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## Trout management: new plan in the works

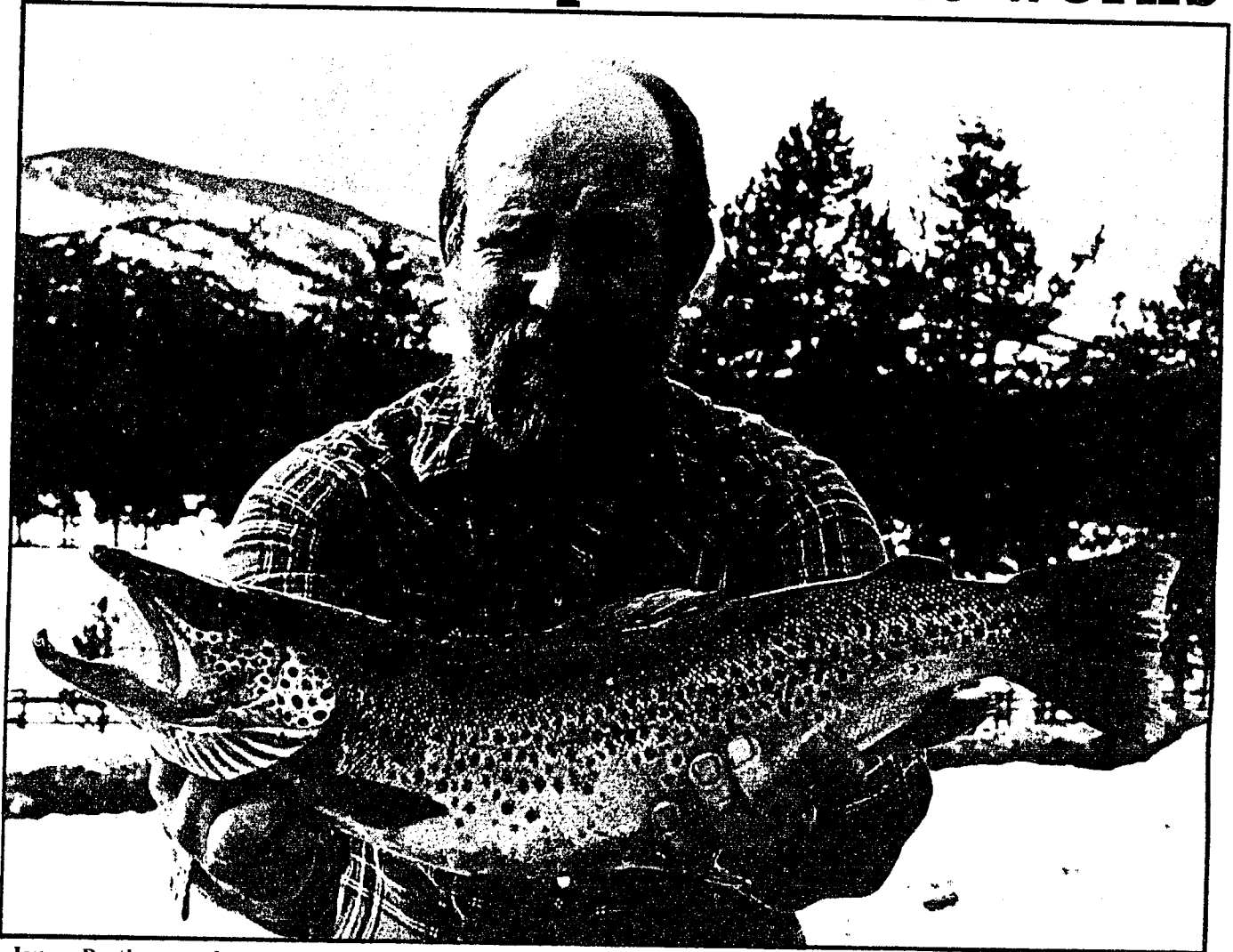
The future management of fisheries in the Swan Valley may depend a lot on past policies and how local residents feel about current fishing opportunities in the Swan River drainage.

The topic of fishing often comes up at Swan Valley meetings. Last fall, degradation of water quality and the apparent disappearance of cutthroat trout in the Swan River stirred considerable debate at a meeting hosted by Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel in Swan Lake.

Scott Rumsey, fisheries biologist from the Kalispell office of the Montana Department of FWP, will host a public meeting at the Swan Valley Community Hall on March 28 beginning at 7 p.m. to give a presentation about a new fisheries management project in the Swan.

Rumsey hopes to give a brief overview of past, present and future policies. In turn, he is seeking comments from local residents. Rumsey is now preparing a draft, five-year fisheries management plan for the Swan River drainage.

A second meeting will be held on April 4, 7 p.m. at the Lone Pine State Park in Kalispell. That meeting will also focus on public comments regarding future fisheries management goals and direction.



Jerry Posthumus from Seeley Lake proudly poses with this 6-pound Brown trout he caught last week in Salmon Lake. The lunker measured 24 inches long. Jerry was using black jigs and maggots for bait.

## State assumes fire protection duties in Seeley-Swan

Swan Valley residents will have a chance to hear about the new fire protection regulations at the March 17 meeting of the Condon Community Club. Glen Gray from the Swan River State Forest will be on hand to answer questions about the Department of State Lands takeover of fire protection duties in the Swan Valley. The Thursday night meeting begins at 8 p.m.

Flathead National Forest Supervisor Ed Brannon announced that as of July 1, 1988, the Flathead National Forest will transfer forest fire protection responsibilities for nearly 235,000 acres of private and federal land in the Swan Valley to the Department of State Lands.

"The transfer of these responsibilities results from an on-going program to correct imbalances between the fire protection responsibilities of the US Forest Service and the State of Montana," said Brannon.

