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PUBLIC MEETINGS Missoula County Com- Loving Hearts Thrift S.L. Water Bd., 4th Wed, missioners Public Mtg, 4th Wed, 9:30 am, First Val- Mission Bible Fellowship bldg., Seeley Lake, 10am.

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Editorial Comment

# Chips . . . bits & pieces

#### Abe Madinger Named to All-State Class B Basketball Team

We wish we could hold him back for another year, but time doesn't work that way. I have to tell a little story that's been a favorite in our family for the past few years as we watched how things turned

My daughter must have been in sixth grade when I was picking her up after school one winter day, and while waiting for her to gather up her things, I watched the boys playing basketball at the far end of the gymnasium. I noticed one kid in particular as he casually dropped in a few 3-pointers and showed some other surprising moves beyond his age. When my daughter came to pull me away I asked her, while pointing him out, "...who is that kid down there."

"That's Abe Madinger," she answered.

"He's going to be good," I said.

Late last week it was announced that Abe was named to the 22-man All State 2003 Class B boys' basketball team as chosen by the Montana Coaches Association.

That's the crowning accolade of many he's had this season as he led his team to their first Class B State Tournament ever. A gifted athlete elevates every day sports to the level of art, and we, along with a host of appreciative fans, have enjoyed the art of Abe Madinger on the basketball court for the past four years, and especially the highly successful season this year. Thanks, Abe.

# Same Story, Second Week

Rep Doug Mood

something for himself, he is very careful about how much he spends and how he spends it. When a man spends his own money to buy something for someone else, he is still very careful about how much he spends, but somewhat less careful what he spends in on. When a man spends someone else's money to buy something for himself, he is very careful about what he buys, but doesn't care at all how much he spends. And when a man spends someone else's money on someone else. he doesn't care how much he spends or what he spends it on. And that's government for you." Milton Friedman-

On Thursday and Friday, March 20th and 22nd we debated HB 2 on the floor of the house. I have written about the general fund spending bill in each of the three previous sessions that I have been here. The current version of HB 2 takes on a heightened sense of urgency because of the revenue shortfall that Montana has inherited as a consequence of the slowdown in the national economy. But even with that, the feds are going to kick in enough new money that even though the general fund portion of the budget (that portion that comes from Montana taxpayers) is going to remain the same as it was in 2001-2003, the total of all funds spent in the state will grow by over

In the course of the two day debate on HB 2 the Democrats introduced 53 amendments containing spending increases of \$115 million. Almost all were rejected by the Republican majority. A

"When a man spends his own money to buy number of people have written to me expressing anger over the rejection of one amendment or another. Let me explain my position.

The total spending in the state will be \$6.228 billion for the biennium. That is \$7,690 for every man, woman and child in Montana. If we can't find room within that \$6.228 billion to fund every essential program in the state, it seems to me that the problem is not one of lack of a funds but one of lack ability to establish priorities. The Appropriations Committee spent two and a half months combing through the budget and establishing those priorities. Both parties had ample time to make their arguments and to establish those priorities. The reality is that the final product was the result of that process and certainly didn't satisfy either party in total.

Over the years, many people have expressed their frustration to about the growth of the state budget. I share that frustration. Some have even expressed the notion that there is no difference between the two parties. My answer to that is to tell them to come to Helena during the debate on HB 2 and watch what goes on here. In the four sessions that I have been in the legislature, I have seen the Democrats introduce amendments that would have raised spending by over \$500 million. There is no better time to see the differences between the parties than during HB 2.

Doug Mood doug@dougmood.com P.O. Box 7

## YMCA News Update on Activities

Come and Join the FUN!

Adult Fitness Classes: Walk Fit and Step are being offered through the YMCA. Morning programs consist of the walking program or step class, you choose! We are also offering an evening

Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Multi-Purpose Room at Seeley Lake Elementary School. Morning class is from 8:15 to 9:15 AM. Evening class is 5:15 to 6:15 PM. Walk-Fit is \$15.00 per month and Step is \$25.00 per month for morning or evening classes.

