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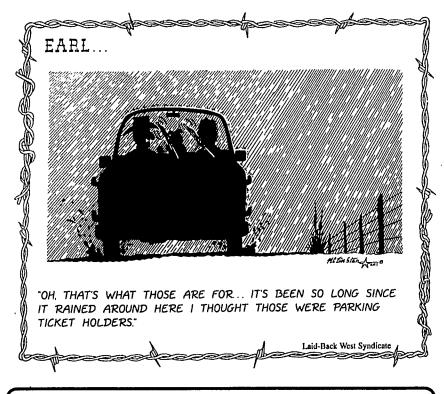
Thursday, June 14, 2001

Bike Rodeo

Young bike riders, led by Locke Hassett, line up for a photo at the YMCA Bike Rodeo Where the kids earned about safety and legal issues from a sheriff's office representative.

Vicki Voegelin photo

email: pathfinder@montana.com



GARY NOLAND, EDITOR

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3pm. Story Time will re-

(Condon) Wed, 10am-

Family History Ctr.-LDS

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**EMERGENCY:** Dial 911

if you live in Seeley Lake,

Condon, Greenough or

sume in September.

6pm; Fri, 10am-4pm

or 677-2575.

School) Summer hours:

LIBRARIES:

Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.; call 677-2022

PUBLIC MEETINGS S.L. Chamber, 2nd Thur,

7am, Filling Station S.L. QRU, 2nd Thur, 7pm, fire hall S.L. Comm. Council, 3rd Mon, 7pm, fire hall

FIREWISE SEMINAR at SEC June 20, from 8:30-4:30 & June 21

COMMUNITY

#### WEEKLY MEET-INGS:

Alcoholics Anonymous: (help for those with a suspected drinking problem) Condon: Faith Lutheran Church, every Sunday, Seelev Lake: Every

Wed, 7pm, Living Water Catholic Church, on SOS Rd. For info: 677-3271 or 677-2892.

\*Potomac: 406-244-

Alateen: (help for teenagers of alcoholic fami-Hotline 677-2753

Alanon: Seeley Lake: every Thursday, 7pm. Seeley Swan Medical Ctr. For info: 677-3819. -Condon: Call 754-3165

Overeaters Anonymous: Loving Hearts Thrift every Thursday, 7pm, Faith Store: Open Wed, 12:00-Lutheran Church, Condon,

Missoula County Commissioners Public Mtg, Seeley Lake Community every Wed, Courthouse Hall: For hall rental, call Annex, Room 201, Missoula, 1:30 pm.

T.O.P.S. Mtg, every Thurs, Mission Bible Fellowship bldg., Seeley Lake, 10am.

MONTHLY SERVICES FAIM Outreach Specialist, 1st & 3rd Thur, 9:30-3, Seelev-Swan Med. Ctr.

Pinochle, every 1st Sat, Swan Valley Library S.L. Comm. Hall, 7pm; every 3rd Sat., Senior Citizens Center

**DUMPSTER TRANS-**FER SITE: Summer hours (May-Sept) - Wed, Sat & Sun. 9am-5pm, 677-

**SSTEP Crisis Help Line:** 677-3177. Domestic violence, sexual assault, child Ovando. abuse, community outreach & education Food Bank: Tues, 12-4

Swan Lake Residents: 886-2324 (Fire, QRU or nm, next to Multi-purpose Search & Rescue) or 1-Room, S.L. Elementary, 406-752-6161 for Sheriff, Highway Patrol.

**Editorial Comment** 

# Chips . . . bits & pieces

We would like to extend a public thank you and appreciation to the wonderful electric linemen in the Seeley Lake/Ovando/Condon area for all the many hours they labored to get us all hooked back up to the 'world'!

We lived without electricity by choice for eight years, but it is entirely different to have the switches turned to 'off' for a few days when you are accustomed to and enjoying the wonders of electricity!...so we would like to applaud them all with a big, hearty THANK YOU! You did an awesome job with the damage and dangers you faced!

Will and Cyd Kats, Greencugh, Montana

### DNRC Announces Road Restrictions to Protect Grizzly bear Security in Swan River State Forest

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) and Plum Creek Timber Lands, L.P. will be installing gates in the next three weeks to control motorized access on

The road systems affected by the gates are the Cilly Creek Road (Section 21, T24N, R17W), Soup Creek Road (Section 27, T24N, R17W), and the Woodward Point Road (Sec-

Plum Creek Timber Lands, L.P. will also be installing two new gates that will impact access to DNRC lands on the following road systems: South Woodward Road (Section 29, T23N, R18W) and South Woodward Road (Section 25, T23N, R18W). (The Section 25 closure is seasonal and will be closed during the spring and open during the summer and

According to Swan River State Forest Manager Bob Sandman, the gates are being installed to comply with the Swan Valley Grizzly Bear Conservation Agreement (SVGBCA) entered into by DNRC, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Plum Creek Timber Lands, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and the U.S. Forest Service. The agreement occurred in 1995 and was amended in 1997.

"There are specific terms and requirements that we must adhere to," Sandman stated regarding the agreement. "These gates are needed for DNRC to comply with the terms of that agreement. We are not installing the gates to keep the public out, but to balance levels of motorized and non-motorized access for grizzly bear security.'

The gates will be permanent, unless the agreement is amended in the future to allow different open road densities or seasonal security options.

