purchase or commission three-dimensional works of art made of durable materials for outside sites and two-dimensional works for inside exhibit. Funds for the works are provided by Montana's Percent-for-Art statute, which allocates approximately one percent of appropriations to the Montana Art Council for acquiring works of art for new state buildings.

Artist submissions for each project will be reviewed by a four-member committee consisting of an architect working on the project, an employee of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, a member of the local community and a professional artist. Artists must submit a proposal form, current resume, 10 slides of their best work, and a self-addressed stamped envelope and may submit other materials.

Artists must submit all materials to the Montana Arts Council by 5:00 p.m. on December 8, 1988. Review committees will announce finalists on December 20, 1988 and final selections on March 1, 1989.

Artists interested in application forms, a prospectus, or more information should contact Julie Cook at the Montana Arts Council, 48 N. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, 59620.

COMMUNITY

Here come the environmentalists....

(& the loggers & the outfitters & the politicians!)

by Suzanne Vernon

It was a typical environmentalist-versus-logger-versus-the-government type of evening.

Well, almost typical. Instead of seeing red faces and hearing angry voices, the folks who gathered last Thursday night in the Swan Valley Elementary School gym were treated to laughter and professional entertainment of the highest quality.

Five minutes into the show there wasn't a straight face in the crowd. Even the cowboys and at least one logger giggled and jiggled and slapped their knees as the Vigilante Players from

Bozeman took turns poking fun at everyone from politicians to bird watchers to outfitters and tourists.

The *Wildthings* performances held last week were sponsored in part by the National Wildlife Federation. However, the play wasn't entirely about wildlife as one might expect. It was about the management problems facing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. It was about attitudes. The effort represents a new approach to science education.

Annette Walmsley, first grade teacher from Swan Valley Elementary, invited the Vigilante Players to perform here after she was introduced to the

group during a BEST program workshop. BEST is the unique Better Elementary Science Teachers program sponsored in Montana by the National Science Foundation.

Wildthings is an unprecedented project which combines science, humor, theater and education. The Vigilante Players began writing the script for *Wildthings* two years ago. The theme of the play developed after extensive research into the complex problems people deal with as they attempt to manage ecosystems.

According to Gwyn Jahnke, co-writer and actor, some of the most bizarre things in the play came from real people.

Take the tourist who walks into the small cafe looking for a roll of film for his camera. No film here, the waitress says. No pictures here either, he bites back. "There's nothing but trees lining the road. I thought I'd get a shot at a bear or something—but nothing. You can't see the forest for the trees...you're hiding all those bears and birds and bees..."

And who could leave out the folks in the RV who happen to bump into Joe Outfitter, obviously gearing up for the hunt. "Do you kill mama deer with your gun?" the woman inquires in her high pitched voice.

The outfitter who never misses a stride retorts, "Do you make road pizza out of gophers when you hit 'em with that palace on wheels?"

Or take the elderly couple from some golden pond who insist that the backcountry trails should be paved....

Or the company man who recommends that all logging roads should be called easements... "Kind of has a nice ring to it—cecezzzzz-ment."

Or the woman who works at the mill to support her family... "We're the real endangered species," she concludes.

The string of lines which tied the audience at Swan Valley with laughter last Thursday night unraveled for nearly an hour. Several local residents commented after the show that it was a superb performance—that the actors did a fine job of presenting a very complicated and emotional subject.

According to Lee Tiffin, Swan Valley School Board member and retired plant physiologist who watched the show, "I think that human opinions and attitudes are about as complex as the ecosystem, which is very, very

complex. To do a good job of integrating the essence of the issue with humor takes a lot of talent."

The Vigilante Players are not new to Montana and should be familiar to people in the Seeley Lake area because of their links to the Shakespeare in the Parks program. The Vigilante Players have performed regularly in Montana for the past eight years. John Hosking is a 12-year veteran of the Virginia City Players and has performed with MSU's Shakespeare in the Parks. Gwyn Jahnke has worked professionally for more than

10 years and performed last summer with Hosking at Cody, Wyoming.

Thomas Q. Morris, "Mac the Knife" in the *Wildthings* performance, is a native of Great Falls and has toured with Shakespeare in the Parks, directing several productions including *As You Like It*, *Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Rivals*.

Rhonda Smith, co-founder of the Vigilante Players has also worked with MSU's Shakespeare in the Parks.

These four actors have not been afraid to tackle serious issues. Last year they performed *Waiting For Rain*—a sensitive and emotional portrayal of the problem of domestic violence in rural Montana communities.

"Our audiences are usually small," Gwyn Jahnke noted. She commented that peer pressure in some small towns inhibits people who might otherwise attend the performances.

