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Thursday, September 19, 2002

Blackfoot - Clearwater Wildlife Management Area

This area is managed by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to provide natural winter habitat for migratory populations of elk, mule deer and white-tailed deer. It was established in 1948 by a purchase from Clifford and Minnie Boyd. This purchase was completed with funds generated by the Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937, a federal excise tax on arms and ammunition. Addition of other parcels was made possible by an act of the Montana Legislature in 1987 which set aside a portion of annual hunting license revenues for habitat acquisition and management.



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New Game Range Sign

"Tell me if that isn't one of the most beautiful signs you've seen standing anywhere," said Mike Thompson about the new Game Range sign designed by Dan Stinson, FWP Interpretation Supervisor, and crafted by Christie Brander of Avon, a graduate of Seeley Swan High School. For more on the sign, see last week's Game Range Ramblings.

G. Noland photo

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Editorial Comment

Chips . . . bits & pieces

Sign up for scouts...
 In conjunction with an open house Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Seeley Lake Elementary school, the local Boy Scouts will be holding a recruitment to try and add numbers to their program. The scouting program here has a small number of boys, but the program is second to none. The scout leaders work hard and the boys are winning awards and standing high in competition with scouts from around the region and state. How many scouts get to go on a camping trip to the Chinese Wall in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. This is just one of the many activities these scouts do each year. If you have a boy who isn't in scouts, this is an opportunity to meet and talk with other scouts and the parent leaders.

The Blackhawks return to the home field this weekend in their first match-up with a conference team. Darby will take the field here against the Hawks on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Good luck, guys.
 —Gary Noland

Hawks in home game Saturday

The Seeley-Swan Blackhawks football team and Ladyhawks volleyball team have put last year's dismal seasons behind.

With only one win for each in all of last year, the Blackhawks rolled to the second win in three outings this year last Friday at Plains and the Ladyhawks notched the third season win here against Arlee last Thursday.

The Blackhawks had 6-B Plains down 34-0 at halftime, added another 15 points in the second half while allowing Plains only one score, for a final 49-8 win.

Senior quarterback Abe Madinger scored three touchdowns, one on a 61-yard run, one on a 21-yard run, and the third on a 21-yard pass interception return. He also added six more points on a 80-yard pass play to Ryan Schnabl and two extra points on a run play.

Junior Riley Devins scored on three runs inside the 10-yard line, and two extra points on a run. Kyle Miller added two extra points

on a run.

The Hawks, who have won two of three outings against 6-B squads, play the first conference game at home this Saturday, Sept. 21, at 1:30 p.m. with Darby.

Ladyhawks Notch Third Win
 The girls' volleyball team is way ahead of last year's season when they won only one game. Arlee came to town last Thursday and the Ladyhawks notched their third win, besting Arlee in three of four matches.

The Ladyhawks allowed Arlee the first game 21-25, but then came back to win three, 25-22, 25-19, and 25-20.

Sarah Madinger had 10 digs and seven kills, Ashley Pena had 11 assists and two aces, Tatum Hoehn added seven kills, and Jana Greenwood had two blocks.

The girls lost a close struggle with the unbeaten Missoula Loyola team here Saturday. The girls won the first game 25-27, but then gave up the next three, 27-25, 25-22, and 25-19.

Forest Service commended for trail system

Dear editor:
 The Seeley Lake Ranger District is to be commended for the improvement work done on the Seeley Creek Trail system. Several of the trails have been surfaced with compacted gravel to improve use for bicycles. It made the trails much smoother and more comfortable to ride. This trail system is one of the unrecognized assets to our community for year round use. It could even be of greater benefit if the Forest Service, or some local organization (hint hint) would provide interpretive signage for the historic and natural resources adjacent to the trails.

The area is a great place to go for a hike or ride bicycles. There is a good chance to see elk or deer. If you are lucky you could see a bear, or even a cougar. Of course there will be birds, squirrels, chipmonks and other critters of the forest. You'll see some areas recently (approx 10 yrs ago) logged. You may not recognize it, but the whole area was logged almost 100 years ago. If you venture far enough out from the trailhead you'll be going thru what was a clearcut about years ago. The trail goes through the site of an old ACM logging camp (originally accessed from near where the Rice Ridge Road leaves

Hiway 83). Today there are no apparent signs of the camp.

"The power of mountain biking in enhancing tourism is important. An increasing number of communities in diverse locations recognize this and are developing effective campaigns to promote their trails and supporting facilities. Mountain biking brings millions of dollars a year into ski towns such as Vail and Winter Park CO, Mammoth CA, West Dover VT and others. Our sport has become an indispensable economic engine in less obvious locations such as the Cable / Hayward WI region of northern Wisconsin and also Medora ND. Appealing trails attract mountain bikers and boost adjacent lodging, food and retail businesses. We need more up-to-date studies that summarize the economic benefits of trail tourism and we need to recognize that almost any town or region can become a mountain biking destination."

(From—IMBA Trail News, Summer 2002, Volume 15, Issue 3)
 Seeley Lake Community Council Members: Sam Bolton, Ron Cox, George Frasca, Dave Spence, Cheryl Thompson, Valarie Natale, Ken Wutzke

Remember what it was like to be a teenager?

Dear Editor:
 We all remember what it was like to be a teenager, getting ready for the first day of school - hours spent in front of the mirror deciding on that perfect outfit. We so wanted to feel as though we "fit in" and that we were "cool."

Today, we at the Florence Crittendon Home need your help in making the return to high school special for our girls. Many of them have come to us homeless and without any clothing. Although our dream would be to let each and every girl purchase new clothing for school, the state cutbacks and a tight budget just don't make it possible.

In memory of your teen days, could you help a girl today? There are 16 teenage girls in our care, sizes 8 to 16. Could you purchase something? Or, could you help with a gift certificate or a check, so our caring staff can take the girls shopping. Our address is 901 North Harris, Helena MT 59601.