"We are asking for the public's patience and cooperation with regards to these restrictions," Sandman stated. If you have questions about motorized access to the Swan River State Forest, please call (406) 754-2301 or visit the office, which is located at Goat Creek of Swan Lake on the west side of Highway 83. You may call or visit Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



## The Grafting of "Trees," "Celebration" bows out for others

by Rod Kvamme, past chairman, Celebration of Trees

A "Celebration of Trees" has been held in 1994, 1996, 1998 and 2000. Sponsored by the Seeley Lake Senior Center and chaired by Rod Kvamme, it grew out of four previous "Founders Day" events. With good support from Pyramid Mountain Lumber and the cooperation of many businesses and individuals, it offered local historical highlights and a variety of events for the weekend following National Arbor Day, the fourth Friday of April.

Three other community events have or will have incorporated activities offered by the Celebration of Trees, so a separate "celebration" is no longer necessary. The Alpine Artisans now musical talent opportunities. sponsor an annual "Loon and Fish Festival" on Memorial Day weekend. It includes a Bird-watching walk, woodcarving demonstra- port and attendance.

tions, canoe building demo, artworks display/sales, and raffles. The Seeley Lake Historical Society will have its second "Seeley Lake Antique and Historical Road Show" this September. Displays and live presentations will emphasize our past history, and qualified appraisers will be available for assessing old items. There will also be an old-time dance on Saturday

Lastly, a first annual "Tamaracks Festival: A Celebration of Trees" will be sponsored this October by the local Chamber of Commerce. Among other events in the planning stage, there will be a juried art show, guided forest walks, interpretive presentations at the national champion Western Larch tree in the Jim Girard Memorial Grove, and community

Each of these events offer fun, education, entertainment and deserve the community's full sup-

#### Seelev Lake Ranger District Interpretive **Programs**

The Seeley Lake Ranger District will host the following interactive and informative activities. The programs are FREE and all ages are welcome.

You are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket for your comfort, insect repellent and marshmallows for roasting by the

For more detailed information please call the Seeley Lake Ranger District at 677-2233. In the event of rain, the programs will take place at the Seeley Creek Trailhead Shelter.

Wed., June 20 @ 7:30 PM ART ON A WING

Woodcarving with Jon West Fri., June 22 @ 7:30 PM

THE LYNX AND THE HARE Jay Kolbe and Allison Landro

> Pathfinder Classifieds

#### Taking Exception to column on dogs To: pathfinder@montana.com to work with me 3 out of 5 days a

From: Summer Voight <summer@compsol-ar.com>

Regarding the "Please Pause for Pets and Paws" column of issue Volume XVI, No. 4 (May 31, 2001): A "Paws Down" to Elinor

Williamson - I take umbrage on your "Paws Down" regarding "runner" dogs. There are those of use that are extremely devoted to our pets, including but not limited to, allowing them to sleep on the bed, keeping current tags on their collars, making sure there is a fence around the yard allowing them room to run and play (WITH-OUT A CHAIN), etc. My dog goes

week and does not try to escape my fence. However, if given the chance to slip out the gate or away from the leash, he's gone. He runs and runs, and runs, and then runs some more - because it is fun. He wants to sniff every tree and bush, and oh, what unbridled joy to play "keep-away" from his guardian. still enjoy your column and what you are trying to convey, but I believe that there was not enough distinction or thought put into this piece. I look forward to reading the next one; however, please keep mind some dogs are just being dogs when they "run"

Thank you, S. Voight

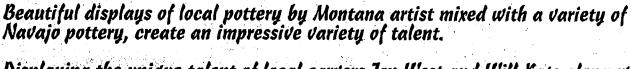
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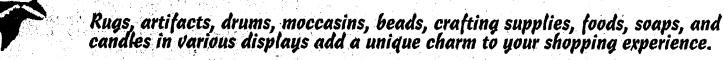


We invite you to come view the spectacular photography of local artist Pat Swan Smith, Alan Leftridge, Joseph Marchkii and Mark Schwartznau.



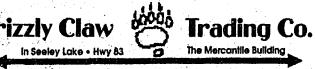
Displaying the unique talent of local carvers Jon West and Will Kats along with bronzes by Maggie Barker add special beauty to our gallery.

In addition we carry new clothing designs by Kathy Goodman, Nancy Ritel and















# Volunteers, FWP Commission, and Bear Avoidance Tactics Come Through

by Mike Thompson

I was basking in the afterglow of the final approval from our Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) Commission for Phase II of the 50th Anniversary Project, and looking forward to the fourth annual fundraising banquet of the Blackfoot-Clearwater Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), when I should have been paying attention to the sow with cubs that loomed just ahead of me on the trail.

Sometimes, you have to be lucky.

As I mentioned last week, the Commission meeting was held on June 6 in Helena. Our local Commissioner, Rich Lane of Missoula, is the newly appointed Chairman of the five member Commission, which serves at the pleasure of the governor.

Rich came to the Commission with a history of interest in the 50th Anniversary Project from his previous involvement with

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RMEF. And, as regional manager of Smurfitt-Stone Container Corporation, Rich has expressed his satisfaction in seeing foresters and wildlife biologists working together to find and expand their "common ground" on the Game Range.

The Commissioners questioned FWP's regional and Helena staff quite thoroughly at the Helena meeting, causing tiny beads of sweat to form on at least one brow before they released the pressure with their unanimous vote in favor of the Phase II proposal.

