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Great Bob Trek

Hikers complete first leg of Trek

The first leg of the Great Bob Trek was wet, although sunny afternoons lifted the hikers' spirits as they forded icy streams and began to settle into the 350-mile wilderness walk around the Bob Marshall Complex.

Walkin' Jim Stoltz, songwriter and trekker, said Sunday that the trip has gone well. "We've done some bushwhacking, and some fairly easy off-trail hiking. We're getting into the spirit of things." Stoltz and a half-dozen other hikers stopped at the Ford Ranch for supplies and showers last weekend. Walkin' Jim is keeping a journal of the Trek. Last week the group saw a healthy black bear and several golden eagles. "It rained a lot," he laughed. "We are more or less getting to know each other," he said of the small hiking group. "There's been a lot of sharing of hiking philosophies. Some people weren't aware of the important issues affecting wilderness right now."

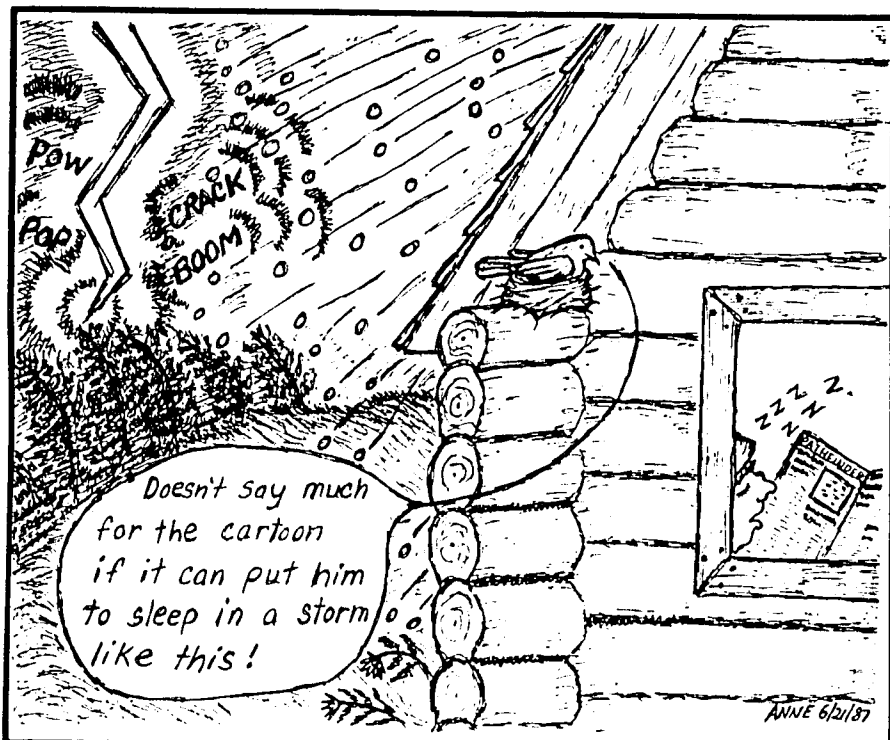
The Montana Wilderness Association has organized the Great Bob Trek to focus public attention on areas which have not been included in recently proposed wilderness legislation. The Rocky Mountain Front, for example, was not included in Congressman Pat Williams' recent bill.

Three hikers, including Walkin' Jim, are walking the second leg of the Trek this week. Their next stop for supplies will be at the Mortimer Gulch Campground near Gibson Reservoir. The hikers will continue the Trek until mid-August, where Walkin' Jim will share his music during a celebration at Holland Lake in the Swan Valley.



The whitetail does have been showing off their fawns during the past week. Several people have seen the little ones close to Highway 83. Remember not to disturb the fawns if you find them, and mama appears to be gone. She will probably return shortly. See related "Critter Chatter" article this issue.

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Business of the Week
STEVE POCHA MECHANICS

"Since most of my work is out in the field, my truck is my shop and office," remarked Steve Pocha of Ovando. If you have a mechanical problem, call Steve — he'll come to you. Steve Pocha Mechanics has been in operation for 1-1/2 years in the Blackfoot Valley.

"Something's broke, I fix it," is Steve's motto. Services on all makes of autos and trucks include tuneups, brake jobs, and engine overhauls. Steve also services farm equipment and logging equipment.

Steve grew up in Helmsville. He attended the Missoula Vocational Technical Center for his training as a mechanic. After a few years of on-the-job experience, he opened his own full-time business. Steve will readily tell you it's tough going when holding down a small business, but he hopes to grow so that he and his wife, Steph, can remain in the area.



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OPINION

Contrasts

Today's issue contains a study in contrasts. On the one hand, we have the Mission Mountain Messengers. The Messengers are a Christian youth choir — known to most residents of the Valley for their fine performances at various community events. The Messengers are just back from their Canadian tour and you can read all about it in today's *Pathfinder*.

At the opposite pole, you can read about a very different group of young people—the inmates at the Swan River Youth Camp. The central fact of this story is the amazingly low recidivism rate—most Camp alumni go on to lead productive lives in mainstream society.

—Dick Potter

Llama laws

To the Editor:
This letter is in response to the June 11, 1987 article entitled, "Forest Service Tries To Ban Llamas From The Bob." I'm quoted in this article, so I'd like to clarify some statements and give a brief update on recent events pertaining to this issue.

The article makes it sound as if llamas are being banned from the Bob Marshall entirely. This isn't the case. The U.S. Forest Service is proposing, as part of their new 3-year travel plan, heavy restrictions on the use of llamas on five major trails on the east slope of the Bob. It's true that there is a group of established outfitters who are unhappy with llamas in the back country under ANY circumstances, but there seems to be a greater number of horsemen who are willing to share this public domain with llama users.

In a June 8th meeting in Choteau, some llama people, outfitters and several members of the Forest Service got together to try to find possible solutions to the problems which initiated the proposed ban. Outfitters are understandably concerned for the safety of their clients in a horse/llama encounter. Llama users are concerned that their right to use the same trails is being curtailed rather abruptly, and without adequate investigation. Some possible solutions that came out of that meeting were the complete restriction of llama use on routes such as Gibson, the requiring of an "outwalker" to go ahead of the llama strings to alert horsemen of the presence of llamas in the area, and the offer of several llama owners to lease or lend llamas to the Forest Service and to outfitters to run with horse and mule strings to familiarize them with llamas (which was not accepted).

Horses and mules are frightened in numerous situations on the trail and llamas are a relatively new thing to spook at. Horse and llama encounters don't have to be disastrous, however. Llama strings, being much more maneuverable and more easily controlled, should give right of way to traditional pack stock. Most areas on the proposed "banned" trails have sufficient room for llamas to get off the trail or even out of sight. The idea of a person walking ahead to warn horsemen is a good one and should be readily accepted by llama users. Solitary llama trekkers can still use the trails not included in the ban.