I can assure you, these girls are very precious, and so appreciative of help. One of the hardest things for them to accept is that someone really cares. As Montana's only licensed maternity home, we serve girls from your area. Your gift would make a tremendous difference in their lives as they return to school

Pat Seiler, Executive Director
 Florence Crittendon Home
 Helena, Montana

Quilt Sale Part of Tamaracks Festival

The Quiltmakers of the Tamaracks will be sponsoring their second annual quilt sale during the Tamaracks Festival. The sale will be on Saturday, September 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. Local quilters will be offering numerous quilts and quilt related items for sale at very reasonable prices. Please stop by and visit with us. We will be happy to help you with your quilting questions and problems.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS
 Drift riders, 3rd Wed, 7pm, S.L. Comm. Hall
 S.L. Sewer Dist., 3rd Thur, 5pm, Pyramid Mtn. Lbr.
 Swan Valley Comm. Club, 4th Mon, 7pm, Comm. Hall
 S.L. Refuse Bd., 4th Mon, 7pm, fire hall
 VFW, 4th Tues, 7pm, S.L. Fire Hall
 S.L. Water Bd., 4th Wed., 5pm, water dist. plant
 Lions Club, 4th Wed., 6:30pm, S.L. Comm. Hall

WEEKLY EVENTS
Alcoholics Anonymous: (help for those with a suspected drinking problem) - Condon: Faith Lutheran Church, every Sunday, 1pm
 -Seeley Lake: Every Wed, 7pm, Living Water Catholic Church, on SOS Rd. For info: 677-3271 or 677-2892.
 *Potomac: 406-244-5204
 Alateen: (help for teenagers of alcoholic families) Hotline 677-2753

Overeaters Anonymous: every Thursday, 7pm, Faith Lutheran Church, Condon, 754-2371
 Missoula County Commissioners Public Mtg, every Wed, Courthouse Annex, Room 201, Missoula, 1:30 pm.
 T.O.P.S. Mtg, every Thurs, Mission Bible Fellowship bldg., Seeley Lake, 10am.
 Ladies Double Arrow Golf League, Tuesdays, 10 am, \$10 dues

MONTHLY EVENTS
 FAIM Outreach Specialist, 1st & 3rd Thur, 9:30-3, Seeley-Swan Med. Ctr.
 Pinochle, every 1st & 3rd Sat., Senior Citizens Center, 7 pm
 DUMPSTER TRANSFER SITE: Summer hours (May-Sept) - Wed, Sat & Sun, 9am-5pm, 677-3809
 SSTEP Crisis Help Line: 677-3177. Domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, community outreach & education
 Food Bank: Tues, 12-4 pm, next to Multi-purpose Room, S.L. Elementary, 677-5025

Loving Hearts Thrift Store: Open Wed, 11:00-4:00, Sat, 11-3, 677-5683 (emergency 677-2110)

Seeley Lake Community Hall: For hall rental, call Cheri Thompson, 677-2454

LIBRARIES:
 Seeley Lake Public Library (Seeley-Swan High School) Mon-Fri, 8am-3pm (closed 11am-noon); Wed, 3-8 pm; Sat, 10am-3pm; Story Time-Sat, 11 am, 677-2224 ext. 5741
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EMERGENCY: Dial 911 if you live in Seeley Lake, Condon, Greenough or Ovando.
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Hunting can help control black bear problems

by Mike Thompson

Black bears have been front-page news this summer. But, FWP's much publicized efforts to discourage bears and people from cohabiting homes and cottages up and down the Seeley-Swan in summertime is only one part of FWP's black bear management program.

The other part resumed last Sunday.

The fall hunting season for black bear opened on September 15 across western Montana in FWP administrative Regions 1 (Kalispell) and 2 (Missoula), and will close as usual on the Sunday after Thanksgiving (December 1).

That will mean the legal harvest of about 11 bears in the Clearwater drainage, in the area corresponding with the boundaries of elk and deer hunting district 285, if past trends hold true. This combined with the bears harvested each spring from April 15-May 15 yields an average annual harvest (from 1997-2001) of about 17 blacks in this area of about 489 square miles surrounding Seeley Lake.

The question is, do the two parts of the bear management program relate to each other? In other words, is hunting being prescribed to manage the black bear population in a manner that is compatible with FWP's summertime program of damage control and prevention? Or are the two working at cross-purposes?

FWP biologists and wardens

are taking a hard look at this particular issue across Region 2 as the deadline approaches for submitting tentative hunting regulations proposals for 2003. That's not a typo. In order for FWP to obtain public input, receive Commission review, and publish regulations booklets on schedule for the 2003 hunting seasons, FWP must start formulating recommendations now.

Current management direction for black bears was charted in 1994 with FWP's completion of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) entitled Management of Black Bears in Montana. According to the FEIS, "the ultimate benefit of the proposed action is long-term perpetuation of viable, healthy black bear populations that can provide aesthetic and recreational benefits to Montana citizens and visitors to our state, now and in the future."

The FEIS described 30 changes to the previous bear management program in Montana. Overall, these changes were intended to "improve the amount and quality of biological data collected; improve our ability to accurately monitor population status, composition and trend; improve regulation of annual hunting harvest in response to changes in population trend; provide more effective protection for the female segment of black bear populations; and enhance public understanding of black bear biology, habitat requirements and management practices."



Generally, the FEIS envisioned that black bear populations would be maintained at roughly the same level of abundance as in 1994, but greater protection from hunting would be afforded to reproductive females.

FWP Region 2 implemented a hunting season restriction in 1994 that put the new statewide plan to work. The spring season for black bear was shortened by changing the closing date from May 31 to May 15 in the portion of Region 2 generally located north of Interstate 90. The idea was to focus the spring harvest on males that tend to emerge from hibernation early, and to close the season before most females with young typically emerge.