Spring Baseball Program The YMCA would like to start a baseball program for Seeley Lake and Swan Valley kids. The type of baseball and ages for participants will depend on the number of parents and kids who would be willing to participate. Helmville, Ovando and Lincoln have established programs for Pee Wee baseball (boys and girls, ages 6-8), girls softball (ages 9-13), and Little League (ages 9-13). Their season begins in May and goes into June. Seeley Lake and Swan Valley would play teams from Helmville, Oyando and Lincoln. If you or your child/children are interested, please contact the Seeley-Swan YMCA Outreach for more information: 677-3330. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and also Wednesday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

#### **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

by Donna Cherry

It's time again for the Seeley Lake Senior Citizens sponsored blood drive. The date is April 7 and the hours are from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. This is our first year of having a second drive for 2003. The second date will be on October 16.

Donating blood is an individual responsibility that supports the needs of people in our community. Each time you donate blood, you may help save the lives of as many as three people. When you donate, remember the blood recipients and thousands of other real people whose lives have depended on the

As an example of a grateful recipient and his family, I would like to tell you about Chas Patterson of Fairfield, Montana, as reported in the American Red Cross' 2003 calendar. Chas was diagnosed with leukemia when he was five months old. He needed a complete blood volume replacement and uncounted units of patelets during his three and a half years of treatment. Chas' mother. Kari, believes that blood saved her son. The transfusions helped him recover from chemotherapy treatments. Today, Chas is an athletic teenager who participates in sports, camping, hunting and other outdoor activities. He is looking forward to a bright future.

Posters will be on display around Seeley Lake. Please call me, Donna Cherry, at 677-2604 for appointments. I am often at the Senior Center on Monday through Friday from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 677-2008.

Many lives are touched by your "Gift of Life."

### Senior All Night Party Raffle underway

The parents of the Seeley-Swan High School class of 2003 are busy raising money to host the All Night Party following graduation on May 31, 2003. Parents are presently selling raffle tickets at one for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00. We had great items donated, so please see any parent and we'll be glad to sell you tickets. Here is a list of the items to be raffled.

Topsoil or gravel - Deer Creek Excavating; 1 of 2 quilt hangings - Colleen Done; Stained glass (hot air balloons) - Ethel Hoehn; Log twin bed - Dave Farra; Picture - Joni Diamond; Mary Kay basket - LaRee Morris; Full size guilt - Patti Freseman; Cords of wood - Robin Diamond; Sterling silver bracelet - CB Silverworks; Quilt wall hanging - Mariona Seaman

If you have any questions, call Jill Hoehn at 677-2876. Any donations are greatly appreciated and they can be given to Bernie Madinger at the First Valley Bank. The next meeting for the parents is April 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Elementary School. Thank you for your support.



#### **Spring Programs** 406/754-3137

(Call because schedules can change)

#### **Arctic Rivers**

Date & Time: April 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Presenter: Cal Tassinari Cost: Donations appreciated

#### Peggy's Puppets

Date & Time: April 29, 7-8:15 p.m. Location: Swan Valley Community Hall Topic: A fund-raiser for a children's natural resource collection at Swan Ecosystem Center.

Presenter: Peggy Meinholtz Cost: \$5 per person or \$10 per family

#### Land Navigation /Map Reading

Date & Time: May 5-16, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Presenter: Mike Lake

Cost: \$40 per person

#### Tree Diseases and Insects

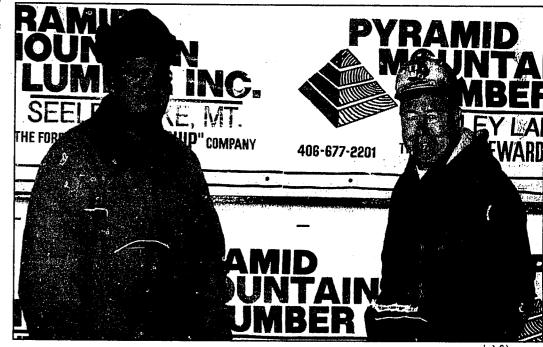
Date & Time: June 7 (note date change), all day Topic: Identification and treatment of common occurrences in the Seeley-Swan area.