As you may recall, Phase II would bring the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) into ownership of approximately 3,000 acres of Plum Creek inholdings within the Game Range, and would bring FWP into ownership of an additional 1,080 acres of the best winter habitat on the Game Range (now owned by DNRC). FWP would exchange the upper-elevation portion of the old Dreyer Ranch

began a little field reconnaissance on Friday afternoon, in habitat that proved to be occuin poor humor.

In the next instant my eye picked up a black ball of fur in the top of a tall snag. So, we were no longer dealing with the hopeful possibility that it was an elk or some other benign species causing all the fuss in the brush at the base of the snag. And with a "wooof!" it became discouragingly clear from which side of the brush the creature would

My side!

It was a first for me. I'd bumped into quite a number of bears at a lot closer range than this, but none had made an objection before. This time, I took the huffing noises and puffed-up, bouncing advances toward me as a sure sign that this mama bear had heard and smelled just about enough from

At that moment, I was not at all sure whether I would be attending the RMEF banquet in Seeley Lake on Saturday, as planned.

Fortunately, my encounter a change in plans for the next us with a parting of the storm clouds for a few hours while the fundraising banquet was being held at the Double Arrow Resort in the afternoon and evening of June 9. It was another in a growing record of huge successes for the Blackfoot-Clearwater (Seeley Lake)

Game Range Ramblings Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks



That was Wednesday, but I hadn't finished mulling over the results in my mind by the time I pied by a small family of black bears, the largest of which being

I was stuffing my map back into my pocket and was taking a few unconscious steps down the trail when I heard, then saw, a loud commotion in the larch seedlings and serviceberry about 100 yards ahead. (O.K., it might have been 200 yards. I didn't take the time to pace it off!)

with a bear and cubs didn't cause day. Even the weather smiled on Chapter of RMEF.

It is the dedication and

energy of this core group of volunteers in our local community that has fueled all phases of the 50th Anniversary Project. The Blackfoot-Clearwater Chapter, chaired this year by Conrad Rowe, and co-chaired by John Keller, deserves the lion's share of credit for FWP and RMEF's purchase of the first 856 acres of Plum Creek inholdings in Project Phase I last year by raising almost \$1.1 million in gifts and matching grants. And, it is the power of their continuing commitment and interest that keeps agencies working hard on the land exchanges that would

complete Phases II, III and IV. Truthfully, there would be no 50th Anniversary Project, and no hopeful prognosis for the future integrity of the Game Range, without the fortuitous formation of the Blackfoot-Clearwater Chapter in 1998. On behalf of everyone in FWP, I thank you for everything you've accomplished, and I pledge our best sustained effort in return to take good care of the habitat you've given FWP to manage.

Thank goodness Mama Bear accepted my gesture when I spun on my heels and continued my



walking pace uninterrupted-in the opposite direction—so that Sharon and I could lend a hand here and there on banquet day to those who keep giving of themselves for wildlife and the quality of life in Seeley Lake.

On Monday, June 18, in Room 325 of the Capitol Building in Helena, Governor Martz and the rest of the Board of Land Commissioners will decide whether DNRC and FWP will proceed with closing on the Phase II land exchanges, or go back to the drawing board with our chances for success severely damaged. The meeting begins at 9:00 A.M., and is open to the

Wild horses couldn't keep me from attending. But, I think I'll stay out of the hills until the 19th, because wild bears might.

# 6th Annual

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**Fundamental Baptist Church** 

Worship~11:00 a.m. Sunday School~9:45 a.m. Hwy 83 South Phone~677-2268 Pastor~Bill Bogardus

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship~6:00 p.m. Vacancy Pastor~Dave Renfro 1655 Airport Rd. Phone~677-2281, 677-3281, or 1-406-549-2364

Living Water Catholic Church Worship Mass: Saturday~5:00 p.m.

152 SOS Road Ph: 677-2688 or 258-6815 Pastor~Father Ray Gilmore

Mountain Lakes Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Worshlp~10:00 a.m. 3292 Hwy 83 North Phone~677-3575 Pastor~Scott Anthony

Spirit of Christ Episcopal Fellowship

Worship~2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at the Senior Center~5:00 p.m. Phone~677-2905

Mission Bible Fellowship (Non-Denominational)

Worship~10:30 a.m. Sunday School~9:15 a.m. Hwy, 83 & School Lane

## Anders / Fairchild August Wedding Planned

Renn Christan Anders, daughter of Chris and Joe Anders, formerly of Seeley Lake, Montana, and Steven Kingsley Fairchild, son of Ken Miller and Sandy Fairchild-Miller of Shoreline, Washington, and King and Janie Fairchild of Sequim, Washington, announce their engagement.

Renn is a visiting third-year law student at the Seattle University School of Law and currently working as a legal assistant for a law firm in Seattle's central business district. Steve is Operations Manager and part-owner of Triumph Technologies, Inc., based in Bellevue, Washington.

An August wedding is planned.