There is evidence in Region 2 harvest data that this measure to protect reproductive females is working. Across portions of Region 2 where the spring season was shortened, an average of only 5 adult females was killed annually in 1994-1996, compared with an annual average of 13 in 1991-1993 (before the spring season was shortened).

However, as predicted in the FEIS, it seems unlikely that such a small reduction in the annual harvest of adult females across nearly 4,500 square miles of bear habitat would lead to any substantial increase in black bear numbers. Still, the regulation does provide an extra margin of safety for bear populations that were thought to be barely stable, if not declining, back

in 1994 when the new regulations were implemented.

Our management goals for black bear populations in the Seeley Lake area remain largely the same as they were in 1994. FWP wants to maintain stable and productive black bear populations. As FWP research is showing in the Swan drainage, individual black bears naturally range from rim to rim of the valley, and many if not most black bears in the population will cross paths with human habitation and potential food rewards in their lifetimes. It would be folly to attempt to reduce the black bear population to a level that might result in little or no risk of conflict with the human residents of the valley. Such a low level would probably leave the local black bear population with little reserve to rebound from occasional massive berry failures, like the one we witnessed in 1998. As FWP Warden, Bill Koppen, emphasized in last week's Pathfinder, residents in the Seeley-Swan will have to shoulder their responsibilities for containing garbage and other bear attractants if bears and people are going to coexist.

On the other hand, FWP is more keenly aware than ever that it would not make sense to allow black bear populations to grow unchecked. How could we ask people to adjust their behavior while we manage for more and more bears? That wouldn't make sense. And, data from bear harvests since 1994 provide no



discernable evidence that a population increase has occurred. Still, FWP is looking harder for clues.

Because at least one part of the vision expressed in the 1994 FEIS has not been fully realized. Although FWP's protocols for collecting black bear harvest data have improved, biologists and managers across North America still struggle with relating harvest data to the living population. Does an increase in the proportion of young male bears in the harvest mean that there are more young males in the population, and that the population is becoming more productive? Or does it mean that there are fewer reproductively mature bears in the population, so hunters only encounter young bears? If you select the first interpretation, there may be cause to allow more liberal hunting regulations. But, if you're wrong, and the second interpretation is the correct one, more liberal hunting regulations could deliver a serious blow to a declining bear population.

That's why FWP's study of the living black bear population in the Swan is so important. It will help us make better sense of the harvest data we collect. Perhaps more importantly, the emergence of new techniques, such as the "capture" of hair samples from free-roaming bears for DNA analysis, offers promise for effective ways to census living bear populations in the future.

In the meantime, we are doing our best with the data and horse sense we have. It's too early to say whether we'll propose changes for the 2003 bear hunting regulations, but I'll let you know if we do.

Miller is 'Snow Rodeo' all around champion

Joe Miller, a Seeley Lake resident and employee of the Missoula County Road Department for the past three years, recently competed in the 2002 Snow Rodeo in Great Falls. The Snow Rodeo is a competition for employees of city, county and state agencies, and 50 people from around the state participated.



Joe Miller with some of his trophies.

In the Newcomers category, Joe received first place awards in four areas - backhoe, front end loader, motor grader and dump truck with snow plow. Out of all those competing, Joe placed first in front end loader, third in motor grader, and third in backhoe. He also earned enough points to win the all around champion title.

Aside from working with the equipment, Joe also received a 100% on a safety checklist of equipment, and a 100% on a written test of road maintenance.

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~Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m. ~Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 p.m.
3116 Hwy 83 South Phone-677-2268 (Founded 1953)
Pastor-Bill Bogardus

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Pastor - Rev. Robert Benson -1655 Airport Rd.
Phone-677-2281 or 677-7677

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152 SCS Road
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Second Tamarack Festival Sept. 28-29

The Second Annual Tamarack Festival will be held on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29. On both Saturday and Sunday, there will be a Craftsmen and Fine Arts Fair, Kids Towne, and food booths for all types of taste buds. Free baby Tamaracks (Larch) for planting have been generously donated by Plum Creek Timber Company. Festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the One Stop Green between the One Stop and the First Valley Bank. Nature walks and tours begin at the Seth Diamond Interpretive Trailhead near Seeley Lake Campground at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, hosted by Ron Cox.

On Saturday, September 28 KYSS FM radio will be doing a live show with Tom Anthony from 10:00 a.m. - noon at the One Stop

Green. There will be Men's Cook-Off Contest at the Bison & Bear Trading Center at noon; a Quilt Sale at the Seeley Lake Community Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and a Roadshow of Antiques & History from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with a special guest at 2:00 p.m. 2 Valleys Stage presents the Last Chance Dixieland Band at 7:00 p.m. in the old gym at Seeley-Swan High School.

On Sunday, September 29, there will be a Mountain Bike Ride/Race for all ages (prizes to be awarded for each grade/age group) beginning at Cottonwood Lakes Road and Morrell Creek Road (time to be announced); and a Jackpot Fun Horseback Ride (bring a horse) at the Pyramid Mountain Lumber parking lot at 11:00 a.m.

The Committee has chosen a delightful way to have brunch,


lunch or even dinner at the Festival site, with Polar Bear Treats returning with Indian Fry Bread and Indian Tacos, and the introduction of new treats: The Old Professor's Hillbilly Kettle Korn; Shady Grady's Hawaiian Shaved Ice; Thai and Chinese Gourmet; and Kevin Galley's Mexican Tamales.

The Tamarack Festival will provide some entertainment during the Arts Fair. A stage will be set up with a sound system and hopefully, some performers will come to enchant and dazzle all who watch. The gospel group "Narrow Road" and a folk music group "Shenani-gans" has promised to come.

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with KYSS FM radio and Norm and Rose Baier, have worked hard at bringing a variety of activities to our area for your pleasure.

