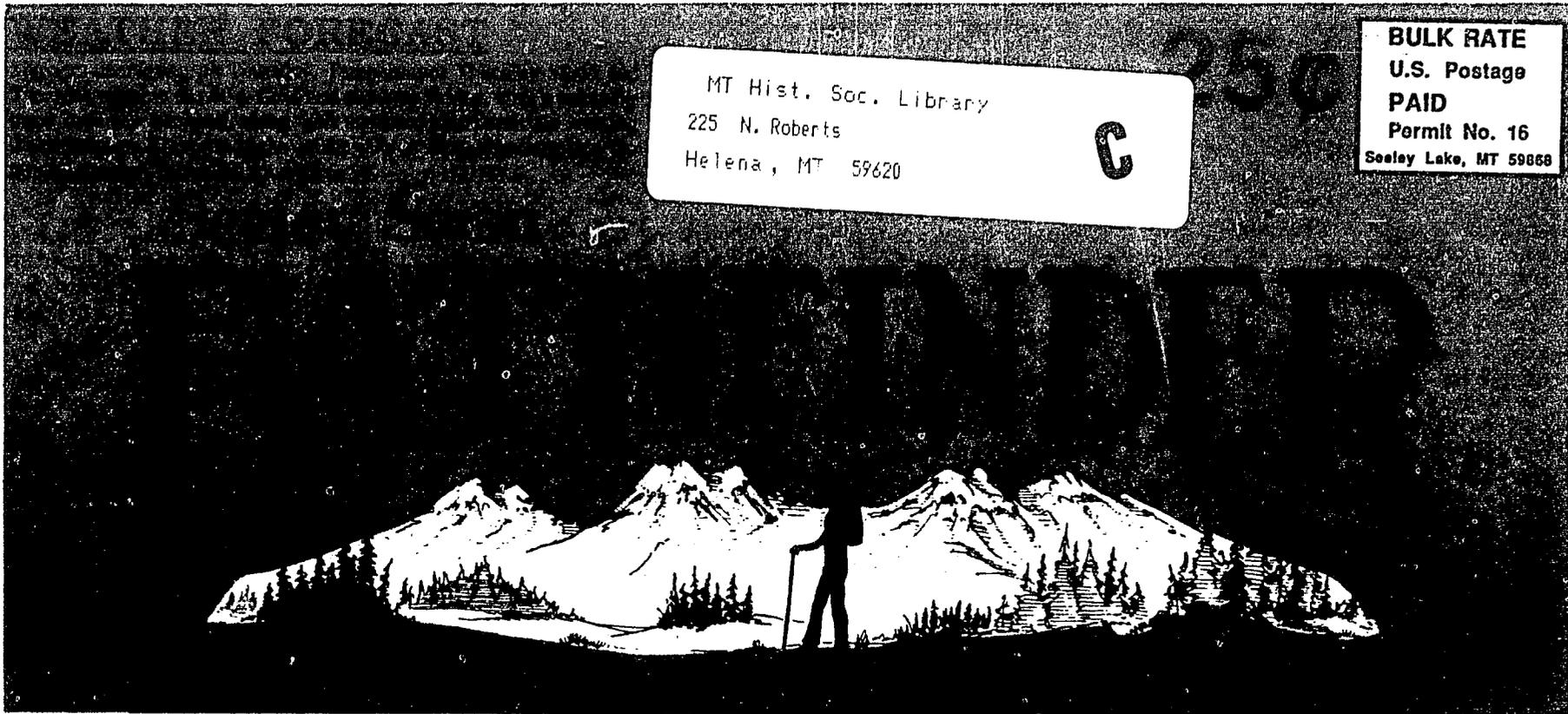


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Committee Readies Survey

Members of the Community Survey Committee reviewed draft questionnaires and considered survey methods at last week's meeting held at the REA building near Seeley Lake.

Ken Weaver, Montana State University, exchanged ideas with committee members about what kinds of questions need to be included in the survey.

Mike Mony, consultant with Westridge Corp., Bozeman, pointed out that the survey would be in two distinct parts.

First, there would be a canvass of water district residents who would be asked specific questions generated by the trustees of the Seeley Lake Water District.

The second portion of the survey would be a combination mail/phone sampling of the residents of the Seeley Swan area. This survey would present questions generated by the special hospital district (SOS Health Center), the refuse board, the fire district and the school boards.

