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New fishing rules apply

by Suzanne Vernon

Catch-and-release regulations for trout go into effect for the Blackfoot River this week. Other highlights of the new 1988-89 fishing regulations include catch-and-release regulations for rainbow and cutthroat trout in the Swan River, increased kokanee salmon limits in Swan Lake (50 per day, 100 in possession) and bull trout limits of "one in possession in a daily catch" in the Kootenai, Flathead, Swan, Stillwater and Whitefish drainages.

After some debate last fall, the Fish and Game Commission approved regulations to keep the Clearwater River downstream from the Lake Inez fish barrier open all year. Salmon snagging season (September 15 through December) will also remain open below the Lake Inez fish barrier, but has been closed above the fish barrier.

Whitefish season, including catching of whitefish for commercial sale, remains open in the Blackfoot River until the third Saturday in May. Anglers may use only maggots or artificial lures because of the catch-and-release regulations for trout which also apply until the third Saturday in May.

In the Swan River, catch-and-release regulations for rainbow and cutthroat trout apply from the Condon Bridge (on Glacier Creek Road behind the Swan Centre) downstream to the Bigfork Dam. Anglers may use artificial lures only in this section of the Swan River, which is open from the third Saturday in May through November 30. (From Swan Lake to the Bigfork Dam the Swan River remains open for whitefish from December 1 until the third Saturday in May. Those regulations allow anglers to use maggots or artificial lures.)

From the Bigfork Dam to Flathead Lake the Swan River is closed the entire year to the taking of salmon. Salmon limits in Swan Lake, however, have been increased due to the small size and relatively large population of fish. (The Flathead River and its tributaries are closed the entire year to salmon fishing.

Forest roads closed for breakup

Snowbanks are turning to slush this week and logging roads are reported to be "muddying up" thanks to about a dozen warm spring-like days. "Breakup" traditionally marks the end of the winter season and the beginning of the spring thaw. Many timber contractors will quit hauling logs during the coming weeks because of soft road conditions.

Restrictions have already been placed on many Forest Service roads to

protect them during break up, according to Flathead National Forest Supervisor, Ed Brannon. Restrictions became effective Monday February 29.

Road restrictions will be posted on each affected road depending on current road conditions. Some roads will be

closed to all vehicle travel while other roads will be open to light vehicle traffic only. Residents living within Flat-

through November 30.

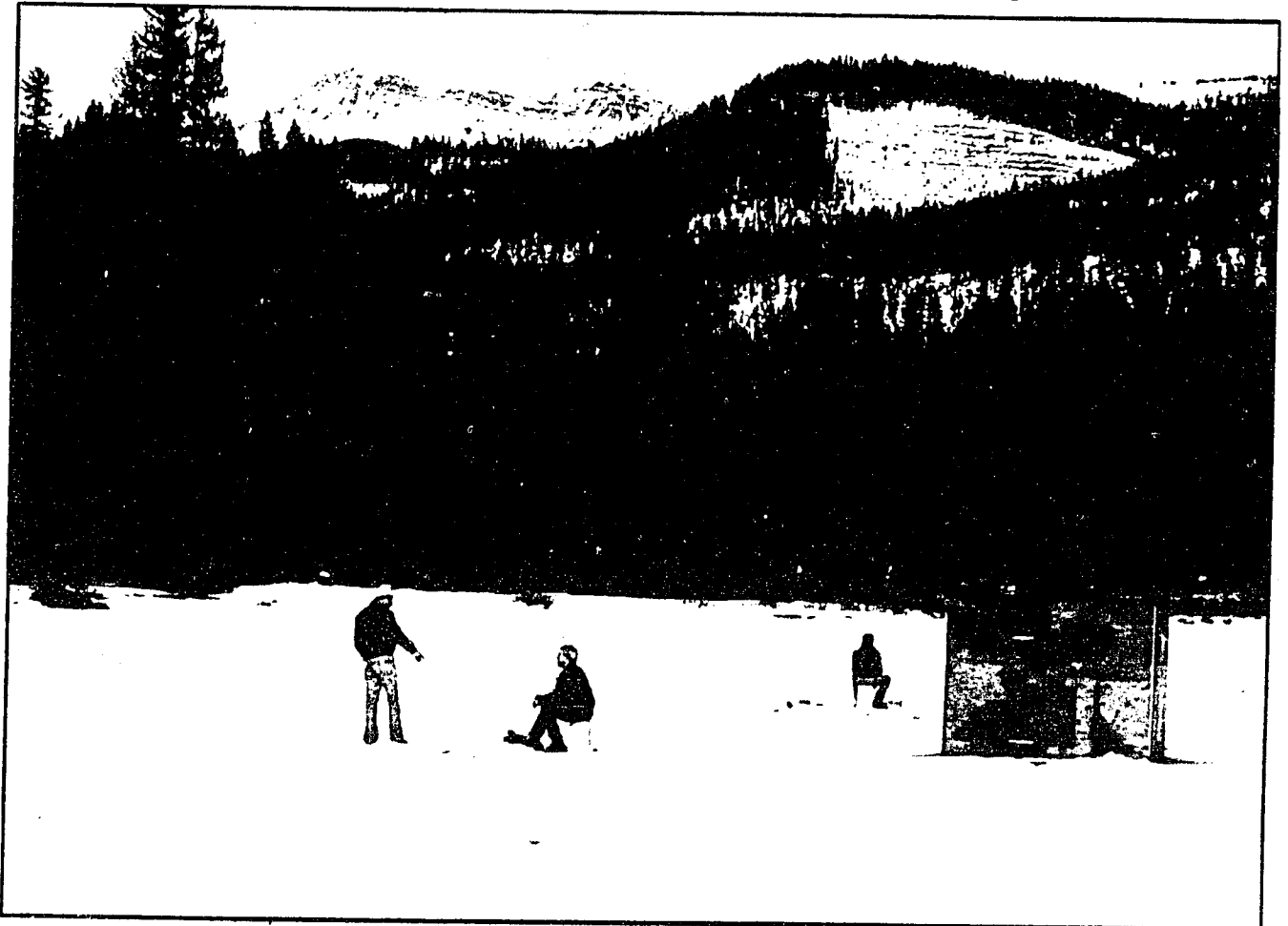
Seeley Lake, Placid Lake, Lake Alva and Lake Inez all have salmon limits of 10 daily and 20 in possession except for during the fall snagging season when limits of 35 daily and 70 in possession, for Seeley Lake and Placid Lake only, apply.

Trout regulations for area lakes and streams (with the exception of bull trout) remain the same as in previous years—Streams: 5 (only 1 over 14 inches), Lakes: 10 pounds and 1 fish not to exceed 10 fish. However, sportsmen should note that it is illegal to possess a live fish of any trout species except brook trout. (In other

head National Forest boundaries who are dependent on forest roads to access their homes will not be affected.

All users will be subject to posted road restrictions concerning heavy hauling. This includes people planning to haul firewood and posts and poles.

According to Brannon, "cooperation in past years by timber purchasers and the general public has been very good."



