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Williams-Allen Debate Set

Pat Williams and Don Allen, Western Congressional District candidates, have scheduled three debates beginning next week.

On October 27 at 7 p.m. in Helena, the candidates will debate at the KTVH TV station. The debate will be aired on the afternoon of November 2 on KTVH.

Tuesday, October 28, the Williams-Allen debate will begin at noon in the Campus Theater at the University of Montana in Missoula. Seeley Swan residents should be aware that the event will be broadcast live over KUFM radio.

Also on Tuesday evening, the candidates will debate at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell beginning at 7 p.m.

MEC cautions woodcutters

A few incidents of downed trees over powerlines this past week prompted Kirk Flynn of the Missoula Electric Cooperative to issue a warning to woodcutters in the Seeley Swan area.

MEC employees responded to one call last week concerning a power outage and found a woodcutter sawing up a tree that was laying on a downed powerline.

"If that re-closer had failed to work properly for some reason, and sent energy back into that downed line, he (the woodcutter) would have been electrocuted," Flynn said. Trees act as a straight path from the line to the ground in instances where re-closers fail to operate.

If a woodcutter happens to fell a tree over a power line, Flynn urges that they call MEC immediately and leave the tree alone until crews arrive to clear away the tree.

Time change Sunday

Remember to roll your clocks back an hour on Sunday morning as Daylight Savings Time comes to an end for this year.

Bond issue on agenda

The Seeley Lake Elementary trustees have set aside time at their regular board meeting Thursday night to discuss the bond issue with interested residents, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the school library.

Voters will be asked in November to decide whether or not trustees may sell up to \$886,000 in bonds for the purpose of constructing a new junior high building, remodeling the existing building, and replacing the gym floor.

Larry Johnson, assistant county superintendent; Mark Semmens, analyst for D.A. Davidson; and Allen Mulkey, Swoboda Architects have all been invited to attend the meeting and answer questions.

Alternatives to the bond issue will also be discussed at the meeting.

Other topics to be discussed include church night, or "family" night. Area residents have requested that one night each week be set aside as family night, when no school activities would be scheduled.

Hunting season begins

General hunting season for deer and elk begins Sunday, October 26. According to Lloyd Hallgren, Missoula County Deputy Sheriff from Seeley Lake, people in need of any emergency services in the Seeley Lake area should call the central dispatch in Missoula: 911. In the Swan Valley and Greenough areas, call 1-728-0911.

All emergency services such as search and rescue, quick response units, sheriff's deputies, game wardens, fire department volunteers and Life Flight are dispatched from the 911 center in the Missoula County Courthouse, according to Dave Miller, emergency services coordinator.

Seeley Swan area quick response unit members, fire department members, deputies and game wardens have either hand-held radios or pagers and can be immediately contacted by the central dispatch office.



This whitetail was soaking up the autumn sun last week along the Owl Creek Road near the Packer Camp.

Survey analysis begins

Analysis of the data generated from the Community Attitude Survey conducted last month in the Seeley Lake, Swan Valley and Greenough communities has now begun, according to Ken Weaver, consultant from Bozeman. Weaver explained that population data will be compared to the survey sample and a written report will be mailed to the survey committee on Friday, October 24.

Committee members have not yet met to discuss the results of the survey. Dan Mizner, committee chairman, was unavailable for comment last week.

Swan trustees seek new member

Swan Valley Elementary School trustees voted last week to post notices of a vacancy on their board. Michael Lang, trustee since August 1986, resigned last month because he was moving out of the area.

Trustees will appoint a new member at the November 11 school board meeting.

Trustees have scheduled a special meeting October 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the school library to settle bills pertaining to construction on the school gym.

In other business:

-Scott McDonald, Missoula County Deputy Sheriff, was appointed truant officer for the school district.

-Trustees approved use of the gym by the Mission Mountain Messengers singing group, who will use the area for choir practice.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday: Areas of valley fog; mostly clear and mild. Highs 50-60; lows 25-35. Friday-Sunday: Mild days, cool nights; continued dry, with valley clouds and fog. Highs 50-65; lows 20-35.



OPINION

Don't forget...

to attend candidates night - 7:30 on Tuesday, October 28 at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. Unfortunately, the meeting is so close to *Pathfinder's* press deadline that we won't be able to provide in-depth coverage in that week's edition. The following week's edition appears after the election. To compensate, our ever-vigilant news editor attended the recent candidate's night in East Missoula and that meeting is covered in detail in this edition. But nothing can substitute for attending your own community's candidates night - so make it a point to put it on your calendar.

You should also consider attending the Open House for the junior high bond issue, set for 7:30 tonight (October 23) at the Seeley Lake Elementary School. The school district has rounded up all the key people involved in the project, including the architect and the financial analysts, and they will be on hand to answer any and all questions you may have.

None of the above has much meaning unless you also remember to vote. So, above all, please vote on Tuesday, November 4. If you forgot to register, hang your head in shame.

- Dick Potter

Rocky Speaks Out

To the Editor:
I would like to point out a few things to some of the people in Seeley Lake.

I am no gangster, no thief, no mobster, no troublemaker, and no incompetent incompetent.

I might be fat, lazy, stupid, and sometimes not a nice guy. But I keep trying.

I am not the kind of person my competitors down the street try to make me out in their letter of protest to the Department of Revenue in Helena, Montana.

If anything, the only thing that I have done wrong to this community was make it possible for the local people of Seeley Lake to be able to afford to drink at reasonable prices.

If we all could get along, maybe we would survive this wonderful world of Bar Business.

Rocky Zavarelli
The Saloon
Seeley Lake



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Business of the Week

ROVERO'S



Al; Ed, Jr.; Ed, Sr; and Laura Richards.

The dream of owning and operating a family business is what brought Ed Richards and his family to Seeley Lake four years ago. Ed, his two sons Al and Ed, Jr., and daughter Laura, operate Rovero's in Seeley Lake. They purchased the well-established hardware business and service station after searching for several months. "We thought it had good potential," Ed said, adding, "We have been very pleased with it." Everybody has a special talent that they contribute to the operation of the business, according to Ed, Sr. "It takes a variety to succeed," he said.

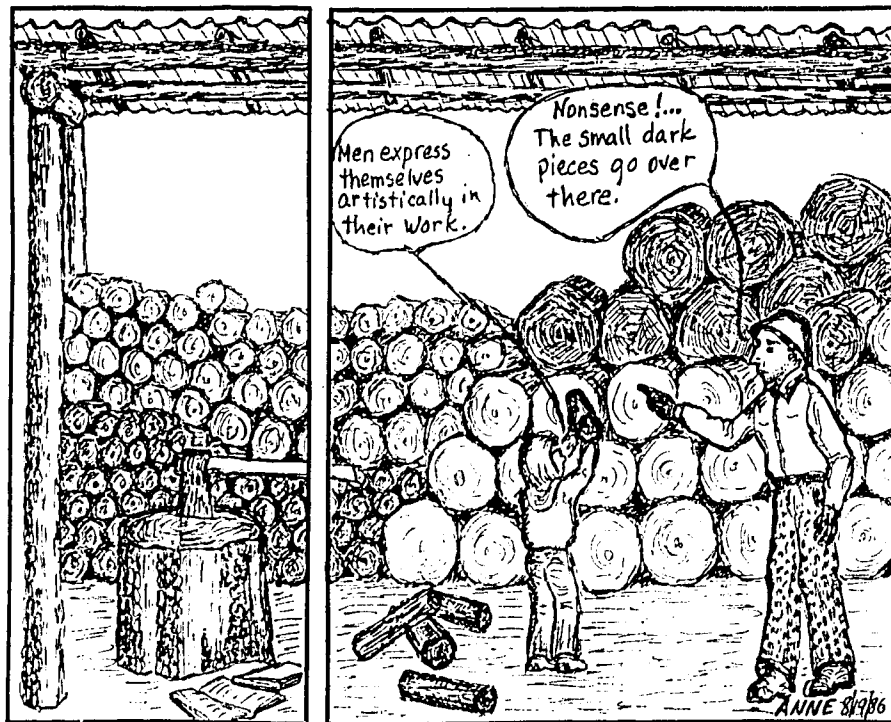
Rovero's offers services such as tire repairs and oil changes; sells automotive parts and accessories including tires; and is also affiliated with the True Value line of hardware, including plumbing and electrical supplies.



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I-27 Supporter

To the Editor:
As always, I enjoy your fine paper. Keep up the good work.

However, as it is in life, there appears to be one small exception to your degree of excellence. Case in point, your "sky is falling" editorial of a few weeks ago on I-27.

Although news articles and various comments credit the passage of this initiative with everything from total shutdown of the Great State of Montana to a dramatic rise in the level of venereal disease, such will not be the case.

Passage of I-27 will simply provide every citizen of Montana with the chance settlers dreamed of when they came to America, the opportunity to "own" their home, free from tax assessment. This is the main, fundamental reason for I-27 and every voter should realize we may never have another chance to protect every person's basic right of free and clear ownership of property.

Secondly, this initiative will cause a 19.6% reduction in total revenue in the state. When given this "mandate" our legislature will put all the cards on the table and make the necessary adjustments. This won't be done in a 4-day week, but there is over 8 months to work on this and a dedicated, capable group of people will meet the challenge.

As a father of four school-age children, founder and executive chairman of the Liberty Scholarship Foundation, which will award over \$2000 in scholarships to Flathead Valley students, I am sickened by the attempt of politicians to hide behind school children on this issue rather than standing up to meet the challenge before them. Apparently they feel it is easier to "snow" the voter than to face up to the responsibilities which come with their offices.

Equal opportunity of education for all people is a principle to which all "thinking" people subscribe; however, there are more equitable and fair ways to finance it.

The newly proposed Montana budget is 3.1 billion dollars in a state with approximately 750,000 people, less than one half of which are taxpayers. One billion minutes ago was shortly after the time of Christ and the new Montana budget is 3.1 billion dollars. Let's be realistic, friends, the team, wagon, and the load have run far beyond the barn.

Let's do Montana and its people a favor for all history. Vote for I-27, November 4.