The Seeley water district has several specific questions, which are now being finalized, relating to water quality and user fees.

Ken Weaver from the Local Government Center at MSU is involved with the survey through the contracted services of Westridge Consultants hired earlier this summer by the survey

committee. Weaver said that 98 Montana communities have elected to undergo voter review of state and county funded services over the last two years. Of that number, Weaver has worked with more than 20 cities and towns and "put together 12 or 14 surveys across the state seeking public opinion, as that opinion relates to local government."

Weaver's purpose in working with the committee is to "devise a survey instrument to . . . retrieve data (which is) useful to the client," Weaver said.

He pointed out that telephone surveys have several advantages over mail surveys. Accuracy is one reason telephone surveys work, Weaver said. "I have to ask them (survey respondents) in the least obtrusive way possible — and that's the telephone," Weaver said, stressing the importance of using trained volunteers who have no interest in the outcome of the survey.

Regarding mail surveys, Weaver said "Even with stamped, self-addressed envelopes, your return rate goes to hell."

Survey committee members present at the meeting all agreed that there should be a mail or other written survey in addition to the telephone survey in order to reach as many area residents as possible. Weaver agreed to work on both methods.

Jenny and Kenny Crippen rode their bikes in the Swan Valley Independence Day Parade



Glacier Park Tourism Down

For the period July 1 through July 8, visitors through Glacier Park are down 22 percent from the same period last year, according to Jerry Nelson, Park Communications Center Supervisor. There were 96,957 visitors for the week-long period this year, compared to 123,738 for the same

period in 1985.

For the year to date, Nelson said, the number of visitors is down eight percent from last year.

Nelson would not speculate on why visitors are apparently bypassing the park this month. He said that concessionaires near the park seem to be doing as well as or better than last year. "Hotel and motel reservations are up," he said.

Pathfinder Buys Valley Times

Pathfinder Press, Inc., Seeley Lake, recently acquired the assets of *The Valley Times*, a bi-weekly publication owned by Terrie Sonju, Seeley Lake.

Sonju has been sole owner of *The Valley Times* "for about a year," she said. She has been a part of the operation of *The Valley Times* since its beginnings in 1983.

Larry Blekken, Sr., who operates the J & L Market with his wife, Jenny, was instrumental in creating *The Valley Times*. "We got it off the ground," he said. Other people initially involved with the publication were Larry Blekken, Jr., Kim Blekken, Terrie Sonju and Sylvia Cassidy.

The Valley Times began charging a dime for its publication in May 1986.

Several other publications have served the communities of Seeley Lake, Ovando and Swan Valley over the years. According to Mildred Chaffin, longtime Seeley Lake resident, Mrs. Jesse Perro started the first newsletter in the area sometime during the fifties.

In the early sixties, the SOS Writers' Club began publishing the *SOS By-Line*. According to the publisher's notice in the paper, Myrtle Eldridge was the editor, assistant editor was Jean Winthers; columnists were Mildred Chaffin, Eva Bower, Thelma Cames and Irma Swallow (Seeley Lake); Wilda

Mannix, Katherine Harper (Ovando); and Erma Strom (Swan Valley).

In 1965, the Seeley Lake Printers began publishing *The Record*. Editor was Myrtle Eldridge, assistant editor was George Eldridge. Sometime during the next year, the bi-weekly publication, which was sold for a dime to "places as far away as Alaska" according to Chaffin, ceased publication.

In the late seventies, Debbie Adema began publishing *The Backwoods Press*, a bi-weekly publication, which was taken over by Addrien Marx in 1980. Marx continued work with *The Backwoods Press* until 1981, when the

Missoulian began publishing *The Ponderosa Press*, a bi-weekly insert in the *Missoulian*. *Ponderosa Press* was also distributed free. Marx was the Seeley Swan correspondent for *Ponderosa Press*. Late in 1982, the *Missoulian* discontinued *Ponderosa Press*.

Organization for *The Valley Times* began during the winter of 1982-83. *The Valley Times* began as a bi-weekly publication, then was weekly for a time, and recently returned to bi-weekly publication.

Pathfinder, published by Pathfinder Press, Inc., was created in response to the community's need for a paper with comprehensive news coverage.