The Vigilante Players had scheduled an adult performance in Seeley Lake last Wednesday night. Only two paying customers showed up at the high school gym. Economic considerations forced the actors to cancel that performance.

"That's never happened to us before," Jahnke said.

The next day the actors presented a free program to Seeley Lake students at the school. (They also provide a separate ecosystem study guide for teachers.) On Thursday night, about 70 people turned out to see the Swan Valley performance.

Anyone who would like more information about the Vigilante Players or about their next production, *Rewinding Montana*, "a full-fledged musical comedy," can contact them at the Department of Media and Theatre Arts, Strand Union Building #360, Bozeman, MT 59717.

The Vigilante Players are a paid, professional acting group in residence at Montana State University. They operate solely on grants and contributions and receive no funds directly from MSU.

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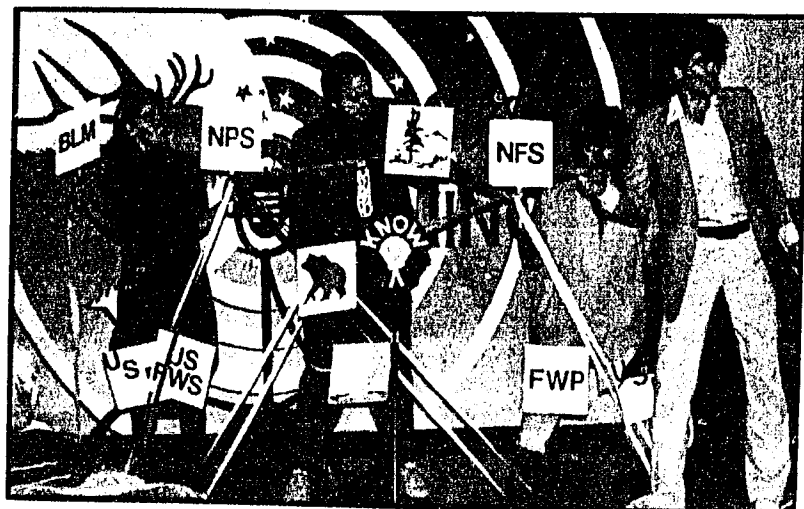
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THE VIGILANTE PLAYERS—(left to right) Gwyn Jahnke, Tom Morris, Rhonda Smith and John Hosking.



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DISTRICT CHAMPIONS—Coach Les Gordon and the Lady Blackhawks pause for a picture during practice this week as they prepare for Divisional Tournament play after winning the district championship by one point over Philipsburg last week. From left to right are Cary West, Melanie Rammell, Cindy Baker, Lorena Cahoon, Sandy DeLeo, Jenny Klebenow, Brittne Hebnes, Tricia Parker, Tracy Malone, Debbie Johnson, and Billie Copenhaver.

—G. Noland Photo

Blackhawks are District Champs!

by Dustin Gordon

Saturday, November 12th, the Seeley-Swan girls basketball team played the Philipsburg Prospectors for the 12-C District Championship. The Hawks won the game by one point in regulation time (56-55).

As Saturday night drew close to 8:30 p.m., the crowd began to cram into Big Sky High School's gym to watch the championship clash between the Hawks and the Prospectors. The two teams met twice during the regular season; each winning at home by less than ten points. The game would show who could win on a neutral floor.

Both teams exploded offensively from the opening tip-off. Seeley's Jenny Klebenow went a perfect 5 for 5 in the first quarter, while Debbie Johnson added three of her own from 18 feet. The Prospectors weren't intimidated at all and came right back, seeing Bobby Stephan, P'burg's center hit four in a row from inside the paint. The two teams remained neck-and-neck

throughout the first two periods, and Philipsburg led by only one point at the half.

The crowd became restless as the second half remained tight. Seeley tried to pull away several times, but the Prospectors' Carla Beatie cut them short each time by connecting with long bomb three-pointers.

In the fourth quarter Seeley managed to mount an eight point lead. This was largely due to the defensive play of Billie Copenhaver, who kept the explosive Carla Beatie in check; and Sandy DeLeo, who came up with three clutch steals which resulted in six unanswered points.

The game reached its climax though, when Philipsburg came to within one point of Seeley with 37 seconds left in the game. Seeley's Brittne Hebnes missed a nerve racking free throw. The Prospectors got the rebound, but Blackhawk defense stuffed them right there—P'burg wouldn't even get the ball across half court.

The Blackhawks held on to win the game by a devastating one point.