Alan L. LaBar
Bigfork, Montana

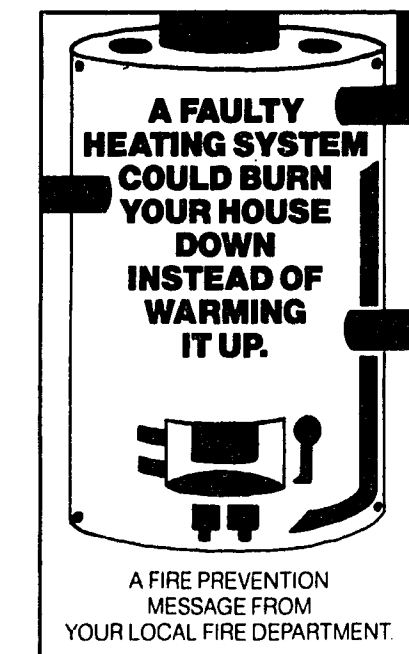
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Bond Booster

To the Editor:
As always, hindsight is better than foresight.

The recent survey reported in the *Pathfinder* said people are interested in a sewer system for Seeley Lake.

About 15-20 years ago (and "no" I'm not going to take time to look up the date, because that's not the point!) the Seeley Lake Ranger Station had to have a sewer system because the Station was polluting Seeley Lake. Ranger Bill Magnuson looked into the problem and, at that time, the government would help pay approximately half the cost of a complete sewer system for Seeley Lake. The property owners would pick up the other half. The issue went to the voters. It failed. The property owners said they would not help pay to keep Seeley Lake and our water supply clean.

Now, 20 years later and how many more dollars (for installation) later, the property owners say we need a sewer system. (Different property owners?)

The Seeley Lake Elementary School Board says we need a junior high building, and improvements to the existing building. Rumor has it, it will not pass.

If you read any newspaper you will see that first grades and kindergartens have increased enrollments all over the nation.

The existing building is a health hazard for your children and for those of us who work there.

It is so crowded you breathe every germ that your neighbor has. With no cool, clean air circulation these germs continue to grow in that nice stinking atmosphere.

So inadequate are the shower and locker rooms, your children are either not taking an adequate shower or no shower. (Don't tell Miss Kuch.)

Share rooms - you bet we do: "Chapter 1 Room" has classes, music storage and health and P.E. storage (and an "office"?).

"Library" includes office: hot lunch, clerk and secretary.

"Sick Room": video storage, overheads, projectors, time-out (detention) and oh, yes, sick children.

"Kindergarten Room" has two half-day classes. Music room and music teachers (office?).

"Teachers Room" has paper storage, ditto, copier, teachers aid office.

"Resource Room" has classes while the speech teacher has students who are trying to concentrate on saying words correctly, with four or more resource students and two adults talking. The counseling room is off in the corner and, at times, the privacy of the student or parent being counseled is jeopardized because the students or teachers in speech and resource will be quiet, as

they will be listening and waiting to see who comes out that door. The psychologist also tests in the resource room.

Sixth Grade is full of typewriters and computers. What's going to happen when the fourth grade of 28 students gets into grade six?

Gifted and Talented Office is in the gold hall. Gifted and Talented classes are held in the hall. Really a good place to set up projects and continuing projects without them being disturbed.

Other rooms after school: three Blue Bird groups, Cub Scouts, 4-H, teachers trying to correct papers or do prep work. (They usually leave and come back after dinner.)

Gym: community rec room.
Monday: mens basketball; Tuesday: aerobics; Wednesday, volleyball; Thursday: aerobics; Friday: grade school girls or boys basketball games; and Saturday and Sunday: many community things, I'm sure you can think of one. The hot lunch tables are also in the gym.

I could keep on going, but I hope by now you get the picture.

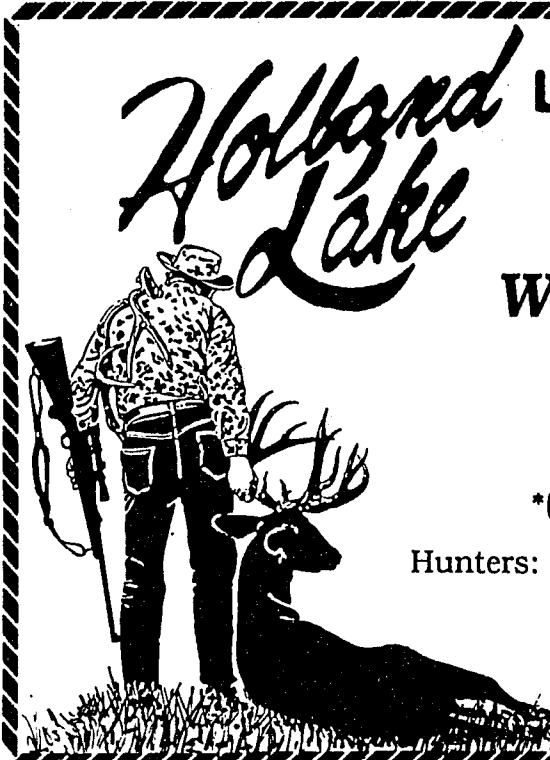
The only reasons I see that the mill levy for the junior high, etc. would not pass would be: no foresight; people of the community don't care in what conditions their children try to receive a "quality" education; the property owners don't plan to be here long enough to care; people no longer have children in school, or they put their children through school someplace else.

Yet, ten years from now when conditions are overly extreme someone will have to pay a (let's face it) higher mill levy.

We have put five children through this elementary and the high school system. I plan to see at least five of our grandchildren do the same thing.

I say foresight should be better than hindsight. Vote "yes" for the Seeley Lake Elementary Mill Levy.

Anita Richards
Seeley Lake



Senior Citizens plan trip to Glacier

The Seeley Lake Senior Citizens group (SeLa SenCi) is organizing a field trip to Glacier National Park to view the eagles on October 27, according to Lucille Johnson, SeLa SenCi member.

The group plans to carpool, take sack lunches and leave at about 8 a.m. the morning of the 27th. Seniors interested in participating in the field trip should contact Johnson at 677-2527 or 677-2008 as soon as possible.

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Carnival set for Friday

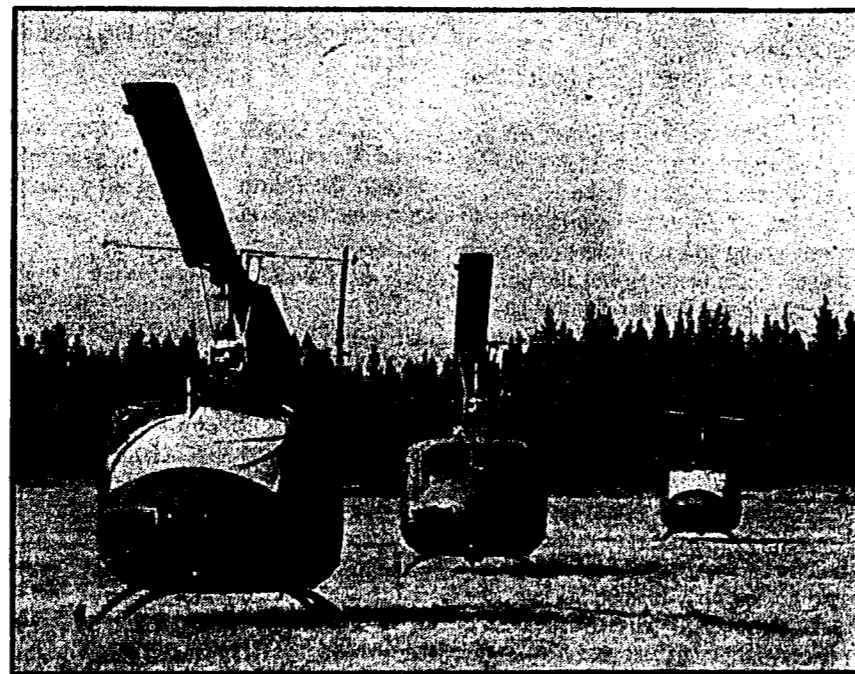
The Annual Swan Valley PTA Carnival begins at 5 p.m. Friday night at Swan Valley Elementary School, with bingo, cake-walks, cork-gun games, bowling, a fish pond, and a country store for entertainment.

A raffle drawing will be held for a painting by local artist Joan Kennedy Laufer. In addition, several local businesses have donated door prizes for the event.

Tickets for the raffle are now available at stores in the Valley and will also be available at the carnival.

The carnival is the main fundraiser for Swan Valley Elementary. Money raised by the event will go back into the general fund and will be used to buy items such as school supplies, according to PTA member Dar Kearney.

Refreshments will be available at the carnival.



These are three of the seven Army helicopters used for National Guard maneuvers near Condon last weekend.

Night Flights

What do you do for entertainment on a Saturday night in Condon? If you were here last weekend, you may have been one of the dozen or so people who climbed the jackleg fence surrounding the Condon air strip to watch the Army National Guard begin their night maneuvers. The full moon gradually lit the runway Saturday night as seven Army helicopters hovered, and then lifted into the cold night air over the valley.

The thundering noise from four of the gunships echoed through the valley both Friday and Saturday nights. The "H" model helicopter gunship is a multi-purpose workhorse for the Army, according to Captain Randy Yeager from Helena. These huge aircraft gross at 9500 pounds and can carry 11 passengers. They were joined by three smaller helicopters which participated in the training exercises.

The Air Troop unit is one of two air divisions of the Army National Guard in Helena. According to Captain Yeager, troops must provide 24 hour coverage in a battlefield situation. "Half of us have to train at night," he explained.

The group of about 30 officers and enlisted men based their training in the Swan Valley in order to experience some new terrain, Yeager said. They landed at two small airstrips, Buffalo Trails and the 7-Up Ranch near Lincoln, before flying to the Swan Valley Friday night. The aircraft use only small, blinking location lights during all of their night maneuvers.

Night training exercises are scheduled around the full moon. "Friday

night we had 100% lunar illumination," Yeager said, explaining that the men wear special goggles which amplify existing light up to an optimum of 500 times. "It all looks green (through the goggles). It looks like a snowy TV screen," he said. With the goggles, personnel can reportedly see people and animals at night nearly as well as during the day. The goggles do restrict the field of vision, though, Yeager pointed out. Pilots and others wearing the goggles must constantly rotate their heads in order to see well.

The Air Troop also held survival training near the Condon Work Center, where they stayed Friday and Saturday.