OPINION

Community Apathy . . . was the subject of a letter which appeared a few weeks ago on this page. Charlie Goff was the author and he castigated the residents of Swan Valley for their failure to take an interest in community affairs. Well, Charlie, the problem does not appear to be confined to your part of the valley.

For instance, the light turnout for the community survey meetings in Seeley Lake and Condon wasn't exactly inspiring. There's still hope - the survey has yet to be conducted, and virtually every resident of the community will have a chance to express his or her views. Let's hope that apathy doesn't strike again - and that the responses to the survey are responsible and carefully considered.

There's another form of apathy which is of concern to this newspaper - opinion apathy. At the outset, we invited anyone so inclined to send a letter to the editor. Among the letters we've received, Charlie's was one of the few to grind an ax.

We seem to be a community of rugged individualists - a condition which always engenders strong opinions. Accordingly, one might reasonably expect that there are many more axes to grind - and which deserve grinding.

Next time you have something on your mind, drop a line to this newspaper. It's a lot more effective than just complaining to your neighbor. Besides, it's good therapy to see your name in print.

Surely, not everyone subscribes totally to the views which have appeared on this page. Let's hear about it. Or about whatever particular burr has worked its way under your saddle. The honeymoon is over, Sports Fans; let's get some editorial fire and fury going.

- Dick Potter

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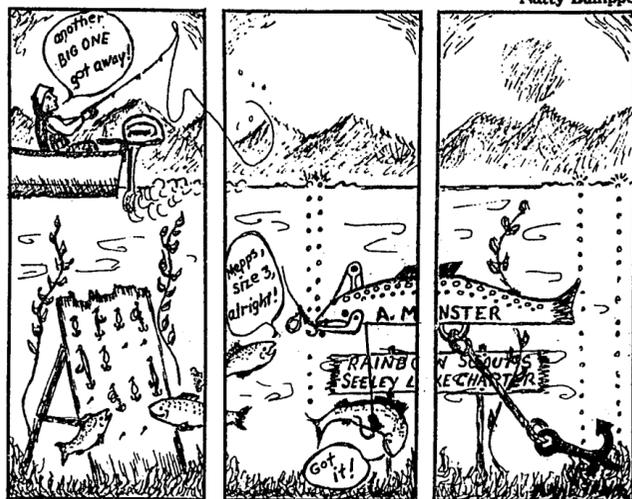


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Tom Blackburn and Dominic Casano grew up together in California. "We always dreamed of moving to the mountains," Blackburn said.

Tom moved here first, and Dominic came for a visit. "I visited for a week and went home. I couldn't stand it! Two weeks later we moved to Montana," Dominic laughed.

Tom and Kathy Blackburn and Dominic and Cheryl Casano all have restaurant experience. When the café which now houses Dominic's (in Seeley Lake) came up for sale last October, they decided to go into business together.

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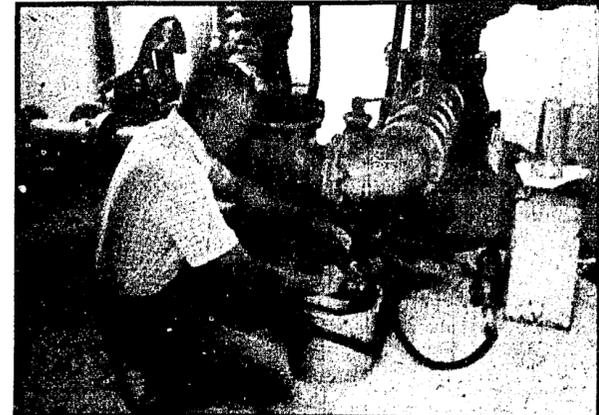
**Ties That Bind Us
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County Water
District (Part 2)**

The water board has backed away from its earlier interest in a groundwater well program because further investigation suggested that the costs for such a program are not in line with the risks, according to Joe Anders, president of the board. The geologic setting of the Seeley Lake area is not particularly favorable for successfully developing high-volume production wells. Also, there is a good possibility that the water would not be potable. Sorenson & Company had recommended the drilling program, in part, because of the expectation that the quality of Seeley Lake water will decline in coming years.