Brannon emphasized, "the ultimate goal of the process is to insure that our fire protection responsibilities equalize enough that no money changes hands between state and federal government.

Pending approval by the 1989 legislature, The State of Montana and the Forest Service could complete their protection exchange program in 1990."

In the Seeley Lake area, Department of State Lands personnel at Sperry Grade will also be taking over fire protection on a substantial portion of the Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lolo National Forest.

The Swan Valley agreement, which will be discussed at Thursday night's meeting, maximizes cooperation between the two agencies in times of fire emergency and utilizes the closest forces available on fires in the Swan Valley.

Swan Unit Fire Forester Bill Fischer stated that the exchange will affect how business is done in regard to fire reporting, fire prevention and burning permits. Many Swan Valley residents who have dealt with the Forest Service at Condon and Seeley Lake will now need to contact the Department of State Lands on fire related questions. The State fire crew working in the Swan

Valley will be based out of the Forest Service's Condon Work Center and local residents may still obtain permits at that office.

The area that will come under State protection extends from the Swan State Forest boundary in the northern part of the Swan Valley to Seeley Lake. North of Summit Lake it is bordered on the west by the Mission Mountain Wilderness boundary and by the proposed boundary of the Bob Marshall Wilderness to the east.

From Summit Lake south, the Department of State Lands will protect the area north of Seeley Lake that lies west of the Westside Bypass Road, roughly west of a line between Double Arrow Lookout and the Rainy Lake highway shop. The Department of State Lands' protection area extends to the Reservation boundary. In the area south of Summit Lake and west of Bypass Road reports of fires should be called in to the Clearwater State Forest Headquarters, 793-5757.

Anyone detecting a fire in non-wilderness areas between the Swan

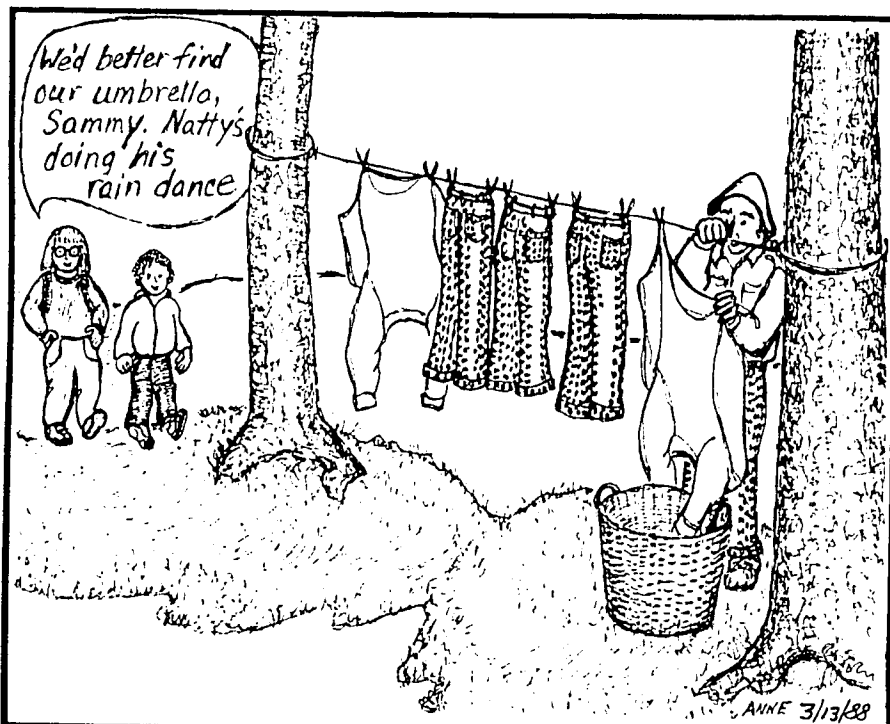
River State Forest boundary near Cilly Creek south to Summit Lake, including the Salmon Prairie, Condon, Holland Lake and Lindbergh Lake areas, should report to the Swan Unit of Department of State Lands. Fires can be reported at Condon Work Station, 754-2301 weekdays, or evenings and weekends call Swan Forest Camp, 754-2292.

"The Department of State Lands plans a considerable amount of public contact and fire prevention work in the Swan Valley. We are committed to protecting the life and property of the people living there," said Mike DeGrosky, Department of State Lands.

The Department of State Lands will assume the responsibility for issuing burning permits in the exchange areas as soon as the fire season begins on May 1, 1988.

For more information on the exchange program, contact the Flathead National Forest Dispatch, 755-5401, or Mike DeGrosky, Department of State Lands, 752-7904.

## Natty Bumpo



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## Irons in the fire

While the bears have been hibernating during the winter months, the human residents of the Valley have been wide awake and busily planning a variety of projects. With spring upon us, planning tends to be superseded by action—so, it may be worthwhile to take a quick inventory of what's going on.

At the top of the list, the proposed golf course is one of the most exciting prospects for the community and the backers are moving right along...also at the top of the list is the newly revitalized water board's intent to give the municipal water system a much-needed overhaul...tied into this is a groundswell of support for developing a municipal sewer system, and we could see the formation of a sewer district sometime this year...the new Post Office will open its doors within the next few months, an event which should provide the community with a big psychological boost...and the Seeley Lake QRU will probably acquire a new ambulance this year.

The list goes on: the Forest Service is planning some exciting new recreational facilities...the Community Council will be pursuing a multi-purpose building to accommodate various government offices and local organizations...Fish & Game is planning a new elk observation area on Highway

### Editorial

83...the newly established Small Business Council will be sponsoring a series of informative noontime gatherings designed to aid local businesses...various business expansions are apparently in the works, and we can probably expect to see some new businesses and services established this year...there is even an effort afoot to try out some small tour packaging...and work has already begun on next year's major winter events. Tying everything together will be the new comprehensive plan for Seeley Lake.