SNOW COUNTRY 4H

The newly organized Swan Valley and Greenough 4-H group voted Monday to call their organization "Snow Country 4-H." About a dozen young people were present at the second meeting of the group, which was held at the Dan Rovero residence near the Summit. The next meeting is scheduled for the third Monday in November, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and lasting until 8 p.m.

COMMUNITY

Ovando

Harvest Dinner

If you want to sample some good home-cookin', and if you want to begin your Christmas shopping early and support the community, then Ovando is the place to be this Saturday night.

The annual Harvest Dinner sponsored by the Sew & So Club, Ovando, will begin Saturday night, October 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ovando School Gym.

Traditionally, the club holds an auction of items donated by local residents and craftsmen. Highlights include handcrafted wooden toys, handmade horseshoe coat racks, Christmas ornaments, puppets, woodworking, baby gifts, pies, cakes, cookies, preserves and jams, to mention a few.

Proceeds from the event will go toward the purchase of sod for the Ovando school playground area. According to Patsy Brunner, club president, a grassy playground area would be a wonderful improvement over the existing hardpacked dirt surface.

The Sew & So Club for years has supported community and school-related projects with its annual fundraiser. The Harvest Dinner is free. The auction is the main money-raising event. Child care will be provided next door to the school at the Community Church.

Home health care available

Home health care was discussed at the meeting of the SOS Health Center board last week. Personnel at the SOS Health Center are available for home health care in the form of skilled nursing services. Interested persons must submit orders to the Health Center from their physician. For more information contact the SOS Health Center.

Another home health care provider, Mountain West Home Health Care in Missoula, is also available to provide skilled nursing services, along with home health aid services such as chopping wood, bathing and grocery shopping. For more information contact Marion Kincaid, Seeley Lake.

Hunters, remember...

The number one game violation in Montana is failure to tag game animals. Game animals must be tagged as soon as the hunter checks the animal to make sure it is dead, according to Mike Aderhold, Kalispell office of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

MEC offers discount

The Missoula Electric Cooperative announced last week that it is offering a Surplus Usage Discount to its residential and commercial users, beginning October 20. A reduction of 1 cent per kilowatt-hour (KWH) off the 4.5 cent rate is being offered to each customer for every KWH consumed in excess of the monthly KWH's consumed last year during the same month. The discount period will run until April 20, 1987.

Each month the consumer's usage is compared to the same month last year (e.g., November 1986 compared to November 1985). If the consumer uses more KWH's this year than last year, those KWH's above last year's will be billed at 3.5 cents each (a one-cent discount). The KWH's used that equal last year's will still cost 4.5 cents.

There is currently a surplus of electric power in the Northwest. According to Kirk Flynn, Member Services specialist with the co-op, the electric load has dropped off for MEC because: (1) many people have switched from electric heat in the winter months to fuel-based heat, such as wood heat; and (2), the poor economy has caused a drop in electricity used by large industry, such as the aluminum plants in the Northwest.

MEC buys all of its electricity at wholesale rates from Bonneville Power Administration. "Most of our electricity is hydro power," he said. "Colstrip is not involved in our rate structure at all," Flynn explained, adding that Montana Power's rates do reflect the huge construction costs of the coal-fired generating plants at Colstrip.

The winter discount is being offered by MEC to regain some of the electric space heating load that is being displaced by wood heat. The Cooperative feels that in a well-insulated home, electric heat can be competitive with wood heat.

Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Program offers the following noon meals next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Seeley Lake Community Hall:

Monday, Oct. 27--No dinner. Senior Citizen trip to Glacier Park. Sack lunches can be prepared. Call 677-2008 for more information.
 Tuesday, Oct. 28--Salmon Loaf
 Wednesday, Oct. 29--Meat Loaf (Birthday dinner)

Menus are subject to change. Local residents and senior citizens are invited to participate in the program. Donations toward the cost of the meals are appreciated. For more information call Hazel Ford, 677-2008.

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Cooler weather prompts many of us to spend a little more time in the kitchen. And nothing tempts the taste buds more than a sweet bread fresh from the oven. My sister-in-law tells me she enjoys reading *Cornucopia*; she's always looking for quick-to-fix recipes. Honey Marmalade Monkey Bread is a tender, pull-apart ring that goes together in minutes with refrigerated biscuits.

While the origin of the term "monkey bread" is unknown, most breads with this name are assembled in the same way: by placing pieces of dough next to each other in a pan so that they bake together. To eat the bread, you simply pull a piece off.

To make this version, just cut up the biscuits, place the pieces in the pan and drizzle with the tangy marmalade-honey-nut mixture. If you would like to try other flavors, different jams or preserves can be substituted for the marmalade. Thanks to the Pillsbury kitchens for the Monkey Bread recipe.

Honey Marmalade Monkey Bread

1/2 cup chopped nuts	2 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
2/3 cup orange marmalade or any flavor jam or preserve	2 (7.5 oz) cans refrigerated biscuits
1/4 cup honey	

Heat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease 9 or 1-inch tube pan or 12-cup fluted tube pan. In small bowl, combine nuts, marmalade, honey and margarine. Separate each can biscuit dough into 10 biscuits. Cut each into quarters. Place half of biscuits in prepared pan. Spoon half of marmalade mixture over biscuits. Repeat with remaining biscuits and marmalade mixture. Bake at 375 degrees F for 23 to 27 minutes or until deep golden brown. Invert onto serving plate. To serve, pull apart. Serve warm. 10 to 12 servings.

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1986 State Cross-Country

by Frank DeLeo

The 1986 State Cross-Country meet (Classes AA through C) was held this past Saturday in Helena. It was a bright and sunny day, perfect weather for the race. The Boys Class C race was held at 10:30 a.m. The Girls Class C race was held just prior to the boys race.

Seeley-Swan didn't have a girls team this year.

The Seeley-Swan boys had seven runners. In cross-country, only five runners score for the team and the top 15 runners in each race achieve all-state status. The Blackhawks placed individually in the following manner: Randy Johnson, 9th; Frank DeLeo, 10th; Darren Baretta, 56th; Troy Spence, 60th; Jason Marshall, 66th; Ron Gossard, 71st; and Craig Tanner, suffering from extreme shinsplints, placed 84th.

There were 132 runners in the race, with 14 scoring teams. Seeley placed seventh in the team standings. Frazier won the meet with Lincoln in second place, and Brockton third.

Seeley 48, Hot Springs 0

The Seeley Swan Blackhawk football team defeated Hot Springs in a game here last Wednesday afternoon. The Blackhawks are now 5-2 for the season.

Seeley Lake Elementary Classnotes

The junior high students at Seeley Elementary have been busy so far this year. The following information comes from Cliff Nelson, Elementary teacher.

The eighth grade's annual three day field trip to Glacier National Park is planned for October 25-27. Students will observe the salmon-eagle ecosystem at lower McDonald Creek. Through hikes, drives, films, and ranger orientations the group will explore some of the geology of the park, as well as political issues involving management of bears and humans in a national park. This field trip is financed by seventh grade "savings" and this fall's magazine subscriptions fundraiser.

On October 14, Knut Hoelstad, son of Chuck and Lila Lewis, Seeley Lake, spent an afternoon of his leave from the Navy visiting with 40 seventh and eighth graders about his experiences in the Navy nuclear power program.

A machinist's mate, E-4, he recently completed boot camp and the first of three phases of his nuclear power education, eventually leading to ship or submarine duty overseas. He talked to the students about college and the military, and the importance of education in junior and senior high. Hoelstad gave a professional presentation and answered dozens of questions from students.

The Future Problem Solving teams are beginning to research problems in preparation for competition later this year. Students in the 6th through 8th grades are participating.

Seeley Lake PTA

Halloween party set

The Seeley Lake Elementary School PTA has scheduled a Halloween Party to be held at the elementary school on Halloween, according to Jeanne Moon, public relations chairman.

The PTA met Monday night in Seeley Lake and also discussed the ongoing sale of community calendars. Deadline for submission of calendar items is Monday, October 27.

John Hebnes, elementary school principal, addressed the upcoming bond issue for construction of a new middle school, and also discussed the impact passage of Initiative 27 would have on the school system. Hebnes pointed out the seriousness of the initiative state-wide and urged PTA members to get out and vote on November 4.

LP-Gas Valve Safety Alert

MINNEAPOLIS--Honeywell today initiated a second major LP-gas safety alert on a combination gas valve manufactured between 1966 and 1972. The company estimates that 220,000 of these valves were installed on LP-gas heating systems during that time period. The valves must be located and replaced to ensure the safety of individuals using LP heating systems, including central furnaces, boilers, pool heaters, conversion burners, floor furnaces, gas-fired logs and recreational vehicle heaters.

An explosion or fire could result if the control should fail. In such an instance, the valve does not shut off the gas supply when the pilot light is out. Since LP gas is heavier than air, it may temporarily collect at floor level. If the combustible gas is exposed to an ignition source, such as electric sparks or matches, a fire or explosion may occur, causing property damage and personal injury.

All LP-gas users should check their furnace or heating appliance and identify the model number on their combination gas control valve. Model numbers being recalled are the C5133, C5134, CS5133, CS5134, V41-36, V4146, V5189, V7284, V8129, V8136, V81139, V8146, V8169, V8188, VS8133, VS81-38 and VS8193.

If the gas control has one of these numbers, the user should immediately call Honeywell toll-free at 1-800-328-8194.

The recalled controls will be replaced with newer models at Honeywell's expense. Honeywell will contact a service contractor and make arrangements to replace the valves.

Honeywell is concerned for the safety of LP-gas users and the potential safety hazard that may exist should the control fail. In April 1980, the company in cooperation with the Consumer Product Safety Commission began a voluntary recall of the LP controls when field reports indicated instances in which the control failed to operate properly. The current voluntary program is an effort to reach LP users who may not have been reached during the first campaign.

Honeywell supports the "Gas Check Program," a safety-inspection program offered by many LP-gas dealers, and urges users to contact their suppliers for more information about the program.

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COMMUNITY

Water Board Meeting District can defer filtration

The Seeley Lake Water District has been advised by the Montana Rural Water Association that a water filtration plant won't have to be installed anytime soon. Bud Anderson, district manager, delivered that message to the water district board at their recent regular meeting, saying that, in a recent meeting with the Rural Water Association, he was told that delays of 10-15 years in the regulatory process are expected. Moreover, the District's water (taken from Seeley Lake) is regarded as "pristine" by state water officials and, barring quality degradation, it is unlikely that the District would ever be required to filter the water supply.