The main issues, then, are safety and the continued access to major trails by llamas. A little common sense and some courtesy on both parts will go a long way to insure increased safety for all pack stock, traditional and new, using trails in the back country.

Christine G. Maurer
Indian Tree Farms
Dutton, Montana

Cluck, Cluck

(Editor's Note: The following appears as a response to Percy Johnson's recent letter concerning erratic electric service attributable to trees along the highway corridor.)

Dear Hellofahullabaloo:
Bingo!! You woke up.
Electricity surges, passing gas, cutting trees along the highway power-line corridor, scenic areas, underground power lines, bitching, dead deer, loss of life, bicycle paths, views of the mountains on both sides of the Valley, tunnel vision, misguided views on conservation, sloppy and uneconomical practices of our logging operations—and Janet.

Where've you been? Come join our Task Force. Give us your solutions. Be our leader.

Unimpressed,

Al Cluck,
Condon, MT

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Water Woes

To the Editor:
The article in the June 11, 1987 issue of the *Pathfinder*, "Water filtration, sewer systems loom," should cause great concern for members of the Seeley Lake Water District. Sorenson and Co. are quoted:

"Seeley Lake water system does not have enough water to go around."
"We will soon be looking at expensive ways to filter the water."
"If we stay on surface water, there is almost no way to avoid costly water treatment."

So, what's new? Sorenson and Co. said these same, identical things, and more, in their May 1984 water and sewage study. The study three years ago also says, and I quote from the draft copy (underscoring added):

"We can see that the water use per connection is very high when compared to normal standards."
"Since the system does have several large users, is not metered, and a comprehensive leak investigation has never been conducted, the problem could be a combination of items."
"The primary method of determining the specific design, loading and financing characteristics of your system is through exact knowledge of the production, loss, and usage of water."
"The first meters should be placed on known large users."
"Second meters should be placed on all commercial users."
"The last meters should be placed on all residential users."

On Production: The monitoring system for the storage tank and pumps has not worked since Bud Anderson became manager, and no system is in operation today. The August 28, 1986 *Pathfinder* letter to the editor from Joe Anders, chairman of the Seeley Lake water board, states, with establishment of the sinking fund "we will also seek engineering assistance for upgrading the pumping facility, a more reliable recording monitoring system and further study of the possibility of a filtration system." Results?

On Loss: As late as September 1986, a very large, continuous loss of water was discovered, but not by the water district. Results? An average household usage should be approximately 13,500 gallons per month (not considering peaking). Of the large users, Pyramid mill uses an average of over 1,000,000 gallons per month, and there are no figures available for the schools, the U.S. Forest Service, or the laundromat. Although there are several meters installed at this time, none are being read on a regular basis—with the possible exception of one.

Although lots of opportunities occurred to gather data, there has been little data gathered since 1984. Considerable information on filtration has been gathered and given to the water board:

November 18, 1985—Jackola Engineering Co., Kalispell, MT. Based on 380 connections. A Culligan MT-60 Multi-Tech clarification and filtration system. Approximate cost, \$125,000; 150,000-gallon tank, \$60,000; 200,000-gallon tank, \$76,000. Action taken—0.

November 18, 1985—Emery Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio. Ozone treatment system. Cost: \$70,000 for equipment plus \$50,000 installation. The operating cost would be \$10 per day @ 6¢/kwh. Action taken—0.

November 18, 1985—Availability of used, conventional filtration systems in the east for 10¢ on the dollar. Action taken—0.

September 22, 1986—EPA information on qualifying for exception to filtration. Cost: \$0. Action taken—0.

April 1987—Complete information from EPA on "slow sand filtration systems." This is a system used as early as the 1820's in England. After initial testing, this could possibly be a "do it yourself" project.

Whenever I see projected filtration costs quoted as hovering around \$2.5 million and a water rate of about \$25 per month, I get nervous as hell.

We have now gone full circle from 1984 to 1987 with little or nothing accomplished.

We still have no telemetering monitor system, no accountability for all water pumped from the lake, no improvement in pumping or storage capacity, no basic data to plan with, and we still do not read meters. If growth for the Seeley Lake community depends on the water district, we have miles to go, not just a "few inches."

This community cannot afford the luxury of any more costly contracted planning, studies, or engineering services until we have the exact basic data and a prioritized plan of action.

Bob Scott
Seeley Lake
The SOS Health Center
Just to set the record straight...
by Suzanne Vernon

I recently received a lively letter from Jesse (Perro) Dombey, former Seeley Lake resident and frequent visitor. Jesse now lives in Naples, Idaho, but she is still very interested in the Seeley Lake community and has worked hard over the years to collect and record history about the area. Jesse had a few notes to add to *Pathfinder's* article about Wilma Nicholson's role in developing

the SOS Health Center and health care services in Seeley Lake. The following excerpts from Jesse's letter are reprinted here with her permission.

"I am now thumbing through my copy of the 'Summary, Montana Governor's Conference on Health Care Systems, Helena, Montana—April 17 & 18, 1970.' This was only one of countless Health Conferences we attended all over Montana.

"Mr. L.A. 'Doc' Dombey and I instigated the SOS Health Center at Seeley Lake. We were members of LIGHT (Low Income Group); I was a VISTA and we took "Health" as my VISTA project.

"Any of the old-timers in the Swan Valley, Seeley Lake and Ovando will tell you about the signatures we collected that brought us the first big meeting at Seeley. It lasted past 2 a.m. and resulted in our securing one of the first (rural health care) programs of its kind in the United States."

"That's when the state lent us Wilma," Jesse chuckled recently in a telephone conversation. "She is really fantastic. She did a fantastic job. I feel we all owe Wilma a big vote of 'Thanks' for making it such a grand success. Also, the Swan, Ovando and Seeley communities are to be lauded long and loud for their never-failing support of the SOS project."

According to Jesse, "Doc" Dombey was extremely health-conscious and worked "terribly hard" to get the satellite health care program at Seeley Lake. "He sat so many long, dreary hours waiting to present the program at meetings. He was so appalled at the lack of any medical care in those communities and, being a very ill man, he saw very plainly the great need," Jesse writes. The ambulance, which Wilma had charge of for many years, proved to be a God-send for Doc, Jesse adds.

Thanks for the insight, Jesse. I know many people today have trouble picturing what Seeley Lake was like twenty years ago. The successful establishment of a health care center here is proof that communities can work together toward common goals.