Fishermen looking for trout beneath the frozen surface of Seeley Lake will notice little difference because of new fishing regulations which became effective March 1. However, fishermen enjoying the waters of the Blackfoot River are subject to new catch-and-release regulations for trout.

Flathead Lake will remain open to salmon fishing from May 1 through November 30. Limits there are 10 daily and 20 in possession.)

Two area lakes will come under special management guidelines this year. Lake Upsata north of Ovando will remain closed as managers attempt to boost trout populations and decrease the number of perch.

Metcalf Lake in the Swan Valley is being managed as a trophy fishery this year. New regulations specify one trout daily and in possession with a minimum size limit of 22 inches. Anglers may use artificial lures only in Metcalf Lake. This lake is open April 1

words, brown trout, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, golden trout, lake trout, grayling and bull trout must be released immediately or killed.) Brook trout limits remain 10 pounds not to exceed 20 fish.

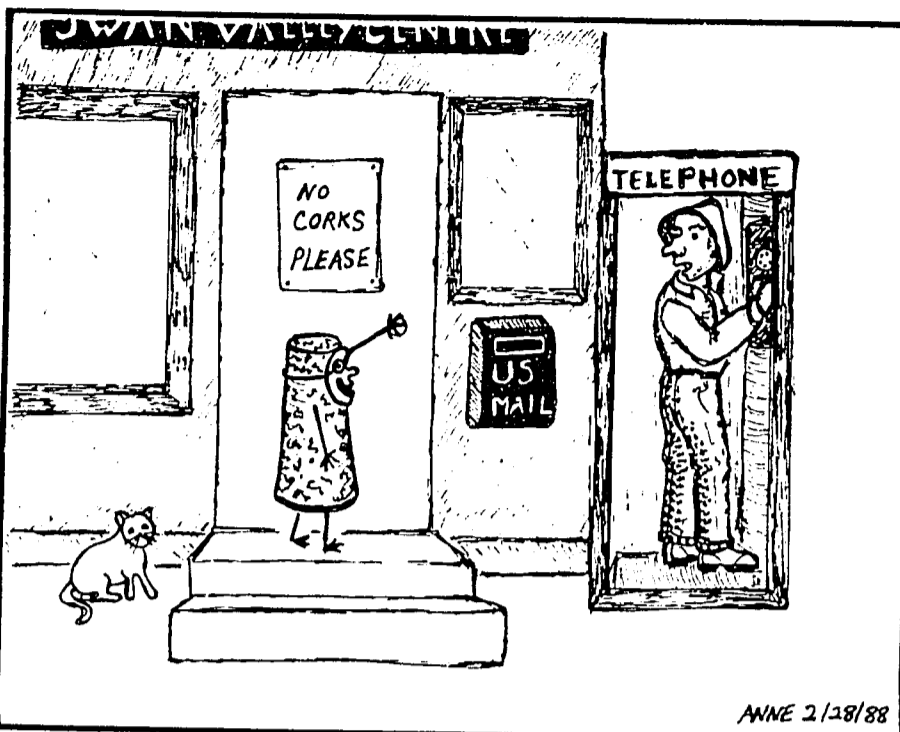
These new fishing regulations went into effect on March 1. Booklets containing complete fishing regulations are published by the DFWP and available from license agents.

Maggot Races begin Friday

Seeley Lake residents are once again afflicted with the March epidemic known as Cabin Fever. In an attempt to cure their ills they'll gather together at Barney's Bar and Cafe this weekend for the Fourth Annual Maggot Races.

Senior citizens are invited to race their maggots beginning Friday night at 8:30 p.m. Children's races will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The main "Maggot Trials" begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. Finals and play offs will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Natty Bumpo



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Business of the Week

MISSION MOUNTAINS MERCANTILE

In March 1979, Len Kobylenski purchased Buckhorn Camp and changed the name to Mission Mountains Mercantile. Together, Len and his wife Cindy own and operate the market (3-6 employees work at the store on a yearly basis).

Located at milepost 45-46 in Condon and open daily, Mission Mountains Mercantile is hardly recognizable now since a major construction project for a new store in 1986. "We've expanded to 3,000 square feet to date—and we're not finished yet. We've changed from a convenience store to a full-line grocery market!" Len points out. "Because of our expansion we were able to lower our prices to be more competitive with other supermarkets and to attract more customers," Cindy says. The Kobylenskis are very pleased with the continued support of their customers.

Added to the full-line of groceries (including fresh produce and meat, dairy goods, wines, and frozen foods), the market also has housewares and health and beauty aids sections. Propane and Chevron gas, hunting and fishing licenses, feed and grain, and Montana lottery tickets are sold here. Almost 200 videos and VCR's can be rented daily. And, a fresh deli operates from April through November. The Condon Post Office is currently housed in the store; the Kobylenskis look forward to having the extra space for the market when the Post Office moves this year.

Len and Cindy and their daughter Basia are pictured above.



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Invisible Wilderness

Some aspects of life, particularly the spiritual ones, are difficult to quantify. So it is with wilderness. For reasons which are not entirely clear, the concept of protected wilderness areas has always been enormously popular with the American public. This is rather remarkable, given that most of the American public has never set foot in a wilderness area.

The explanation may reside in a general recognition that, after a couple of centuries of civilization, we are down to the last few dregs of wilderness and it has become an exceedingly rare and valuable item. Although the average citizen may not have directly experienced the wilderness—perhaps he dreams that one day he will. Simply knowing that it's there, and available, lends substance to dreams. Such is the stuff of the wilderness ethic—hard to describe, elusive, but undeniably vital.

When it comes to wilderness, Montanans are among the most fortunate of earth's people. Living close to the land, many of us have experienced the wilderness many times—and so we have come to value wilderness in an especially intense way. The closer we are to wilderness, and the more opportunities we have to partake of it, the better.

There's a special frustration in our Valley, though. One of the great wildernesses of the world neighbors on our eastern flank—yet it is all but invisible from the confines of the Valley. The mighty Swan Front screens the Bob Marshall Wilderness from our view. Although the average resident might set foot in the Bob a few times a year, the rest of the year the Bob is invisible. It's nice to know it's there, but it would be far more desirable for the Bob to have a more tangible presence.

So, it seems reasonable to nudge the Bob's boundary westward to embrace

Editorial

the steep cliffs and escarpments of the Swan Front. There are few trees, so there would be little commercial consequence for the timber industry. The Front represents nature at her grandest—pure, awesome scenery. It clearly represents the most appropriate, and most logical, boundary for the Bob.

Sadly, the timber industry opposes designating the Front as wilderness. Their motive is unclear, except for a vague concern that a protective buffer might be established to insulate the wilderness boundary, thereby cutting into harvestable resources. This concern isn't very compelling when one recalls that, on the west side of the Valley, timber harvest occurs right up to the boundary of the Mission Mountains Wilderness (and, regrettably, sometimes beyond).