Tamarack Festival Artists

- Jewelry**
Karahani Balli - Pandora Silver - Elk ivory jewelry
Monica Vandermars - glass jewelry, stained glass necklaces, handknit beaded purses
Julie Van Sant - Julie Van Sant Custom Jewelry - Sterling overlay bracelets and earrings
- Fibers**
Bucky Ballou - Fleece hats
Margaret Barbion - Fleece blankets, throws and vests
Amy Piel - Helo designs - Fleece hats and berets
Nancy Rittel - Originals by Peacock - Ultrasuede pillows and pouches
- Furniture**
Dwayne and Mary Bauer - Bauer Country Furniture - handcrafted furniture and small crafts
Duane and Shelly Brown - Out of the Past Furniture - Custom log furniture
Raymond and Rhonda Mallery - A Place to Put It - Shaker reproduction furniture
- Wood Art**
Denise Burton - Aspen Treasures - Woodburned and painted pictures on aspen wood
Hank Hykstra - Maryland Crafts - Original design cabinets, shelves and small tables from native Montana pine
Leslie Foster - Intarsia
Cathy Martin - Cat's Creation - Wood painted items for all occasions
Terry Halvonik - Rustic Rainbows - Wildlife coat racks, signs, fish stringers, sticks
Debby St. Onge - Montana Trim Works - Wood frames, message boards, clocks and mirrors
Jerry Swanson - Swanland Woods - Handmade wood bowls
- Painters**
Cheryl Halverson - Original watercolor, cards and prints from originals
- Glass**
Mary Kernan - New Morning Glass - Variety of blown glass
Shelley and Mike McDonald - Shelly's Studio Unique Stained Glass - Victorian design window panels, suncatchers, lamp shades
Sharon Wald - Embossing on glass (pins, necklaces and votives)
- Ceramics**
Bob Korn - Kornutopia Pottery - Pottery
Chris Riebe - Rieve Pottery - High fired stoneware and porcelain
- Antler Art**
Bill and Brenda Kremer - Northwest Antler - Antler carvings, buttons, beads, hat bands and jewelry
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Deena Maier - Windrift Hill - Goat milk soap and body butter
Floyd Whitley - Sleeping Bear Soap
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Alan Taylor - Pump-Handle ArtWork - Bronze, gypsum and handcast paper
- Miscellaneous**
Richard and Kathleen Michaelies - Purrfect Feline Furniture - Unique cat scratching posts
Joe and Yvonne Moos - Horseshoe nail figurines and stuffed fabric letters
Nancy O'Conner - Nancy's Crafts - Tissue box covers



Tamarack Festival

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Sept. 28 & 29, 2002

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The Last Chance Dixieland Band
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Mountain Bike Races
Sept. 29th time to be announced. Prizes to be awarded. At Alpine ski trail.

Jackpot Fun Horseback Ride
Sept. 29th, 11 a.m. at Pyramid Mountain Lumber

Nature Walks & Tours
Sponsored by the USFS - at Seth Diamond Interpretive Trailhead by Seeley Lake Campground - 10:30 a.m. the 28th & 1:30 on the 29th.

Quilt Sale
Quiltmakers of the Tamaracks 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Both Days
Community Hall, Hwy 83 North, MM15

Roadshow of Antiques & History
Appraisals, antique collections, displayed living history presentations.
Seeley Lake Elementary, Hwy 83 North, School Lane - Sept. 28th - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the grade school.
Captain Clark will be at the grade school Sat. the 28th at 2p.m.

KYSS FM live show from 10a.m. - Noon on the 28th with Tom Anthony at the 1 Stop green.

Seeley Lake is located north east of Missoula. Take I-90 to Bonner, exit to Hwy 200, north 39 miles to the Clearwater Junction. Seeley Lake is 15 miles north on Hwy 83.

Quiltmakers sale benefits Fire Department

By Patricia Swan Smith

Last month the Quiltmakers of the Tamaracks presented the Seeley Lake Fire Volunteer Fire Company a check for \$250 to purchase safety lights for vehicle crashes on the highway. Quilter Pam Keller and others agreed that many times when the firefighters are out flagging traffic it is hard to see them until a car is coming right up to the firefighter.

Administrative Chief Frank Maradeo accepted the check on behalf of the volunteers and introduced the volunteers and family who were able to attend the presentation.

Each year the Quiltmakers of the Tamaracks gives 20 percent of their raffle money to an organization in Seeley. Diana Marquette from Lincoln won the beautiful raffle quilt, "Gem of the Wilderness."

This year's show displayed 134 incredible quilts. The following awards were won by participating quilters:

Viewers Choice Awards: 1st—Ann Kimble "Pine Cone Quilt"; 2nd—Karen Winther—"Red/Black/White"; 3rd—Donna Hougan—"Appliqued Cats".

Theme/Challenge Awards: Viewer's Choice—Andrea LaMothe; Best Use of Fabric—Cosie Johnson; Most Original Theme—Maria van Lobens Sels.

Twenty-six area businesses awarded prizes to quilts that each business chose to fit their criteria.

The winners were as follows:

Annie's Emporium—Robin Stadden; Darcy's Hair Design—Penny Copps; Deer Country Quilts—Margaret Ogg; Elkhorn Café—Barbara Edwards; First Valley Bank—Andrea LaMothe; Golden Garter Saloon—Ann Kimble; Great Bear Properties—Margaret Ogg; Heritage Plumbing—Pam Rose; Hungry Bear Steak House—Arlene Niethe; Ice Cream Place—Bozeman Third Grade Class; Montana Pines Hideaway—Dorothy Heath; Lazy Pine Place—Bessie Perhay; NAPA—Judy Shaddox; Pop's Place—Karen Winther; Radio Shack—Karen Winther; Rocking Horse Antiques—Julie Hacker; Rovero's—Donna Hougan; Seeley Lake Pharmacy & Floral—Karen Cooper; Time & Again Re-sale Shop—Cathy Rapp; Upper Deck—Deer Country Quilts display; Will Kats Construction, LLC—Sally Robinson; Books, Yarn & More—Margaret Sandor; One Stop—Claudia Liming; Wilderness Gateway Inn—Claudia Liming; Paws Up Safe Home—Jill Larson; Stage Station—Maria van Lobens Sels.