Presenters: State and federal agency foresters Cost: Donations appreciated

#### · Awaiting final date confirmations:

- A story of a winter adventure in the Bob Marshall
- An introduction to local history projects
- Native plants

## Seeley Swan Pathfinder — Thursday, March 27, 2003 — Page 3 Pyramid graders get high ratings



Pyramid Mountain Lumber graders Ken Vernarsky, left, and Ken Quitt have received Hi-O certification ratings from the Western Wood Products Association.

each piece of lumber judging its

best use determined by product

prices and quality. This has to be

done in seconds as each piece

over a 10 hour shift is difficult.

The amount of concentration and

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graders is mind boggling," said

McGrew. "It is their decision that

produces the highest quality lum-

ber possible with the best profit

have ranked high, earning the Hi-

margin for the company."

"Maintaining consistency

Hi-Q certification ratings from samplings tested during each were awarded to two Pyramid Lumber graders, Ken Quitt and Ken Vernarsky. Western Wood Products Association (WWPA) awards the ratings to graders who maintain a stringent standard of lumber grading throughout the passes by on a conveyor belt.

Each grader at Pyramid can receive certification in four lumber categories: Selects, Commons, Factory Lumber and Framing Grades. Quitt and Vernarsky received the Hi-Q rating by having at least a 95% accuracy in Framing Grades for 2002.

"The Hi-Q rating shows Quitt and Vernarsky maintained a consistent standard of excellence throughout the year based on monthly inspections performed by the WWPA," said Mike McGrew,

Pyramid Quality Control Manager: McGrew said the inspectors accumulated at least 15000 feet of lumber for each qualifying grader

#### Condon Area Senior Lunch

The Hungry Bear Steak House is serving lunch to Condon area seniors (60 and older) on Mondays and Thursdays at 1::00 p.m. Please call the Hungry Bear at 754-2240 for reservations prior to 5:00 p.m. the day before. This program is sponsored by Swan Valley Senior Services.

Thursday, March 27 Orange Juice, Cranberry Chicken, Rice, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Apple Pie.

Monday, March 31 Pineapple Juice, Meat Loaf. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Roll, Peas, Cake.

Q rating repeatedly and have won several WWPA regional competi-He said the graders look at

> "The graders at this plant have constantly strived to improve their knowledge and grading skill. " commented Jim Davis: WWPA inspector. "They are an asset to their company, industry and to the consumers who depend on their ability to provide lumber that meets the standard of each grade."

WWPA inspects more than 800 graders in 140 mills on a monthly basis. Hi-Q awards were given to 32 Montana graders. WWPA awarded HI-Q ratings to Historically, Pyramid graders 177 graders in 12 western states and Alaska in 2002.



log home on 1.01 level acres in Condon Montana. Home has one bedroom with upper open loft, one full bath, 1040 Sq. Ft. No covenants on land.

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# Montana Wolf Management Plan Available

By Mike Thompson

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposes to accept management authority and responsibility for a recovered population of gray wolves, if and when the wolf is removed from the protections of the Endangered Species Act.

That may be all you want to know about FWP's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), entitled the Montana Gray Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, which is now available for your review and comment.

At 276 pages, there may not be enough bedtimes between now and May 12, the close of the public comment period, for you to read the DEIS from cover to cover.

But, by all means give us a call in Missoula at 542-5500, and we'll send you a copy, if you would like. You'll find that you don't need to read nearly every page to understand the story. A lot of it is documentation for the record that you may not be interested in. Just pick the chapter headings that interest you and you'll soon get the drift.