Steven Fairchild & Renn Anders

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1/2"	Screened	Loaded at Pit	\$ 5.50
1/2"	Crushed	Loaded at Pit	\$ 6.80
3/8"	Screened	Loaded at Pit	\$ 6.50
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## **Septic Systems• Water Lines** Landscaping

## Swan Song

Paul Shaw Paul Shaw, 64, a resident of Ocoee, Tennessee, passed away on Tuesday, June 5, 2001.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a retired truck

Survivors include wife Gladys Genene Shaw of Ococe. Tn: daughters and sons-in-law Marcia and Scott Kennedy of Seeley Lake, MT. Paul and William Honey of Ocoee, TN, Donna Green of Ocoee, TN; 2 grandchildren, Christopher Green and Patrick Honey, both of Ocoee, TN; mother Rosa Shaw of Calhoun, GA: two brothers and one sister-in-law. Billy and Ann Shaw, and H.D. Shaw, all of Calhoun, Ga: and several nieces and nephews.

Notes of sympathy may be sent online to shawcondolences@ralphbuckner.com

#### **Senior Nutrition** Program Menu

The following meals will be served next week promptly at noon at the Seeley Lake Senior Citizens Center. Reservations please - 677-2008, Call before

Monday, June 18 Baked Salmon Loaf Tuesday, June 19 Mexican Combread Wednesday, June 20 Happy Birthday - Roast Pork with Dressing Thursday, June 21 **Beef Pasties** 

Friday, June 22 Chef's Choice Bird seed available.

#### **Notice**

#### Fire Equipment Sign-up June 15

Personnel from the U.S. Forest Service will be in Seeley Lake on Friday, June 15 to sign up firefighting equipment for the 2001 fire season. Sign-up will be at the Secley Lake Ranger Station (MM 18, Hwy. 83, Seeley Lake MT) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The information required for sign-up varies by job and equipment type. The information needed to sign up each type of equipment is listed below. Have this information with you at the time of sign-up. Please note that to sign up water handling equipment, the equipment must be brought to the signup site. For further information contact Bill Oelig, Jon Agner or Becky White at the Seeley Lake Ranger District, (406) 677-2233.

#### **Heavy Equipment and Transports**

Information Required at Time of Sign-up Note: Heavy Equipment and Transports include dozers, skidders, graders, excavators with thumb, ag-tractors, backhoes; tilt-bed, gooseneck, drop-deck, or closed van trailers pulled by tractors to haul cargo

- Training and fitness record of operator(s).
- Proof of Workman's Compensation or an exemption certificate from the State of Montana.
- Make, Model, Horsepower (or hauling capacity) and Serial Number or License Number of equipment.
  - Vehicle registration may be requested at time of sign up.

#### Water Handling Equipment Information Required at Time of Sign-up

Note: Water Handling includes skidgines, Water Tenders, Water Trucks, Potable and Gray Water Trucks, and Engines

- Training and fitness record of operator(s).
- Water handling equipment fully loaded with a current weight certificate from a certified scale.
- Proof of Workman's Compensation coverage or an exemption certificate from the State of Montana.
- Engines, Water Tenders and Water Trucks: Make, Model, Year, License Number, and Certification of equipment.
- Skidgines: Make, Model, Year, Serial Number, Horsepower, and Certification of equipment.
- Vehicle registration may be requested.

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Inventory of accessories.

#### Chainsaws, Shop Truck, Fuel Truck Information Required at Time of Sign-up

- Training and fitness record of operator(s).
- Proof of Workman's Compensation or an exemption certificate from the State of Montana.
- Make, Model, Horsepower, and Serial Number or License Number of equipment.
- Vehicle registration may be requested at time of sign up.
- Fuel Truck must also provide: capacity of fuel tank(s), and be prepared to agree to the availability of equipment; and a rate or formula fuel will be sold to the Government.
- Shop Trucks: Provide a list of tools or type of repairs that can be
- Fallers: Will be hired under the Emergency Fire Fighter or AD Pay Plan; must bring experience and references, a current valid drivers license, voter's registration, birth certificate or current valid US

## Sheriff's

# Report

cooperation and assistance of Sheriff Doug Chase and Captain Scott McDonald.)

#### 911 Report

#### June 4 - 10, 2001

6/4, 9:21 a.m. - Trees on power lines - Placid Lake

6/4, 11:15 a.m. - Fire in trees Seeley Lake

6/4, 12:10 p.m. - Medical call -Seeley Lake - transported to Medical Center

6/4, 12:30 p.m. - Follow-up investigation - Potomac

6/4, 1:25 p.m. - Public assistance/ driveway blocked by branches -

6/4, 5:00 p.m. - Missing person 6/4, 5:53 p.m. - Structure fire -Seeley Lake

6/4, 7:51 p.m. - Power lines arcing - Seeley Lake

6/5, 2:17 a.m. - Fish & Game Bear with foot in trap 6/5, 7:40 a.m. - Tree on line

Condon 6/5, 9:23 p.m. - Medical call

Seeley Lake - transported by Medic unit 6/6, 2:23 p.m. - Bicycle found

Seeley Lake

6/6, 3:37 p.m. - Keg found 6/7, 11:39 a.m. - Medical call Seelev Lake

6/7, 12:33 p.m. - Coroner duties -Seeley Lake

6/7, 6:18 p.m. - DUI - unable to

6/7, 7:36 p.m. - Injured deer -Condon

6/7, 10:11 p.m. - Loud party

6/8, 1:00 p.m. - Fire alarm - Seeley

Lake - not bona fide 6/8, 1:07 p.m. - Medical call

Seeley Lake - no transport 6/8, 2:43 p.m. - Grass fire - Seeley

6/8, 4:42 p.m. - Vehicle broke down - Greenough

6/9, 2:37 a.m. - Lightning started fire - Placid Lake

6/9, 4:20 p.m. - DUI - Salmon Lake area

6/10, 8:39 a.m. - Noisy power tool - Placid Lake

6/10, 2:51 p.m. - Smoke citing -Salmon Lake area

6/10, 3:20 p.m. - Search & Rescue - assistance getting fire equipment to fire

6/10, 4:28 p.m. - Stolen property recovered - Seeley Lake 6/10, 9:49 p.m. - Wreckless driv-

ing - Seeley Lake

## Swan Song

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the right calls for the party.