The one legitimate concern which has been raised pertains to timber management practices at the base of the Front. Uncoordinated clearcutting has shifted the migratory route of our elk herd—much to our detriment. However, this has nothing to do with the upper slopes of the Swan Front and the timber industry may be confusing its issues. Nobody has proposed "buffering" the base of the Front—the only interest is in a more appropriate schedule for timber harvest, with the hope that the elk will revert to their ancestral migratory habits.

Perhaps the industry has some other motive for its actions on this matter. If so, we'd all like to know about it. If not, perhaps the industry needs to reconsider the matter—in a spirit of reasonableness.

—Dick Potter

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon
Swan Valley

Signs of spring this week include reports of at least one robin in the area, (south of the Summit), the emergence of familiar early-season flies and bugs, and of course, increased excitement over this weekend's maggot races in Seeley Lake!

I don't know if *everybody* in our neck of the woods has cabin fever or not, but I would guess that right now, most folks do. The sunshine is tempting but it's a little tough to do more than just look at it and dream about the greenery of April. Cross country skiing has started to resemble work in the late afternoon (you have to wax the skis every few minutes). Snowmobiling, I've heard, is a constant battle between man and machine (in the slush anyway). I have heard, however, that both skiing and snowmobiling are GREAT right now if you can stay up until midnight, embrace the full moon

and stay on top of the frozen crust of snow!

After a trip to Missoula last week I'm convinced that even birds get cabin fever. We saw a great horned owl resting on an abandoned fence post at the corner of 39th Street and Russell in Missoula. He couldn't have been more than 10 feet away from the roar of the noon hour traffic. We pulled off to the side of the road and walked back to see if we could get his picture. He cocked his head slightly, gave us a disgusted look, and with much effort, lifted his wings in flight. He landed in a large old apple tree a stone's throw away from the street. We left him alone to resume his nap.

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A boost for babysitters

To the Editor:

The Seeley Lake PTA sponsored a child care workshop that was held February 20th at the Seeley Lake Pre-school and Day Care.

The class was offered to all Seeley Lake boys and girls interested in improving their skills as child care providers.

Topics covered were: the do's and don'ts while in a person's home caring for a child; how to handle a crying child; what type of play is appropriate for different age groups; being in charge and the responsibility that goes with it; preparing snacks or meals; feeding babies and toddlers and what types of foods are suitable; cleaning up after children and changing diapers. The topics were discussed by Annette Sontag, Child Care Food Program Coordinator; Pat George, Child Care Resource Trainer Consultant; and myself. Chris Anders of the Seeley Lake Quick Response Unit discussed how to handle emergency situations and Basic First Aid.

Children from 5 months to 4 years of age were brought to the workshop so the students could practice entertaining and feeding them and changing their diapers.

The Seeley Lake PTA and the Seeley Lake Pre-school and Day Care are not responsible for these students as child care providers. If you call upon any of these students, we ask that you, the parent or guardian, take the time to interview the student you choose as a sitter and check his or her references.

The following students participated in this workshop. Their names and phone numbers are listed for your reference:

Kelly Christian	677-2693
Nicole Frederick	677-2603
Cassie Gunter	677-2039
Jeremy Hebnes	677-2304
Paul Johnson	677-2225
Renata Marshall	677-2673
Carisa Osborne	677-2069
Sally Phipps	677-2396
Tennya Smith	No phone
Christina Smith	No phone
Christi Wolfram	677-2805

Sandie Baker
Seeley Lake Pre-school
and Day Care

A Musher Responds

To the Editor:

I have read with interest Dick Potter's article "Running in Circles." As a musher, I am happy to respond to his suggestions.

First of all, I have to agree that sled dog races present limited spectator observation unless there are a number of vantage points spectators can get to easily.

Racing sled dogs around an oval track, as in horse racing, has never been successful because the dogs get bored about the third time around. Similarly, a flat trail becomes quite boring to the dogs and it presents no challenge.

However, in a fifty mile race, if the weather cooperates, it would be possible to start the trail on the lake in large serpentine loops the length of the lake, leave the lake for the wooded and hilly part of the trail—coming back to finish on the lake.

In close races it would be possible to see the competing teams close up on teams ahead, pass and charge for the finish.

The trail boss, of course, would have to determine if it's possible to put in a fifty mile trail on the lake side of town.

David W. Armstrong
Helena

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Natty Knows



Q: Why is it that some hills, especially around the game range area and along Highway 200 east of Clearwater Junction, have no trees on them, while nearby hills are covered with trees? This does not refer to clearcut areas—these hills don't show stumps or other evidence of logging.

A: According to the old-timers, there have never been very many trees in the Clearwater Junction area. Exposure appears to be part of the reason. That end of the Valley has a lot of southern exposure—and ground temperatures get so high in the summer that seedlings can't survive. Also, there's a lot less precipitation there and a lot more wind. Neither condition promotes growth of trees. And a bit of speculation: the hills in that area, known as terminal moraines, were formed just as the last glacier died. Perhaps they are so loosely compacted that subsurface water drains too quickly for tree growth.

Send general interest questions about the Seeley Swan Valley to "Natty Knows"—c/o Pathfinder, P.O. Box 702, Seeley Lake, MT 59868.

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Neighborhood Watch organized

Seeley Lake businessmen are organizing a Neighborhood Watch program and will meet on March 9, 7:30 p.m. at Barney's Bar & Cafe to discuss ways to implement the program.

Local law enforcement officers have already seen the positive effects of the program in Seeley Lake. According to Deputy Scott McDonald, about two weeks ago a local business owner called in to report a suspicious vehicle parked behind 1st Valley Bank during the pre-dawn hours. Deputies investigated, found a man sleeping in his car, and sent the gentlemen on his way.

"The incident shows that people are

concerned, and that Neighborhood Watch works," McDonald said. He pointed out that although the incident ended peacefully, the situation could have turned out to be much more serious, and that he was glad to see the call come in from a local resident.

The focus of the March 9 meeting of the Neighborhood Watch group will be to define issues of concern among "main street" business in Seeley Lake. Business people are invited to attend the meeting, learn more about the program and share their ideas about ways to prevent crimes such as burglary and vandalism in Seeley Lake.

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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

Mar 5 & 6, Maggot Races, begin 8:30 p.m. Friday night, Barney's Bar & Cafe
Mar 6-9, Church Revival with Bill Carter, 7pm each night, Faith Chapel
Mar 6, Mission Mountain Messengers, Mini Concert, 11am, Community Bible Church, Seeley Lake
Mar 12, "Wolves" presentation by Pat Tucker, afternoon, Holland Lake Lodge
Mar 12, Pinochle Players Card Party, 7pm, Seeley Lake Community Hall

Public Meetings

Mar 3, MCHS trustees special meeting, 2pm, Missoula County School Administration Bldg conference room, Missoula
Mar 8, Swan Valley school trustees meet, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elementary School
Mar 8, MCHS trustees meet, 7pm, Sentinel High School, Missoula

Clubs & Organizations

Mar 5, PTA sponsored roller skating, 1-3pm, Swan Valley Elementary School
Mar 7, AARP, noon, Swan Valley Community Hall, Condon
Mar 8, Economic Task Force of Chamber of Commerce, 7pm, Seeley Lake Community Hall
Mar 9, Neighborhood Watch group meets, 7:30pm, Barney's

Other

Alcoholics Anonymous
•Condon: Every Thursday night, Swan Valley School, 7:30pm
•Seeley Lake: Sunday nights, mill basement, Seeley Lake, 7pm; Weds nights, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd; Thursdays at noon, 449 Grizzly Rd;
AI Anon
•Seeley Lake: Thursday nights, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake, 7pm
•Young People's Meeting, Every Friday nite, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd
Bookmobile:
•Mar 2: Potomac School, 10-11:30am; Sunset School, 12-1pm; Clearwater Junction, 1:30-2:30pm; Seeley Lake, 3-5:30pm.
•Mar 3: Seeley Lake Elem, 9am-Noon; Seeley Lake Town, 12:45-2:30pm.