Quilters Arlene Niethe and Pam Keller present the \$250 donation to Frank Maradeo for the Seeley Volunteer Fire Department to purchase warning lights for vehicle collisions. Each year the Quiltmakers of the Tamaracks donate 20 percent of their quilt raffle money to a local organization. From left to right: Back row: Kathy Maradeo and Firefighter Craig Montgomery; Middle row: Firefighter Frank Maradeo, Quilters Arlene Niethe and Pam Keller, Firefighter Sandy Montgomery, Carol Ann Reintz holding Levi; Bottom row: Firefighters Hank Sommerdyke and Randy Reintz holding Olivia.

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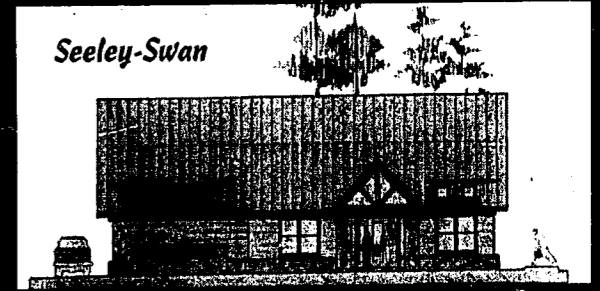
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A summer of Scouting Fun!

By Michael Biggins

The troop had a float trip down the Blackfoot River planned in June. The weather was cool, temperatures in the 50s and 60 and rainy on the weekend the trip was planned. The boys would probably have gone, but the adults canceled the trip.

Three events went off as planned in July. The troop carried flags in the local Fourth of July parade, two boys from the troop attended Takachsin, and lastly my wife and I took five boys backpacking into the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

Takachsin is the Boy Scouts Junior Leadership Training course. Scouts Ryan Richards and Michael Biggins attended this year's course. This was a week long camp held at Camp Arcola located in the Pintler Mountains. The boys learned various scoutcraft skills such as pioneering, cooking, and orienteering. Plus, leadership skills that will enable them to step in and run the troop as a boy run organization. These two boys will bear the mantle of leadership well.

While at Takachsin one boy, Michael Biggins, received a special honor. Near the end of the week each patrol elects a boy from its ranks to be their Senior Patrol Leader. Michael was elected to this position from among his patrol members. He also was asked to be on the Takachsin staff for next year's program. This also is a special honor.

The backpack trip into the Bob Marshall Wilderness was a physically demanding, but yet a very fun trip. We started the trip on the beautiful eastern front of the Rocky Mountains, at the trailhead of Benchmark. The trip destination was the saddle at the base of Cliff Mountain where we could get a good view of the majestic Chinese Wall. In between was some tough hiking, great swimming, poor fishing at first and then it picked up pretty well, a 20 mile day, horseback riding, many blisters, a black bear sow and two cubs, and camaraderie with some very good kids.

Most of the boys who went weigh around 100 pounds. An ideal backpack should weigh no more than 20% to 25% of ones body weight. To keep the packs in the 20 to 25 pound range we took horses to carry the food, cooking gear, tables, stove and tents. The day we went to the Wall. Our camp was 20 miles away. We hit the trail early in the morning and used the horses. Half of us would walk for an hour and the other half would ride, then we would switch. We did this all day until 12 hours later we arrived back at camp.

The Chinese Wall is a huge limestone cliff like formation,

which rises about 1000 feet from the valley floor. It runs many miles to the north and south of the saddle at Cliff Mountain. One gets the feeling of being small in the presence of this formation.

The west fork of the Sun River provided us with many campsites, swimming, and fishing. The river runs cold and clear, which was great for the 90 plus degree ferberheight days we spent on the trail.

Near the end of the trip we came across a black bear sow with two cubs. She saw us she quickly scampered away and sent her cubs high up a tree. One they were in the tree she quickly jumped up onto a branch about 10 to 12 feet off the ground and just waited for us all to move on.

Although we had a couple of reflections around the campfire during the week, the last night was special. The boys talked openly about the trip and what it had meant to them.

The Bob Marshall Wilderness is a beautiful and special place to be. It was very enjoyable for my wife and I to share the wilderness experience with the scouts who went on this trip.

In August Mike Richards and I took five boys to a Boy Scout summer camp for a week on Melita Island in Flathead Lake. Boy Scout summer camp is where a scout can earn merit badges, earn rank advances, and just plain have a good time. Melita Island is a camp that specializes in aquatic merit badges such as sailing, swimming, canoeing, row boating etc. The boy's earned 14 merit badges at this camp, 10 of which were in aquatics. One boy completed two ranks advancements, two other boys nearly completed one rank advancement. Plus the boys had free time to swim, canoe, and go sailing. This was a fun and productive experience for the boys.

Other things the boys did at summer camp were to conduct a flag raising ceremony in front of the whole camp. The group went sailing on Flathead Lake one evening in a 27-foot sailboat. They also continued developing their cooking skills, as they had to cook every meal during the week. Most of the dinners were cooked in a Dutch oven. And of course sleeping under the stars. The sky was dark over the undeveloped island the stars were bright each night.

The troop and four families went on the Hiawatha Bike Trail near Lookout Pass. It was a fun event. The boys have been working on the Cycling Merit Badge and the day we went they did a 30-mile trip. Allot of sore butts that day!



Ryan Richards and Beau Maciag with 2-year-old grizzly male hit by a car near Condon.



From left: Beau Maciag, Ryan Richars and Michael Biggins at lunch time.



From left: Mike Richards, Ryan Richards, Eric Stevenson, Jared Newell, Mike Biggins Jr., Beau Maciag.



Beau Maciag and Michael Biggins at the Chinese Wall.