What a Retirement Party !!!!

Thank you Sue and Mike Holmes for hosting the party at

the Hungry Bear. Also a special thanks to referees Kitty Logan,

Shawn Holmes, Julie Hainline and Mike Holmes for making all

Thank you to all the persons that came to the party for

A special "Thank you"

to all our friends and family who have been

here for us since Patsy's illness. There just

The phone calls, visits, prayers, mes-

The love and support from everyone is

We want to thank Gene and Kelly for

having our anniversary party at the Chicken

Coop. Thanks to Gene and Kelly for all the

Thank you to all who made the other

more special having such a wonderful turn

extra special food. It made our day even

out of all of you to help share in the cel-

ebration of our Special Anniversary.

what makes the most difference in being

are no words for the support from all of

sages, cards, food, flowers & plants.

able to go on from day to day.

chicken and the beautiful cake.

helping make it very special and I am sorry others couldn't

come that wanted to — you missed a great time.

Retiring Principal of Seeley-Swan High School

#### **Recreational Property** Available for Lease

The Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation has the following parcels open for bid:

- Two (2) separate lots near Fish Creek, Mineral County.
- One (1) lot near Clearwater Junction, Missoula County
- One (1) lot near Lincoln, Montana, Lewis & Clark County
- One (1) lot near Elbow Lake. Missoula County.

Contact www.dnrc.state.mt.us/trust/ cabinsite.htm or (406) 542-4200 for more information. Sealed bids must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. on August 3rd, 2001. Bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on August 8th, 2001 at DNRC-Forestry, 2705 Spurgin Rd., Misoula MT 59804.

## Please Pause For OL Pets and Paus

#### Paws Down

to the people who are still letting their dogs run at large! Had a report from several people on Double Arrow Ranch on the Elkhorn, Grizzly and Bitterroot areas about . two larger reddish dogs chasing deer. This is stupid- you people who are allowing these dogs to run. The deer are just now having babies, and people will not allow your dogs to kill deer or their fawns or any other little animal. YOUR DOG COULD BE SHOT, AND IT'S YOUR FAULT! Along with having a dog comes responsibility for its well being and responsibility to your neighbors and to the wildlife or other animals, as well as people. I have heard the statement, "I moved to Montana so my dog could run." Well sweet cheeks, if your dog couldn't run in the state you came from, Montana is no different, as they are not allowed to run here either! If you are from Montana, ignorance is no excuse. You know your dog is not allowed to run! If you care about you dog, check with the Double Arrow Landowners Board about a dog run, which is allowed. It is a great solution for the safety of your pets and a way to have a good relationship with your neighbors. DON'T LET YOUR DOG DIE BE-CAUSE YOU ARE STUPID AND TOO LAZY TO PROTECT YOUR PET AND ALL OF OUR WILDLIFE!

Come on visitors and locals. Get ID tags on you pets!

to Mr. and Mrs. Matt Brown for the donation, which I forgot to mention a month ago Every day I am reminded I am not perfect. Bummer! My dogs think I am perfect. That's what is so wonderful about pets!

to Ms. Sharon Hinshaw of Cold Springs first grade in Missoula. The first grade read 12 books this year voted my book "Miracle in the Mountains of Montana" their favor ite book! I am truly honored!

#### Paws Up

We now have 5 dogs who desperately need homes. The last one was given up because the owners chose not to build a nice dog run. The dog suffers terribly because of this. People who take a dog and do not care enough for the little pet to build it a safe run DO NOT DESERVE THE LOVE AND DEVOTION OF A DOG! SLEEP WELL! WHAT ARE YOU TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN? YOU TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THERE IS NO VALUE TO PETS. AND THOSE CHILDREN GO ON TO PUTTING NO VALUE ON HUMANS, YOUR CHILDREN FEEL HURT AND LOSS ALSO WHEN THEIR PET IS THROWN AWAY. HOW DO YOU MAKE CHIL-DREN UNDERSTAND WHY, AFTER 4 YEARS, THE PET IS NO LONGER WANTED? PEOPLE, DO RIGHT BY YOUR CHILDREN AND DO RIGHT BY GOD'S LITTLE ANIMALS IT WILL MAKE YOUR HEART LIGHTER LIT WILL MAKE YOU A BETTER PERSON FOR ALL! PUT YOURSELF IN THE PET'S PLACE. HOW WOULD YOU FEEL? PETS HAVE DEEP FEELINGS, SADLY DEEPER THAN SOME OF US SO CALLED HIGHER BEINGS!