For example, the Wolf DEIS is a good reference on wolf ecology and status in Montana (pages 13-22), indluding a map of each known pack location. Packs form the foundation for the federal biological recovery goal. That goal for the northern Rockies wolf population is a total of 30 or more breeding pairs (packs) for three years in the states of Montana, Idaho, and

For the purposes of the federal recovery goal, a breeding pair (or pack) is Gertied as male and a remale that seed at least two pups to December 3. (The breeding season in the page of the page o

with births occurring in late April.) This biological recovery goal was met at the

So, why is FWP so anxious to take over wolf management? First of all, the wolf is here. Be-

tween 1989 and 2002, wolf numbers in northwest Montana (north of I-90) increased from about a dozen to more than 100. Much of this occurred as a result of natural emigration from Canada, and some occurred after the reintroduction of wolves to Idaho in 1995-96. Including the area south of I-90, there were at least 182 wolves in Montana at the end of 2002 (Figure 4, page 17 of the DEIS).

It's no longer an issue of whether or not to have wolves. They're already here. And, if we bow our necks and say, "We don't want 'em," the federal government will not remove wolves from the protections of the Endangered

So, we will have wolves anyway. And, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will have to retain the authority to manage them.

Now, we've got nothing against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In fact. Service professionals in Montana have done a remarkable job of recovering wolves and addressing problems under the most challenging of circum-

But, to continue managing wolves in the future, the Service would have to continue following the mandates of the federal Endangered Species Act. Well, the Act is a marvelous tool for recovering species that are on the brink of extinction. But, it was never meant to manage populations of species in abundance.

Simply put, it would become harder and harder to address manageGame Range Ramblings

by Mike Thompson, Wildlife Biologist Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks



ment issues such as livestock depredation, threats to isolated populations of elk, deer and other big game, and private property damage. Because the limitations placed upon managers by the Endangered Species Act are meant to grow more animals. They are not designed to strike a balance between a recovered species and other equally valuable resources.

So. FWP is preparing to shoulder its responsibility as your state wildlife agency. Under FWP's preferred alternative in the DEIS (page 123), FWP management of the gray wolf would strive to maintain at least 15 breeding pairs in Montana. Lower numbers of packs would necessitate more restrictive management practices that would be intended to increase wolves. Higher numbers of packs would trigger more liberal mancally decrease, numbers of packs or

numbers of wolves within packs Wolves would be managed as a "species in need of management," which grants full legal protection from indiscriminant human-caused mortality. However, wolves could be harassed or killed through agency control actions and by private landowners or livestock owners under certain permitted conditions (DEIS, page 123).

When pack numbers exceed 15 and it is biologically sustainable. FWP would introduce a regulated wolf harvest to adjust wolf numbers and distri-

The idea is to maintain a healthy population of wolves across Montana. This will conserve a valued native species, maintain State management control, and allow the wolf population to sustain local removals-just as small bighom sheep populations are able to

agement practices to stabilize, or lo-677-9229 NOW OPEN YEAR 'ROUND "THE PLACE FOR STEAK" "OPEN 5 DAYS A WEEK" Thursday • Friday • Saturday • Sunday • Monday

So, when wolves get into trouble. FWP would be able to promptly remove wolves in the local area, if appropriate, without threatening the survival of the wolf population in Montana. If we maintain too few wolves, FWP will not have the flexibility to address problems promptly and decisively.

There will be 12 public meetings across the State where you can obtain more information and make your comments. Meetings in our local area will be at the Avon Community Center on April 3, and in Missoula at Meadow Hill Middle School on April 8. All meetings begin at 6:30. Come join us!



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# The season of Lent | SSHS Students of the Week

**Passages** 

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God," together with the Father and

the Spirit. Hence St. John could

write: "The blood of Jesus Christ.

sin." It took the death of the Son

mankind. That is why Isaac Watts.

is in the Lenten season. The season of Lent in the Church year includes forty days beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with the Saturday before Easter Sunday. This season excludes the Sundays during Lent, as each Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of Christ over death and the grave.