Beau Maciag studying, and relaxing, along the lake shoreline.



From left: John Bruton, Michael Biggins, and Beau Maciag in conversation.

Recruitment night Thursday, Sept. 19: join the fun!

Lastly, as summer ends and we move into fall the Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack is having a recruitment night on Thursday September 19 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. It will be held at the Seeley Lake Elementary School in conjunction with the schools open house activities.

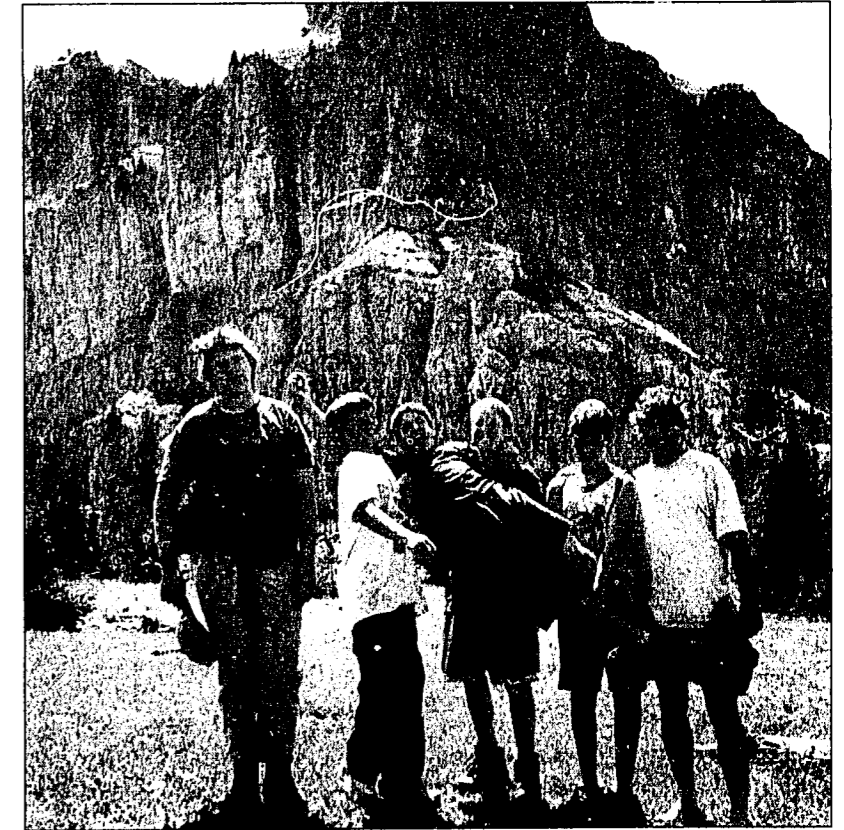
The Cub Scout program is for boys ages 6 thru 10 years of age. The Boy Scout program is for boys ages 11 thru 18. I encourage boys who want to have fun in a variety of ways to come and sign up that night.



At Melita Island: From left: Mike Biggins Sr., Eric Stevenson, Ryan Richards, Jared Newell, Beau Maciag, Michael Biggins Jr., and Mike Richards.



Ryan Richards working on sailing merit badge.



From left: Phil Bedard, Eric Stephenson, Michael Biggins, Beau Maciag, John Bruton, Michael Biggins Sr. at the objective — Cliff Mountain.



Michael Biggins and Eric Stephenson bringing in a canoe.



From left: John Bruton, Michael Biggins, Phil Bedard, Beau Maciag, Eric Stephenson.



Entering the Bob, from left: Phil Bedard, John Bruton, Eric Stephenson, Michael Biggins, Beau Maciag.

Please Pause For Pets and Paws

Purrs Up

We still have 12 kittens to pick from. What color would you like? We desperately need to find homes. All have first shots. Why do we have so many? Well, it's because people who should have and could have taken part in our spay and neuter program did not. When brought to us, we took the kittens rather than let them die or grow up to breed more kittens. PEOPLE, BE RESPONSIBLE. SPAY AND NEUTER. YOUR IRRESPONSIBILITY LEADS TO THOUSANDS OF ANIMALS DYING EACH YEAR! Hopefully, everyone will realize how much it costs to keep these little animals and feed and care for them. Your donations are so needed. in our efforts.

Purrs Up

to Ingrid Goestrich, who adopted one of our kittens. Wish we could find homes for all of them as nice as Ingrid's.

Purrs Up

Thanks Nan Burris, for calling me about the little kitten with the bad leg. I retrieved it and brought it home and then to the vet. The leg was so injured it will most likely have to be amputated at the shoulder, as it has nerve damage which will never heal. The little kitten went to a loving home where it will be an inside cat. Due to the expense of the surgery and our donations down at Paws Up Safe Home, the surgery will be paid by yours truly! Little kittens have a way of getting hurt. Yes, we could put it to sleep, but it was born, it deserves a life of love.

Wanted - A Ranch!

with loving people for this great Red Heeler. Pete is smart and loving and needs to work. Loves kids! Pete does have "top dog syndrome," so needs a loving hand. Pete would be very loyal. PLEASE GIVE PETE A CHANCE!

Paws Up

to Al and Jean Slight for your great donation in honor of Al's mother. Truly a great lady!

Paws Up

to Cecil's father, Lorin, for the sweet call and donation. So you two are still living with the other woman eh?

Paws Up

to John and Judi O'Steen, who have Cody, the little dog found on a mountain in Wyoming, for their great and needed donation. As I talk to Judi and she tells me of Cody's training, I can't help but wonder who has trained who, as it seems Cody pretty well has it made all around.

Sadness

Roscoe, a Paws Up favorite who had been brought to Paws Up several times, was hit and killed on the highway. Roscoe, you were a great dog and deserved better!