Story Hour at Swan Valley Library: Mar 9, 10:30-11:15am.

Refuse Disposal Site, Oct thru April: Weds & Sat, 10am-4pm.

Swan Lake Library (Swan Lake): Weds, Sat, 10am-2pm.

Swan Valley Library (Condon): Weds, 10am-6pm, Sat, 10am-3pm.

Veteran's Rep: March 9 at Lincoln senior citizens center, Ovando Post Office, and Seeley Lake-First Valley Bank

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Susan Cox poses with a Memorial Plaque recently presented to the Swan Valley Elementary School by the Swan Valley PTA. Several area families have donated money to the PTA for various projects in memory of their loved ones. The plaque will be displayed in the school gymnasium.

Post-and-pole sales, new roads planned

The Swan Lake Ranger District is planning to build several "short" roads which will access post and pole sales in the Kraft Creek and Lindbergh Lake areas of the upper Swan Valley.

Rick Trembath, small sales forester on the Swan Lake Ranger District, is currently seeking comments about these road construction and small timber sales projects. He notes that environmental assessments will be prepared for the activities. These roads would be built with capitol investment dollars and would provide access to enable a long term post and pole sales program in the upper Swan Valley.

AARP meets Monday

The Swan Valley chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet on Monday, March 7 at noon in the Swan Valley Community Hall.

Guest speaker following the potluck luncheon will be Bud Moore. Moore will speak on "Writing for Old-timers (or How Not to Write a Book)".

There will be a short business meeting following Moore's presentation.

Stork Report

Congratulations to Roger and Marycay Wade of Salmon Prairie on the birth of a new baby girl. Samantha Coderre was born on March 1st at Missoula Community Hospital (she only missed being a Leap Day baby by two hours!). She weighed in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

Small timber sale could improve Swan Lake view

The view from the beaches of Swan Lake may be improved this summer if a small timber sale program on the Sweet Mary sale is implemented.

The Sweet Mary timber sale and resulting clearcuts angered some Swan Valley residents last summer because the straight-edged clearcuts were clearly visible from the recreation area at Swan Lake. Swan Lake Ranger District foresters are now considering a plan to "soften the straight edge" of the Sweet Mary clearcut through their small sales program.

FS puts Swan Lake, Holland Lake campground operations up for bid

The Forest Service is now accepting bids from those wishing to operate the Swan Lake and/or Holland Lake Campground complexes this year under government contract.

For the past five summers the Forest Service has issued a special use permit to private contractors for the operation of its two developed campgrounds on the Swan Lake Ranger District. The program started as an effort to improve services and reduce government expenses through private management of the recreation facilities.

The successful bidders will be granted a special use permit to operate either or both of the campground complexes. Concessionaire expenses are estimated to be about \$10,000 for operating Swan Lake Campground and \$5,000 for operating Holland Lake Campground, according to District Ranger Bill Pederson. The permit's term is for the 1988 season with a provision that it may be extended for a period of up to two additional years, upon mutual agreement. Bidding is open to all interested parties, but the Forest Service will carefully evaluate qualifications and experience of applicants.

A prospectus, complete with a sample special use permit and bid materials is available from the Swan Lake Ranger Station in Bigfork and the Flathead Forest Supervisor's Office, Kalispell. For more information contact Bill Pederson, District Ranger, Swan Lake Ranger Station, P.O. Box 370, Bigfork, MT 59911, (406) 837-5081.

A look back at winter - 1932 and beyond

by Herb Townsend
Seeley Lake

The mild weather and the good roads today are somewhat different from a trip to Missoula with Howard Gibbford well over a half century ago. Howard and his family kept a little store in a building beside Seeley Creek just east of the present highway and north of the present town of Seeley Lake (near where Jerry Parker lives now.) It was January, 1932. Quite a lot of snow and some very cold weather. At one time that winter it was more than fifty below zero at Placid Lake.

Howard had a Graham Brothers truck. The cab was open but did have side curtains. There had been enough travel to keep the road open and we left Seeley Lake early in the morning. There was some other traffic after we got to the junction with the Ovando road (which is Clearwater Junction now). We were in Missoula by eleven. There was some snow in Missoula and we didn't take the tire chains off for the entire trip. (Every one had good chains as well as good tire pumps and lots of repairs for inner tubes.) It didn't take long to get loaded. We packed mostly things that wouldn't freeze — kerosene, lamp gas, mantels for gasoline lamps and lanterns, a couple brooms and some flour and canned food which we wrapped well. We were back at the junction by three in the afternoon.

By that time, the horse drawn snow plow was better than half way across the flats and plowing a new road. The wind had blown the road full and it was easier to make a new road beside the packed one. (In the spring when the snow melted there were six long snow banks across the flats that had been the sides of the plowed track.) It was hard driving and we did a lot of shoveling. The wind was blowing, but not a real blizzard. The snow plow driver turned back when he reached the top of the hill above Salmon Lake where the road was not drifted full. By the time we came that far, it was getting dark and the cold and the wind was increasing. We were the