The issue surfaced at the previous meeting of the board, when former board member Bob Scott acquainted the directors with provisions of the Safe Water Drinking Act Amendments of 1986. The Amendments appeared to require filtration of surface water sources no later than January 1988.

Anderson also mentioned that he attended a recent training session in Bozeman and filtration was a major subject on the agenda. He learned there is a great deal of ongoing research and that "state-of-the-art" filtration processes are only 99% effective (which is not very comforting, since it apparently takes only 10 microscopic giardia cysts to cause illness). It is expected that forthcoming developments in technology will increase effectiveness, while dramatically reducing costs.

Anderson also reported that the Farm Home Administration had approved the district's format for financial reports. In fact, FmHA has requested the district to send representative copies to several other water districts in the state as "models." Questions regarding the district's accounting had been raised earlier by Bob Scott, and these now seem to have been answered. One of Scott's suggestions will be implemented, however: discontinuing the inclusion of bond repayments in operating income.

The board discussed the selection of a director to fill the vacancy left by Roger Johnson. Two individuals have expressed interest in the position. There was also discussion regarding the development of a new rate structure for the district. These matters were tabled until the next (special) meeting, which has been set for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29 at the REA building.

Ad Hoc Group Takes on Council Issue

The Ad Hoc Group met on October 8 to begin exploring the feasibility of a community council for Seeley Lake. Such a council would have no taxing authority and would serve primarily as an open forum for establishing community priorities. The council would serve in an advisory capacity to the county commissioners and would relay the consensus of the community to the commissioners.

Dan Mizner indicated to the group that preliminary results from the community survey suggested strong community interest in a council. Mizner, former State Director of the League of Cities and Towns, expressed optimism that a council is viable for Seeley Lake. Dennis Schneider, Ad Hoc coordinator, added that it would be essential to involve a broad cross-section of the community during the coming discussions.

A fact-finding task force was established, with Bud Johnson as the chairman. Dan Mizner agreed to act as a consultant for the task force, which also includes Bruce Burns, Merle Gunsch, Jeff Macon, and Donna Porter.

The Ad Hoc Group will convene again when the task force is ready to report on its progress.

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PASSAGES

by Christopher Williams, Pastor
The Blackfoot Parish, Ovando,
Potomac, Seeley Lake

LOST: One Small Boy

Ironically, in the midst of our recent family focus and "Turning Our Hearts Toward Home" there has arisen this strange case of a lost child. According to the known facts, the boy was not kidnapped, nor brutally beaten, nor otherwise physically mistreated. This lad's case is without the drama and excitement that makes headlines or gives rise to an entire community coming to his rescue or foraging the countryside to find him.

Actually, his father lost him. He was too busy with his own advancement and so had no time to sit and talk and answer the boy's seemingly trivial questions during those years when fathers are the only great heroes that little boys have.

Fact is, his mother lost him. She was so distracted with running her home and fulfilling her ambitions that the little guy was lost in the shuffle.

Truth is, the church lost him. So enmeshed with the "busy-ness" of the church were the minister and its members that they simply forgot the human feelings of the young lad in the pew. In essence he was just brushed aside by more important adult matters. The church is sad, his parents are distraught; so they search earnestly for this lost boy and I wonder what it is he is searching for.

As parents we don't own our children; we hold them in trust for God who gave them to us. The years of care, oversight and nurture represent our fulfillment of that trust. Let us not provoke them to anger or vain searching. Rather, by investing ourselves in them, let us lovingly guide them home to us and to God.

Dobson film review

Overcoming a painful childhood

By Christopher Williams

Shirley Dobson, wife of Dr. James Dobson, shared her own story in *Overcoming a Painful Childhood*, the fifth film of the "Turn Your Heart Toward Home" series. She spoke of the tragedy of her father's alcoholism; the accompanying embarrassment and financial hardships for the family; a hard-working mother committed to her family; and the power of Christian prayer and witness.

She became a Christian in the sixth grade through the personal help offered by a Sunday school teacher. Shirley, as a young girl, prayed for two things: a new father and a Christian husband. Her prayers have been answered. Now, as an adult woman, she continues to pray that her natural father will come to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Her purpose in sharing is twofold:

1. Those who are discouraged or hurting because of some painful life experience might be assured that God

has not abandoned him or her, and can turn any situation around into something beautiful and something good. She asks each of us to identify the greatest need in our own life and commit that to God in prayer, asking Him to increase our faith in his love for us.

2. Christians are called to be sensitive to the needs of children or other persons who are victims of painful situations. We need to invest ourselves in them. There are hurting persons that each of us knows; a neighbor, a friend, maybe even in our own home. There are also specific ways we can help if we would simply take the time and energy to find out how.

Next Dobson film: The Heritage

The final film in the "Turn Your Heart Toward Home" series will be shown Sunday night beginning at 7 p.m. in the Seeley Lake Elementary School gym.

The Heritage is reportedly a moving presentation by Dr. James Dobson about the values which are essential to the survival of the family. Several of the pastors who have organized the film series expect this film to be one of the best.

Fundamental Baptist Church of Seeley Lake will sponsor this film. Child care will be provided at the Community Bible Church.

Lutheran group meets

Women In Service of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church met October 9 in Seeley Lake and agreed to reserve table space at the Seeley Lake Women's Club bazaar on December 6, in order to offer Christmas and all-occasion greeting cards for sale.

In other business, the group reviewed guidelines for stamp collections as a fund-raising method for missions; agreed to hold the Hunters Well-wisher soup dinner October 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the church; and planned a cookie exchange for November 20.

SWAN SONGS

Margaret Geary

HELMVILLE-Margaret "Madge" Geary, 89, of Helmvile, died Thursday evening of natural causes at Powell County Memorial Hospital.

She was born November 16, 1896 in Chicago to Michael and Margaret Fogarty. In 1898 she moved with her family to Butte, where she attended school and graduated from Butte Business College. She was employed for a time as a legal secretary for the law firm of Canning & Geagan in Butte.

On January 7, 1919, she married Thomas Geary in Butte. The couple made their home in Helmvile on the Geary ranch, which had been home-steaded in the 1860s.

Mrs. Geary was preceded in death by her husband on September 17, 1964, and by a son, Joseph, and daughter, Margaret Ann Geary.

Survivors include six sons, Jack, Tom, Hugh, William and Dan Geary, all of Helmvile, and Patrick D. Geary, Butte; two brothers, William J. Fogarty, Butte, and Joe Fogarty, Fallbrook, California; a daughter-in-law, Lois Geary, Missoula; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Rosary services were recited at Jewell Funeral Home in Deer Lodge and at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Helmvile. Burial was at the Helmvile Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to St. Thomas Catholic Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Steven Richard Hahn

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Steven Richard Hahn, 35, of Seeley Lake, died of pneumonia Tuesday at Travis Air Force Base hospital in California.

He was born May 2, 1951, in Missoula to Patricia and William Hahn. He attended local schools and broadcasting school in Denver before enlisting in the Air Force. He had served in the Air Force for 15 years. At the time of his death he was with the 24th Weather Squadron at Mather Air Force Base in California.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn "Toby" Hahn, Bremerton, Wash.; his parents, Patricia and William Hahn, Seeley Lake; a brother, Daniel, Seeley Lake; three sisters, Cherrie James, Billings; Shirley Johnson, Edinburg, N.D.; and Laura Hahn, Tacoma, Wash.; a stepdaughter, Michelle, Tacoma, Wash.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Wendy and Janet, and a brother, Tom.

Funeral services were conducted by Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville. Burial with military honors will be at the Victor Cemetery.

Frosty morning ride

Thirty one kindergartners from Seeley Lake Elementary went on a brisk hayride at the Cahoon ranch last Wednesday morning. The Indian Summer sun melted the white frost from the grass and steam rolled off of Kate and Nell, the Clydesdale mares who pulled the wagonload of youngsters.

Squeals of laughter from the kindergartners who rode on the hay wagon could be heard for a half-mile in the cold, fall air. The more the kids enjoyed the ride, the faster the horses trotted, necks bowed low and manes flying. These powerful work horses weigh close to a ton, and the children were duly impressed with their size and strength.

The Clydesdales belong to Mark and Wayne Cahoon, the brothers who began raising the powerful work horses about six years ago on the family ranch near Placid Lake.

Their adventure started innocently enough. Mark bought his first team and broke them to drive. The next team he bought was already broke. Before long, the brothers joined forces in the hobby, and today they have no less than 23 Clydesdales on the ranch. Many are "grade" horses, but more and more are registered, as they work to raise top quality animals. Their Clydesdale stallion came from Scotland, and two of the mares which formed the beginnings of the herd were from Ireland.

The Cahoons have shown some of their prized Clydesdales at draft horse shows, such as the one held annually in Sandpoint, Idaho. Their draft horse



Wayne and Mark Cahoon treated Seeley Lake kindergartners to a hayride near Placid Lake last week.

stallion was awarded Grand Champion there last year. They haven't had time this past season to show horses, but are looking forward to it next year.

The hard work of breaking and training the horses is beginning to pay off for Mark and Wayne. Not too long ago they sold a team which is now being used near North Pole, Alaska. More recently, some people from Hawaii bought a team, which is now being used on a ranch operation. And, a gentleman from Canada has recently expressed interest in a young stallion born on the ranch.



Wayne Cahoon and Clydesdale mares.

Livestock Report

Utility and commercial cows, canners, and good steers are lower this week. Last Thursday's livestock report from the Missoula livestock auction is as follows:

Cattle: Heiferettes, 40.00 to 45.00; Utility & Commercial Cows, 35.00 to 39.00; Canner & Cutter Cows, 30.00 to 34.00; Bulls 40.00 to 44.00

Feeders & Stockers: Good to choice steers, 54.00 to 58.50; Medium to Good Steers, 51.00 to 54.00; Good to Choice Heifers, 53.00 to 55.00; Medium to Good Heifers, 49.00 to 53.00; Good to Choice Steer Cfs, 65.00 to 70.00; Common & Med. Steer Cfs, 60.00 to 65.00; Good to Choice Heifer Calves, 57.00 to 61.00; Common to Med. Heifer Cfs, 52.00 to 57.00.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline is Friday at 4:00 pm.