According to Bud Anderson, operations manager for the District, with respect to quality "Seeley Lake is one of the better waters in the Northwest." Anderson says that any surface water source is vulnerable to contamination and Seeley Lake is no exception. In a test conducted this spring, for the first time, giardia cysts were encountered. The number of cysts was very low and the result was regarded by state water quality experts as not at all unusual for a large source of surface water. A second test was conducted more recently and no cysts were found. Two more tests are planned for this fall.

The District relies upon chlorination to meet safe drinking water standards. Until last year, chlorine levels were maintained at a level of about 0.2-0.4 parts per million. However, the state imposed a "super-chlorination" requirement last year, which corresponds to a chlorine level of 1.5 parts per million. This works out to about 10 pounds of chlorine gas per half million gallons of water. The District phased in the increased level over a period of several weeks in order to minimize the "shock" to user's taste buds. Anderson monitors chlorine levels throughout the water system; he also runs daily checks on water acidity and turbidity. He notes that acidity levels tend to rise immediately after snow or rainfall, suggesting that the Seeley Lake area may be experiencing some of the "acid rain" which affects other parts of the country. All water quality data is submitted monthly for review by state authorities.

The most serious threat to lake-water quality appears to be the infiltration of sewage from surrounding homes and businesses and this has led to consideration of a sewer system for



Bud Anderson, water district manager, collects water sample for analysis at Seeley Lake pump-house.

the District. The Sorenson study proposed a system for the collection and disposal of graywater. Sludge would be handled by conventional septic systems at each user location. Graywater would be piped to a lagoon facility to be located near the airport. During warm weather, the lagoon would be pumped out and the water used for nearby irrigation. The cost of such a project would be in the vicinity of two million dollars. This cost would be prohibitive for a community of our size, unless grants were obtained to cover at least 75% of the cost - not an easy task in today's budgetary climate. Consequently, for the time being the water board is focusing exclusively on the more pressing need for upgrading the water system.

In addition to holding the bond election, the water board took another significant step last fall and raised the base rate for water use by 50%. For most users, this represented an increase from the old rate of \$10/month to a new rate of \$15/month. (Certain users also pay an additional monthly charge to retire bonds for their portion of the District.) Anders indicated that this was the first-ever rate increase for the District and that it was necessitated by steadily increasing maintenance costs as the system ages. Also, the board has instituted a \$750 hookup charge for new installations. This fee represents the "admission charge" to the system; parts and labor for the actual hookup are additional charges.

The board is concerned by the apparently significant violations of the watering restrictions. These restrictions limit residents on the west side of Highway 83 to watering on even-numbered days; residents on the east side are permitted to water on odd-numbered days. Watering hours are from

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The Washington fruit harvest is already in full swing. "Everything's two weeks early this year," according to Shirley Wight, Outlaw Produce Company. She has been selling produce in Montana on a regular basis for three years. This week she had Royal Anne and Bing cherries, apricots, and transparent apples. Later she will have tomatoes, peppers, corn, a variety of summer and fall apples, and peaches for sale.

Seeley Swan Gardeners May Organize Farmers' Market

A meeting will be held Sunday, July 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Moose Feathers Studio, corner of Kraft Creek Road and Highway 83, for people interested in organizing a farmers' market, according to Ken Wolff, local gardener.

There are many people in the Seeley Swan area who grow a lot of produce, including greenhouse gardeners, who may be interested in an "outdoor

market" where they could sell produce, according to Wolff.

Wolff also believes there are many valley residents who wish to buy locally grown produce. The meeting this Sunday will determine if gardeners have enough produce to sell at a farmers' market, or if they already have outlets for excess produce.

Wolff added that much of the locally grown produce is organic - not treated with chemical fertilizers or pesticides.

If Sunday's meeting generates enough interest from gardeners in the area, Wolff said a weekly market will begin the following Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Moose Feathers Studio.

Smokejumpers Stationed At Condon Work Center

Ten smokejumpers from the Missoula base are stationed at the Condon Work Center for the summer. They "fly out of here to fires," according to Boyd Kessler, Forest Service spokesman.

Between fires, the jumpers work in the field on survey and thinning projects.

At the Seeley Lake Ranger Station, Dave Sisk, fire management, said that several Lolo National Forest employees are currently fighting fires in Idaho, but that the fire season locally is "running about average" so far this year.