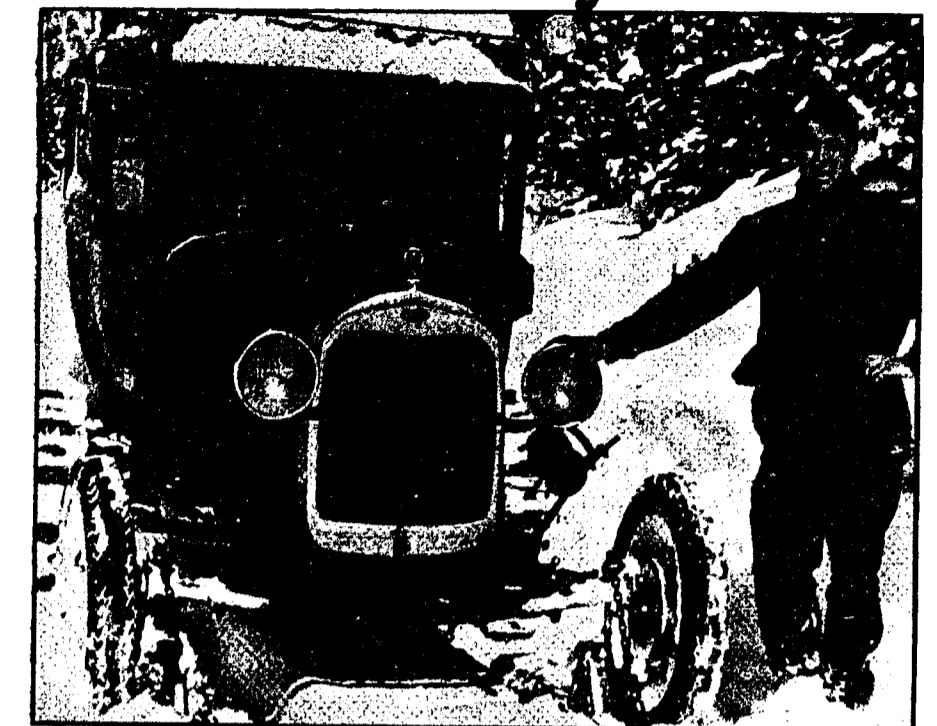
only rig on the road and did a lot of work to get that far. (The snow plow was weighted to keep it down, but it bounced from one bunch of grass to the next and every hole or hump made deep spots in the snow.) The snow had not drifted in the road around Salmon Lake and we went right along until we came to the flats just before the Double Arrow road. It was drifted there and we shoveled a lot, gaining only a few car lengths at a time.

Suddenly there were lights and motor noises behind us. It was Mr. Coates and his driver with the mail. He had "Cat" tread and extra wheels on his truck and could go through most drifts. They waved at us and went on after they knew we were okay and only stuck in the snow. We kept shoveling and trying until we were about where the Wilderness Gateway Motel is now. The road was drifted all the way from Morrell Creek.

We finally gave it up, drained the truck, carried what we could, left the rest well wrapped against freezing and walked home. Not easy to do as there was about 8 inches of fresh snow, but we could walk in the tracks of the stage.

It was a long way across the Blanchard Flats (now called Clearwater Flats) to Salmon Lake. There was usually a caretaker at the big lodge on the south end of the lake. Dave Madsen and his partner lived in the cabin on Sourdough Island and there was a family in the Corlett house where the road crosses Morrell Creek. These were the only inhabited buildings near the road from the north end of Sunset Hill to Seeley Creek and home. We were within two or three miles of shelter if we had been totally stuck.

The next morning with some more shovelers and a can of hot water (for the truck) loaded on a hand sled, we walked back and dug the truck out. We were the only ones from the area to make a round trip that day. The stage came up one day and went back the next except on weekends. The post office was at Otter's Resort then, just beyond the Elkhorn Cafe.



This snowmobile owned by O.H. Coats, carried the mail from Missoula to Seeley Lake in the late 1920's and early 30's. Alvin Rovero is pictured beside the antique car. This photo originally appeared in the SOS guide to the Seeley Lake, Ovando and Swan areas published in 1959 by the Seeley Lake Writer's Club.

It will be 75 years this summer since my first trip up the Blackfoot from Missoula. We went towards Ovando then. Our neighbor, Matt Ulrich, was a well driller and also the first person in the area we lived in to own a car. My first car ride was in his little red two-passenger car, that cranked from the side instead of the front, in 1911. It was 1913 and he had a bigger car called Moon. They were big cars with more horse power. He was going to see about

drilling a well at a ranch near Ovando. We left Missoula early and arrived at the ranch that afternoon. I was a little kid and don't remember it too well. They gave us lunch and had raisin pie with a lot of cornstarch and I don't care about raisin pie to this day. The road went over the Sunset Hill (still did in 1932) and Mr. Ulrich stopped at the log saloon that stood near the junction of the Blackfoot and Clearwater rivers. There were several other buildings there, too.

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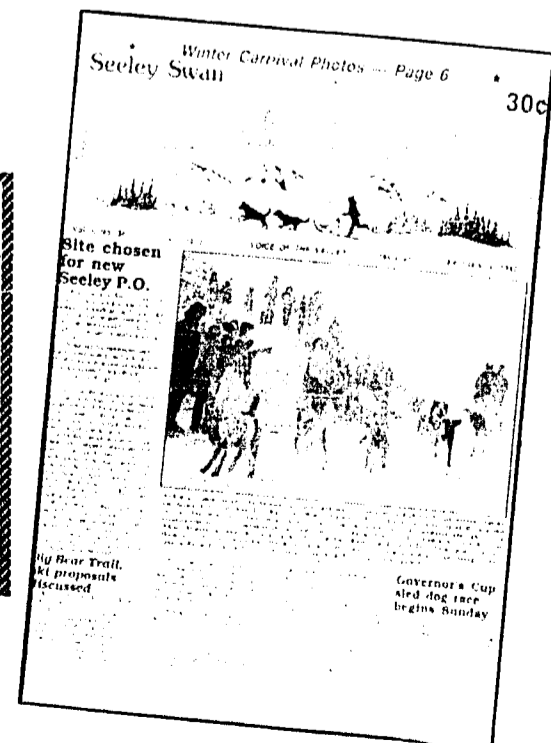
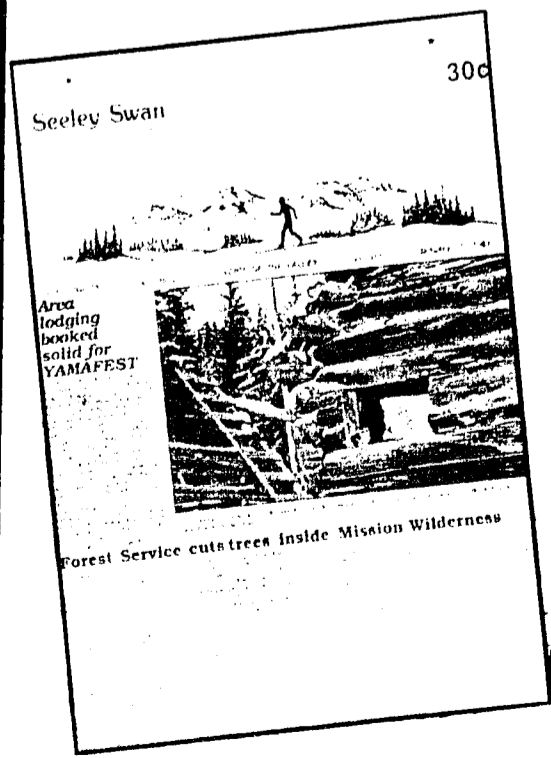
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Blastomatic Nordic Ski Race results

Seventeen skiers competed on the four kilometer loop of the OSCAR 10-kilometer course during the Blastomatic Nordic Ski Race held February 20 near Seeley Lake.