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Bud's Bits

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

Events
 July 3, Swan Valley Q R U Barbecue Dinner/Dance, 6:30pm, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.
 July 3, Seeley Lake 4th of July Activities Begin 7pm, Downtown Seeley Lake.
 July 4, Swan Valley Parade/O-Mok-See, 11am, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.
 July 4, Seeley Lake 4th of July Parade & Activities Begin 1pm, Seeley Lake.
 July 4, Fireworks on Seeley Lake, 10:30pm, Seeley Lake.
 July 4-5, Mud O Rama, 10am, Boy Scout Road, Seeley Lake.
 July 5, 4th of July Activities Conclude, Noon, Downtown Seeley Lake.

Clubs & Organizations
 June 25, Condon Alcoholics Anon, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon.
 June 28, Seeley Lake Alcoholics Anon, 7pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake.
 June 29, Alanon Mtg, 7pm, Lutheran Church, Seeley Lake.
 June 29, 30, July 1, Senior Nutrition Program, Lunch at Noon. Open to Public. Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
 July 1, Seeley Lake Alcoholics Anon Mtg, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.

Other
 June 25, Bookmobile, Seeley Lake 9am-2:30pm.
 Refuse Disposal Site, May thru Sept: Weds/Sat/Sun, 10am-5pm.
 Swan Valley Comm Library, Memorial thru Labor Day, Weds, 10am-6pm; Fri, 10am-3pm, Condon.
EMERGENCY: 911 (Seeley Lake or Condon); 1-728-0911 (Greenough or Ovando).

There are many kinds of native willows in Montana—most do not reach tree size. Of the 5 species that may appear as a tree, the peachleaf willow is the most abundant and widespread and is one of the few that has the characteristics of a tree. It is usually 30 to 50 feet tall and as much as 2 feet in diameter. The crown is rounded and has straight ascending branches.

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Jeff Greer recently displayed a wax carving of a sled dog team for members of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club. The Club is considering paying for a bronze of the sculpture, and then raffling it to raise money for the 1988 World Championship Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race to be held here in February. S. Vernon/Pathfinder

Bronze may be raffled for race

Jeff Greer, Missoula sculptor, recently displayed a wax carving of a sled dog team for members of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club at Seeley Lake. Greer has offered to provide a bronze of the carving at cost to the Sportsman's Club, if they should choose to raffle the bronze as part of fundraising efforts for the 1988 World Championship Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race set for February.

School trustees approve preliminary budget

Seeley Lake Elementary School trustees approved a 1987-88 preliminary budget Monday night. The budget shows substantial increases in the general fund, teacher salaries and the bus contract. Anticipated income to cover these increases will come from school reserves and an expected increase in foundation program funding. There will be no increase in the mill levy to support the school, according to Roger Marshall, chairman. The final budget will be discussed and voted on in July.

In other business, trustees agreed to post board meeting agendas at the school and Seeley Lake Post Office prior to meetings. Ken Kopke was appointed as public relations director. Trustees also moved to provide Pathfinder with approved copies of board minutes on a regular basis.

The school's discipline policy was approved with minor changes and the understanding that the policy will be reviewed throughout the school year. Procedures for handling parent-teacher-student grievances were also discussed, based on proposals which were made during a Labor Management Committee meeting held May 21.

Chamber to help with 1988 TOSRV

The Missoula Bicycle Club, which sponsors the annual Tour of the Swan River Valley, asked the Seeley Lake Chamber of Commerce if they would like to help prepare lunch for bikers next year at Tamaracks Resort. The Chamber last week voted to accept the offer. The bicycle club will pay the Chamber \$250 for the service.



Smith-Herron engaged

Scott Smith and Diane Herron, both from Seeley Lake, recently announced their engagement. Diane is the daughter of Wayne Herron, Petersburg, Alaska and Mary Anna Rich of Seeley Lake. Scott is the son of Jim Smith, Seeley Lake.

An August 15 wedding is planned.

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Youth events set for July 4th

Several youth events are now being organized for the July 4th holiday in Seeley Lake. Following the parade and awards ceremony will be sack races, water races, balloon breaking races, egg races, 3-legged races, rope climb, obstacle course, log roll, greased pig contest, greased pole climb, and wheelbarrow races.

Frank Wolfram, chairman of the youth committee for the Wilderness Sportsman's Club, will be organizing the youth events for the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

All youth events will be held in the area next to the Chamber office in downtown Seeley Lake.

Senior Citizens ponder retirement home

At the June meeting of the Seeley Lake Senior Citizens, the group agreed to continue discussions about the possibility of a retirement home in Seeley Lake. Alice Smith asked for input concerning a new retirement home and considerable interest was shown.

In other business, the Senior Citizens agreed to renew the Bingo license for another year and changed the date of their annual picnic from September to August 19.

Terry Kell, a visitor from San Diego, spoke of his thirty years with the aerospace program and his association with the astronauts.

The evening began with a potluck supper and concluded with a "sing-along" with Mrs. Leo Perro at the piano. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Senior Nutrition Program

The following noon meals, which are open to the public, will be served next week promptly at noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Seeley Lake Community Hall:

- Monday, June 29—
Stew and Biscuits
- Tuesday, June 30—
Oven Chicken
- Wednesday, July 1—
Sausage Quiche

Reservations are appreciated for these noon meals. Suggested donations for residents under 60 years of age are \$2.50; over 60, \$1.50. All meals served with soup or juice, meat, potato or substitute vegetable, salad, dessert, rolls or bread, milk and coffee. Menus are subject to change. For more information call Hazel Ford, 677-2008.

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Ogden graduates in Germany

It's not often that a Seeley Lake girl can finish school in Germany, but April Ogden has done just that. April graduated on June 12 from a Department of Defense Dependent School in Hanau, West Germany. She graduated with honors and was ranked seventh in her class out of 120 seniors. April completed the first two years of high school in Seeley Lake and then finished her last two in Germany.

April lives in Germany with her husband, Rowdy Ogden, who is also a Seeley Lake native. Rowdy has been stationed in Germany for three years and does not expect to be home until 1989.

April has been accepted by the University of Maryland and plans to study for two degrees, one in accounting and one in education. Her list of awards includes: Presidential Academic Fitness Award, 1987; \$1500 scholarship from Panther Educational Assistance Program (PEAP); \$750 scholarship from Phi Delta Kappa; \$50 U.S. Savings Bond from the Hanau Officer's and Civilian's Wives Club; Outstanding Achievement as Metra Tutor Award, 1987; Outstanding Achievement in Shorthand Award, 1987; Certificate of Scholastic Achievement Top Ten Student Award, 1987; Tutor of the Semester Award, 1987; Outstanding Business Lab Student Award, 1987; certificate and medal from President Reagan, 1987; National Honor Society, 1986 and 1987; High Honor Roll, 1986 and 1987; Honor Roll, 1984, 1985

Free phone to Missoula Social Security

Seeley Swan residents can now call the Missoula office of the Social Security Administration for free. A toll-free phone—1-800-722-0453—has recently been installed to serve Western Montana residents. Another toll-free number used during the past year was connected to the Billings office. The toll-free number for Medicare remains the same: 1-800-332-6146, Helena.