And that's only a "short" list of irons in the fire. It's something we can all be proud of—sure signs of a community on the move, controlling its own destiny and not letting events overtake it. All of this has come about because of the dedication of so many of our friends and neighbors. Once again, we can clearly see that special individuals inhabit this Valley.

Sure, some of these "irons" will heat up faster than others—some may even fall out of the fire. But, we can rest assured that we are firmly on the path toward a better and better community.

—Dick Potter

## Country Journal

The crocuses are up! And you think there's no hope of spring? With more than a foot of hard packed snow still covering most of the yard, you'd think winter was gonna hang on forever, stubborn as a Missouri mule.

So, you ask, how do I know the crocuses are up if we still have all this snow? I planted the crocuses, tulips and daffodils beneath the lilac bush several years ago. The ground beneath the lilacs on the south side always bares off weeks before the rest of the place.

One thing about the crocuses (which most of you probably know): the little devils will bloom beneath the snow. Yep, the hard packed snow somehow melts from the bottom up, leaving just enough room and insulation for the early flowers to rise and shine. You can cheat, of course, and pull the crust of snow off so you can begin to enjoy the flowers!

Meanwhile, we hear the bluebirds have arrived at Clearwater Junction.

by Suzanne Vernon  
Swan Valley

Looking for new homes along the bluebird trail, we hope.

In the Salmon Prairie area, not far from the Swan River, several people have reported seeing wild turkeys. Now that's exciting (unless they are messing up your hay stack!)

While it's nice to think about the beauty of spring that's apparently just around the bend, March also reveals the ugly side of winter. We've counted dozens of road killed deer along the highway, now that their snow covered carcasses are exposed. It's tempting to be sad about the passing of winter. Mother Nature won't allow it though, as we watch the bald eagles feed on the carrion and anxiously wait for the hummingbirds. They'll arrive next month—hot on the heels of spring.

## What's Going on?

To the Editor:

After reading the front page article March 10, titled New Era in Timber, I called Dennis Johnson, District Ranger from Seeley Lake, and told him I agree.

These are some of the concerns that he addresses:

- cumulative impacts of timber harvest
- impact of overcutting
- watershed potential for disaster
- soil erosion
- ruined fisheries
- clearcuts reducing elk forage
- high road densities
- insufficient coordination between F.S. and Plum Creek

- 15-year cooperative agreement
- adequate regeneration
- reducing F.S. timber harvests because Plum Creek over harvests
- a Forest Practices Act
- coordination among logging interests for safeguarding the environment

So, what's going on? I heard on the radio that we had a record harvest here in the valley. Is this the result of that?

After reading the ranger's concerns here are a few of my own:

1. How is Plum Creek planning to address these issues?
2. Is Plum Creek directing its logging activities with regard to ensuring wilderness legislation, specifically, logging the trailhead areas?
3. Is Plum Creek selling select lands, eliminating most all the old growth and planning to give back the logged off stuff to the Forest Service?

4. Is it possible to appeal the decision that gave all this land to the R.R.?

5. Is a Forest Practices Act a good thing?

I'm not the professional in the timber industry. I provide a service to the tourism industry. My life and living depend on careful timber management and careful growth in tourism.

Al Cluck  
Scenic 83  
Condon

## Kudos for Kalin

To the Editor:

Although we subscribe to three newspapers, we don't read the sports pages unless we can't find much else to do. I have to admit, I'm a sagging athletic supporter. This has recently changed, not my jock status, but my reading habit. This due to a new writer of talent appearing on the literary scene. Kalin Raible — not too bad.

Possibly Ms. Raible would like to help us out on our local history project? Good work, Kalin.

Ken Wolff  
Swan Valley



## PASSAGES

### Lent? Repent?

Repentance—it's a word that may make us feel like a child being scolded by an angry parent. Some may associate it with the familiar cartoon depiction of a scraggly, bearded man carrying a sign that declares, "Repent, the end is near!" The biblical notion of repentance is more positive, "Repent, the beginning is here!" says Jesus at the outset of his ministry.

Lent is a time to take stock, personal inventory as to who we are and where we are headed. It is a time of repentance. Let me illustrate what I believe the word to mean. While fishing with a friend in Alaska, we spotted a humpback whale about 400 yards from our skiff. Our attempts to catch up to it only carried us further up the coast and late into the night. Finally, we stopped the motor on our skiff and simply gazed across the horizon hoping to catch a final glimpse of its spout. Suddenly, 40 yards from our skiff there was a sharp explosion of air and water. We turned to see the large, dark gray mass of another humpback slowly glide through the surface of the water before its monstrous tail flipped up, then slowly disappeared into the deep. We didn't say anything for several minutes. (It's tough to speak when your jaw has dropped to your shoes.)

Christopher J. Williams  
Pastor of Blackfoot Parish  
Ovando-Potomac-Seeley Lake

Repentance is to come to your senses, and turn in a different direction. We can spend our lives chasing whales; frantically, futilely running after all those things that only carry us further from that place and condition called home, and deeper into the darkness. The alternative is to stop and turn and behold the mighty mystery of God in the One who says "God's kingdom is at hand, put your trust in the Good News." (Mark 1:15)

## Thankyou

To all my friends and neighbors,  
thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers, flowers, cards, telephone calls, hot dishes and more.  
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Lu Heinzmann

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## Business of the Week EAGLE DRILLING CO.