Ron Johnson groomed the course and Wade Cebulski was the race timer. Results from the Blastomatic are as follows:

- Children's 4-kilometer race
 - Boys 13 and under: Mike Babcock, Missoula, first place
 - Boys 10 and under: Josh Plum, Seeley Lake, first place; Erin Carr, Seeley Lake, second place.
 - Boys 7 and under: Tom Chaney, Seeley Lake, first place; Tim Chaney, Seeley Lake, second place.
- Girls 13 and under: Solveig Fuglestad, Missoula, first place; Kelly Richardson, Missoula, second place.
- Girls 7 and under: Rebecca Buehler, Seeley Lake, first place.
- Men's 12-kilometer race: Rene Fuglestad, Missoula, first place; George Gearhart, Seeley Lake, second place; Ernie Lundberg, Seeley Lake, third place; Phil Chaney, Seeley Lake, fourth place.

Women's 12-kilometer race: Geanette Cebulski, Seeley Lake, first place; Renee Lundberg, Seeley Lake, second place; Cindy Chaney, Seeley Lake, third place.

Ambassador Cup results

Nordic skiers from ten states took part in the longest ski marathon in the nation (63.5 kilometer): the Ambassador's Cup Race held in Aston Idaho on February 15. Blizzard conditions caused the Saturday race to be rescheduled.

With the race restarted on Monday, February 15, Derik Freeman of Bozeman was the men's winner, while last week's OSCAR winner, Amelia Amish from Ennis won the women's overall. Seeley Lake area skiers had the following race results:
Rene Fuglestad, Missoula, 1st place, age 45-49 division, 6th overall
George Gearhart, Seeley Lake, 1st place, age 40-44 division, 7th overall
Ernie Lundberg, Seeley Lake, 2nd place, age 35-40 division, 11th overall
Renee Lundberg, Seeley Lake, 1st place, age 35-40 division, women's, 4th women's overall

Snow Joke records broken



Jeannie John of Bozeman (center) broke the Snow Joke women's course record on Saturday in Seeley Lake. Pat Caffrey, race director, (center right) kept track of times while Dennis Nemmers (far left) clocked the runners as they crossed the finish line.

Ninety runners, out of 91 entrants, completed the 9th Annual Snow Joke Half-marathon sponsored by the Cheetah Herders Athletic Club last Saturday in Seeley Lake. Conditions were unseasonably warm, and for the first time, the aid stations ran out of water. New records in all three women's divisions were established on the 13.1 mile course around Seeley Lake.

Jim Hatcher of Helena won the overall race in 71:03, followed by past three-time winner Doug Darko of Great Falls in 76:18, and Mark Schafer of Libby in 77:40. Jeannie John of Boze-

man ran 86:05, trimming two minutes off the women's course record. In the 40 years and older division, Dave Mueller of Butte was the fastest man in 81:57. Arla Tree of Stevensville lowered the ladies record with a 91:16 clocking. The youngest runner was Sarena Putnam, 12, of Missoula. She finished in 107:29 for the women's 15 and under division record. Gene Jacobson, 63, of Kalispell was the oldest finisher, running 116:24. The only local runner was Lynn Carey of Seeley Lake, who completed the course in 95:20.

Cornucopia by Michele Potter

"A perfectly roasted chicken is as fine a dish as one can have," according to the author in James Beard's American Cookery.

The National Broiler Council developed a recipe which gives slightly different and delicious flavors to the traditional whole roast chicken. Serve this Herb Roasted Chicken with the Rice Council's California Rice Pilaf.

Herb Roasted Chicken

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| 1 whole broiler-fryer chicken | 1 teaspoon seasoned salt |
| 3 tablespoons vinegar | 1/2 teaspoon savory leaves |
| 2 tablespoons olive oil | 1/2 teaspoon basil leaves |
| 1 tablespoon butter | 1 clove garlic |
| 1 tablespoon lemon juice | 12 ounces fresh mushrooms |

In small saucepan, mix together vinegar, olive oil, butter, lemon juice, seasoned salt, savory, basil and garlic. Place over medium-high heat and bring to a boil, stirring. Remove from heat, dip mushrooms in sauce and set aside. Dip white chicken in sauce, turning to coat well. Place chicken on rack in roasting pan, breast side down. Roast in 375 degree oven, basting with sauce every 20 minutes, until chicken is brown and fork can be inserted with ease, about 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 hours. Add mushrooms to pan during last 20 minutes of roasting time. Makes 4 servings.

California Rice Pilaf

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| 1-1/2 cups uncooked rice | 1/2 cup each finely chopped carrots and green pepper |
| 1-1/2 teaspoons salt, divided | 1 cup finely chopped onions |
| 1/4 teaspoon ground thyme | 3 avocados, peeled, seeded, and chopped |
| 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper | 1 apple, cored and chopped |
| 3 cups boiling chicken broth | 1 tablespoon seedless raisins |
| 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided | |
| 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms | |

Combine rice, 1 teaspoon salt, thyme, black pepper, broth, and 1-1/2 tablespoons butter in shallow 2-quart casserole. Cover with tight-fitting lid or heavy-duty foil. Bake at 350 degrees 25 to 30 minutes or until the rice is tender and liquid is absorbed. Meanwhile, cook mushrooms, carrots, green pepper, and onions in remaining butter and salt in small skillet until tender crisp. Remove rice from oven; stir in vegetable mixture, avocados, apples, and raisins. Serve with baked Cornish hens or other poultry. Makes 8 servings.

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PASSAGES

Overcoming the Mid-winter Blues

Do you find yourself groaning when you see more snow falling that you will have to shovel? Are you tired of the same four walls and ceiling...cabin fever? Or maybe it's that same old boring job...monotonous and tiring! Well, if you feel some or all of these things, don't feel alone. Even King Solomon had these same feelings.

In Ecclesiastes, Chapter Two, we find King Solomon trying everything "under the sun" to chase away the doldrums. Wine, women, work, riches, even the pursuit of wisdom—all seemed to turn to vanity. Verse 11b says "and behold all was vanity and striving after wind and there was no profit under the sun." Verse 14 talks of how a wise man and a fool both end up with the same fate.

So what is the answer to this dilemma of futility and fulfillment? Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 says, "Fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall

Faith Chapel hosts Revival

Faith Chapel of Seeley Lake will be hosting nationally known evangelist and country-gospel musician, Bill Carter, during a four-day revival that starts next week. The revival begins on Sunday, March 6 and continues through March 9, starting at 7 p.m. each evening.

Pastor Robert Morris
Community Bible Church
Seeley Lake

bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing whether it be good or whether it be evil." Essentially, King Solomon found that seeking after God and living for eternal purposes was the only thing that brought sanity to this crazy world.

Paul summed it up very well in Philippians 3:8: "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss (or rubbish) for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ."

Maybe we need to do a heart check. What purposes are we living for? Do we know Christ as Savior and Lord? Do we count all things as rubbish or "dung" in the pursuit of knowing Christ, whom to know is life everlasting? I pray you can answer yes!

Carter is best known for his half century of work in country music. He came to Jesus in 1961 and has since helped to spread the gospel by entertaining folks through a ministry of country music performances and stories.

Gary Wayne, pastor at Faith Chapel, has enjoyed Bill Carter's performances in the past. "I really like him. He's been at it for a long time and he's a good minister."