Herman Gockel, in his devo-God's Son, cleanses us from all tional book, Daily Walk With God. reminds us of the words of St. Paul for God to atone for the sins of all writing to the Romans, "But God commended His love toward us, in contemplating the noon-day darkness of Good Friday, wrote: "Well that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). might the sun in darkness hide, and In these warring days, this is very shut His glories in, When GOD, comforting for us all as we face THE MIGHT MAKER, died For each day, for there is a deep and man, the creature's sin!" He died unsearchable thought beneath for all! and that is very good news. those words. How can it be that indeed, for you! God commended (demonstrated) His love toward us in that Christ died? Should we not rather expect the apostle to have said: "Christ commended His love toward us in that Christ died?" No, there is a glorious significance in the words just as they read. God showed His love in Christ's death. God was in that death. God had decreed it. God had planned it. And on Calvary's

The death of Christ in the sinner's stead was an act of free and loving choice on the part of the Father and the Son. God the father loved us and gave His only Son into death for us. God the Son loved us and gave His life for us. O blessed miracle of divine compassion! One Bible edition correctly translates the original Greek words as follows: "While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man: though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that, while we were yet sinners. Christ died for us." The death of Christ on Calvary's cross derives its saving power from the fact that He who died was no mere man, but, in deed and in truth, the only begotten Son of the Highest, "very God of very

cross. God carried out the decree

of His eternal counsel.

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Michaela Dunlap - Michaela has shown her leadership and organization when she helped create the "Hawks Nest". She proceeds with her responsibilities without having to be told what needs to be completed. When things do not go as planned with Michaela, she adjusts the sails and moves on. It is a pleasure to have her in class as she dents with their assignments...

Students of the Week submitted by staff at SSHS

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Phone~677-3575

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Seeley Lake Baptist Church

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This is a gentle flowing service of music, Scripture & prayer. You may come and go as your schedule allows. Please enter

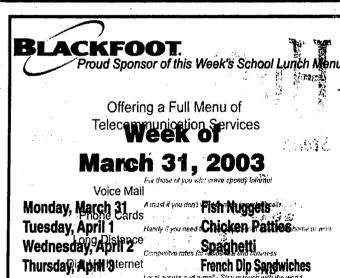
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have its own. The coils may be bundled together or mounted directly over the spark plugs Coils only need to be replaced when they aren't working. To test, connect an ohmmeter's two leads to the coils primary terminals. It should read be-

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Swan Song Gary R. Carter

**NOTICE OF HEARING** PROPOSED UPPER SWAN

Gary R. Carter, devoted and faithful husband, father and grandfather, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, March 17, 2003, at home in the cabin that he built in Seeley Lake.

He was born May 21, 1945, in Butte, the son of Elsie and Ed Carter. He married Ann Marie Lockmer in Butte in 1964 and the couple came to Missoula in 1965.

In Missoula, Gary worked for over 35 years for Walman Optical Co. and later worked for Rocky Mountain Eye Center until Sep-

tember 2002. In Missoula, they were members of Bethel Baptist Church. The couple moved to their cabin in Seeley Lake this past June and have since been members of Seeley Lake Baptist Church.

Those that know Gary will recall his love for time spent reading and studying God's word and the time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren who knew him as "Pa." He also enjoyed fishing with his boys and motorcycle riding.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Brian.

His family includes his wife Ann Marie of the family home; four sons, Todd, Randy and his children, Jake and Michelle; Gary, his wife Jennifer and their son, Jordan; and Lee, his wife Crystal and their son, Richard, all of Missoula; one sister, Bev Nichols and her husband Tom of Helena: two brothers. Mark Wilson and his wife Donna of Helena and Frank Wilson and his wife Jeannie of Butte: and numerous nieces and nephews.

Viewing was from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Garden City Funeral Home and continued from 11 a.m. until the service time noon Saturday. A reception followed in the funeral home's community room. A graveside service followed at 4 p.m. at Seeley Lake Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Seeley Lake Baptist Church, P.O. Box 304, Seeley Lake, MT 59868.

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VALLEY FIRE SERVICE

WHEREAS, upon petition of the property owners, the Lake County and Missoula County Commissioners have adopted a Resolution of Intent to Create a Fire Service Area with boundaries as shown on

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED that the Lake and Missoula County Commissioners will, on April 3, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. in Swan Valley School in Condon, Montana, conduct a hearing on the question of whether the Fire Service Area should be created and if so, what fee structure should be adopted for the Fire Service Area. The petition calls for an initial fee structure not to exceed \$100 per individual dwelling unit and not to exceed \$150 per business.