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Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

Huckleberries are ripe, all right, but they are up high, in the wet mosquito infested areas of the valley! There are a few around the lakes close to the highway, but our neighbors pointed out that some sort of bug is really eating away at the leaves. There don't seem to be very many berries on the bug-eaten bushes.

The serviceberries are nearly ripe in the backyard. The robins don't care, though. They must like them slightly green, because they spend most of the day nibbling the fruit.

Did you know the seeds, leaves, twigs and roots of elderberry are poisonous? Don't get too careless when you set out to make that wine (or jelly). You may end up with a powerful potion. The Blue-Berry elder is the only one with edible fruit. Don't eat the red ones!

Chokecherry is another one to watch out for. The mahogany-red berries make fine wine, but the seeds contain amygdalin, a substance that breaks down in the body to yield deadly cyanide. Don't eat the seeds!

Tonda (Nelson) Moon recited a valuable rhyme for me several years ago that she had learned as a kid growing up in the Twin Creeks-Greenough area. It goes like this: "Berries of white, have fright; berries of red, you should dread; berries of blue are good for you!"

I've tested the poem time and again, and it usually holds true. Somebody let

me know if there are any local poisonous exceptions to the "blue rule!" Once kids are old enough to know their colors, I think the poem should be required recitation.

No bears this week, but I did hear an interesting moose story. One truck driver (I didn't catch his name), who travels this highway regularly, chased a cow moose the entire length of the highway through Swan Lake. It was dark and the driver kept turning off his lights, hoping she would get off the road. But she didn't. He figured she had a calf near the highway and was trying to distract him by running down the road.

I have read that a cow moose in June (calving season) is more dangerous than a sow grizzly with cubs. Their sharp hooves can tear a horse to shreds, the story goes. And don't try to outrun them. A moose can't "lope," but they are trotters and can outdistance a running quarterhorse if they're mad enough.

Condon Weather For June

Maximum temperature for June in the Condon area was 90 degrees Fahrenheit on the 25th and 28th. Minimum temperature was 32 degrees Fahrenheit on June 20.

Precipitation for the month was 2.76 inches compared with 1.94 for June 1985. Since 1958, the lowest rainfall for the month of June was .52 inches, recorded in 1979; highest was 5.46 inches, recorded in 1981.

Farmers' Markets Sell Quality

Quality is the advantage farmers' markets have over grocery stores, says a food specialist at Montana State University.

Because the produce is freshly picked - and has not spent days in transit - it looks and tastes fresh, says Andrea Pagenkopf, who is the food and nutrition specialist for the Montana Cooperative Extension Service.

"I go to farmers' markets to get locally grown leaf lettuce. It's tough to find that in grocery stores. It's also nice to find vine-ripened tomatoes at these markets," she notes.

A study done on farmer's markets, roadside stands, tailgate markets and pick-your-own operations shows that users feel they are helping farmers by buying directly from them. Users also cite quality, price and "nice atmosphere" as reasons for frequenting farmers' markets.

Patrons of pick-your-own farms say price is their motivator. U-pick patrons

tend to be white-collar workers, home-makers or retired people. They are from higher income brackets, usually own their own homes and have gardens.

Pagenkopf suggests although these "produce pickers" own their own homes and have gardens, they most likely scout direct-sale markets to buy produce they can't or don't want to grow at home - "things that are more difficult to raise." U-pick usage is slowing down, however, because of the increase in working couples, she adds.

Fans of home canning and freezing are particularly drawn to pick-your-own operations, says Pagenkopf. For that reason, many county extension agents, such as Nancy Bern in Flathead County, demonstrate food preservation techniques at local farmers' markets.

Studies have shown that users and non-users of farmers' markets spend about the same amount of money on food.



CORNUCOPIA

by Michele Potter

I've been told by one of our local big fishermen that Rainbow Trout are "real fighters" and there's plenty of them out there. I can't pass along any fish recipes from my files because my husband is the one who does the fish cookin', and he's at his best with freshly caught fish out at base camp in the Bob. I especially enjoy grilled fish basted with herbed lemon butter.

There are sure to be plenty of fine Rainbow Trout recipes out there. So, get ready for the "2nd Annual National Rainbow Trout Cooking Contest" - it's just around the corner. Open to all residents of the U.S., recipes may be submitted for any category or type, but Rainbow Trout must be the main ingredient and included in the recipe title. And, you can submit two recipes if you like (each recipe must provide four to six servings). Recipes must be submitted to the National Rainbow Trout Cooking Contest by October 15, 1986. Call me at 677-2022 or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Seeley Swan Pathfinder for additional details.