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Water District Board considers wells

The Seeley Lake water board met last week with representatives of Carver Engineering, a Kalispell firm, to do some serious thinking about the problems confronting Seeley Lake's municipal water supply. The working session, held just before the board's regular meeting, was dominated by the federal government's requirement for construction of a filtration plant.

Apparently, the cost of such a plant is potentially so high that the board is re-considering the idea of drilling wells and abandoning its current surface water supply. Under new federal regulations, groundwater from wells is exempted

from the filtration requirement. Several years ago, voters rejected a bond issue which would have provided funds for exploration and development of groundwater.

During the board's regular meeting last week, district manager Bud Anderson announced progress in isolating major system leaks. On the basis of meter readings, Anderson has determined that there is a major water loss somewhere on the Double Arrow subdivision. He believes there is a good chance the leak (or leaks) can be pinpointed during the coming month.

Jeff Macon, representing the Chamber's Economic Task Force, briefed the board on Chamber plans to initiate an educational program on sewer systems. The board appointed Dick

Duncan to serve as liaison with the Task Force. Duncan, who had just been appointed to fill a vacancy on the water board, is also vice-president of the Chamber.

Bob Scott, water board chairman, indicated that, although he supports

construction of a sewer system, the district has its hands full because of filtration and other issues. He suggested that another group might spearhead the formation of a sewer district. If that effort was successful, then the sewer district could be merged into the water district. By then, Scout reasons, the water district would be in a better position to take on added responsibilities.

The next meeting of the water board will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23 at the REA building in Seeley Lake.

Campground Hosts honored

For the past three summers, visitors staying at the campgrounds on the Seeley Lake Ranger District have enjoyed their stay due to the dedication and hard work of an elite group of individuals commonly known as "Campground Hosts". Campground Hosts welcome visitors, perform light maintenance, pick up litter and take pride in keeping campgrounds clean so Forest visitors have a more pleasant visit.

Bill and Myrtle Burton from Granbury, Texas, each received an award for contributing over 1,500 hours of service. They were campground hosts on the Wasatch-Cache and George Washington National Forests before volunteering at Riverpoint Campground in 1987.

Sam and Pat Rick from Yuma Arizona, also received a "Certificate of Appreciation" award and pins for a contribution of over 2,000 hours of service each. They served as hosts in Alaska and in Yellowstone National Park before their service at Big Larch Campground in 1987.

Jim and Sally Plew from Tucson, Arizona, will be returning for the third season to the Seeley Lake Campground. They each have over 1,200 hours of service on the Seeley Lake District.

John and Penny Randall will serve as hosts in the Big Larch Campground this summer. John has hosted in Big Larch for the past two summers and has also hosted in Aspen, Colorado. John has accumulated over 1,100 hours of service.

New chairman for refuse board

Citing "other commitments," Kent Brown stepped down as chairman of the Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District last week. Brown will, however, stay on as a director. The board unanimously elected Byrl Thompson as the new chairman. Thompson, a retired geologist who moved to the area last summer, had previously served on the board as a representative for seasonal residents.

The appointment of Tom Porter, operator of Leisure Lodge Resort, as an alternate director was also announced.

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More law enforcement for the 4th?

Concerned by last year's near-riot conditions during the 4th of July weekend, the Community Council has decided to seek assistance. At last week's meeting, the Council moved to contact several state and county agencies in order to acquaint them with the problem and request additional personnel for this year's 4th of July celebration. Letters will be sent out shortly.

In other business:

The Council received a letter from the county commissioners on the subject of state lease fees for cabin sites. Last month, the Council had petitioned the commissioners to support a proposed moratorium for the new fee system. However, the commissioners declined, stating that they are "not convinced a moratorium is appropriate at this time." The letter suggested seeking a solution at a special session of the

legislature.

The Council continued to discuss elements of a Comprehensive Plan, including broadening the community's economic base, tourism, beautification of the area, and law enforcement.

Several local residents offered suggestions for road maintenance, including extension of county snowplowing hours to include weekends and holidays. The Council will pursue these suggestions

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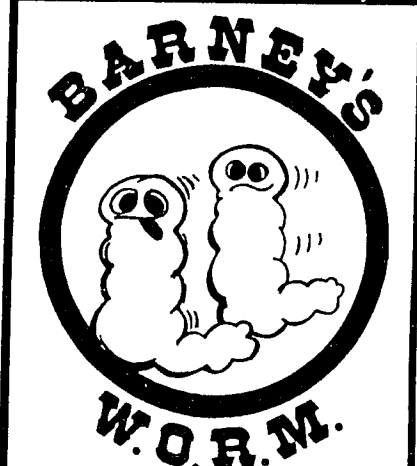
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Sportsman's Notebook

Notes from the Wilderness Sportsman's Club

Agenda for March 3, 1988 Meeting: A) Nominations committee report on slate of officers for election to be held at the April meeting; B) Range committee report on results of lease negotiations; C) Membership renewal—dues are due; D) Dennis Johnson will speak on the Forest Service travel plan, area road closures, and timber sales; E) Dan Mizner, legislative candidate, will be in attendance to receive input from the WSC on issues.

The February 4 meeting of the Wilderness Sportsman's Club was held in conjunction with the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks public hearing on big game hunting regulations. This meeting was part of the yearly process undertaken by the department to insure that big game hunting regulations are understood and approved by a majority of Montana sportsmen. This and similar meetings around the state are held to poll public opinion and solicit comments prior to finalizing hunting regulations for the year.

Mike Thompson presented proposals for the local hunting districts. The major change involved district 282, the Blackfoot-Clearwater Wildlife Management Area (game range). A proposal has been made to extend hunting in the district for one week (November 7 to November 13) and to issue antlerless permits to 25 hunters for this time.

Toward the end of Mike's presentation discussion turned to elk migration patterns, and what may be done to encourage elk to migrate through the valley rather than to the east. Questions concerning timber sales and road closures ensued, and the suggestion of an issues committee to work with various land owners and managers was made.

As a follow-up to this discussion Dennis Johnson will speak at the March 3 meeting concerning the Forest Service Travel Plan, area road closures and timber sales.

Executive Board Minutes

A \$125 sponsorship was made to John Patten for a sign to be displayed on his truck. John left Seeley Lake on his way to Alaska to run in the Iditarod this year. The sign promotes Seeley Lake and the Seeley Lake 200 Dog Sled Race.

The Seeley Lake 200 was reviewed from the club standpoint. Possible club fundraisers associated with, but separate from race fundraising, were discussed.

The board is negotiating on land for a range. The results of the range survey were discussed and the general feeling was to finalize a lease agreement before the spring sports show.

The spring sports show is tentatively set for May 7 & 8.

Randy Teague is chairing the nominations committee this year. All officers and two board members are up for election. The committee will report at the March 3 meeting, with elections to be held at the April 7 meeting.

Club memberships are due at the March meeting.

Seeley Lake Pharmacy has donated a pocket knife for the door prize at this meeting. See you at Leisure Lodge, March 3, 7:30 p.m.