Water well drilling has been a much-needed service in the local area for some time now. Not quite a year old, Eagle Drilling Co. of Seeley Lake will provide drilling any time of the year. "I've been in the drilling business all my life," remarked owner Dean Dorland. He has had 33 years in drilling, with about 15 years of water well experience. While Dean does the drilling, his wife Patty (half-owner of the company) takes care of the bookwork.

Although Dean believes in dowsing (searching for underground water with a divining rod), he's not a dowser himself. He leaves the decision to dowse or not up to the customer. "The individual has to decide when and where he wants the well to be drilled."

Dean uses a cable tool to drill the well. Unlike the rotary method, which spins a hole through the ground, the cable tool pounds a hole. Dean explained, "As you drive down you take steel casing at the same time, until you hit water—then you ball the water until you determine what kind of water you've got."

Eagle Drilling Co., which is licensed and bonded, provides the owner of the well with an estimate of the gallons of water per minute and a water quality report which is based on what Dean actually sees. Dean also suggests other methods of determining water quality. "A simple home method to tell whether it's hard water or soft is to drop a bar of soap in it and try lathering. Chemicals can be used to test the water. Or, send a sample to the state for a water quality test."



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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

Mar 18, Open Mic Night (Talent Show), 7pm, Swan Valley Elementary School.

Mar 19, Cowboy Poetry Gatherin', all day, Holland Lake Lodge

Mar 19, Missoula Electric Coop. Annual meeting, 9 am Health Fair, noon lunch, afternoon meeting, University of Montana, Missoula.

Mar 19, Seeley Lake PTA Carnival, 6-9pm, Seeley Lake Elem. School

Mar 20, Wrestlers Awards & Potluck, Seeley-Swan High School, 2-4pm.

Mar 22, Meet the Candidates for Swan Valley School Trustee positions, 7pm, Swan Valley Elementary School.

Mar 25, AARP Speech Contest, 7pm, Swan Valley Community Hall, Condon

**Public Meetings**  
Mar 17, Condon Community Club: to discuss new forest fire protection plan, 8pm, Swan Valley Community Hall, Condon.

Mar 17, Seeley Lake Elem. School trustees regular meeting, 7:30pm, Seeley Lake Elem. School.

Mar 23, Seeley Lake Water District, 8pm, REA Building.

**Clubs & Organizations**  
Mar 21, Seeley Lake PTA, 7pm, Seeley Lake Elem. School  
Mar 24, Swan Valley History Group meets, 1:30pm, Holland Lake Lodge

### Other

Alcoholics Anonymous  
•Condon: Every Thursday night, Swan Valley School, 7:30pm

•Seeley Lake: Sunday nights, 449 Grizzly Road, Seeley Lake, 7pm; Weds nights, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd;

•Thursdays at noon, 449 Grizzly Rd;

•Young People's Meeting, Every Friday nite, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd

•Seeley Lake: Thursday nights, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake, 7pm

**Bookmobile:**  
•Mar 17: Seeley Lake Elen., 9am-Noon; Seeley Lake Town, 12:45-2:30pm.



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## Survey shows: more anglers fish for fun, not food

By Tom Palmer  
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

During the late summer and fall of 1986 the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks embarked on its first comprehensive survey of Montana trout anglers on 19 of the state's most popular rivers and streams.

The information gathered from 2,173 resident and nonresident trout fishermen for the recently released "Angler Preference" survey produced a profile of Montana's trout anglers. It also represents an effort by resource managers to better understand the needs of people who partake in fishing for recreation.

The survey shows that a Montana trout stream angler is most likely a resident, 38-year old male with 25 years of fishing experience. He considers trout fishing to be his favorite, or one of his favorite activities and is apt to spend 20 of the 25 days he fishes each year in Montana. He'll rarely hire a guide, and three of every 10 anglers he'll meet on a Montana stream will probably belong to a fishing, sporting or environmental organization.

On site-specific streams, the trout angler profile is often quite disparate. On the Madison River, for instance, 66 percent of the anglers sampled were nonresidents and more than half of those anglers said they belonged to a conservation organization.

"It's important to recognize that

different streams attract different types of anglers," said DFWP Fisheries Administrator, Pat Graham. "The statewide averages are of some value, but we'll need more specific information from the anglers on each stream to make site-specific management decisions."

Perhaps some of the most interesting information gathered in the survey concerns what researchers have called the anglers' "desired experience."

When asked to rank 17 reasons for going fishing from "very important" to "not at all important," 95 percent of those surveyed said being outdoors was the most important reason for going fishing. A chance to "get away from it all" was runner-up with 83 percent of the sample listing that opportunity as very important or important, followed by 82 percent of the sampled anglers who said viewing the scenery was among the most important reasons for fishing their particular stream. Eighty percent of the sample listed the solitude as being among the most important considerations for going fishing.

When the topic turned to fish, the chance to catch a wild trout was very important or important to 78 percent of the anglers. Catching many fish (37 percent) and catching fish to eat (37 percent) seemed less important to the majority of the surveyed anglers.

"We have long believed that Montana's wild trout fishery is one of the best in the world and we want to stay in the forefront of providing those quality outdoor experiences," Graham said. "I

think the survey shows that fishing is very important to these people, but that it's a lot bigger than that. It may be related, in part, to an apparent trend on our rivers away from fishing primarily for food to fishing for sport. They're looking for a complete outdoor experience and we have to recognize that fishing is only one part of the experience."

Although generally satisfied with their fishing experiences, some of the respondents noted some management problems with the river they were fishing, but a consensus on what the problems may be did not emerge.

**"When the topic turned to fish, the chance to catch a wild trout was very important."**

**—Montana Anglers Survey**

For the fishery professionals, however, it was comforting to see that the anglers not only recognized problems, but were astute enough to understand that there are no abracadabra solutions.