Events

Oct 24, Swan Valley PTA Carnival, 5-9 pm, Swan Valley School Gym, Condon.
 Oct 25, Annual Harvest Dinner & Auction, 5:30 pm, Ovando School Gym, Ovando.
 Oct 31, Halloween Dance, 7 pm, Leisure Lodge, Seeley Lake.
 Bingo, 2nd & 4th Thurs every month, 7 pm. Open to public. Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

Public Meetings

Oct 23, Seeley Lake Elem. School Board mtg (discussion of bond issue), 7:30 pm, Seeley Lake Elem School, Seeley Lake.
 Condon QRU, 1st & 3rd Mon every month.
 Seeley Lake QRU, 1st and 3rd Fri every month, 7:30 pm, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.
 Rural Fire District, 1st Tues, Regular Firefighters bus mtg, Plum Creek, 7 pm; 2nd Tues, training mtg, Plum Creek, 7 pm; 3rd Tues, Trustees mtg, 7:30 pm, Seeley Lake.
 SOS Trustees mtg, 2nd Mon every month.
 Swan School Board mtg, 2nd Tues every month.
 Seeley Lake Elem School Board mtg, 3rd Thurs every month, school library, Seeley Lake.
 Water District, 2nd Tues every month, 8 pm, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.

Clubs & Organizations

Oct 28, Whitetail 4-H Club, 3:30 pm, Seeley Lake Elem School, Seeley Lake.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (Condon), Thurs, 7:30 pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (Seeley Lake), Sun, 7 pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake; Weds, 7 pm, Community Church, Seeley Lake.

Alanon, Mon, 7 pm, Lutheran Church, Seeley Lake.
 AARP, 1st Mon every month, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.
 Drifters Snowmobile Club mtg, 2nd Mon every month through March, 7:30 pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 SeLa SenCi mtg and potluck, 3rd Wed every month, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 Seeley Lake Elem PTA mtg, 3rd Mon every month, 7 pm, 8th grade room, Seeley Lake Elem School, Seeley Lake.
 Seeley Lake Women's Club, Tues, 1 pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 Senior Nutrition Program, Mon-Tues-Wed, noon. Open to public. Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 TOPS, Thurs, 10 am, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.

Other

Oct 29, Bookmobile, Potomac School, 10-11:30 am; Sunset School, 12-1 pm; Clearwater Junction, 1:30-2:30 pm; Seeley Lake Town, 3-5:30 pm.
 Oct 30, Bookmobile, Seeley Lake Elem, 9 am-12 pm; Seeley Lake Town, 12:30-2:30 pm.
 Adult Volleyball, Weds, 7-9:15 pm, Seeley Lake Elem School Gym, Seeley Lake.
 Men's Basketball League, Mon, 7-9 pm, Seeley Lake Elem School Gym.
 Swan Valley Community Library, Weds, 10 am-6 pm; Sat, 10 am-3 pm, Condon.
 Refuse Disposal Site, Winter Hours (October 1 thru April 30): Wed & Sat, 10 am - 4 pm.
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Recreation Guide

The Eagles Annual migration underway

Migrating bald eagles arrive at Glacier National Park each autumn to feed on spawning Kokanee salmon. The bald eagles gather on the shores of Lower McDonald Creek and the Middle Fork of the Flathead River immediately below McDonald Creek.

A few eagles began arriving in September. Last week nearly 100 eagles were counted. By mid-November, hundreds of eagles will be congregating in the area. Last year, more than 500 eagles were counted along lower McDonald Creek during the peak of the migration in early November.

The several hundred eagles that gather along McDonald Creek each autumn are migrating from Canada to wintering areas south of Glacier National Park.

Eagles may be viewed from Apgar Bridge, which crosses Lower McDonald Creek. Parking is available in Apgar and access to the bridge is provided by a short trail near the Information Center. To provide quality viewing and to minimize disturbance to eagles, the Creek and adjacent areas between Apgar and the confluence with the Middle Fork of the Flathead River are closed to public use. The closure will be enforced and citations will be issued to violators. Each Tuesday morning, biologists count the number of eagles seen by canoe float from lake McDonald to Blankenship Bridge on the Flathead River. This number will be higher than the number of birds seen at the bridge. However, the highest concentration of birds and the best viewing is consistently at Apgar Bridge.

The Visitor Center at Apgar is open daily through December 7 and on weekends during the winter. A research blind will be available for public use on weekends during Naturalist-led nature walks of short duration. Information on these guided walks can be obtained daily at the Visitor Center. The walks will be limited to ten persons on a first-come, first-served basis. For weather update and viewing conditions, please call the Apgar Visitor Center at 888-5441.

The Camas Road will remain open to through traffic until closed by snow. However, Park Superintendent Lusk requests the cooperation of the public to limit any unnecessary travel on the Camas Road in order to help maintain quality viewing for the public on the Apgar Bridge. Those needing to cross the bridge are advised that the speed limit is 15 MPH. Commercial vehicles are not permitted through the Park.

Hunters passing through the Park are reminded that firearms must be encased, broken down and out of sight, and game cannot be transported on Park roads except on Highway 2 in the Walton area.

McDonald Creek may be the largest concentration of bald eagles south of Alaska.

Fishing Report

People are beginning to snag a few salmon in the Placid Lake area, and the red kokanee are reportedly spawning in the other lakes of the Clearwater drainage as well.

A few people reported catching bull trout in the lakes again this week. The weather has been good, although there aren't many boats on any of the lakes now. Most people are "sitting and fishing" along the shores.

River fishing has reportedly improved for brook trout and cutthroat this past week. The whitefish are beginning to gather in the deeper pools now, too.

Branch-antlered bull regulations expanded

Some major changes in the general hunting regulations for several 200 and 300 series hunting districts this fall have made it imperative that hunters planning to pursue elk and deer in southwestern and south-central Montana check their regulations carefully before heading afield.

Arnold Olsen, Administrator of the Wildlife Division for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Helena, noted that all hunters seeking elk in hunting districts 280, 281, 310, 320, 322, 323, 326, 330, 333, 340, 360, 361, 362, and 380 will be limited to taking either an antlerless elk, if they possess the required special permit, or a branch-antlered bull. "Spike" bull elk will not be legal game in these districts this fall. A branch-antlered bull is any elk having at least one visible tine extending from the main beam of at least one antler, Olsen said. The branch-antlered bull-only restriction was in effect in only seven of the present 14 hunting districts last year.

Similarly, Olsen continued, hunters pursuing mule deer bucks in hunting districts 320, 329 and 333 this fall will be restricted, for the first time, to taking a buck sporting at least four visible points on at least one antler. The brow tine does not count as a point, Olsen said.

Montana's general big game season for rifle hunters opens on Sunday, October 26.

Elk populations increasing

by Bill Thomas, Information Officer, Missoula Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Elk populations in west-central Montana continue to increase according to John Firebaugh, regional wildlife manager for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MDFWP), Missoula.

Biologists with MDFWP monitor the elk population annually, by a variety of indicators including "trend counts." Firebaugh points out that the trend counts "are by no means a total count of the entire elk herd" in an area. Rather, they are only an indication of how the populations are doing in relation to past counts, Firebaugh said. Aerial counts are made in April while the elk are still on the winter range before calving season.

This year, four biologists flew over and counted elk on 126 sites across Region Two, which includes the Blackfoot, Upper and Lower Clark Fork and Bitterroot drainages. They observed a record 10,795 elk. That count represents a continuation of an increasing trend over the last 11 years. Firebaugh attributes much of the increase to four factors:

-Weather Over the last several years the winters have been mild, reducing winter mortality to a minimum. Spring and summer precipitation has produced excellent forage on winter, summer and fall ranges.

-Hunting Regulations Region-wide hunting for antlerless elk has been restricted to special permit holders since 1981. This permit system has provided protection from over-harvesting the productive female segment of the population. In relation to the increasing elk population, wildlife managers have increased the number of antlerless elk permits issued from 2,385 in 1981 to 4,615 this fall. Historically, only about 35 percent of the hunters who receive an antlerless elk permit harvest an elk. Statistics also show that about 90 percent of the permit holders who get an elk, take an antlerless elk.

-Limited Hunting Success The weather during the last several hunting seasons has limited the hunting success. Warm, dry weather during the season resulted in noisy hunting conditions. The lack of snow for tracking and moving elk to lower elevations also limited success. Very cold weather last fall meant many hunters stayed at home.

-Additional Sites Counted Over the last 20 years, more sites have been added to the trend count routes. Some sites that now have elk didn't years ago and, conversely, some with elk weren't counted in the past and now are a part of the trend counts each year.

In most cases, the overall continued increases in Region Two elk herds have been a welcome trend. One exception, however, has been landowners who have found that local increases in elk numbers have become a problem for them. The response of MDFWP has been to help these landowners by setting special early or late seasons, or by issuing more localized antlerless permits to key in on the particular herd that is causing the problems. These efforts allow the department to "surgically" reduce the problem elk while allowing the rest of the elk herds in a large area to continue to moderately increase.

Generally, the specific Hunting Districts (H.D.) in the four large drainage areas of Region Two show the same increasing trends.

Blackfoot drainage including 23 spring "counting" sites in H.D. 281, 282, 283, 285, 292 and 293. Here, the trend has been a dramatic increase from 566 elk "counted" in 1978 to this spring's "count" of 2715. This constitutes a 380 percent increase over the last nine years.

Upper Clark Fork including H.D. 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, and 291 in the Rock Creek, Drummond, Deer Lodge, Phillipsburg, and Anaconda areas. Forty-five sites are counted each spring. The trend shows a 200 percent increase from 1216 elk counted in 1978 to 3646 this spring. The 1978 "count" was not as complete as those made in recent years, but the trend still indicates a substantial increase.

Lower Clark Fork including H.D. 201 and 203 near Alberton, Superior, St. Regis, Fish Creek and Blue Mountain. Thirteen sites are counted each spring. The trend shows a 172 percent increase from 305 elk in 1978 to 828 in 1986. H.D. 200 and 202 have only been "counted" sporadically over the years and are not included in the trend "counts."

Bitterroot Valley Forty-five sites in H.D. 204, 261, 240, 250, and 270 have shown an increasing trend from "counts" of 2620 elk in 1978 to over 3,600 this spring. This represents a 38 percent increase over the last nine years.