Deep Sadness

For those who saw the horrifying incident of a dog dragged to death last week behind a pickup. Please understand, as bad as this was and as bad as it was to the witnesses, please remember we are all humans and humans make mistakes. They forget. They get in a hurry. They assume someone else has done something. As horrifying as it was to you, please think of the owners of this beloved dog. The owner was inconsolable upon realizing what had happened. As bad as it was to those who saw the incident, think of what the owners are going through. The little dog is now at The Rainbow Bridge and is well and happy. The owners need our compassion. We humans make mistakes, and we pay for them. Deliberate cruelty deserves no compassion. This was a sad accident. Let's show these new people to our community that we are a compassionate community. They have to bury their beloved dog. Let's not bury our compassion.

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Nicholson wedding at Double Arrow Homestead Cabin

Shelly Nicholson and Carlos Valdes were married August 3, 2002, in an outdoor ceremony at The Double Arrow Homestead Cabin. Shelly is the daughter of Stan and Colleen Nicholson, Seeley Lake. Carlos is the son of Carlos and Doris Valdes of Calama, Chile.

Attending the bride were Claudia Valdes, Michelle Whitney, Karin Cochran, Danielle Deluca-Pytell, Pamela Sandler, and Aubry, Caitlin, and Caley Mae Nicholson, nieces of the bride. Groomsmen were Felipe Vega, Bill Eiler, Werner Creixell, and the bride's three brothers, Bruce, Brian and Sean Nicholson.

The couple are currently living in Santiago, Chile.



SWAN VALLEY HISTORY BUS TOUR

SEPTEMBER 21, 2002
9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Hear stories of early days in the Swan Valley. Travel via school bus over 40 miles of valley roads to visit early homesteads, cabins, schools and old Forest Service facilities.

Number of participants limited to 40.

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Seeley at Frenchtown
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Tuesday, Sept. 24
Flathead Christian at
Seeley
5:00 BC

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FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 21
Darby at Seeley
1:30 pm

SEELEY-SWAN
HIGH SCHOOL
BLACKHAWKS
JR. VARSITY
FOOTBALL

Monday, Sept. 23
Seeley at Darby
4:30 pm

Sheriff's Report

(911 calls compiled with the cooperation and assistance of the Sheriff's Department and Deputy Sheriff Scott Newell)

August 12 - 16, 2002

8/12, 7:32 p.m. - Follow-up investigation - Seeley Lake
8/13, 11:08 a.m. - Injured deer - Hwy. 83, MM 5
8/13, 1:25 p.m. - Theft of golf clubs - Seeley Lake
8/13, 1:39 p.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake
8/13, 1:39 p.m. - Court warrant served - Seeley Lake - 1 arrested

8/13, 11:55 p.m. - Shots heard - Seeley Lake
8/14, 12:48 a.m. - Forcible entry - Seeley Lake
8/14, 5:48 a.m. - Shots heard - Seeley Lake
8/14, 8:50 a.m. - Message delivery - Seeley Lake
8/14, 12:17 p.m. - Abandoned vehicle - Seeley Lake
8/14, 2:00 p.m. - Message delivery - Seeley Lake
8/14, 2:11 p.m. - Property found - Seeley Lake
8/14, 2:53 p.m. - Suspicious activity - Seeley Lake
8/14, 3:32 p.m. - Follow-up investigation - Seeley Lake
8/14, 5:26 p.m. - Tree across road - Seeley Lake
8/14, 5:51 p.m. - Tree on fire - Placid Lake
8/15, 1:10 a.m. - Alarm - Seeley Lake
8/15, 3:11 p.m. - Trespassing - Seeley Lake
8/15, 4:06 p.m. - Vehicle accident - Hwy. 83 - MM 30
8/15, 4:06 p.m. - Person needs assistance - Hwy. 200, MM 23

8/15, 5:58 p.m. - Coroner duties - Hwy. 83, MM 30
8/16, 9:52 a.m. - Welfare check - Condon

August 19 - 25, 2002
8/19, 10:57 a.m. - Forcible entry - Seeley Lake
8/19, 1:37 p.m. - Medical call - Placid Lake - Lifeflight transported

8/19, 3:13 p.m. - Medical call - Seeley Lake - transported to Missoula
8/19, 3:39 p.m. - Disturbance - Seeley Lake
8/19, 7:26 p.m. - Fish & Game - bear on porch - Seeley Lake

8/19, 8:06 p.m. - Follow-up investigation re: forcible entry - Seeley Lake
8/20, 11:55 a.m. - Moving violation - Condon
8/20, 6:25 p.m. - Moving violation - Seeley Lake
8/20, 6:34 p.m. - Robbery/medical call - Clearwater Junction
8/20, 7:29 p.m. - Welfare check - Seeley Lake
8/20, 7:56 p.m. - Follow-up investigation re: disturbance - Seeley Lake

8/21, 9:23 a.m. - Fish & Game - bear on porch - Seeley Lake
8/21, 11:23 a.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake
8/21, 12:09 p.m. - Theft - Seeley Lake
8/21, 4:46 p.m. - Follow-up investigation - Seeley Lake

8/21, 11:23 a.m. - Theft - Condon
8/23, 2:40 p.m. - Abandoned vehicle - Seeley Lake
8/23, 6:23 p.m. - Vehicle fire - Seeley Lake
8/23, 6:52 p.m. - Wildland fire - Seeley Lake
8/23, 8:53 p.m. - Fireworks noise - River Point Camp-ground
8/23, 8:59 p.m. - Court papers served - Seeley Lake
8/23, 11:57 p.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake
8/24, 12:04 a.m. - Noisy stereo - Seeley Lake
8/24, 1:16 p.m. - Assault - Seeley Lake
8/24, 2:05 p.m. - Follow-up investigation re: custodial interference - Condon
8/24, 4:29 p.m. - Barrel in road - Condon
8/25, 1:48 a.m. - Moving violation - Seeley Lake
8/25, 9:39 a.m. - Medical call - Greenough - transported to Missoula
8/25, 10:37 a.m. - Medical call - Condon
8/25, 2:37 p.m. - Fish & Game - Vehicle hit bear - Polomac
8/25, 3:10 p.m. - Medical call - Seeley Lake
8/25, 4:55 p.m. - Shots heard - Seeley Lake
8/25, 7:00 p.m. - Court papers served - Seeley Lake
8/25, 7:38 p.m. - Cow on road - Condon