#### Paws Up

to the faithful Burmeisters and to our faithful Buitenhiuses for the donations. Yes, hope it catches on!

to those who did not have their pets spayed and neutered during our clinic last year and this year, 2 large Malamute dogs were found dumped at Harper's Lake. These dogs are believed to have come from a litter which was given away in Seeley Lake We have had 2 of the same litter at Paws Up. People were sitting in a vehicle giving away puppies to anyone who would take them. People take puppies, then when they grow up they dump them. 3 out of 5 of this litter ended up dumped and 2 by now probably have been put to death at Animal Control. You people who are too lazy and irresponsible to have your pets neutered. Where is your conscience, and what are your children learning?

Yes, it is my belief. I know where these dogs came from and also feel sure who it was who dumped the 2 dogs. Do you sleep well knowing you've condemned these pets to death? Spay and neuter your pets and please. For you people who are known for dumping dogs - don't get another pet!

Note - We have 5 dogs now who are waiting for homes. Your donations are so needed and appreciated!

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# Sign up now: scouting helps build Character!

Scouting News by Michael Biggins

It's been a while since I last wrote. The boys of Scout Troop 19 in Seeley Lake have had a few things going on. Last October we took our last back pack trip of the year - a two nighter into Lake Dinah. It was a beautiful fall weekend to be out in the mountains. The boys spent their first

night out in lean-tos. No activities were planned during hunting season, but once it was over we spent two nights at Blanchard Lake in early December. It was a cold two nights. The night time temperature dropped to zero one night and two degrees the next. In December the troop also had a court of honor and a Christmas party. At the court of honor, R.J. Woods received his Boy Scout badge, Phil Bedard received his 2nd class rank badge, and Mike Biggins. Levi Kelley, and Daniel Whipple all received their 1st class rank badge. James Kelly and Daniel Whipple finished requirements for their camping merit badge, Mike Biggins, Phil Bedard, James Kelley, Levy Kelley, and Daniel Whipple received their fishing merit badge. Mike Biggins, James Kelley, Levi Kelley, and Daniel Whipple received their horse-

manship merit badge. At the

and scout bucks from the fall

Christmas party they exchanged gifts and received their awards

popcorn sale.

Also during the Christmas school break last December, a few of the boys and I did a morning cross-country ski trip, then spent the afternoon bombin around on a snowmobile.

In January, the troop hosted

the Seeley Lake Invitational Campout at Big Larch Campground, 186 scouters from various scout troops in Missoula came to Seeley Lake for a weekend campout. During the camp, scouts competed in events, cross-country skied, ice fished, and raced in a Klondike Derby. Scouts for our local Troop 19 took first place in one event, the blindman rope, and took second in the orienteering course. During the campout most of the scouts earned their 100 frost points badge. A frost point is each degree below freezing a scout camps overnight in. The frost point badge is awarded when a scout camps out during the fall and winter months and the combined temperature for those campouts equals or exceeds 100 degrees below freezing.

This campout was the same weekend as Seeley Lake's Winterfest. One of the Missoula troops that has a bus took a busload of scouts to the parade. The scouts brought their American and troop flags and led the parade down the highway with

In February the troop took a fun trip to Discovery Basin. We



Hamming it up on a backpack trip to Lake Dina. From left: Mike Biggins, Cody Kelly, Phil Bedard, Bruce Davies, James Kelly, David Whipple, Robert Kelly, Daniel Whipple and Levi Kelly.



Phil Bedard at the calm waters on Lake Dina.



The scouts cheer on the Troop 19 Klondike Race team of James Kelly, Daniel Whipple, Cody Kelly and Bruce Davies.

skied all day and then spent the night at Fairmont Hot Springs.

In March, one scout helped his father build a snow shelter and they spent a night in it. Also in March, a number of the boys helped out during the Snojoke Half Marathon.

Recently, many boys in the troop completed work on the First Aid merit badge, and are near completing requirements for the Family Life and Citizenship in the community merit badges.

Up next is a camping trip with Troop 12 from Missoula. During this trip, the boys will meet requirements for the Rifleman merit badge. In early May, the annual spring Camporee was held on the Bison Range.

As you can see the boys have had many activities over the last few months

If any boy wants to join the Troop or parents have questions about Boy Scouting, contact Robert Kelly or myself at 677-2166, or Scoutmaster Del Whipple at 677-2338.

#### **Furnished** Photos



Michael Biggins snowboarding.



Levi Kelly folds a tarp shelter up while Scoutmaster Del Whipple checks



From left: Phil Bedard, Dave Whipple and Bruce Davies at a Lake Dina campfire.



Daniel Whipple, left, and James Kelly cooking at the camp on

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# Still Thinking About Dads

What do you think of when you remember your father as a strong person? My Dad was a husky man. As a painter, he handled 16 foot horses — not the kind you ride, but the kind you put heavy planks on for walking when you paint the side of a build-

Those "horses" were made of heavy lumber and not everyone could lift them into place. He also had to wrestle 20-foot wooden extension ladders (yes, they extended to 40 feet in length) for use in painting the high ends of barns.

But when I remember my father as a strong person, I also remember him playing his violin, knowing how to control bow and fingers on that delicate instrument. Or I remember this strong man sitting in his favorite chair in the living room, reading his favorite book in the Bible, the Gospel of John,

## Passages

by Rod Kvamme Seeley Lake

That's when he seemed strong. Or when he could have a fun time without getting drunk. Or when he could express himself, either in joy or exasperation, without misusing religious words or bathroom words to get his point across. That's when he seemed strong.