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Fish and game personnel ask that people who see fish and game violations FIRST attempt to contact a local game warden or law enforcement officer. If assistance isn't available locally, then use the Report Line 1-800-332-6117.

Local game wardens are Jay Haveman, Seeley Lake and Guy Shank, Bigfork. Law enforcement officers are Scott McDonald, Swan Valley and Lloyd Hallgren, Seeley Lake. Seeley Lake residents may dial 911 for emergency dispatch; Swan Valley and Greenough residents should dial 1-728-0911.

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Swan Valley game up

There has been an upward trend in game populations since about 1978 in the Swan Valley, according to wildlife biologist Mike Aderhold, Kalispell Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

"I expect a good hunt this year," he said, adding that there was no significant winter loss last year.

There are no trend surveys conducted in the Swan Valley to determine deer and elk populations, but the Kalispell fish and game does conduct Hunter Harvest Surveys each winter. This data is gathered through telephone calls and is based on computer estimates. 1985 figures are as follows:

ELK

Of the estimated 1774 people who hunted elk in the Swan Valley (Hunting District 130) last year, 163 legally took elk—a 9% hunt success. Of that number, 38 elk were bulls, 52 spikes, 59 cows and 15 were calves.

Elk hunters spent an estimated 9,272 days afield in the Swan Valley.

Of the estimated 1,612 resident hunters, 127 harvested elk. Of the estimated 162 non-resident hunters, 36 harvested elk.

"This goes against common wisdom," Aderhold said. "But this is similar to what we've seen in the past."

DEER

Of the 3,260 people who hunted for deer in the Swan Valley (H.D. 130) last year, 1,462 harvested deer. 178 were mule deer (150 bucks, 23 does, 5 fawns); and 1,284 were whitetail (891 bucks, 347 does, 46 fawns).

2,927 resident hunters harvested 1,305 deer. 185 non-resident hunters harvested 93 deer.

Deer hunters spent 15,720 days afield.

Deer hunters and harvest trend upward

Biologists with the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks have noted a general increase in deer hunters and harvest over the last 20 years in Region Two in west-central Montana.

Both deer harvest and hunter numbers have fluctuated over the 20-year period, but the number of deer hunters has generally been increasing. The department recorded 12,663 deer hunters in Region Two in 1966. Surveys indicated that over 31,000 deer hunters were afield last fall in the region. Essentially, there are between two and three deer hunters now for every one that was afield 20 years ago.

Although the deer harvest peaked in 1973 and fell through 1976, a steady increase in the harvest has occurred through the mid-1980s. The deer harvest in Region Two reached 11,326 in 1973, dropped to 3,841 in 1976 and rebounded to 12,332 in 1984. The regional deer regulations of eight days either-sex followed by four weeks of buck-only hunting are designed to take advantage of the population increase that has been occurring. This strategy still allows the deer population to continue to increase at a moderate rate. Last year's slight decrease in harvest is not cause for alarm, because a one year change does not indicate a trend.

Harvest statistics also indicate that white-tailed deer made up 34.5 percent of the harvest for the decade 1966-75. Over the last ten years, whitetails have increased to 38 percent of the regional deer harvest. Over the last three years, they have averaged 44 percent of the deer harvest.

Elk harvest declines

by Bill Thomas, Missoula Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Over the last 20 years the number of elk hunters has increased while the elk harvest has declined slightly in Region Two, west-central Montana.

Since 1966 the number of elk hunters in Region Two has jumped 65 percent from 14,663 in that year to slightly over 24,000 last year. The number of hunters pursuing elk in the region stabilized at about 25,000 from 1978 through 1981 and has trended downward to about 24,000 last year.

The regional elk harvest varied more widely through the ten-year period 1966-75 than during the last ten years. During the first period, the harvest bounced from a high of 5,600 in 1968 to a low of 2,548 in 1972. The last ten years of harvest have been less variable, starting in 1976 with only about 1,900 elk taken and trending upward to about 4,000 in 1984.

Over the twenty-year period hunter success has varied from a low of 9 percent in 1976 to a high of 26 percent in the three years 1966-68. Last year, 16 percent of the elk hunters in Region Two were successful in harvesting an elk.

Last year, the Region Two elk harvest was composed of 26 percent branch-antlered bulls, 39 percent spike bulls, 30 percent cows and 5 percent calves.

Game range hunting by permit only

All deer and elk hunting in Hunting District 282, including the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range, is limited to special permit holders.

No one, without a special permit for H.D. 282, may hunt deer or elk during the two-week season that opens October 26.

The Montana Fish and Game Commission approved this permit system in March for limiting hunters after a public comment period. The system was established to reduce hunting pressure and thereby keep the elk on the game range and off adjacent private land, where they are mostly unavailable to hunters.

The 100 deer permits and 50 elk permits for H.D. 282 were issued in the June drawings.

Sun River Outfitters

Big Salmon Camp

For somebody who "just happened" to get into the outfitter business, Lloyd Hahn of Sun River Outfitters in the Swan Valley, together with his wife Carolyn, has "a real class act" according to one local resident who has guided hunters in the Bob Marshall for years.

Lloyd and Carolyn are from Wisconsin. About fifteen years ago they came to Idaho and hunted with an outfitter in the Selway Wilderness. "It wasn't a very good outfit," Lloyd chuckled. "We got lost. . . separated from the guide. We had to find our own way out." The Hahn's took their time meandering out of the wilderness that year. "It was the best trip Carolyn and I ever had," Lloyd laughed.

They returned to their service station business in Wisconsin for a brief time. When an outfit came up for sale near Dupuyer, on the east front of the Bob Marshall, they decided to move to Montana.

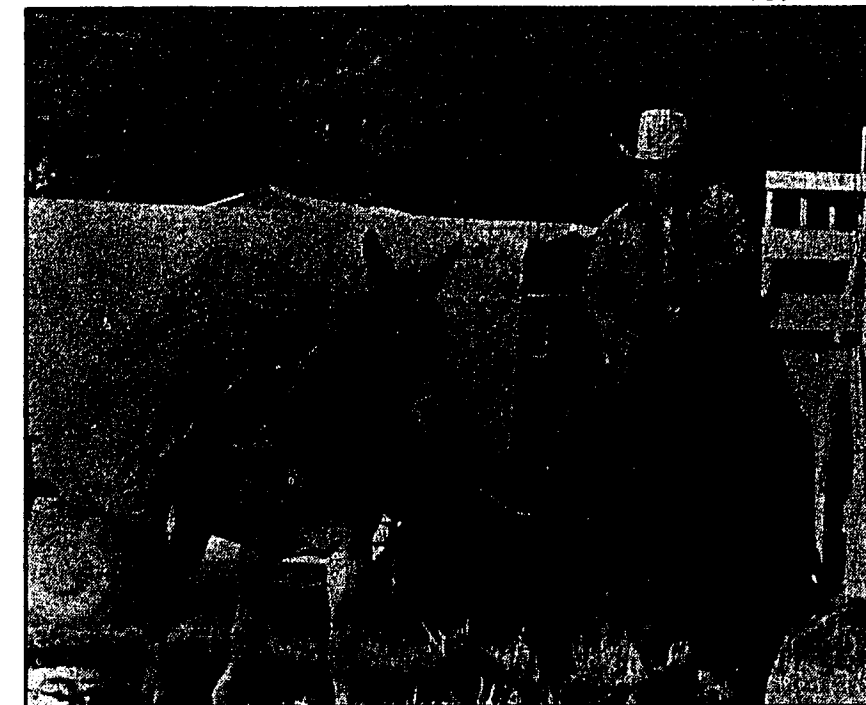
Hence the name "Sun River Outfitters," which is the name of one of the larger rivers east of the continental divide.

The camp near Dupuyer was a mule deer camp, but Lloyd longed to guide hunters in elk country. When Gene Fox, Swan Valley, sold his outfit, Lloyd moved here and began outfitting in the area known as Big Salmon in the South Fork of the Flathead.

Sun River Outfitters have held the Big Salmon camp permit for eleven years now. They guide visitors in the summer months, but hunting season, beginning in September each year, is their busiest season.

"Fifty percent of our clients are repeat customers," Lloyd said. Having repeat clients in the outfitter business is a sign of a healthy, organized operation.

Lloyd's success didn't quite happen by accident. He grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin, and learned at a young age about working around stock. He treats his mules as if they were his kids. "They are just that—our kids," he laughed, as he packed two "new kids"



Lloyd Hahn, owner/operator of Sun River Outfitters, heads for the Holland trailhead to begin another 22-mile journey into the Big Salmon camp in the Bob Marshall.

named Betty and Harry. These two mules joined the "big kids" for their first 22-mile pack trip into Big Salmon. "They don't know what to think of all this," Lloyd explained, as he gently hoisted an 85-pound load onto one side of Harry's packsaddle.

The Sun River mule train, often consisting of a dozen head of stock, travels the long trail to Big Salmon about three times in every ten days. They take camp supplies in ahead of the hunters at the beginning of each ten- or eight-day hunt, and in-between they haul game out, and hay back in.

Out in the wilderness, the mules are allowed to roam at night, and wrangling them each morning is a chore that Lloyd says would be much harder without the help of "Lacy J."—the blue heeler who arrived at Sun River Outfitters via the Humane Society. Lacy J. is jokingly called Miss Piggy by many of the guides because of her well-padded sides. Even with the dozens of 22-mile trips into Big Salmon and then out again, Miss Piggy hasn't lost a pound. She remains a slightly roly-poly stock dog, and Lloyd credits her with saving them

hours of time wrangling mules.

Carolyn is in charge of the camp kitchen. She went into camp on September 14, and stopped for a minute to chat that morning. "I'll see you about the first of November," she laughed. According to Lloyd, the camp kitchen "is nicer than the one at home" and Carolyn enjoys her time in the wilderness, in spite of the long, hard hours spent preparing meals for hunters and running the camp. Her wilderness kitchen consists of a 28 x 16-foot cook tent. "The last 8 x 16 feet is all her kitchen," Lloyd explained. She cooks portions of her meals on a propane griddle.