Cornucopia by Michele Potter

Continuing with the "June is Dairy Month" theme, here are two more summer favorites from the American Dairy Association: Creamy Potato Salad and Cucumbers in Sour Cream.

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| Creamy Salad Dressing:
2 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon dry mustard
Dash red pepper
1 cup milk
1 egg, slightly beaten
1/4 cup white wine vinegar | Creamy Potato Salad
Potato Salad:
6 cups diced cooked potatoes (6 to 7 medium potatoes)
1/2 cup sweet pickle relish
1/3 cup chopped celery
1/3 cup sliced pitted ripe olives
3 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
1/4 cup finely sliced green onion
6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
Cherry tomatoes, if desired
Hard-cooked eggs, if desired |
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Dressing: Combine flour, sugar, salt, mustard and pepper in a 1-quart saucepan; stir in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Cook 2 additional minutes. Blend a little hot mixture into egg; return mixture to saucepan. Cook 1 additional minute. Do not boil. Gradually stir in vinegar; cover and chill.

Potato Salad: Combine potatoes, relish, celery, olives, eggs, onion and bacon in a large bowl; toss lightly. Add dressing and toss only until blended. Chill several hours. Serve garnished with cherry tomatoes and sliced hard-cooked egg.

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| Cucumbers in Sour Cream
3/4 cup vinegar
3/4 cup water
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt | 4 whole peppercorns
4 large cucumbers
2 cups dairy sour cream
Salt, if desired |
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Combine vinegar, water, sugar, salt and peppercorns. Thinly slice cucumbers and marinate in vinegar mixture 2 to 3 hours; stir occasionally. Drain. Gently mix cucumbers with sour cream, if desired.

Robin Idol of Seeley Lake asked for some new recipes using cottage cheese. I'll write to the American Dairy Association and search through my files. Readers, your ideas will be appreciated. Please send your recipes to Cornucopia, P. O. Box 702, Seeley Lake, MT 59868.

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... Researchers have found that monounsaturated fats may be better than polyunsaturates to lower cholesterol. Look for more products to promote the monounsaturates.

... When tomatoes are ripe and flavorful, top thick slices with a mixture of 1 cup sour cream and 2 teaspoons each brown sugar and Dijon mustard. Broil until topping starts to brown.

... What the labels mean: "lean" beef has less than 10 percent fat, like most choice cuts. "Extra lean" has less than 5 percent fat, which would cover much of the "good" or "select" beef sold.

... Top off your barbecue with "roasted" fruit. Scatter unpeeled bananas and foil-wrapped nectarines over the embers. Spoon the softened fruit over ice cream.

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McNulty-Johnson Wed

Barbara "Kate" Johnson and Michael James McNulty were joined in marriage on Saturday, June 20 at the Faith Lutheran Church in Condon. A wedding reception at Holland Lake Lodge followed the ceremony. Father James McNulty performed the marriage ceremony, continuing a McNulty family tradition.

Maid of honor was Joanne Vassar-Romasko from Santa Clara, California. Flower girl was Hannah Romasko. Best man was Rodney Ost, Glasgow, Montana. Usher was Steven Simon of Missoula.

Parents of the bride are Erwin and Viola Vassar, Santa Clara, California. Parents of the groom are Leo and Norma McNulty of Walnut, California.

Kate and Michael met each other at the University of Montana, where they were both completing their second degrees in elementary and secondary education. Kate worked as librarian at Swan Valley Elementary school last year and, also, taught kindergarten there. Michael recently taught school at Roosevelt Junior High in Missoula.

The couple will live in Missoula this summer.

Local photographer in Bigfork show

Swan Valley photographer Roger Wade will be showing his new Montana landscape photographs at the Seastar in downtown Bigfork, beginning Sunday, June 28. An artist's reception will be held at 5 p.m. for Roger Wade and Marty Baker, who will be showing tapestries. The show will continue until July 11.

Roger Wade's landscape photographs of Western Montana are also on display at Artistic Expressions in Seeley Lake.

Roger Wade has lived in Montana for several years. He works with a wide range of photographic media, including multi-image slide presentations, commercial photography, studio portraits and landscape art. He received a bachelor of science degree with honors in professional photography from Rochester Institute, New York. He also attended Salzburg College in Austria where he studied landscape photography and compiled two hand-bound books, "Faces of Some Friends" and "Landscapes." Roger and his family live at Salmon Prairie.

F.S. asked to survey wilderness boundaries

A recent committee report asks land managers at the Swan Lake District of the Flathead National Forest to establish wilderness boundary lines before conducting any logging or thinning activities in areas adjacent to wilderness.

The committee was formed to investigate an incident which occurred last fall where trees were cut inside the Mission Mountains Wilderness boundary. Using chainsaws in a wilderness area violates the Wilderness Act of 1964.

According to Bill Pederson, district ranger at Swan Lake, the Forest Service will be prioritizing wilderness boundaries that need to be surveyed in the future. Two timber sale areas near existing or proposed wilderness boundaries are the Bunyan-Meadow sale and the Smith-Cooney sale. Pederson said that wilderness boundaries near the Bunyan-Meadow sale area have been identified. The Smith-Cooney sale area is close to the Bob Marshall Wilderness boundary identified in the Flathead Forest Plan, but not close enough that the boundary needs to be surveyed, he said.

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Parade, O-Mok-See planned

The Swan Valley Fourth of July celebration will begin at 11 a.m. with a parade followed by an O-Mok-See and concessions at the Swan Valley Community Hall and Arena. The parade will begin at Liquid Louie's parking lot and continue north on Highway 83 to the community hall.

Mike Holmes is organizing sheep and calf riding events for youngsters in conjunction with the O-Mok-See.

The 1987 parade theme is "Our Great Constitution." Entries are welcome in a variety of categories, including floats, horses and bicycles. The American Legion will present the colors. Art and Martha Anderson are the Grand Marshals for this year's event.

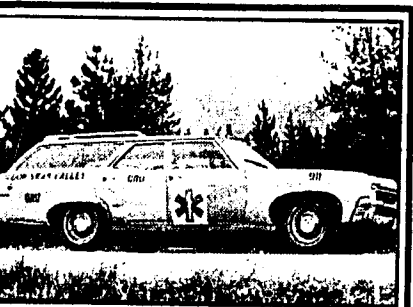
Veterans and their families are encouraged to participate in the parade.

For more information about the parade contact Susan Cox, after June 30, at 754-2454.