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Weather

DATE	HIGH	LOW	CONDITIONS
Sep 1	73	43	Mostly Cloudy, breezy in p.m.
Sep 2	80	40	Clear, beautiful day.
Sep 3	83	44	0.01" precip., dab of rain early a.m., partly cloudy.
Sep 4	85	45	0.12" precip., fog a.m., partly cloudy.
Sep 5	83	44	Trace precip., partly cloudy a.m., shower late p.m.
Sep 6	75	47	0.33" precip., steady rain in a.m., mostly cloudy, cool.
Sep 7	61	47	0.60" precip., heavy rain last night, mostly cloudy.

Richard E. Taylor, Seeley Lake RD email: retaylor@fs.fed.us

Montana Repertory Theatre at High School

The Montana Repertory Theatre will present a one act play of *The Diary of Adam and Eve* by Mark Twain on Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Seeley-Swan High School small gym. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults or \$2.00 for students. Buddy tickets are also available for one free admission if folks bring a paying friend to the show.

Don't forget to come out and see the show with one free ticket per couple or for a friend - you can't miss. Michael Johnson, high school theatre teacher, will see to it that all is first class.

Shane Hard graduates military training

Air Force Airman Shane S. Hard has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Pam Blendermann of Seeley Lake, Mont. Hard is a 2002 graduate of Seeley Swan High School, Seeley Lake.

Swan Song

Kathleen E. "Kitty" Nasuto

Kathleen E. "Kitty" Nasuto, Seeley Lake, passed away on September 11, 2002 at Riverside Health Care Center after suffering from a severe stroke in March, 2002.

Kitty was born in Weehawken, N.J. on September 22, 1923 to John and Nellie Hamilton. She grew up in Union City, N.J. until she married Charles Nasuto on July 7, 1952 and moved to Bergenfield, N.J.

Kitty contributed to the war effort by assembling radio tubes for RCA and was later employed in New York City as a long distance operator for New York Bell Telephone until the birth of her children.

In 1965, the family moved to Lincoln Park, N.J. and Kitty went to work for Macy's in Wayne, N.J. where she retired in 1992. After the death of her husband Charlie in 1997, Kitty moved to Seeley Lake in 1998 to be close to her daughter.

Kitty is preceded in death by her mother and father, brothers John, Thomas and James Hamilton, and her husband Charles Nasuto. Surviving are her children Kathleen and Andy Teagus, Seeley Lake; Charlene Nasuto, Florida; Charles and Celmira Nasuto, New Jersey; and Dominick and Melody Nasuto, Texas; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service will be held for her at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Seeley Lake at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 22, 2002. A later service and burial will be held in New Jersey where her children and other family members will gather to celebrate the lives of both parents.

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 10:00 a.m.

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- Tuesday, September 24 Baked Salmon Loaf
- Wednesday, September 25 Chicken Broccoli Alfredo
- Thursday, September 26 Pork Pot Pies
- Friday, September 27 Cabbage Rolls

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Antique Show & Sale sponsored by the Seeley Lake Historical Society, Sat., Sept. 28, Elementary School. Space to rent-\$15. Entry forms can be picked up at the Rockinghorse, 110 Larch, or call 677-0244.

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Saturday & Sunday: No soup but we have sandwiches

Monday: "Just Wild About" Chicken & Wild Rice Soup

Tuesday: "Tremendous Tato Tuesday" — Baked Potato with your choice of toppings

Wednesday: "Mary Catherine's" Cream of Tomato Soup

~ 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., 12 oz. bowl with roll - \$2.50
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YMCA News Update on Activities

Soccer Schedule

The YMCA Soccer Season is here! The Y Soccer Program has become the largest Y Sports Program. There are approximately 170 kids playing soccer this season.

2002 Soccer Game Schedule

September 19	Helmville @ Ovando	4:30 p.m.
September 23	Condon @ Seeley	4:30 p.m.
September 26	Seeley @ Helmville	4:15 p.m.
October 3	Condon vs. Helmville @ Seeley	5:15 p.m.
October 3	Seeley @ Ovando	4:15 p.m.
October 10	Ovando @ Seeley	5:00 p.m.
October 10	Helmville vs. Condon @ Ovando	4:30 p.m.

Parents, it is important that each soccer player wears shin guards and good running shoes. If you buy a soccer ball the sizes are as follows: Kindergarten - 1st Grade: size 3 ball; 2nd - 4th grade: size 4 ball; and 5th - 8th grade: size 5 ball.

Volunteers are needed for coaching as well as helpers! Please call Teresa Friede, 677-2186 or Kathie O'Brien, 677-3330 if you would like to help.

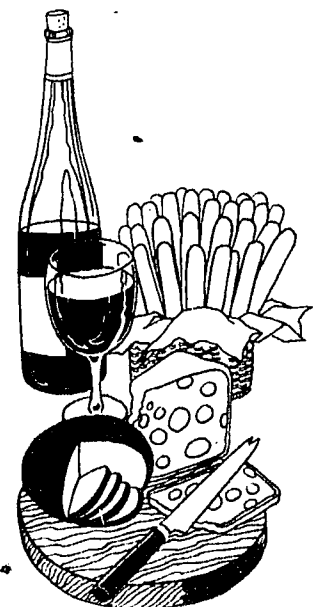
The Registration Fee for soccer is \$15.00 per participant. Family discounts and scholarships are available. Please call the Seeley-Swan YMCA Office for more information, 677-3330, or stop by the Outreach office at the Lazy Pine Mall. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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