Finalists will receive an all-expense paid trip to Asheville, North Carolina for the "Cook-off" which takes place during the annual convention of the U.S. Trout Farmers Association. Cash prizes and merchandise will also be awarded.

Carmelite Brown from New Orleans took first place with her "Rainbow Trout with Artichoke Sauce" recipe in the 1985 Contest.

Rainbow Trout with Artichoke Sauce	
6 Rainbow Trout fillets	1 tbs. lemon juice
1/2 cup butter	8 oz can sliced mushrooms, drained
4 tbs green onion, chopped	14 oz canned artichoke hearts, sliced/drained
2 tbs parsley, chopped	1 tsp. salt
3 cloves garlic, minced	1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper

Pat Rainbow Trout fillets dry with a paper towel and place in flat baking dish. Melt butter in saucepan and sauté the green onions, parsley and garlic until tender. Add lemon juice, mushrooms, artichoke hearts, salt and pepper. Cook for a few minutes until heated thoroughly. Pour sauce over the fillets and bake in 325 degree oven for about 20 minutes or until fish flakes with a fork.

The recipes keep coming in! Thanks to Misty Sarvis for the Pemmican and Sheila Devins for the Low-Sugar Rhubarb Jam. Now I need a Hard Tack Recipe. The Pemmican and Hard Tack will be featured together later on.

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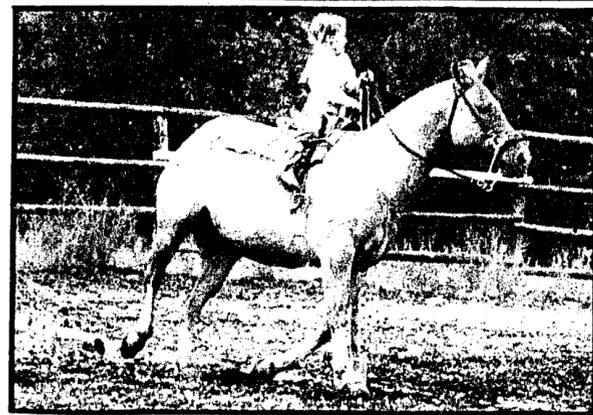
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There will be halter classes for registered and non-registered draft horses, donkeys and mules.

Also scheduled are hitch classes, cart classes, team driving, single and team obstacle and log pulls.

Horses, donkeys and mules will be judged separately.

The Fair Office phone is 752-5300, ext. 275, or call Carrielle Parker, Condon, 754-2471, for more information.



Trinity Hamilton, daughter of Pam and Dan Hamilton, Salmon Prairie, competes in the O-Mok-See held over the July 4 holiday near Condon.

Hamilton Wins Overall Trophy At Condon O-Mok-See

Pam Hamilton, Swan Valley, won the overall traveling trophy at the O-Mok-See held July 5 near Condon.

High point trophy for the 12 and under class went to Lisa Parker and Justin Forder.

In the 13 to 17 age group, Pam Pohlman and Kevin Bolles received high point trophies.

Pam Hamilton won the high point trophy in the 18 and over age group.

Annual Photo Contest Set

The Bitterroot Conservation District, Hamilton, is sponsoring its annual photo contest, open to elementary and high school students in Western Montana. Awards totaling \$100 are being offered for slides of water and land conservation in two categories, first through eighth grade and ninth through twelfth grade.

Entry deadline is September 15, 1986. For more information and entry forms, contact the Bitterroot Conservation District at Bedford Building, 223 S. Second St., Hamilton, MT 59840, or phone 363-5010.

4-H Horse Project Rules Revised

Montana's 4-H horsemanship project, the state's third most popular, is being revised.

Several workshops will be conducted this fall, it is hoped, to help key 4-H leaders understand the new program. They, in turn, will instruct other volunteer leaders as the updated program is introduced statewide.

The four to eight workshops were planned by Florence Borgen, Whitefish, working with the State 4-H staff and using a \$1,000 "Salute to Excellence" grant.