At the public hearing, any person wishing to speak on the establishment of the Fire Service Area and its boundaries, rates, kinds, types and level of service or any other matter relating to the proposed Fire Service Area will be heard. The Commissioners will also accept written protests from property owners in the proposed

In the event the County Commissioners determine that the Fire Service Area should be created, the creation will be effective 60 days after passage of the resolution unless written protests are filed by more than 50% of the property owners prior to the effective date. Additional information may be obtained from the Lake County Commissioners at the Lake County Courthouse, 106 4th Ave. E., Polson MT 59860-2125, (460) 883-7245; and the Missoula County Commissioners, Missoula County Courthouse, 200 West Broadway, Missoula MT 59802 (406) 523-4870.

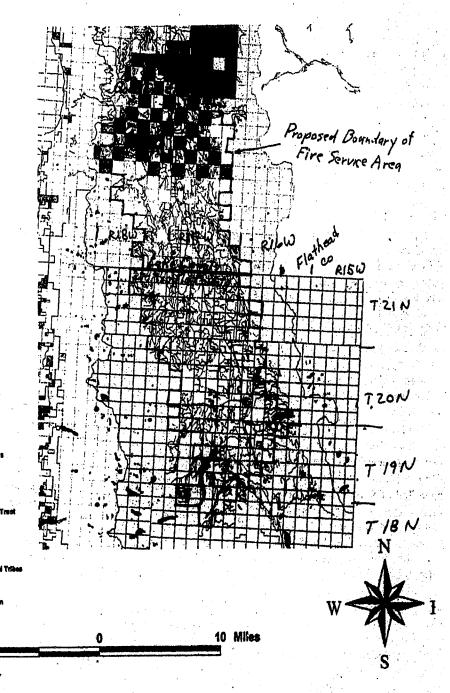
DATED this 30th day of January,

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD Bill Carey, Chair ATTEST:

Vickie M. Zeier, Clerk and Re-

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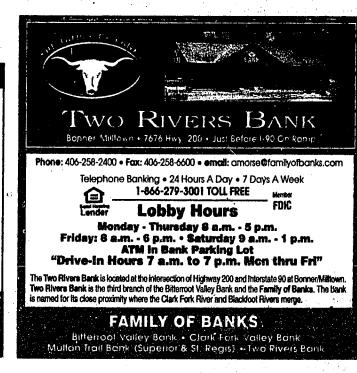
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# Swan Song Lillian Evelyn Anderson

Lillian Evelyn Anderson, age 77. passed away at her home in Condon on Monday, March 17. 2003. She was born Jan. 9, 1926 in Crosby, N.D., to Emil H. and Lily O. (Olson) Lund.

Evelyn attended grade school in North Dakota and graduated from high school in Minnesota.

She married Adolph Anderson on Aug. 6, 1947, and was married 40 years before his passing.

Evelyn worked for the U.S. Forest Service, planting trees and cooking. She was an active member of the Faith Lutheran Church, the AAL and the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed bluegrass music, dancing and spending time with her grandchildren.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son, Allen; two brothers, Marvin and Harold Lund; and two great-

She is survived by her son. Donovan Anderson of Condon; her daughter. Carol Mantei and husband Ted of Sorrento, B.C.; two grandchildren, Wendy McBride and husband Mike of Cranbrook, B.C., and Lane McNealey and wife Rosie of Elko, Nev.; three greatgrandchildren, Brooklyn, Levi and Bobbi-Rae; sister, Leona Styler and husband Herb of Condon; three brothers, Howard Lund and wife Louise of Warroad, Minn., Lawrence Lund and wife Sheri of Oregon City, Ore., and Ruben Lund of Portland, Ore.; sister-inlaw Joan Lund of Roosevelt. Minn.; aunt Helena Price of Williston, N.D.; and several nieces. nephews, cousins, and great-nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 22, at Faith Lutheran Church in Condon with Pastor Bensen officiating. Urn burial will take place at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Partners in Home Care Hospice, 2687 Palmer St., Suite B, Missoula, MT 59808; or to a memorial of your choice.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Johnson Mortuary & Crematory.