Big Salmon is one of the oldest camps in the South Fork. According to Pete Rovero, long-time Valley resident, he and Joe Murphy and Russell Fox all outfitted hunters there in the 1920s and later. Pete outfitted in the South Fork for about 35 years. He remembers lots of elk there then. They seldom "bugled" for bulls, because "there were elk all over then." And there were many grizzlies in the South Fork at that time. One bear that had to be shot in camp was so large that a horse couldn't drag it. It took the men three days to bury that bear near the camp.

Lloyd sees a lot of grizzly tracks in the South Fork, but they seldom come into camp, although black bears "mess around" once in awhile near camp.

He and his guides had good luck this year bugling elk for hunters, and have so far come out with several five- and six-point bulls.

Sun River Outfitters have booked their last hunt for November 10 this year. "We're pushing our luck with that a little bit," he said, looking at the skit of snow on Gordon Pass and knowing that by November, drifts on the high trail could be belly deep to a mule and waist-high on a man.

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Race for the State

Candidates will boost economy, cut spending

Dee Ball

Dee Ball is the Republican challenger for the representative seat in House District 65. She lives in Clinton. At the candidates forum in East Missoula last week, she emphasized that government "has to work on what it's spending money on," and added, "There shouldn't be any sacred cows." She indicated that educational funding needs to be examined.

Ball declined to list any endorsements, but indicated that most of her campaign funding has come from private individuals and the Republican Party. Ball is a member of the board of directors for the Missoula County Freetholders Association.

Ball answered other questions for Pathfinder.

Q: The state Fiscal Analyst is currently predicting a revenue shortfall of at least \$100 million. How do you think the legislature will choose to deal with this problem?

A: Cut funds. Tom Asay, representative from Forsyth, called for legislators to break into groups and study various aspects of the budget. We need to go beyond reading a bill or looking at a budget request.

Q: You mentioned some "sacred cows" in the state budget. Could you give some specifics?

A: Education. For example, Loyola (private Missoula school) spends \$3300 per year per student; the state of Montana spends \$4000 per year per student (average). I'd like to know why there's such a wide difference. There are probably some areas that could be cut. We may have to look at things such as consolidating districts, eliminating administrative personnel. These are different areas to explore.

Q: Social Rehabilitation Services and the Department of Institutions are often thought of as "sacred cows." How do you feel about cuts in these areas?

A: In a lot of these areas, I would like to see the state look at privatization of services, rather than us hiring our own people. . . contract it out. Take data processing, for example. Instead of buying equipment that's outdated year after year. . . put it in the private sector.

Q: What about a sales tax?

A: It's time Montana came into the 20th century with a sales tax. If I had to pick a tax, it would be a sales tax - if I was backed into a corner. Most every other state has a sales tax. With tourism here. . . why not take advantage of these people when they come through?

Q: What are the main concerns of your constituents?

A: Jobs. Good-paying jobs. Taxes. I really think if government looks at having a stable, steady tax policy, the economy will improve. Businesses have to look at several things in locating to new areas. If you don't know what the taxes are from year to year, it's discouraging.

Q: Are there any other issues you would like to address?

A: Initiatives. I still have not 100% made up my mind on it (property tax initiative). If that bill passes, people should be aware that the legislature has the appropriation authority. There is no way government will let us go without schools, fire protection and police protection. I came from California, the Proposition 13 state. (People there). . . feared a drastic reduction in a lot of things. . . that didn't happen. Voters (should) read what the initiative says.



Janet Moore

Janet Moore, Democrat, is currently the representative to the state legislature from House District 65. She lives near Condon. At the candidates forum last week in East Missoula, she said that she has consistently voted in favor of education, small business, veterans and senior citizens. She has been endorsed by the Montana Education Association and the AFL-CIO. She was endorsed in the primary race by the Montana Veterans Association.

She answered these questions for Pathfinder:

Q: The state Fiscal Analyst is currently predicting a revenue shortfall of at least \$100 million. How do you think the legislature will choose to deal with this problem?

A: We will probably see more across-the-board cuts—another five or ten percent. There are maybe some departments we can consolidate. We need to study the size of government and see where we can trim spending.

We also have to get serious and talk about tax reform. We will probably look again at a sales tax. However, I don't want to vote on a sales tax until I see another vote of the people on it. Other taxes will probably be proposed: a surcharge on income tax, "bed tax," snooze bill.

Q: Are there any areas you would be reluctant to cut?

A: The last place I would cut is education. I don't like the idea of closing our community schools, but there could probably be some consolidation in administrative areas.

Q: What do you see as the main concerns of your constituents?

A: Jobs and pay. Decent jobs. I believe we can encourage cottage industries here. If we can recycle the resource a few times. . . gain that "added value" - it will create jobs, such as utilizing small lodgepole for post and pole operations or furniture. I have worked with small businesses here, and with (First Valley Bank). . . to make loans from the Build Montana program available to local businesses.

Q: Is there any other subject you'd like to address?

A: Initiatives. I would like to ask people to read the initiatives carefully before they vote. I am against the property tax initiative.



Keith Rennie, Ray Harbin and Michael Lies, all Democratic candidates for Lake County offices, posed for a picture at the Swan Valley Community Hall in Condon last Sunday.

Democrats hold forum

Democratic candidates for Lake County offices were in Condon Sunday afternoon for a forum at the Swan Valley Community Hall. The event was organized by Rod and June Ash, precinct chairmen from Salmon Prairie.

Although the turnout was light for the event, candidates were eager to answer questions and show their support for this area of Lake County (the north end of Swan Valley).

Ray Harbin, candidate for Lake County Commissioner, has several years experience in local politics and worked as a state representative for the southern half of Lake County during the last legislative session. He now believes he can use his administrative experience to improve service to county residents in the office of county commissioner. He believes we must rely on local industries to maintain our economic base.

Keith Rennie is a candidate for County Attorney. He has had a private law practice in Polson since 1979. Among other things, he believes cases should not be plea-bargained, and that cases need to go to trial.

Michael F. Lies is a candidate for Lake County Clerk and Recorder. He has degrees in business and science and is a veteran and a school teacher. He believes he can improve efficiency in government.

Paul Corbin, candidate for Sheriff, and Ken Esterby, candidate for County Assessor, were unable to attend the event.

I-27 sparks emotion

At a candidates forum last week in East Missoula, the debate over the property tax initiative, I-27, which would eliminate property taxes in Montana, sparked considerable emotion and accounted for much of the discussion following candidates' presentations.

Gary Marbut, Missoula, presented the "pro" side of the property tax initiative. "We have been telling, and telling, and telling our elected officials to quit spending our money. . . but they haven't listened," Marbut said. He continued, stating that, "Our elected officials have a lot of pressure from special interest groups to hand out money." He believes that I-27, which would eliminate property taxes state-wide, would force legislators to redistribute state funding. He stated that I-27 would reduce state revenue by about 18%.

"As a citizen, I urge you to get control of the spending habits of your government," Marbut said. Later, he was questioned about how local basic services, such as fire departments and schools, would continue to operate without property tax funding. Marbut responded that the state legislators could redistribute state revenue somehow, adding that "basic services are going to get funded." When asked about

consideration for the displaced government employees, Marbut shrugged and said: "I think that's too bad, but I think they're due."

Ann Mary Dussault, Missoula County Commissioner, presented the argument against I-27.

The impact, she said, would be \$570 million to local government in Montana, and she gave some specifics:

-Missoula's city fire budget would be decreased by 85%

-University of Montana would lose \$4 million

-Missoula County would have only 24% of the present budget left to fund basic county services

-Schools would lose 57.9% of their funding

-Fire departments would lose 95% or more

Dussault pointed out that there are some options that the legislature could use to raise money to replace the loss from property taxes.

Since the property tax initiative would not go into effect until July 1, 1987, the legislature could implement a "16% sales tax" during the upcoming session (January 1987). Or, she predicted, they might pass an income tax surcharge. More likely, she said, "They would take us all very seriously." During the next session, the legislature would probably implement some user fees for basic services.

At the present time, Dussault explained, property owners pay approximately 25% of the total cost of basic

services. With user fees for these services, Dussault believes that "We'll pay far more for the services we use."

Dussault, in her rebuttal to Marbut, stated that I-27 "is a very serious overreaction. We are placing our destiny in the hands of the state. . . who are going to have problems dealing with their own (revenue shortfalls)." Janet Moore, Representative from House District 65, added that Montana will be \$100 million "in the red" in January, just in state funding.

One person from the audience asked Fern Hart, County Clerk and Recorder, how many people had been evicted from their homes in Missoula County because of delinquent taxes.

"Zero," she replied, and then explained that most delinquent taxes are on developed property with enormous taxes for special improvement districts. Most delinquent taxes are owed by realtors, developers and other speculators whose plans failed when the "bottom fell out" of the real estate market a few years ago.

Hart also reminded the audience that Missoula County residents will receive their property tax statements before November 1.

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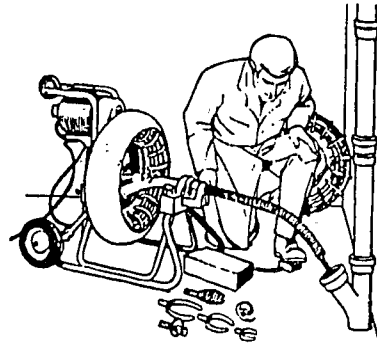
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A brief review

Nearly 100 people turned out for a candidates night last Thursday night in East Missoula. Candidates for all county offices gave short presentations.

County Commissioner

Incumbent Janet Stevens is a Democrat who has worked in county government for several years. In 1985 she was appointed as County Commissioner to replace Bob Palmer, who moved to Oregon.

Stevens pointed out Thursday night that, as a commissioner, she has worked for economic development within the county with tax incentive programs. She said she has encouraged rural participation in the planning process; helped people to better understand local law enforcement and court systems; and reduced government spending and taxation.

Tot Mayer is the Republican challenger in the race for County Commissioner. His previous experience includes 25 years in the Army. Mayer is critical of the job currently being done by the commissioners, and cited a need for better leadership in the commissioners' office. "The County Commissioners are the governing body of the county," he said. He is critical of out-of-state hiring of consultants; oversized county government; and what he calls an "unhealthy business atmosphere."