Borgen, chairman of the Montana 4-H Horse Committee, attended a weeklong workshop in mid-March at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Md., as the state's fourth winner of the Salute to Excellence grant. It is financed by R.J. Reynolds Industries to strengthen volunteer leadership.

Montana's 4-H project allows beginners to advance through four yearly programs or work with yearlings through 5-year-old horses. Last year more than 3,500 youths participated in a horse project.

The horsemanship project trails in popularity only food-nutrition and clothing, both of which also provide a variety of project choices.

Borgen has stressed proper care and training of horses in hundreds of projects for 4-H members. Her leadership training program, along with some from other states, will be described in a future issue of "4-H Leader," a national magazine.

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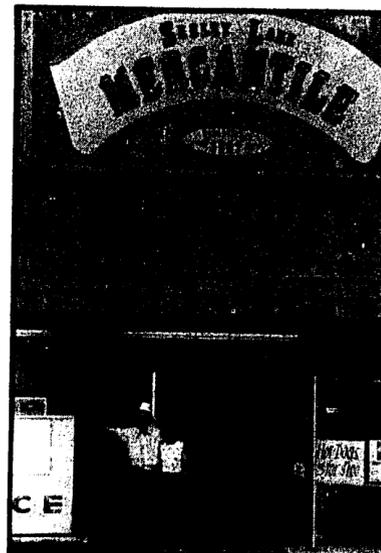
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Presentation On Weed Control To Highlight Condon Community Meeting Thursday

Roxa French, pest management specialist with the Missoula County Extension Office will present slides and information about noxious weeds in our area at the Condon Community Club meeting, Thursday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Swan Valley Community Hall.

French will answer questions about weed identification and control, and methods used by other groups in the state to combat or curb serious infestations of noxious weeds.

Bill Otten, Supervisor, County Weed Control, said that the county will not be spraying or cutting weeds this year because of a lack of liability insurance. "July 1st last year, we lost all liability insurance for weed control," Otten said, adding that they laid off about 14 people.

Otten said the county is currently working with private landowners who wish to create their own weed control programs. Some of these programs include spraying herbicides, others utilize biological agents. "We have already released insects for Canada thistles," he said. They will soon release insects to control spotted knapweed, he said.

"The Seeley Swan area, with the exception of knapweed and thistles... is in pretty good shape," Otten said.

A group of Ovando landowners organized last year to combat knapweed and other noxious weeds. According to French, their combined efforts have paid off. Last fall they found a lot of dead knapweed roots as a result of their spraying program.

French emphasized the importance of neighbors working with neighbors. "It really helps if communities... will get together," she said. The state noxious weed trust fund has money available to help landowner groups combat noxious weeds with the help of grant money and the cooperation of government and industry specialists.

Untimely Control Invited By Weeds

Weeds now starting to appear prominently above forage grasses are an apparent invitation for landowners to start spraying.

"Although the height and color of many weeds as they start to blossom call attention to the problem, it probably is a poor time to attempt control with herbicides," said Dr. Jim Nelson, Extension weed specialist at Montana State University.

"Unfortunately, herbicides may be less effective now because the weeds are not in the stage of growth when best results are likely. They also may be under stress from high temperatures, combined with low humidity and soil moisture levels."

Many biennial and perennial weeds, such as spotted and Russian knapweed, wild caraway, musk thistle, burdock and goatweed, can be spotted easily along roadsides, in pastures and in other areas.

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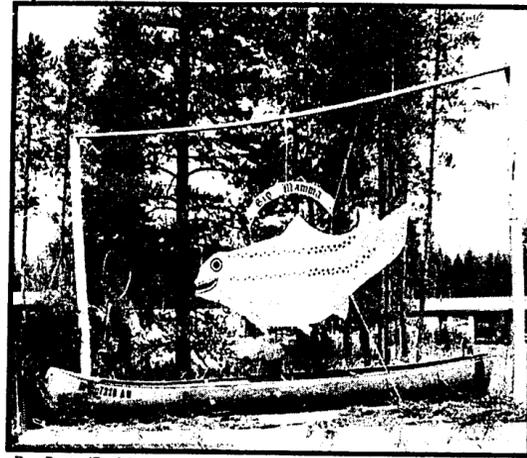
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Frye, Haines Set for National Track Meet

Teresa Frye, Salmon Prairie, and Shauna Haines, Seeley Lake, have both qualified for national track competition next week in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Frye won the 400 meter hurdles and placed second in the triple jump at the Regional Youth TAC Track and Field Competition held in Missoula earlier this summer. Haines won the heptathlon at the Missoula competition. First and second place winners qualified for track meets in Chicago (held last week) and Lincoln, Nebraska.