# Trio's concert a big hit in Condon

by Mike Childs The world was a better place Tuesday evening, March 18, when the Montana Woodwind Trio came to Condon. Not only were the geese flying north and temperatures rising into the comfort zone, but the sounds circulating through the Swan Valley School gym were like springtime itself fresh, stimulating, and welcome.

Margaret Lund Schuberg, Mika Inouye and Maxine Ramey comprised the Montana Woodwind Trio. Each woman teaches at the University of Montana. Additionally, Ms. Schuberg and Ms. Ramey are lead flautist and clarinetist, respectively, for the Missoula Symphony Orchestra and perform on National Public Radio.

Tuesday, the Trio played selections from a variety of classical composers. Four waltzes by Dmitri Shoshtakovich eased listeners into the program with a familiar beat. Fresh in the audience's mind were the words of Rolly Meinholtz who, in introductory remarks, said chamber music is some of the best music there is because it allows composers to play with the elements aside from the pressures of onger performance pieces and try things they wouldn't dare otherwise. Since fewer instruments exist in the trio than the orchestra, a different kind of stening is required - one attuned to more silences and more space where it's easier to recognize a melody and variety, contrasts, and shades. For better or worse, the composer seems

closer to his or her audience. In Shoshtakovich's case, it was for the better! The surprising piccolo in the fourth waltz following the powerfully precise interplay of the first three was a pleasant introductory device. We were not shocked or overpowered. but delighted, intrigued, and ready to

The Sonata in G Minor for Flute and Piano by Johann Sebastian Bach was more dramatic with the runs. pauses, trilling and asides that characterize the Baroque period. Any ques-

> Swan Sona Leona Mae Kopetski

SEELEY LAKE - A memorial service for Leona Mae Kopetski was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Croxford and Sons Rose Room in Great Falls with the Rev. Dick Schlosser officiating.

Leona, 64, of Seeley Lake, died in Great Falls on Thursday, March 20, 2003, of cancer.

Memorials may be made to Peace Hospice of Montana, 2600 15th Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405; or the McLaughlin Cancer Research Institute, 1520 23rd St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405.

tions of Ms. Inouye's suitability as an accompanist (she has only been practicing with the group since January) were answered positively. She played her difficult part beautifully without overpowering the others. One could almost feel the sun shining in the second movement as the tempo slowed and invited the ear to relax and enjoy rather than keep up. And, lest the listener be too sun struck, the third movement concluded as snappily as the first had begun.

By far the most novel piece of the evening was Bimstein's "Halfmoon at Checkerboard Mesa." Possibly inspired by "The Grand Canyon Suite," which also included sounds reminiscent of the landscape, "Mesa" featured the recorded voices of crickets, frogs and coyotes, to name a few. Ms. Ramey accompanied on clarinet. At first the staccato notes and the creatures grew louder and seemingly closer. A thunderstorm was followed by the beat of drums and a shrill clarinet phase. At times the sounds were comical - as when some crickets did the cha-cha. Harmonious tones alternated with shrill until a wailing clarinet crescendo ended the piece. Warm applause followed.

At the intermission, members of 2 Valleys Stage served coffee, cookies and cider to old friends and new, and many people admired the landscape by Alpine Artisan member Cindy

"Afternoon of a Faun" by Claude Debussy, which started the second half of the program, featured a "new" in-strument, the fluet! At least that is what Ramey and Schuberg call the imaginary instrument blending flute and clarinet to produce their close harmonies. In this piece, the audience was asked to imagine a creature, half man and half goat, which awakens on a spring day, chases a nymph and then goes back to sleep. Variety was achieved by different speeds, more crescendos, and variations on a theme. A romantic effect prevailed because few sharps and flats distracted from the harmonies. The clear, rich, and varied result could easily have been the inspiration for early jazz orchestrations, George Gershwin's in particular.