For instance, when presented with general strategies and approaches to fishery management for trout streams, 72 percent of the sample opted to protect trout habitat over other options.

For Graham, it was a particularly pleasing statistic. "It's consistent with the Department's priority of maintaining stream habitat," he said. "Trout are rarely stocked in streams in this state,

so it is also consistent with the Department's program for managing streams for wild trout."

Forty percent of those sampled were exclusive fly fishermen, but on the Madison (70 percent), Rock Creek (66 percent), the South Fork of the Flathead (64 percent) and the Bighorn (59 percent), the fly-fishing preference was far higher.

Only 10 percent of the anglers surveyed were exclusive bait or lure fishermen, while 40 percent of the sample said they used a combination of flies, lures and bait.

Graham said he expects angler preference surveys to be repeated at four to six year intervals to document emerging trends and changing attitudes.

"Our objective," Graham said, "is to try to provide a diversity of quality fishing opportunities, but we have to keep in mind that 'quality' means different things to different groups of fishermen."

### FWP wild turkey hunting seminar

A seminar on wild turkey hunting will be held on Monday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fish, Wildlife and Parks headquarters in Missoula.

The program, offered by FWP Information Officer, Bill Thomas, is free and will cover information about both the spring gobbler and fall wild turkey hunting seasons in Montana.

Seminar topics include: hunting methods; turkey behavior and management; calling techniques; locating and identification of gobblers; decoys and camouflage and hunting safety.

## Monture Creek, North Fork Blackfoot considered for Wild & Scenic Rivers

by Suzanne Vernon

Monture Creek north of Ovando is being considered as a candidate for nomination to the Wild and Scenic Rivers system for wild rivers in the United States.

From its headwaters near the southern boundary of the Bob Marshall Wilderness to its confluence with the Blackfoot River, Monture Creek is located almost entirely on Forest Service land.

The North Fork of the Blackfoot River, also near Ovando, is another

"wild river" candidate for the Wild and Scenic Rivers system.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act criteria includes two other classifications of rivers. The Clearwater River appears to meet criteria as a scenic or recreational river. Morrell Creek near Seeley Lake appears to meet criteria as a recreational stream.

All of these rivers flow through portions of the Lolo National Forest, Seeley Lake Ranger District. Recreation managers are beginning to study these rivers for possible inclusion into the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

## Fish & Game okays upgrade for elk viewing

To be eligible, a river must have one or more "outstandingly remarkable" resource values such as scenic quality, recreational opportunity, fish and wildlife habitat and cultural/historical values.

Forest Service personnel are currently seeking public comments about the proposal. Comments may be directed to Dennis Johnson, Seeley Lake Ranger District, Drawer G, Seeley Lake, 59868.

If the details can be worked out, the obsolete elk-viewing facility on Highway 83 will be replaced by a new facility closer to Clearwater Junction. The facility would provide a much better view of the winter elk herd on the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range, according to Mike Thompson, manager of the Game Range. Thompson presented the proposal to the Seeley Lake Economic Task Force at its regular meeting last week.

The new facility would be similar to the old one and would include a large information sign and a highway turnout. Thompson envisions a sign with replaceable panels so that information could be rotated seasonally; he also suggests additional highway signs which would direct visitors to the "wildlife viewing area."

The project has been given preliminary approval by the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks—subject to the community agreeing to share some of the construction costs. This could include donated labor, Thompson said. As a next step, the department will prepare a cost estimate.

In the meantime, Task Force chairman Jeff Macon agreed to contact community organizations which might have an interest in participating in the project. Since the project would involve close coordination with the Department of State Highways, Macon will also arrange to have that department's Task Force representative at the next meeting.

## State compiles names for grizzly hunt

Names of hunters who would like the opportunity to shoot a damage-causing grizzly bear along the Rocky Mountain East Front this year are now being accepted by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

According to Arnold Olsen, Administrator of the Department's Wildlife Division in Helena, authority to conduct a second special grizzly damage hunting season along the East Front from April 15 through September 30 was granted by the Montana Fish and

Game Commission at its March 4th meeting in Helena. A similar damage season was authorized for the first time last spring.

In adopting the season, Olsen said, the Commission opted to use controlled hunting, when appropriate, to resolve nuisance grizzly bear problems along the Rocky Mountain East Front Bear Management Area.

A roster of potential hunters will be drawn from a list of all interested hunters. These hunters will be called in

the order they were drawn if the need for a hunt is identified. In no case, Olsen emphasized, will the state exceed any established mortality quotas for the bear.

Interested sportsmen can apply simply by sending their name, address and telephone number to: Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 4600 Giant Springs Road, P.O. Box 6609, Great Falls, MT 59406.

This information must be received by April 1, Olsen says.



By Laura Bogar

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

\*\*\* Four kinds of pepper go into these cocktail snacks -- Add 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, plus 1 tablespoon Worcestershire to 2 frothy egg whites and toss in a pound of pecans. Transfer to a baking sheet, then sprinkle with 1 teaspoon each black, white, and cayenne pepper. Bake 5 minutes in a 400 oven, stirring now and then.

\*\*\* Party salad looks extra attractive if you make it in layers and serve in a clear glass bowl.

\*\*\* Consider salsa. The best, with broiled salmon steaks, combines chopped tomatoes and avocados with jalapeno pepper, green onion, chopped cilantro and a little garlic. Add a spot of vinegar and let flavors marry before serving.

\*\*\* Team up petit fours and sliced fruit to make a light, yet satisfying dessert platter.

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## Cornucopia by Michele Potter

Whether you're Irish or not, the celebration of St. Patrick's Day usually means something special from the kitchen will be served—something with a touch of green. Ron and Cindy Sanguins, owners of The Saloon, Seeley Lake, will be serving their customers Cindy's own Irish Stew with biscuits. The addition of Brussels sprouts (little cabbages) and beer make this stew really different.