Seeley takes its first step

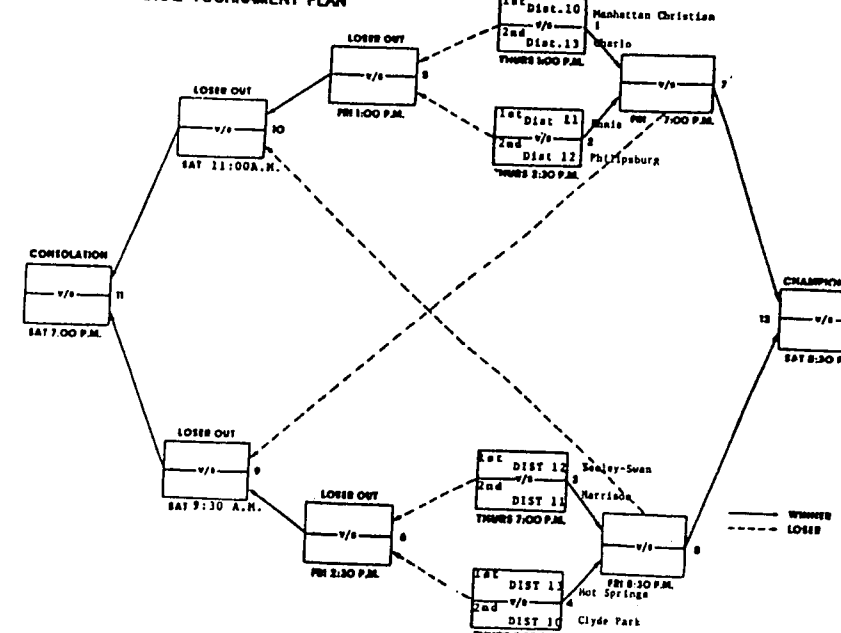
by Billie Copenhaver

Last Thursday night the Lady Blackhawks took their first step toward the District 12-C Championship title by stumping the Valley Christian Eagles 78-44. This victory improved the Hawk's record to 16-3 for the year so far.

The Lady Hawks met their arch rivals, the Philipsburg Prospectors, Saturday night to see who would walk away with the 12-C title.

The Hawks' scoring was dominated underneath by Sandy DeLeo and Brittne Hebnes — both with game high 18 points. Jamie Clawson, the Eagle's leading scorer all year, once again led them with 15 points.

M.H.S.A. DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT PLAN



Seeley Lake Men's Basketball

Trickshooters finally "shot down"

by Michael Biggins

The undefeated season of Craig Tanner's Trickshooters came to an end last Sunday. Kent Hane and his Hoopsters in a roughly played game, beat the Trickshooters 64-58.

In the other game, two well-matched teams met. Dominic Casano's Hitmen pulled out a victory over Mike Biggin's Ballbouncers, 66-56. The Ballbouncers held the lead going into the fourth quarter. Then their shooting turned cold and the Hitmen turned hot.

Standings after seven weeks of play:

Tanner	Won 6	Lost 1
Hane	Won 5	Lost 2
Casano	Won 2	Lost 4
Biggins	Won 1	Lost 6

Bobcat cross-country team shines at Big Skys

Miller—SSHS grad—1st for Cats

The Montana State University cross-country team competed in the Big Sky conference championships on November 12, 1988, at Rose Park Golf Course in Salt Lake City, Utah. Eighteen teams competed in the meet which also served as conference championships for the Big Sky, WAC and High Country Athletic Conference as well as District 7 championships.

The MSU team placed 5th in the District and 2nd in the Big Sky, which is their highest finish ever according to Coaches Rob Stark and Tom Raunig.

The Bobcats were paced by their team captain, Roger Miller, senior from Seeley Lake. Roger finished 11th in the Big Sky with a time of 31:56 over the 10,000 meter course. The MSU men stayed tightly bunched behind the lead of Miller; all finishing closely together. This excellent showing garnered the Bobcats their 2nd place finish with 82 points.

Miller was the top finisher for all Montana runners competing in the Big Sky Championships.

The Bobcats were outpaced only by the 1st place N. Arizona Lumberjacks (with 15 points), who placed runners in the top five positions—this is the first time that has happened in Big Sky Conference History.

Miller is the son of (his proud parents) Jerry and Carol Miller of Seeley Lake.