We lost a strong man a couple weeks ago. Don Rose looked more scrawny than brawny. But he was

A favorite endeavor was to build his own homes and other people's churches. He was a man of faith, with muscles of the Spirit. He was on the verge of moving into his newly constructed earthly

Jesus talked about when he said "In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also," (John 14:2-3).

My last conversation with Don was when he phoned me to double-check that he had told me about a church potluck before the coming Sunday evening service in his church. Having visited his church many times, I easily recall Don kneeling at the altar rail. That's how I remember him at his

Hey, you fellas out there, let's give some thought to the memories we will bequeath to our fam-

home when God called him to ily and friends. One of the best move into the heavenly quarters would be that we knew we were tall in our own strength, but when were we on our knees asking God for his strength in our lives.

## Swan Song

OVANDO - Louie R. Bays, 51, of Ovando died Thursday, June 7, at his home. Service arrangements will be announced by the Malletta Family of Funderal Homes Livingston Chapel.

### Pathfinder ° Classifieds

# To the people of Seelev Lake, the

also would like to thank all of you for the wonderful send-off at the Community Hall this past Sunday. It was a great way to say good bye. I just wished I could have greeted each of you individually. Know that I

Thank you once again . . . Ben Lindeman, PAC

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# Swan Valley and Ovando Areas,

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As of June 29, 2001 I will no longer be associated with the Seeley Swan Medical Center. Therefore, I will not be seeing patients at the Seeley Swan Medical Center after June 28, 2001. I appologize for any inconvenience that this may cause I procured your enter your inconvenience that this may cause. I encourage you to continue your support of the local Seeley Swan Medical Center Board of Directors and the providers of care at the Seeley Swan Medical Center. Your medical records and associated acocunts will remain in the care of the Seelev Swan Medical Center.



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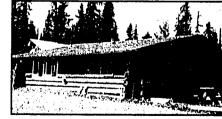
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## Swan Song

Donald D. Rose

Donald D. Rose, 73, passed most strong not when standing up away on Thursday, June 7, 2001, at his home of complications from

> He was born on April 13. 1928, in Winner, S.D. to John and Clarice Rose.

Don graduated from Big Fork High School in 1946 and served in the U.S. Army for two years during the Korean War.

On May 23, 1952, he married Helen Newton in Missoula. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 34 years, retiring as an administrative officer.

He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church where he served on the board of elders. He was a member of several organizations including Laborers for Christ where he worked on 17 projects during 12 years, the Seelev Lake Cemetery District Board and the Architectural Committee at the Double Arrow Ranch.

Don gave his life to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Everything else in his life centered around that relationship. He was a faithful servant, devoted husband, loving father and grandfather and encourager of all. He prayed daily that God's will be done in his life, for his family and church family. Don took special delight in his grandchildren. They will miss their "Poppa." Everyone will miss Don's kind words, Godly encouragement and generous hugs.

His parents and two brothers, Duane and Gerald Rose, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, Helen Rose, of Seeley Lake; three children and their spouses, Loren and Pamela Rose of Seeley Lake, Marvin and Connie Rose of Coeur d'Alene, and Karen and Patrick Trudeau of Plainview, Texas; grandchildren, Andrew. Erik, Megan Rose, Raelene, Jennifer and Philip Trudeau; brothers and sisters, Richard, Harold, Franklin, Merlyn, Emmett "Bud" Rose, Julie Ann Mee, Mavis "Mitzi" Parkinson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life was held at 1 p.m. Monday, June 11, at Mission Bible Fellowship Church in Seeley Lake. Interment followed at the Seeley Lake Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Box 869, Seeley Lake, MT, 59868.

Arrangements were under the care of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

# Kids turn out for YMCA Bike Rodeo

On Saturday, June 2, the YMCA Seeley Swan Outreach program held its annual Bike Rodeo. Several kids turned out to learn about bicycle safety and test their skills on the obstacle course. Officer Pat Turner of the Missoula County Sheriff's Department was on hand to talk about the importance of wearing bicycle helmets and the basic safety rules. Officer Pat also checked helmets for size and fit, and those who needed new helmets were given ones donated by St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Trauma Services. A BIG thank you to them for their time and donations. The kids were also given certificates of participation, tee shirts, water bottles and snacks! With the new bike trail through town, more bicycle traffic is expected, so keep a look out for the children of our community!!

Annie Marlatt, outgoing Program Coordinator, and Kathie O'Brien, new program coordinator, assisted Officer Pat with fitting helmets and handing out refreshments to the bikers. A big thanks to Vicki Vogelin, volunteer mom, for all her help as well. A special THANK YOU to Annie Marlatt for all her time and energy spent with the YMCA Outreach. She has done a GREAT JOB!!! Without Annie's devotion and efforts, the many YMCA programs that have been developed over the year would not be possible. Please watch for continuous updates on the YMCA programs going on this summer gymnastics, outdoor fun camp and swimming lessons, in our ad sponsored by Wold's Valley Market. You can also call the Seeley Swan YMCA Outreach office at 677-3330 from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, or noon to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, or leave a message.

Photos by Vicki Voegelin

Betsy Hipkins

with her two

Rodeo wanna

bees, her sons.





Left to right Emma Hipkins,, Dana Friede, Laree Siloti, Taylor Friede, Lindsey Hipkins, Emily Siloti, Christian Evenson, Conor Marlatt, Colby



Tyler Cahoon, Officer Pat Turner, and Locke Hassett.