I have not tried this recipe yet, but Cindy invites me and everyone else to stop by for a cup o' stew. Cindy added, "I'll be making a big batch Friday and we'll be serving it all day." The Saloon will be celebrating St. Patrick's day both Thursday and Friday (March 17 and 18) and their annual St. Pat's party is scheduled for Friday.

### Irish Stew by Cindy Sanguins

Corned Beef Brisket (3-5 lbs), cut in 1" cubes	1 cup water
1 lb. carrots, chopped	5 potatoes, quartered
1/2 cup onion, chopped	1/2 head cabbage, torn in large chunks
1 12-oz. can beer	1 10-oz. frozen Brussels sprouts

Combine corned beef, carrots, onions, beer and water; simmer for 30 minutes to an hour. Add potatoes; simmer for 30 minutes more. Add cabbage and Brussels sprouts; simmer for 30 minutes more.

**Notes from Cindy:** "I found a recipe for Irish Stew, but I didn't have all of the ingredients, so I improvised and came up with my own recipe. Cooking time is reduced by cutting the corned beef brisket in 1-inch cubes; this Irish Stew is done in about two hours. More water can be added if desired. Add peppercorns (to taste) and a little celery to this recipe if you have these ingredients on hand. I've been making this Irish Stew for about eight years—it's always better the next day!"

Asparagus is a sure sign of spring. The microwave is a perfect choice for easy preparation (moist cooking) of the delicate spears. Rinse 1 pound asparagus in cold water. Snap off tough ends of spears. Arrange in 10X6 or 9X5-inch microwave-safe baking dish. Add about 2 tablespoons water. Cover with plastic wrap. Microwave on high for about 7 minutes or until tender, rotating dish once. Drain water; serve spears with butter or sauce of your choice. One pound asparagus provides about four servings.

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## ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

52nd Annual Meeting of Members of the  
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Saturday, March 19, 1988

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Registration — 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Health Fair — 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Luncheon — 12:00 Noon

\*Meeting — 1:00 p.m.

\*Election of Trustees • Revision of Bylaws

## Swan residents begin gathering history info

About a dozen Swan Valley residents gathered at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Jette last week to discuss the gathering of historical information about the Upper Swan Valley area.

Although the group is not planning to publish a complete history at this time, several people agreed that there is a need for a permanent storage place for historical records so that artifacts and family histories might be preserved.

Mrs. Evelyn Jette offered to store records at her home until the group, now known as the Upper Swan Valley History Project, is officially organized or affiliates with a non-profit group or historical society.

Priority projects for the group were identified at last week's meeting. Interviewing "old timers" was listed as an immediate concern. Several people offered to conduct oral, video and written interviews with folks who homesteaded in the Swan Valley during the early 1900s.

Other projects identified were the history of schools, logging and sawmilling, outfitting and guest ranches, Indian history, wilderness, forest fires and Forest Service history, place names and the identification of historical sites.

Ken Wolff is acting chairman of the group. Other local residents currently on the history project committee are: Mrs.

Evelyn Jette, Bud Moore, Art and Martha Anderson, Clarence Stilwell, Dobb and June Wilhelm, Uno Strom, Melvin Schlegel and Suzanne Vernon.

Anyone interested in helping to gather and preserve historical records of the Upper Swan Valley is invited to contact Ken Wolff or any of the committee members. Families who have lived in the valley for many years are encouraged to get involved in the project and to record brief family histories.

The next meeting of the group will be March 24, 1:30 p.m. at Holland Lake Lodge. For more information call 754-2235.

## Meet the candidates for Swan Valley school board

The Swan Valley PTA is sponsoring a *Meet the Candidates* night at Swan Valley Elementary School.

Five people have filed for two 3-year trustee positions at Swan Valley Elementary to be filled by election on April 5.

Ronald Matthew, Bill Alexander, Darlene Kearney, Jeffrey Mason and Linda Styler have all filed for the trustee positions. Matthew is the only one currently serving on the school board and up for reelection.

The forum will begin at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

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## Talent Show Friday night

The second Talent Show of the school year will be held Friday night at 7 p.m. in the Swan Valley Elementary School gymnasium.

A Talent Show held in December at the school drew a huge crowd and several local musicians, poets and performers.

Admission will be charged for Friday's "Open Mic" night. Proceeds go to the school's cultural arts fund.

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## Local skiers compete in Yellowstone Rendezvous

On March 5th, the final marathon in this area began with a mass start of 334 cross-country skiers competing in the 50-kilometer and 25-kilometer races. There were seventeen states represented and three other countries: Australia, France and British Columbia, Canada.

In the 50-kilometer, the overall and mens, 1st place was Kristian Naess, Woburn, MA, 2:17:37; womens 1st place was E. J. Holcomb, Rexburg, ID, 2:44:46

Montana skiers finished as follows: Donald Tucker, Greenough, 2:34:11, finishing 6th in 30-34, 19th overall in mens.

Mike McGovern, Missoula, 3:02:49, 13th in 25-29, 62nd overall in mens.

Rene Fuglestad, Missoula, 3:02:49, 3rd in 45-49, 68th overall in mens. Honored as the only participant to have completed in all 9 Rendezvous.

Ernie Lundberg, Seeley Lake, 3:04:24, 13th in 35-39 division, 71st overall in mens.

George Gearhart, Seeley Lake, 3:05:57, 3rd in 40-44, 73rd overall in mens.

Amelia Amish, Ennis, the OSCR

womens winner, 3:13:15 finished 6th in 25-29 and 15th overall in womens.

Renee Lundberg, Seeley Lake, 5:21:37, 9th in 35-39, 42nd overall in womens.