Group to install KUFM translator

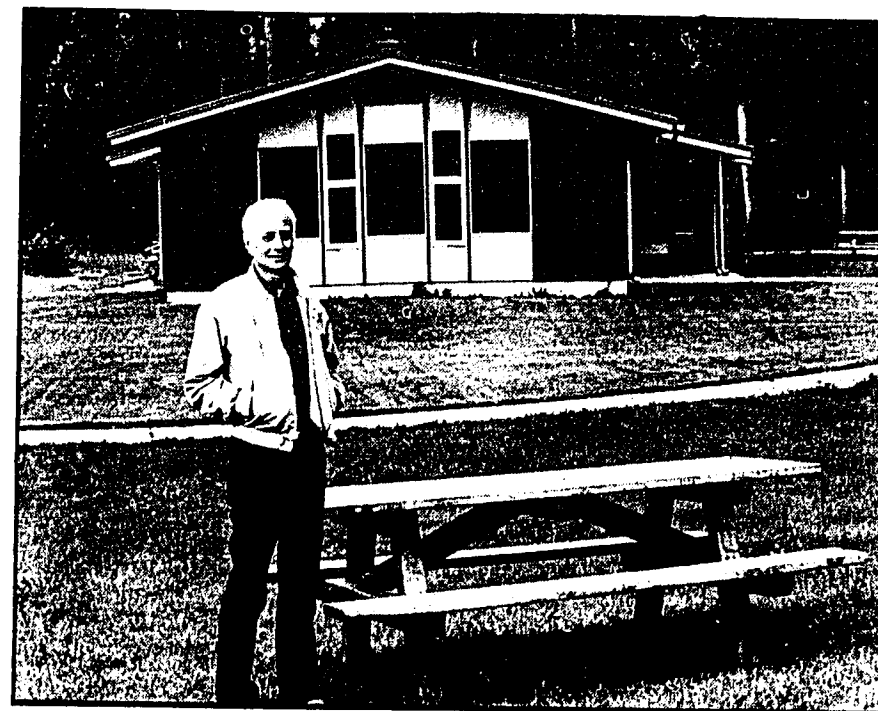
Swan Valley residents may soon hear an improvement in their reception of KUFM Public Radio if a new translator begins working next week. KUFM provides commercial-free public radio broadcasts from a station at the University of Montana. A group of Flathead Valley residents is expected to install antennae on Swan Hill, due east of Bigfork, this weekend in hopes of enhancing radio reception.

According to Sam Waldenburg of Sam's Radio in Kalispell, the group is installing a 10-watt translator, with a 5-watt element pointed toward North Valley (Whitefish) and a 5-watt element pointed south toward Swan Lake.



"The Car"

You've heard of the "get rid of the goat" story. Well, around the Fourth of July, Swan Valley residents will have to pay to get rid of "THE CAR!" QRU members will be driving the ol' beater around the neighborhood, lights flashing and horn honking. If you don't want the car parked in your yard, it'll cost you — unless you purchase "car insurance" at the QRU Barbecue and Dance on July 3 at the Swan Valley Community Hall, Condon. All proceeds from these fundraisers will go toward the operation of the Condon-Swan Valley All-Volunteer Quick Response Unit.



Jerry Underwood has worked at the Swan River Forest Youth Camp since 1968, and has been superintendent for about a year. The camp kitchen is pictured in the background. S. Vernon/Pathfinder

Roses among the thorns

By Suzanne Vernon

Last week two residents escaped from the minimum security Swan River Youth Camp, but were found about two days later in the woods near the camp. One of the escapees was reported to be dangerous.

"You can't predict human behavior," according to Youth Camp Superintendent Jerry Underwood. "We have a responsibility to warn the public," he added, even though the word "dangerous" may not be accurate for most of the young men who are transferred from the Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge to the minimum security facility in the Swan Valley. The men who come to the Youth Camp are those that authorities feel can benefit from job training and education.

Underwood described the typical resident: 19 years old, convicted of burglary, sentenced to less than two years, no high school diploma, no work history, no support at home, and dependent on alcohol or drugs. All of the residents at the Youth Camp are Montanans. About a third of the prison population are Native Americans. A large percentage were abused as children.

At the Youth Camp, residents can receive job training through the State Forestry office at Goat Creek, finish high school (obtain a G.E.D.) and receive counseling for drug and alcohol problems.

"The whole idea of this thing is to get people back into society again," Underwood explained. And, he believes it works. "We feel that 75 to 85% are successful." The problem, he points out, is that nobody ever comes to interview the successes.

A success rate of 75% is considerably higher than that in a maximum security prison population. There, only one-third successfully return to society; one-third become repeat offenders; and one-third serve lifetime sentences.

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Pastor Robert Morris
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Fathers of Faith

Someone once said, "You can tell a father by his wallet. He has replaced the cash for snapshots of his children." While we all know that being a good father is much more than that, sometimes this seems to be very true.

The Bible gives us some very beautiful pictures of what good Christian fathers should be in *Hebrews*, Chapter 11. These men of God—Enoch, Noah, Abraham—have one quality in common, faith. All of them became the

men and fathers God wanted them to be because of their faith in God.

Hebrews 11:6 tells us that "without faith it is impossible to please God." Then we are told what this faith consists of: "He who cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Do you believe in God and that He will save and reward you if you seek Him? *Acts 16:31* says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy household."

One of the reasons that we do not see generations of faithful Christians is that we do not have fathers of faith to lead our families in the walk of faith so that they, too, can believe and be saved.

This Father's Day my prayer is that I will realize my responsibility as a Christian father and become the father of faith God wants me to be.



S. Vernon/Pathfinder
 The Mission Mountain Messengers. Back row, left to right: Cliff Hawkins, Wayne Cahoon, Dan Smith, Sean Thompson. Second row men: Tom Leonard, Damon Healy, Jason Marshall. Third row men: Brian Morin, Brian Payton, Chris Carter. Front row: Sheri Dagle, Kaytee Mahaffey, Teresa Mahaffey, Peggy Hawkins, Signe Ensign, Sandy Prazak, Janet Williams, Cindy Baker, Karry Betson, Tracy Terrillion, Pam Brown. Not pictured: Laura Bernstraugh, Scott Olson, Heidi Olson, Melissa and Jason Abreo.

The songs are His; the rewards are ours

by Suzanne Vernon

A group of about two dozen Seeley Swan young people just returned from one of the biggest parties of the year, glowing with a natural high and singing praises to the Lord. The Mission Mountain Messengers gave their eighth performance in eight days as they sang to family and friends during the Home Concert Sunday night.

The week-long Edmonton Tour of 1987 began last Saturday. Twenty-one young adults (high school and college age) performed first in Kalispell and Coram, then crossed the border to sing at Canadian churches and schools in Ryley, Meadowbrook, Three Hills and at the Prairie Bible Institute. The big thrill, though, was the performance at the Edmonton Mall—the largest mall in the world.