Next came the show stopper Mika Inouye's solo, Ballade No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 23 for Piano by Frederic Chopin. Thought by some to be inspired by a battle poem, this piece also esembled a river overrunning its banks. Difficult, swift chording, furious fingering, and emphatic intonations produced a swirling effect, a powerful and seemingly unstoppable torrent of notes that relayed its tension to the audience. Inouve's technique was apparently flawless and as chord followed chord, the buildup was not dissipated until the crowd finished its standing ovation.

The program ended appropriately



Trio performing on stage in Condon.

Julie Hainline photo.

with one of the more quiet creatures Ramey talked about howsthe group of the evening, a spider. Camille Sant had enjoyed working with the local Saens, whose work was featured in the school children the previous day. She sound track of "Babe." tells musically praised their teachers and then said about a spider that bites someone. The victim hallucinates about dancing and other happy times before, perhaps. dying. Like the entire concert, technique adhered to theme. Staccato. creeping piano notes revealed the spider stalking its prey. Light, delicately small crescendos and the brevity of the song itself contributed to the spidery effect. For one of the first times all evening, everyone except the planist stood as if frightened from their chairs!

Before the final selection, Ms.

she loved teaching how music can make a better world. As the audience rose in unison to applaud this performance, it seemed the world inside the Swan Valley gym had been enhanced by The Montana Woodwind Trio, who taught using the time-honored method of example! As in the past, this performance

was sponsored in part by the Montana Cultural Trust through the Montana Performing Arts Consortium: We wish to thank them, as well as the Alpine Artisans and the 2 Valleys Stage!





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TO OUR MANY HEROES IN OUR SMALL COMMUNITIES, AND TRACY SCOTT OF SEELEY LAKE, YOU ARE ANOTHER ONE

Tracy Scott is a substitute teacher at our high school and grade school. That in itself makes her a hero. Now like Paul Harvey, here's the rest of the story!

Tracy lives on Shoreline Court and her neighbors are the Stevens. Chris Stevens is the vice principal of Meadow Hill Middle School. Although they were neighbors, they had only exchanged greetings as both have busy lifestyles. Shoreline Court borders the Clearwater River which goes into Seeley Lake. The river was full of ice and slush and this was the weekend of our big snow two weeks ago. Chris Stevens was in her home with her small children when she heard screaming and saw Tracy Scott running through the deep snow toward the River. Chris knew her children were OK, but where were her two little Bichon Frises. Chris tore out of her house through the deep snow with both her and Tracy losing their shoes while running. Then Chris saw her little Bichon in the ice and water, going down and coming up. Tracy got to the water first and yelled for Chris to stay back, get her other little Bichon back, and she would get the little drowning dog and throw it to Chris. Tracy dove in and made it to the dog while yelling "Don't come in, take the dog, if I get in trouble then come in," Tracy swam with the little Bichon and made it out of the ice and water. Chris tried to wrap Tracy with her long jacket, which Tracy refused, instead wrapping the dog in the coat. They both went to their homes. Chris warmed her little dog and Tracy changed and warmed herself. Tracy went to the Stevens home to check on the little dog, and while visiting, they discovered that Tracy was the RN in Miller Hall in Missoula when Chris went to school in 1988 and 1989 and lived in Miller Hall. Strange but true! They were also in the same business class, but never met, then met through the love of a pet. Chris Stevens states, "There is no way to thank anyone who would do something like this for someone else's pet. I want everyone to know about this caring and unselfish act of heroism." So please students, parents of students, and everyone who sees Tracy, be size to recognize what a great person and hero she is.

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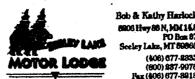


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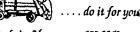
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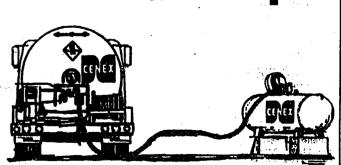
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