The 25-kilometer results as follows:

1st: mens, Jim Curran, Jackson, WY, 1:10:41

2nd: womens, Kelly Milligan, Moose, WY, 1:23:59.

Geannet Cebulski, Seeley Lake, 2:08:37, 6th in 35-39, 29th overall in womens.

Phil Wright, Missoula, the oldest OSCR and Rendezvous participant, 3:36:31, 7th in 60+ division and 82nd overall in mens.

## Students host Science Fair, Open House

Students at Seeley Lake Elementary will be hosting a Science Fair and Open House in the school's gymnasium on March 18.

Kindergarten through eighth grade will set up their projects from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Fifth through eighth graders will exhibit again from 5:30-7:30 p.m.



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## AAL members to help fund GRU

The Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) held their annual planning meeting on Friday, February 19, at the home of Jerry and Sharon Ding in Seeley Lake.

Members discussed projects to be worked on this year. It was agreed to provide \$500 to the Quick Response Units in Seeley Lake and Condon for equipment. Fund raisers would have to be held with AAL and GRU people working together with the communities to raise the money; to be matched dollar for dollar by AAL Home Office Funds.

AAL also held an emergency fundraiser the past two weeks for two families in the area who needed financial help. Bake sales were held on two consecutive Sundays at both Holy Cross and Faith Lutheran Churches.

The response from the community has been tremendous. A total of \$675.00 was raised; \$500.00 of that will be matched by AAL Home Office, so the total raised will be \$1,175.00.

## Business of Art Seminar in Kalispell

The Hockaday Center for the Arts in conjunction with Flathead Community College and the U.S. Small Business Administration will present THE BUSINESS OF ART SEMINAR, on March 21 and 22, 1988 at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell, Montana.

If you wish to register for this seminar, contact the Hockaday Center for the Arts, P.O. Box 83, Kalispell, MT 59901.

## Senior Nutrition Program Menu

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, March 21**  
Tuna noodle casserole  
**Tuesday, March 22**  
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# SCHOOLS

## Mount Ovando 4-H

by DeAnna Dreyer  
Reporter

The 6th meeting of the Mount Ovando 4-H Club was called to order by president Bryan O'Connor at 7 p.m. on March 7, 1988 at the Ovando Church Building. Roll call was answered with a report on our 4-H projects. The minutes and treasury were read and approved. We received a donation from Patsy Wilson.

Old business was discussed. Reports were given on Grandmothers' cooking tour, Missoula Expo and horse clinics.

The Club will host a community Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Ovando.

Roll call for the next meeting is a comment on the Easter Egg Hunt and ticket sales for our \$75 Tidyman's gift certificate, a turkey and a ham. For more information contact a local 4-H member. The next meeting is April 4, 1988 at 7 p.m. in the Ovando Church Building.

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David is currently enrolled at the Lombard, Illinois' division of the DeVry Institute of Technology. He is the son of Dick and Carole Schaeffer, former co-owners of Holland Lake Lodge in the Swan Valley. They currently make their home in Ronan, Montana.

## Good Citizens at Swan Valley

Good Citizens for February at Swan Valley Elementary School are Jamie Wood, first grade; Kenny Crippen, third grade; Brooke Mason, fourth grade; Danny Wilhelm, fifth grade; Ronny Melton, sixth grade; April Auchenbach, seventh grade and Amy Gourde, eighth grade.

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# SPORTS

## Volleyball finale

Happy shouts and laughter announced the arrival of a hay rack full of volleyball girls, friends, families and faculty at the Homestead Cabin on the Double Arrow Ranch, Monday, March 7.

The group was greeted by the tempting smell of barbecued hamburgers and the sight of numerous side dishes. A lovely cake, complimenting the girls, completed the meal.

Sharon Pohlman, Seeley Lake, arranged the party and prepared the meal. It was a way to say "Thanks" to the girls and the coaches, Sue Stone and Tammy Pohlman, for an enjoyable season.

Jack Rich, Double Arrow Outfitters, treated the group to the hay ride.

## Lady Hawks defeated by Warriors

by DeAnna Dreyer

The Arlee Warriors defeated the Lady Hawks 15-3, 15-13 in the Class C Divisional volleyball tournament last Saturday, March 12th in Philipsburg.

Sandy Deleo had 6 kills, Brittne Hebnes had 5 kills. Sandy Deleo and Tommie Dreyer had 2 digs each. Chris Kell had 4 aces.

## Lady Hawks beaten in 1st match

by Brittne Hebnes

Last Friday, March 11th, the Lady Hawks traveled to Philipsburg to play at the Divisional volleyball tournament.

In the first match the Hawks played Drummond who defeated them 17-15, 16-14.

The stats for the Hawks looked like this: Sandy Deleo had 5 kills, 4 aces, 30 set assists; Tommie Jo Dreyer had 7 digs; Tracey Terrillion had 9 set assists; Pamela Pohlman had 3 digs and Brittne Hebnes had 6 kills.

The Blackhawks played again Saturday at noon.



The Lady Blackhawks volleyball team: left to right, back row—Cari Verworn, Dusty LeMay, Sandy DeLeo, Pam Pohlman, Tommie Dreyer; 3rd row—Kristen Paxton, Melanie Rammell, Tracey Terrillion, Elisa Shoupe; 2nd row—Chris Kell, Brittne Hebnes, Kaylee Mahaffey; front row—Susan Stone, head coach and Tammy Pohlman, assistant coach. Not pictured: Lorena Cahoon.

## Lady Hawks overcome Hotsprings

by Lorena Cahoon

The Lady Hawks traveled to Philipsburg for volleyball divisionals this past weekend. They won their match against the Hotsprings Savages in 3 games with scores of 15-12, 9-15 and 15-11.