Kathy O"Brien,

new program

coordinator for

the Seeley Swan

Outreach of the

Colton Colby with

YMCA, helps

his helmet.



Tyler Cahoon, Locke Hassett, and Dana Friede in background

## "Search for the Golden Nugget" Children's Crusade

A five night children's crusade entitled "Search for the Golden Nugget" is being sponsored by Mission Bible Fellowship from June 24 through 28 at the church, located at 3158 Highway 83. The meetings will be each night from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. for children four years old through sixth

Appearing nightly in authentic 1850's costumes, John and Linda Baker will present a fast paced 75 minute program, featuring child participation, visualized songs and puppet performances. With the help of 25 inch tall marionettes carved by John, the couple will explore the search for gold each night to tell exciting stories and introduce their audience to Jesus Christ.

John and Linda Baker, evangelists since 1978, are staff of Creative Evangelism Inc., located in Kansas. The Bakers are both graduates of Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California. Linda, an English major, researches the programs and writes the scripts. John, a Bible major, constructs the props and marionettes. The couples' ministry is aimed at directing children and adults toward faith in Jesus Christ. They have ministered to crowds in churches, parks and schools throughout the United States.

Parents and other family members are invited to attend "Search for the Golden Nugget' along with their children each night. Families needing transportation may call the church office at 677-2110 to make arrange-



# Game Range

The Blackfoot-Clearwater Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is having a "Game Range Fun Ride" to benefit the "Save the Game Range" project sponsored by the RMEF an in cooperation with various government agencies and Plum Creek Timber

The ride will take place Saturday June 16th at 9:00 a.m. on the Blackfoot-Clearwater Wildlife Management Area (Game Range).

The ride will cover an 8 mile course with five collection stops and is limited to 150 riders. The ride will begin and end at the Old Boyd Ranch, located approximately 3 miles off Hwy 200 on Woodworth Rd.

Prizes will be given for the

highest (grand prize), middle and lowest point score. Plus children's prizes will be given. Advanced paid registration is requested by June 13th. Adult tickets are \$25.00 advanced & \$35.00 the day of the

Wetherell 677-3377 wendy@wetherell.com.

Registration forms are also available at Rovero's.

# Fun Ride June 16

As well Children tickets are

\$15.00 advanced and \$20.00 the day of the ride. Tickets include a Western style steak pitch-fork fondue & ice-cold beverages. Lunch and winners announcement will be at 2:00 p.m. For more information or to request a registration form, please contact Todd or Twyla Johnson 677-2937 or Wendy

## Infrastructure **Meeting Friday**

frastructure meeting on Monday, June 18 at 7:00 PM in the Seeley Lake Elementary School Multipurpose Room. The purpose of the meeting is to hold an open discussion with the various boards and organizations involved in the infrastructure and functions of the Seelev Lake community. This year the theme will be "The Community in Transition."

Last winter when it appeared Pyramid Mountain Lumber was about to close, the community rallied and identified several actions to take to deal with that situation. Several of those ideas were valid regardless of

The four basic areas of concern were: 1-Natural Resources 2-Infra-

nity entities can coordinate and collaborate towards achieving a desired future for our community. Having a strong diversified economic base. while retaining our traditional lifestyle seems to be a consensus by most of our residents.

Please give consideration to how your organization is positioned to aid in achieving our community goals and share them with the group. Identify any needs which are lacking in the community.

ties planned by our local boards and organizations and share any current plans your organization has for the Seeley lake area, as well as work towards a solution for problems or conflict.

All local boards, groups and organizations are asked to have a representative attend this meeting. An RSVP to Sharon, the Community Council clerk at 677-2200 by June 15 will be appreciated. For more

RON COX, Secretary, Seeley Lake Community Council

#### **Audit Publication Statement**

An audit of the affairs of School District Number 33, Missoula County, Condon, Montana, has been conducted by Denning, Downey & Associates, P.C. The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000. Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires that this publication concerning the audit report include a statement that such report is on file in its entirety

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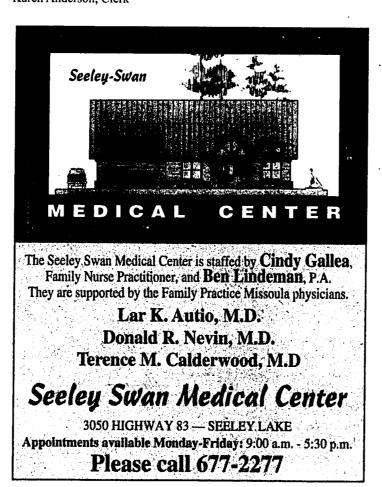
structure 3-Economic Development 4-Lifestyle

Discussions at the meeting will focus on how our various commu-

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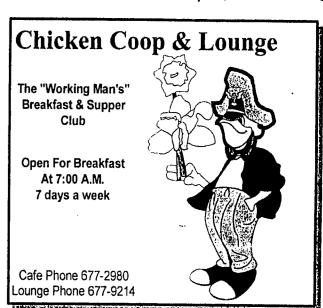
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Adult soccer starts Friday, June 8 from 7:00-8:30 at the Seeley Lake Community Park (next to the grade school). Call YMCA office or Teresa Friede if you would like to join us! June 25-29

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Gymnastics

July 9-13

Outdoor Fun Camp

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