Honor Roll

Seeley Swan High School

Debbie Johnson	4.00
Mike Meehan	3.83
Renn Anders	3.79
Tom Leonard	3.66
Willie Jo Ogden	3.50
Gaby Mowlds	3.50
Kimberly Musick	3.42
Lad Barney	3.40
Billie Copenhaver	3.40
James Freyholtz	3.40
Matt Raible	3.40
Tommie Jo Dreyer	3.33
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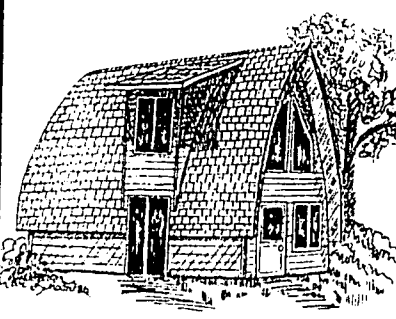
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"Dutch" Boissevain

Los Altos, Calif. — Former Missoula resident Walgrave Jasha "Dutch" Boissevain, 64, died of a heart attack Oct. 4 at his home in Los Altos, Calif. Born July 2, 1924, in Port Arthur, Texas, to Roberta Breitenstein and Jan Boissevain, he came with his father to the Double Arrow Ranch near Seeley Lake at age 8.

He attended schools at Seeley Lake and Missoula. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was a pilot trainer during World War II.

He was employed by Prudential Insurance Co. for 37 years. He received many company honors and was a member of the President's Club. He also was president of the San Jose chapter of Chartered Life Underwriters and received his C.L.U. degree in 1959.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois, in 1986.

Survivors include four sons and a daughter.

Memorial services were held in Los Altos.

The family suggests memorials to the Flathead Cultural Center in St. Ignatius.

PTA special speaker 11/21

The Seeley Lake PTA is proud to have Wanda Raschow from Western Montana Sports Medicine to speak at their regular meeting on Monday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Elementary school with a babysitter provided.

Wanda spoke at the State PTA Convention. She will tell parents and coaches of some of the injuries that can occur, how to care for the injury and when there should be parental involvement. She is an excellent speaker that every parent should hear.

Bigfork 'Book Fair'

Electric Avenue Books of Bigfork will be holding a 'book fair' at the Bigfork Elementary School Library on November 28 and 29.

Award winning children's author, Ken Thomsma will be there to give a story-telling program. Also, on the second day, Sheila Devins of Seeley Lake will be on hand to present an imaginative story-telling session and magic show.

A percentage of all the 'book fair' sales goes to the Bigfork Elementary School, so they may obtain books for their school library.

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1/2 cup butter or margarine	2 tablespoon water
1 tablespoon light corn syrup	1/8 teaspoon lemon extract or vanilla

Place pistachio on baking sheet; bake at 300 degrees F. to keep warm while preparing candy. Combine sugar, butter, water and corn syrup. Cook, without stirring, to soft crack stage (275°F.) on candy thermometer. Add lemon extract and pistachios. Pour on to foil-lined baking sheet. Cool. Break into serving-sized pieces. Makes approximately 36 pieces. Makes a great Holiday Gift. Recipes from California Pistachios.

PINEAPPLE CHEESE-CAKE SUPREME

3 cups graham cracker crumbs	1/2 cup melted margarine
3/4 cup sugar - divided	1 cup boiling water
2 teaspoons vanilla - divided	1-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
1-3 oz. pkg. lemon gelatine	1-2/3 cups (tall can) evaporated milk - chilled
1 cup crushed pineapple - drained	

Combine 2-3/4 cups crumbs with margarine, 1/4 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Press into bottom of 9x13 baking pan. Bake in 375° degree oven for 8 minutes. Dissolve lemon gelatine in boiling water, cool. Place cheese in large bowl, let warm to room temperature and stir to soften. Stir in remaining 1/2 cup sugar and teaspoon of vanilla. Gradually add cooled gelatine, stirring until smooth. Whip chilled evaporated milk, fold into gelatine mixture and add drained crushed pineapple. Pour into crumb-lined pan. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup crumbs. Refrigerate.

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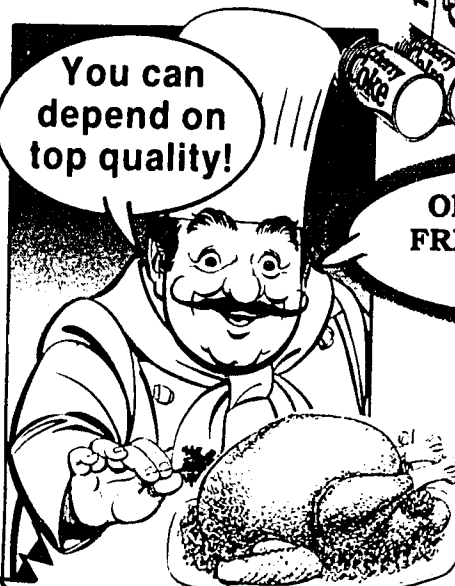
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