"This is one of the better tours I've ever been involved in," according to LeRoi Smith, program director. "The reception was just excellent."

Since 1985, the group has conducted weekend "mini-tours", performing in communities around Western Montana. This is the first time that the Messengers have organized a week-long tour, and it's the first Canadian tour for the group's founders.

Besides the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, there are three other moving forces behind the success of Seeley Swan's youth choir—LeRoi, Marge and Dan Smith. For LeRoi and Marge (known as Grandma and Grandpa to the Messengers), this is their 17th summer of coaxing bold and righteous music out of ambitious youth. For Dan Smith, who has a degree in recreational leadership and Christian education, the role of recreation director is a natural. What began as a family inspiration has blossomed into a community effort to involve young people in positive Christian activities.

"Our boys (Dan is one of them) were just going into high school when

we started this in Richland (Washington)," LeRoi said. "There really wasn't that much to challenge them in the church. Several people suggested a singing group."

Marge, long on musical talent and short on procrastination, went right to work with the youth pastor at Richland Alliance Church. For eleven years, she directed that youth choir, touring Washington and neighboring states. When the Smith family moved to Missoula, another youth choir was formed in conjunction with the Missoula Alliance Church.

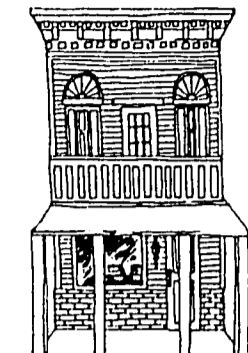
The Mission Mountain Messengers was formed three years ago in Seeley Lake after Marge and LeRoi moved here. The Messengers are now incorporated. LeRoi calls the group a "para-church" organization. The Messengers are non-denominational and independent from any organized church.

The Mission Mountain Messengers is more than just a singing group, however. The young people receive constant spiritual guidance. On their Canadian tour, they read and studied the book, *Home Sweet Battle Ground*, by Pamela Heim. Using modern language and time-tested Biblical principles, the book offers advice for improving communications between parents and young adults.

It's no accident that the group is successful. A 10-member board of directors helps keep the goals of the group in focus. Pastor Jeff Crippen is secretary of the board and is responsible for spiritual emphasis. Other directors

are: president, Glen Morin; vice president, Bill Shoup; treasurer, JoLynn Mahaffey; publicity coordinator, Mary Ann Morin; social chairman, Caryl Brown; travel and hospitality, Lynn Shoup; recreation director, Dan Smith; program director, LeRoi Smith; and music director, Marge Smith.

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Vacation Church School for youth ages kindergarten through eighth grade, offered through the Blackfoot Parish, will be held July 6 through 10 at the Blackfoot Church in Potomac. VCS begins at 9:30 a.m. each morning and continues until noon. A bus will leave Seeley Lake at 8:30 a.m. to transport area youth to Potomac.

The VCS will be led by the Senior High Youth Group from Newport Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, Washington. Pastor Chris Williams encourages local residents to participate and, also, to attend the Carnival scheduled for Sunday, July 5 at the Gas Haus in Seeley Lake from 1:30 to 3 p.m., and at the Potomac Church from 4 to 5 p.m.




S. Vernon/Pathfinder
 Marge Smith displays the Edmonton Tour t-shirts created especially for the Christian youth choir known as the Mission Mountain Messengers.



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 Sandy Prazak, Seeley Lake, handed her luggage to Bill Shoup as the Mission Mountain Messengers prepared to leave on their Canadian tour last week.

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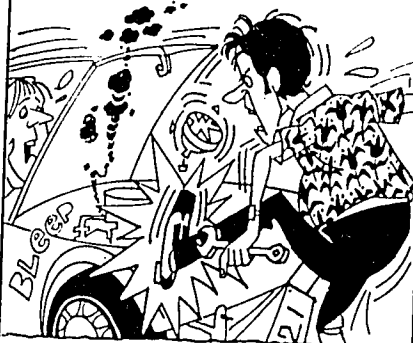


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Montana Outdoors Bear precautions

by Bill Thomas
Missoula Fish, Wildlife and Parks

With the end of the school year comes vacation time—a time for backpacking and hiking in Western Montana. Because many of the popular areas for this type of recreation are inhabited by bears, both black and grizzly, hikers and campers should take precautions to ensure a safe trip.

One of the things you should remember is that bears are wild and can be dangerous animals. If you are in bear country, you must be cautious and alert in camp and on the trail. You must be careful in your use and disposal of food and garbage—and know what to do in an emergency. There are no hard and fast rules to ensure protection from a bear

attack, but taking precautions may reduce the risks.

If possible, don't hike alone in bear country. Stay with a group and watch for signs that indicate bears are around, such as droppings, tracks or diggings. If a bear is spotted, make a wide detour around it, staying as far away as possible. Generally, bears will try to avoid people, so it's a good idea to make your presence known. Many hikers attach a bell to their leg or pack in hopes that the noise will prevent a surprise encounter with a bear. However, noise is not a foolproof way of avoiding bears.

There are precautions to take when camping in the backcountry. An area that is frequented by bears is the wrong place to pitch a tent. Try to camp near trees and don't throw away or bury garbage or food containers. Items that can be burned should go into the fire, and an effort should be made to destroy all food odors. Store food out of the reach of bears, some distance from the place where you plan to sleep. It is most important to keep a clean camp to avoid attracting bears.

What should you do if you are suddenly confronted by a bear? Whatever you do, try to remain calm. If the bear is not aggressive and merely stands its ground, probably you should stand still or back away slowly toward cover. Don't run. This may excite the bear into pursuit. Never approach a bear—it may feel you are invading its privacy and react accordingly. The animal may simply be curious about you and it may be effective to speak softly to it. However, while standing your ground and talking softly, look for a convenient tree.

When you climb a tree, make sure you are out of reach of the bear. An adult grizzly may be able to reach up to 10 feet high. So, when treed by a bear, stay there until you are certain the bear is out of the area.

If you can't reach a tree and the bear continues to advance with the intent of attacking, your best bet is to play dead, lying on your stomach or side with legs drawn up to your chest and clasped hands over the back of your neck. Grizzlies have passed by people in this position without harming them. Lying still in this position takes a lot of courage, but it may prevent permanent injury or death. Running from a bear is futile.

Critter Chatter

by Ken Wolff

North American whitetail deer—just the words brings to mind the trophy buck on the cover of popular outdoor magazines. Whitetail bucks are noble creatures with rabbit-like instincts that make them clever and wise.

Rarely does one think of the wounded doe that has just been run over by a car—legs broken, bleeding and crawling beside the highway—she bleats and cries for death.

If you do hit a deer, please stop and check the animal. If it was not killed instantly and is badly injured, notify your local game warden or call 9-1-1 and request help. Wardens are authorized to shoot the animal if necessary.