Both Sandy Deleo and Tommie Jo Dreyer scored 9 kills. Sandy, Tommie Jo and Tracey Terrillion had 4 aces. Tracey and Pamela Pohlman each had 2 digs. Sandy had 17 sets and Tracey had 9.

Coach Susan Stone was pleased with the effort displayed by the whole team during this match as well as the match against Arlee. She made the statement that "it was a young team."

## Wrestling News

Seeley-Swan placed 20 of 30 wrestlers at the USA Montana Invitational meet Saturday, March 12 at Hellgate High School in Missoula.

These are the results:  
1st place finishers were David Boone, Tyler Schwarz, Pat Morin and Jacob Baker.

2nd place finishers were Scott Gehrke and Gary Styler.

3rd place finishers were Cody Swigert, Jason Bousquet, Heath Harper and Brock Smith.

4th place finishers were David Gunter, Richie Styler, Brett Hallam and Scott Verworn.

5th place finishers were Chris Nord, Jeremy Broer and Derek Muchmore.

6th place finishers were Ariah

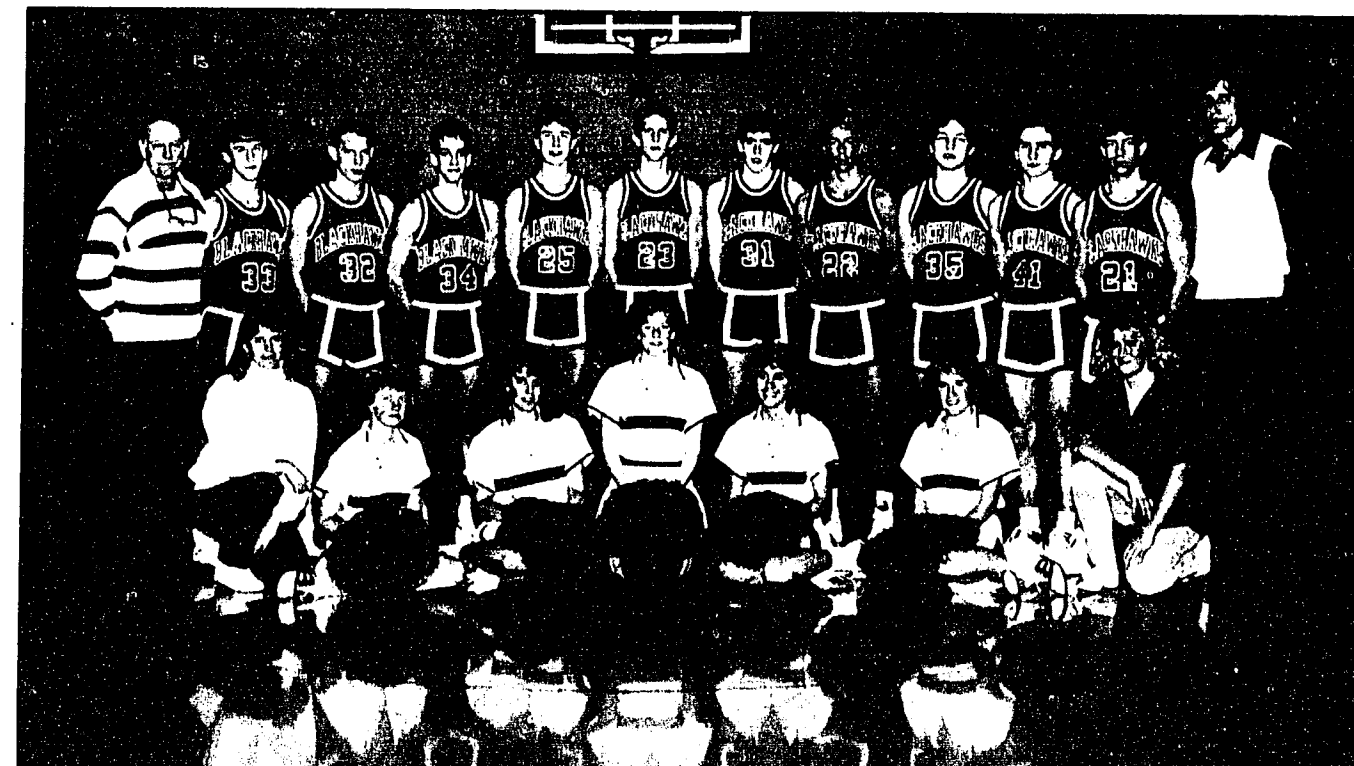
Baker, Jason Zebarth and Aaron Musick.

Honorable mention: Olin Fjell, Kaleb Johnson, Ryan Nemmers, Wade Christianson, Cory Thompson, Lelan Anders, Mike Muchmore, Tripp Mincey, Cole Christianson and Jason Schwarz.

The team placed 6th out of 12 teams, with approximately 350 wrestlers competing.

Pat Morin won a trophy for the most pins in his age group.

The next meet is District at Big Sky High School in Missoula on March 19. The wrestlers will be honored at the 5th Annual Potluck and Awards Ceremony on March 20 at the Seeley Lake Elementary Gym from 2:00-4:00 p.m.



The Blackhawk boys basketball team  
Left to right, back row—Kim Haines, head coach, Ron Gossard, Levko Siloti, Joe Bender, Dustin Gordon, Jeff Fitzgerald, Martin Cahoon, Derek Broderick, Mike Meehan, James Freyholtz, Les Meyer, Les Gordon, assistant coach; front row—June Haveman, video operator, Kalin Raible, Tracey Malone, Trish Parker, Twila Solamon, DeAnna Dreyer, Jenny Klebnow, statisticians. Not pictured: Bill VanVallis.

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