Sheriff

Dan Magone is the Democratic candidate for sheriff. He worked as undersheriff for six years before being appointed as sheriff over a year ago. He cited several projects since he has been sheriff: a new boat for use by deputies in the Seeley Swan area; beginning to look into the possibility of a new jail; implementation of a written version of policies and procedures for the sheriff's department; training of staff; and training people to work solely on drug enforcement cases within the county.

Larry Reichelt is the Republican challenger in the Missoula County race for Sheriff. Reichelt has 22 years experience in law enforcement in naval intelligence and criminal investigations, including work as an insurance investigator for the Naval Reserve. He acknowledged four challenges which face a Missoula County Sheriff: (1) illegal drug traffic; (2) organized crime element; (3) crime prevention; (4) restoration of harmony and improvement of morale within the sheriff's department. He said that one priority would be to re-establish the Region I anti-drug team, and to establish educational programs within the local school systems. With education, he said, people can attempt to dry up the market for drugs. "That will discourage peddlers," he added.

Justice of the Peace Department 2

Mike Morris was appointed Justice of the Peace to fill the unexpired term of Bill Monger a little over a year ago. He said that he believes a justice of the peace should have strict standards of competency, ethics, and professionalism and that courts should provide quick, efficient services. He vowed to maintain a "people's court" atmosphere in justice court.

Dean Lockridge is the challenger in the race for Justice of the Peace, Department 2. He has 21 years experience in law enforcement, and 16 years as a private investigator. He said there should be no discrimination between individuals; a judge must maintain a person's dignity; and he emphasized that "you're not guilty... until I (as judge) say you're guilty."

Justice of the Peace Department 1

David Clark is the incumbent in this race, and was appointed as Justice of the Peace in 1985. He was critical of his opponent's statements regarding training sessions held in late November, claiming that an inexperienced person could not be fully trained for the office of Justice of the Peace with only a four-day training session once a year. However, he later stated that there were "a number of others" (training sessions) held throughout the year. Clark stated that he believes a Justice of the Peace should have a strong academic background. David Clark is a faculty affiliate at the University of Montana.

Norm Laughlin is the challenger in the race for Justice of the Peace in Department 1. Laughlin is experienced in personnel management and has been involved in many volunteer organizations, including American Red Cross, Big Brothers & Sisters, Church Council, and several veterans organizations.

Laughlin vows to conduct an open court, with a people's court atmosphere, and return a sense of trust to the court. Laughlin said that he will attend all training sessions appropriate to his role as Justice of the Peace. He has received an endorsement from the Missoula County Deputy Sheriff's Association. He also congratulated David Clark on "admitting that I am running against David and NOT Wally Clark." (Wally Clark is a popular judge who is not up for re-election this fall. Laughlin maintains that there has been some confusion regarding this issue.)

County Attorney

Dusty Deschamps is presently the Missoula County Attorney, a position he has held for 15 years. Deschamps maintains that he has lowered the cost of running the office of County Attorney in three of the last four years; and that statistics show the Missoula County Attorney's office is one of the most effective in the state. He asserts that the conviction rate here is higher than the statewide average.

Dave Rodli, Missoula area attorney, is the challenger in the race for Missoula County Attorney. He maintains that Missoula County needs a county attorney who will aggressively prosecute all cases, and use plea-bargaining only as a necessity. He believes he can deter crime, not just prosecute criminals. He is critical of the existing county attorney's office, suggesting that he would hire only full-time people as deputy county attorneys, and would not hire anyone with other commitments. Rodli said he would implement solutions (to crime) in the best interest of citizens, not government.

Clerk and Recorder

Fern Hart is the incumbent in this race for Clerk and Recorder. She has been in office for eight years. Among her achievements as Clerk and Recorder, she notes, is helping to bring Missoula County "into the twentieth century" with the use of computers and a new vote-counting machine. She believes she has improved service to county residents and provided efficient, fair and responsible service.

Hugh Smith is the challenger in the race for County Clerk and Recorder. Smith retired in 1979 as a product manager for the U.S. Tobacco Company. He is critical of the current operation of the Clerk and Recorder's office, saying that he would eliminate long lines and confusing recordkeeping by completely computerizing the office. He also said he would hire only friendly clerks and trained personnel. In discussions following the forum, he said he would "put a terminal in the bank in Seeley Lake" as a service to residents here, and that he would install a toll-free telephone number at the courthouse so residents outside of Missoula would have better access to the county offices.

County Surveyor

Horace Brown is the incumbent County Surveyor. He worked for more than nine years in his own surveying business, and has been with the county for 12 years. He presented a brief outline of the duties of the County Surveyor, including the administration of the county survey department, engineering department, signs, bridges and roads. He pointed out that the County Surveyor's office works with right-of-way surveys, subdivisions, certificates of survey, road design, building of roads, benchmarks, bridge design, culverts, signs, painting stripes on roads, and plowing and sanding roads, among dozens of other projects.

Greg Martinson is the challenger in the race for County Surveyor. Martinson is a Seeley Lake property owner who spends time here seasonally. He has worked as a surveyor for 20 years, and has operated his own business for the past nine years. Martinson said he believes he can improve operations in the County Surveyor's office by bringing "private industry skills to government."

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Candidates night Tuesday

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Most Freeholders favor I-27

In a recent telephone poll of 697 members of the Missoula County Freeholders Association, 654 people said they favored the passage of Initiative 27--which would eliminate all property taxes within the state.

According to Julie Hacker, vice chairman of the organization, 13 members were against the initiative, 30 were undecided and two gave no opinion. 100 members were unavailable for comment in the telephone poll.

Upper Blackfoot has new hunting regs

by Bill Thomas

New elk hunting regulations affecting both archery and rifle hunters will be in effect in two areas in the upper Blackfoot Valley this fall.

The changes are in Hunting District 280, the Scapegoat Wilderness north of Lincoln, and H.D. 281, an area north of Highway 200 from near the community of Ovando to Rogers Pass.

The 1986 elk hunting regulations in these two areas are:

H.D. 281, Oct. 26 - Nov. 30:
Rifle or archery hunting for branch-antlered bulls, except permit holders may take an antlerless elk. Spike bulls are protected during this season.

H.D. 280, Sept. 15 - Nov. 30:
Rifle or archery hunting for branch-antlered bull elk, except permit holders may take an antlerless elk. Spike bulls are protected during this season.

The legal definition of a branch-antlered bull is "any elk having an antler or antlers with a visible branching of one or more extensions from the main antler. An extension or branch on at least one side must be four inches in length or more, measured from the main antler."



Bruce Burns, owner of Barney's Bar and Café, poses with Gerry Parker, Seeley Lake, winner of a new Ruger Model 77 .30-06 rifle and scope--grand prize for the First Annual Hunter's Sweepstakes. This was the first-ever "raffle for profit" held in Seeley Lake and Burns believes it was a success, and plans similar events in the future. Other winners were: Bob Weaver, Seeley Lake, who won binoculars and Laura Rogers, Lincoln, who won a 35-mm camera.

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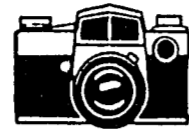
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Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

Two bear stories this week. One neighbor had a large black bear walk up on the front porch the other night. It stood up and left muddy paw prints on the window. It came back the next night, but hasn't returned since.

Another neighbor shot a black bear last week that measured about six feet in length. S'pose it could've been the same bear?

Well, bear stories may seem exciting, but not as exciting as accidentally tipping over a canoe on a lake in October. A friend of ours did just that last week, while trying to land a "lunker" trout. (Uh-huh... the one that got away!) As the story goes, although he lost his pants in the process, our friend, who was in the canoe alone, made it to shore safely. (Thank goodness.) And we understand that a neighbor found that favorite fly rod the next day... thanks to floating line. But, above all, we hear that some new ground rules have been established in that neck of the woods. They go something like: Don't go canoeing alone on a lake in October (unless you like swimming in 40-degree water!).

All the smoke from the slash-burning has created some beautiful sunsets. I'm also wondering if it isn't at least partly responsible for the twinkling colors of the stars just above the horizon last week. Several people mentioned bright colors in the night sky.

Hunter ethics is only common sense

By Don Bianchi
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

When one thinks of hunter ethics, such things as asking landowners for permission, closing gates, not littering, hunting safely and obeying all game laws normally come to mind.

While all of these actions are very important and their importance will always be stressed, they have been emphasized so many times that, for many hunters, things like asking permission, closing gates and not littering have become common, every-day practices. As a result, continually repeating these points year after year, at best, serves to give responsible hunters a gentle reminder about something they already accept and do.

For those reasons, let's approach the hunter ethics issue from a slightly different angle and possibly give some hunters a few new ideas about what they should or shouldn't be doing to help preserve, and even promote, the sport of hunting. In the following discussion we'll approach these "ideas" as rules.

Rule number one: Shoot only your own limit of game. As a hunter, you are licensed to shoot only your game and limit. It is illegal for you to shoot game for your daughter, your wife, your hunting buddy or anyone else. Doing so is not only illegal, it's unethical.

Rule number two: Make clean, accurate kills. This entails practice with a gun or bow and knowledge of what your own capabilities are with the firearm you choose to use. If you know that you aren't capable of shooting and cleanly killing a running animal or an animal at a long distance, then don't

shoot. If you, as a hunter, understand your shooting capabilities and only shoot when you know that your shot will be accurate and that the game will be dispatched quickly, then the non-hunter or antihunter will have little to criticize about your actions.

Rule number three: If there is more than one legal animal within range, pick out the one you want and only shoot at that animal. Doing so all but guarantees that you will kill only one animal. Sometimes this means you will get only one shot, because if the animals bunch up you may not be able to pick out your animal again and get off another good shot. However, this should not be a problem because, if you are hunting ethically, one good shot is all you should need.

These ideas, or "rules" as we have termed them, may seem to go beyond what we usually hear about the concept of "ethical hunting." That they do is intentional. These are the "other" rules of ethical hunting that, if violated, are more commonly left embedded in a hunter's conscience than seen. Yet they are rules that truly ethical hunters take with them as regularly as an extra box of ammunition whenever they take to the field.

All responsible hunters should do likewise. May yours be a safe, successful and ethical hunting season!

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During the weekly eagle and salmon count on Tuesday, biologists in Glacier National Park counted 115 mature eagles and 91 sub-adults, up from 98 counted last week. Biologists also counted 18,600 salmon along McDonald Creek. Salmon numbers are down from 1985 when 42,500 were counted on October 1.

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