A week ago, after notifying our local game warden, I cared for a four-pound fawn, the mother a Highway 83 casualty. I'm glad to report the fawn, found only an hour or so from death, is running and jumping now at Judy Hoy's extended care facility for wildlife near Stevensville. Dr. Joe Thompson of the Seeley Veterinary Service examined the fawn and transferred her to the Bitterroot Valley last week.

Note: Healthy does often leave their fawns for short periods while they are feeding. Do not disturb young wildlife—normally, the mothers are nearby and will return shortly.

Please drive extra-carefully along Highway 83... or keep your insurance paid up. Not often is there just one deer. Plan ahead and slow down—a few minutes will not raise havoc with your schedule.



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There was a good turnout for the recent Seeley Lake Bike-A-Thon. Photo courtesy Shauna Anders.

Summer reading program

School children who read books throughout the summer are being rewarded with ice cream and other treats by the Missoula City/County Library as part of the county-wide "Wheel of Reading" summer program. At the Swan Valley Library, for every ten books a child or young adult reads, he or she is rewarded with an ice cream sundae at the Pastime Kitchen or a coupon from the Good Food Store. For every 25 books, a Pastime Kitchen milkshake or a Good Food Store coupon is awarded.

Sherri Lee, the Bookmobile librarian who serves Seeley Lake, Greenough and Potomac, is also rewarding students for reading this summer, but Bookmobile coupons for treats come from the Dairy Queen in Missoula.

For preschool and kindergarten children who are unable to read to themselves, parents can join in the READ-TO-ME-TOO program and help children receive a treat for every 25 books.

Young people who read 10 books can take a guess at the "Wheel of Reading" puzzle at the Swan Valley Library and the Bookmobile.

A weekly drawing for a free book will be held throughout the summer. Young readers must register weekly. The Swan Valley library is open on Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Bookmobile visits the Clearwater Valley on alternate weeks and will be in Seeley Lake on June 25. On July 8, the Bookmobile will return to Greenough, Potomac and Seeley Lake.



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A few of the 41 Seeley Lake children who rode in the recent Bike-A-Thon. Photo courtesy Shauna Anders.

1987 Bike-A-Thon a success

The 1987 Bike-A-Thon was held on June 10 at Big Larch Campground north of Seeley Lake. Seeley Lake children rode their bikes a total of 721 miles. The riders were allowed three hours to bike as many miles as they could.

The riders, who ranged in age from 3 years to fifth grade, collected a total of \$1800 which will go to support Jaime Mason, a seven-year-old leukemia patient at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Mason represents all the children under treatment at the hospital.

Local businesses helped support the riders by donating snacks, prize money and prizes. All the riders received an ice cream cone for participating and will get a T-shirt for collecting \$25. Nine children collected over \$75 and will also receive a Bike-A-Thon tote bag. The top prize winner was Mike Miller, riding 34 miles and collecting \$132 and the top prize of a Walkman radio/cassette player. Four children received gift certificates for Ed's Dairy Hut, donated by Wapiti Lodge, for riding some of the most miles: Shilo Anders (29 miles); Paul Johnson (29 miles); Angie Healy (27 miles) and Ryan Nemmers (26 miles).

Winners in the following age categories were:

- Preschool—Aron Anders (15 miles), lunchbox and lunch at Barney's Café.
- Kindergarten—Cory Thompson (21 miles), fishing reel from Dan's Discount.
- First Grade—Matt Schneider (29 miles), bicycle speedometer.
- Second Grade—Casey Thompson (14 miles), \$10 savings account at First Valley Bank.
- Third Grade—Alika Schneider (27 miles), pizza at Dominic's Pizza.
- Fourth Grade—Peter Blair (34 miles), pocket knife from Seeley Lake 1-Stop.
- Fifth Grade—Leann Taylor (20 miles), \$10 donated by Seeley Lake merchants.

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Seeley team wins Triathlon

The Pyramid Mountain racing team of Lynn Carey, Joe Beatty, Roger Martens and Dave Kesheimer won the Prairie to Peaks Triathlon, which began Sunday at Trixi's in Ovando and finished at the Filling Station in Seeley Lake.

"It's been a traditional rivalry," Carey said at Sunday's awards ceremony, referring to the competition between the Seeley Lake team and Helena's Windbag Saloon team, which won the competition last year.

Bringing up the rear in the Triathlon were the Turtle Herders: Karen Tanberg, Jeff Lien, Brian Jameson and Sheila Devins. Nonetheless, they captured first place in their division.

Six teams and five soloists competed in the 1987 Triathlon, which was sponsored by the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, the Chectah Herders Athletic Club and Trixi's Saloon. The race began with a footrace from Trixi's to the Blackfoot River, then a canoe race to the Scotty Brown Bridge, a Pass Run to Highway 200 and, finally, a bicycle race to Seeley Lake. According to 1987 Race Director Gail Dykstra, this year's event went well even though organizers expected more entries.

The following race data was provided courtesy of Plum Creek Timber Co., Seeley Lake.

Racing Division - Open
 Pyramid Mountain, first place, total time 166 minutes, 14 seconds.
 Windbag Saloon, second place, total time 171 minutes, 1 second.

Racing Division - Mixed
 Turtle Herders, first place, total time 261 minutes, 12 seconds.

Standard Division - Open
 The Bengals, first place, total time 197 minutes, 27 seconds.

Standard Division - Mixed
 The VW's, first place, total time 220 minutes, 46 seconds.
 Wambatts, second place, total time 225 minutes, 8 seconds.

Solo Division - Men
 Still Crazy After All These Years, (Mike Johnson) first place, total time, 178 minutes, 41 seconds.
 Stan Watkins, second place, 186 minutes.

TAAAE Scooter (Mike Lesnik) third place, 202 minutes, 7 seconds.

Solo Division - Women
 Margaret Smith, first place, 230 minutes, 13 seconds.
 Margaret Hillhouse, second place, 239 minutes, 12 seconds.



Triathlon paddlers handed off the baton to the pass-runner near the Scotty Brown Bridge on the Blackfoot River last Sunday. Photo courtesy Lynn Carey.



Gail Dykstra cheers for the Pyramid Mountain Team that won the Prairie to Peaks Triathlon Sunday. Lynn Carey, right, was on the team.