Les Meyer in for an easy two during the Seeley-Swan - Philipsburg game last Thursday night at Sentinel High School in Missoula. Philipsburg won the game, but thanks to the winning of a challenge game on Monday night, the Blackhawks will advance to Divisionals this week.

Lady Hawks defeat Trojans

by Tracey Terrillon

On Saturday, February 27, the Blackhawk volleyball team defeated the Drummond Trojans. It was a good game considering that we had lost to the Lady Vikings the night before. The score for the first game was 15-5 and 15-9 for the second game. Sandy Deleo had a good game with 4 kills and numerous points on her serves. Tommie Dreyer also had 3 kills. Coach Stone told the team she was proud of how they played.

Hawks get off to a good start

by Kalin Raible

In their first game in the 12C District Tournament held in Sentinel High School the Seeley-Swan Blackhawks beat the Victor Pirates 79-64 holding the Hawks in 2nd place. The leading scorer was Jeff Fitzgerald with 15 points, while Les Meyer, Dustin Gordon, Bill VanVallis, Joe Bender and Martin Cahoon all scored 10 points. The top scorer for the Pirates was Jon Verryssen at 24 points with Ron Jaques coming in a close second with 22 points.

Seeley whips Lincoln

by Les Meyer

On February 26, the Blackhawks took on the Lincoln Lynx in a loser-out game. The Hawks were mad as a result of losing to Philipsburg the night before. The Hawks came out sizzling as they scored 40 first half points and held the Lynx to just 18 first half points. The Blackhawks held on to win 70-50.

Jeff Fitzgerald led the Blackhawks with 20 points followed by Dustin Gordon with 17. Jeff also led the team in rebounds. Denny Drosten and Pete Stith were the scoring leaders for Lincoln with 10 and 13 point each.

Seeley thumps Valley Christian

By Ron Gossard

The Seeley-Swan boys basketball team used a relentless press and balanced scoring to down the Valley Christian Eagles 61-35 in the consolation game of the District 12C tournament.

Seeley led the whole game with a 21 to 7 lead in the first quarter. The strong Hawk defense held the Valley Christian offense to almost 10 points or less every quarter.

Bill VanVallis led the Hawks with 16 points while Les Meyer added 15. Bryan Hutcheson had 9 points for the Eagles.

Seeley-Swan wrestlers make coaches proud

Wrestling is in full swing now and things are looking great, according to Coach John Hallam. Thus far 30 boys have signed up for the AAU program.

The first meet of the season was in Helena, Saturday, February 27th. Seeley-Swan gave a respectable performance, Hallam said. The team placed third out of more than 10 teams. "We had the smallest team," Hallam added. "Knowing we were underdogs really made us want to win—and that is exactly what we did."

Seeley-Swan was complimented on their performance and sportsmanship, Hallam said, adding that 22 of the 23 team members placed in the competition.

These are the results from the recent meet: **1st place finishers** were David Boone, Pat Morin, Richard Styler, Heath Harper and Chris Carter. **2nd place finishers** were Danny

Boone, Tyler Schwarz, Jesse Boone, David Gunter, Jon Williams and Brett Hallam. **3rd place finishers** were Cody Swigert, Ryan Nemmers, Jacob Baker and Breck Smith. **4th place finishers** were Ariah Baker, Scott Gehrke and Chris Nord. **5th place finishers** were Mike Muchmore and Derek Muchmore. **Honorable mention** goes to Matt Castonguay who had to drop out due to illness.

Hallam was especially proud of the people who helped coach the wrestlers: Bill Boone, Larry Schwarz, Ron "Kid" Swigert, Mike Williams, Dee Baker and John Anders. In addition, he said support from the schools and community members has been outstanding.

Even though the wrestling season is well under way, Hallam said that it is not too late for young people to sign up for the program. For information call 677-2322.

Boaters need new decals

February may seem a bit early for Montana's boating enthusiasts to begin gearing up for their summer activities afloat, but for those who really want to get a jump on the boating season, it's not.

That's because boat registrations and decals for 1987 expired on December 31, and all motorized craft must be re-registered and affixed with new decals before they can be placed in the water for the 1988 boating season.

In Montana, all motorized boats must be registered regardless of their length or the size of their motors. Canoes and sailboats need not be registered if they will never be used with a motor. However, owners of these crafts may desire to register them for identification and security purposes.

Boat owners should visit their County Treasurer's office to register their craft and purchase new decals.



By Laura Bogar

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SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION. Grime Buster's now open!

IT'S CARNIVAL TIME: PTA sponsored carnival, Seeley Elem. Gym, March 19, 6 to 9 p.m. Come have fun!

INVITATION FOR BIDS - PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, DRYWALL, CERAMIC TILE, PAINTING

Sealed bids for subcontracts will be received by Seeley Lake Elementary School for the finishing of an existing locker room at the present school. Bids will be received until 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 1988 at the offices of Seeley Lake Elementary School.

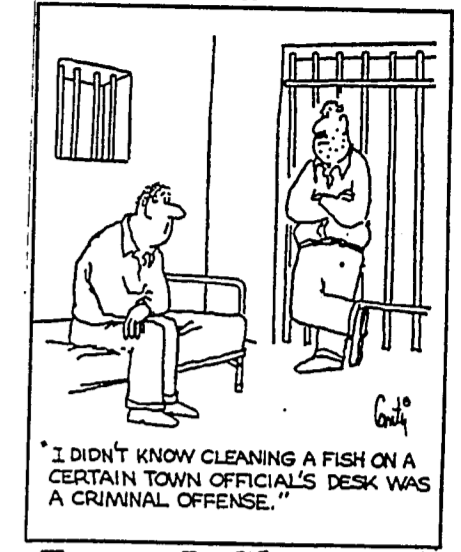
No Bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 30 days after the date set for the opening thereof, and all bids shall be subject to acceptance by Seeley Lake Elementary School during this period. The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, subject to the Owner's right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bids or in the bidding. Specifications may be obtained from the Superintendent of Seeley Lake Elementary School.

The Thirteenth Edition of the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction as published by the American Institute of Architects (AIA Document A201) shall be part of the Contract Documents to the same extent as if bound herein.

The form of Agreement which the successful Bidder, as contractor, will be required to execute is AIA Document A101, "Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor," latest edition, in which the basis of payment is stipulated sum. The Agreement shall include a stipulation that the Work be completed in a period of 35 calendar days following receipt of Notice to Proceed.

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Tuesday, March 8
 Meat loaf
Wednesday, March 9
 Stew and biscuits
 Reservations are appreciated for these meals, call 677-2008. Bingo, sponsored by the senior citizens, is held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 pm at the Community Hall.

Veteran's officer in Seeley Lake, Ovando next week

Len Leibinger, Service Officer, Montana Veterans Affairs Division, Missoula, Montana, announces he will be available to veterans and their dependents on March 9. Leibinger will be at the Lincoln Senior Citizens Center from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; the Ovando Post Office from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. and in Seeley Lake at the First Valley Bank at 2:45 p.m.

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