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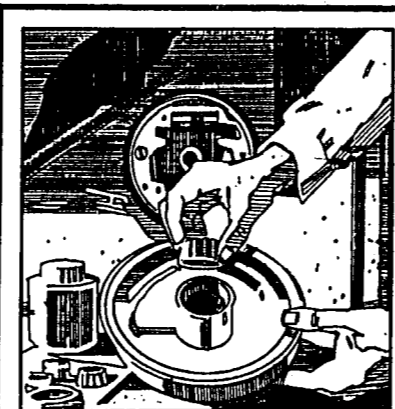
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**Comments
sought on elk
hunting regs**

Area biologists are now taking a look at elk populations in the Swan Valley and elsewhere in Western Montana. Even though the elk harvest has been good in recent years, biologists in Libby, Thompson Falls and Kalispell have received a number of complaints about elk management.

One of the options being discussed is to restrict the male elk harvest to branch-antlered bulls only. On the plus side, this hunting strategy increases spike bull survival. Spike bulls (yearlings) tend to stay with the cow herd and are quite vulnerable. Also, more raghorns (2-1/2 and 3-1/2 year old bulls) enter the breeding period and the hunting season. This eventually increases the number of branch-antlered bulls.

On the negative side, such a harvest selects against the occasional, genetically desirable, yearling bull that has forked antlers. Spike bulls under a branch-antlered bull (BAB) hunt are often taken illegally (38% in the Elkhorn Mountains in 1986). BAB hunts reduce the bull harvest 25-50% and severely impact the hunter success rate. Hunters

who do not like the odds in a BAB hunt transfer and increase pressure in other hunting areas. Last, a BAB hunt increases the pressure on a population's genetic strength by encouraging harvest of the most experienced and usually strongest animals.

Hunters given a choice tend to select older bulls. In some accessible areas, the average age of the bull population is now less than 4 years and the number of bulls in the population has declined to less than 10 per 100 cows.

People who have questions about elk management in the Swan Valley should contact Shawn Riley, Box 57, Kalispell, MT 59901 or call him at 752-5501.

**Low geese counts on
Flathead Lake**

Increased predation, due to drier weather during the height of the nesting season, may be responsible for this spring's lower production of Canada geese in the Flathead Valley north of Flathead Lake. At latest count the gosling check was down to 207, compared to 395 in the same area last year, according to Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologists Dan Casey and Marilyn Wood.

**Elk
populations
are stable**

Trend flights over the Clearwater and Blackfoot Valleys this spring indicate that elk populations are at about the same levels as in past years.

In general, the counts all look pretty representative of the last three or four years, according to Bob Henderson, wildlife biologist for Region One of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Missoula.

In hunting district 281, biologists (who counted elk from aircraft) saw 341 elk. In District 282, Boyd Mountain or Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range, 579 elk were seen. "That's just about what we saw last year," Henderson commented.

In district 285, Henderson saw 375 elk—about the same as last year. In the West Clearwater, district 283, 225 elk were spotted.

Trend flights are conducted every spring. Information from these counts is gathered from aircraft and differs from counting methods used at other times of the year.

**Country
Journal**

by Suzanne Vernon

Mountain lions are in the news this week. Jim and Barbara Wood were surprised by a female lion and two cubs strolling about 10 feet from Woods' front porch last Wednesday morning. "I've seen mountain lions before, but they were always running," Barbara said. These cats didn't run, though, until Jim fired a rifle into the air. Jim and Barbara have lived near the Swan River for many years and are accustomed to seeing bears occasionally. But, this was their first face to face encounter with mountain lions so close to home.

A few bear stories this week: A sow and two cubs were seen on the Double Arrow Road south of Seeley Lake about 5 p.m. one day last week. Mama bear ran across the road and one of the cubs went up a tree. In the Swan Valley, a large black bear has been visiting folks in the Rumble Creek area and seems to be unafraid of people. North of Condon, Larry and Addrien Marx nearly ran over a cinnamon bear that crossed the highway in front of them last weekend.

We've seen a few fawns this week, as the mother does are bringing them out and showing them off. In the Swan

Valley, one family watched a young mother try to get her baby across the highway. Each time a car would approach, mother would dash off into the barrow pit, and baby would "hit the deck" and lie flat on the edge of the road, feet spread out in front, instinctively "hiding" from danger. Mom eventually coaxed baby to safety.

A large whitetail buck that we see about twice a week appears to have some large black "growths" on his neck, legs and back. One growth is the size of a man's fist, the rest are small, about the size of a half dollar to quarter. Any-one know what these are?

Wildflower bouquets of purple clover, red Indian paintbrush, white daisies and sego lilies mixed with a few yellow columbine from the yard really brighten the kitchen this week.

The green huckleberries and serviceberries are rapidly growing. Won't be long and we'll be eating huckleberry pie.

Bernice Buchler called last week to share some knapweed advice. In Washington, she said, the County Extension office recommended that people pull knapweed in the bud stage to get rid of it, as opposed to cutting or spraying the noxious weeds. Well, Bernice, the knapweed pulled pretty easy this past weekend after the heavy rains. Thanks for the tip.

**Visitors want to
see wildlife**

Every five years since 1955, the U.S. Wildlife Service has surveyed national participation in wildlife-associated recreation. The last survey was done for the year 1985. The final report is scheduled to be published in November, but some preliminary results have been released.

The survey shows that 141 million Americans, age 16 and over, participated in wildlife-associated recreation in 1985, and they spent \$55 billion dollars pursuing those activities. One in four Americans fished in 1985, and one in ten participated in non-consumptive wildlife activities such as birdwatching, scouting and wildlife photography.

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Evie, Donnie and Carol Anderson.

Fishing Report

Swan Lake

Fishermen stopping by the Swan Village Market reported only fair fishing for pike last week in Swan Lake. Cold, windy weather "kind of turned the lake upside down," according to Dick Rozon. As soon as the weather breaks, though, the big ones ought to be ready for bait!

Swan River

The Swan River has offered some large bull trout this past week, but the weather has been too nasty for most fishermen. The brook trout and cutthroat were biting before the storms, however. Try worms and nightcrawlers in the smaller holes; red and white spinners in the deep water.

Seeley Lake

Bass are hitting pretty good at Seeley Lake. Try black worms and bass plugs. Most of the bass are in the 1 to 2-pound range.

Boaters are doing pretty well trolling for salmon on Placid Lake. Try cowbells and worms, thirty feet of leader with leaded line.

Brown trout are goin' for bait in the Clearwater River. Several two-pounders were caught about ten days ago.

Old-timers think that the weekend will be good fishing most anywhere—provided the sun shines as predicted by the weatherman.

Blackfoot River

People stopping by the Roundup Bar are having pretty good luck fishing with nightcrawlers. Lots of pan-sized rainbows are coming out of the Blackfoot now. Good fishing is predicted by the old-timers this weekend: the moon is waxing and the weather is expected to improve!

Upland game bird regs to be decided

The Montana Fish and Game Commission will adopt final upland game bird season dates and regulations at a meeting in Helena on June 25 and 26. The meeting begins each day at 9 a.m. at Fish, Wildlife and Parks headquarters.



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