Haines also won the heptathlon event last week in Chicago. The heptathlon consists of seven events, and qualification for national competition is determined by accumulated points from each event.

Frye qualified for competition in Chicago but declined, deciding to attend only the national meet in Lincoln, Nebraska. Frye has had some trouble with her ankle which was stress fractured a couple of years ago. As a result, this summer she has developed a unique training plan which includes "running" in the Swan River. To minimize the chance of injuring her ankle, she treads water in one of the better swimming holes close to her Salmon Prairie home, rather than running on hard ground to keep in shape for the upcoming meet.

Teresa is the daughter of Dan and Barbara Frye. Shauna is the daughter of Kim and Zelda Haines. Both girls will be seniors this fall at Seeley Swan High School.

Turkey Shoot July 20

The Swan-Seeley Shooting Club is sponsoring a turkey shoot July 20 on the shooting range at the end of Cooney Creek Road, Swan Valley.

The turkey shoot will include rifle, shotgun, pistol and blackpowder competition, with special classes for kids, according to Max Greenough, president of the club.

The club has been in existence for many years, according to Greenough, but the turkey shoots have been especially popular the past seven years. The club holds several "shoots" a year.

Proceeds From Mud-O-Rama To Be Donated Next Month

Proceeds from the Mud-O-Rama held during the Fourth of July holiday near Seeley Lake will probably be donated to the Law Enforcement Youth Camp to be held next month at Camp Paxson, according to Mike Whitman, Missoula.

The Five Valley 4-Wheelers have, in the past, been one of the largest contributors to the youth camp. The group has also donated to the Seeley Lake Quick Response Unit in past years, but will not decide on any specific donations this year until their August meeting.

Proceeds from this year's Mud-O-Rama were down considerably from last year, according to Kathy Whitman, spokesperson for the group.

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Tentative Trapping Regulations Set

Bobcat and lynx limits will generally be the same for the 1986-87 trapping season, according to Butch Harmon, Montana Trapper's Association representative who attended last month's Fish and Game Commission meeting in Helena.

In Regions 1 and 2, three cats will be allowed per trapper, not to exceed two bobcat or two lynx.

Beaver trapping will open November 1 in the Swan and Clearwater drainages. Limits will be seven in the Swan (no change) and 10 in the Clearwater valley (up three from last year), according to Harmon.

Youth trapper licenses will be \$3 this year. Youths are restricted to trapping muskrat and mink.

Only residents may trap furbearers. Non-residents may trap predators with a license.

The Commission will set regulations at its August meeting. Comments should be directed to the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.



Keep your eye on the ball!

Bird Seasons Set

The Montana Fish and Game Commission set final game bird seasons at the June 26 meeting in Helena.

Mountain grouse season will open statewide on September 6 and will close November 30, 1986.

Pheasant season will open statewide on October 18 and will close December 7, 1986.

Sportsmen are urged to contact the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620 for further information.



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3	2	Express
3	2	Swan Valley
2	3	Five and Five
2	3	Filling Station
0	5	Chicken Hawks

FISHING REPORT

Fishing is pretty hot right now in all of the lakes, creeks and rivers. Use flies in the streams and flies, lures or bait in the lakes.

Some good walk-in areas in the Swan Valley are Jim Lakes (26 lakes in that basin), Piper and Cedar lakes at the north end of the valley, and Crystal Lake near Lindbergh (a good family hike).

In the Clearwater Valley, Elsinia has been good for cutthroat (you can drive there) and the two mile hike from Elsinia to Dinah is often worth the effort. Morrell Lake and Falls is a short (two mile) hike - good for the kids. Fishing should be good in the creek.

Seeley Lake has been good for McBrides and native cutthroat. If you are trolling, stay away from the speedboats. Troll where the shallow water "goes to deep" - early morning or late evening hours are best. If you are trolling on Lake Inez, remember there are houses all around the lake. Both Lake Inez and Alva have good camping areas. Alva has more developed sites.

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From Under the Liberty Tree

by Jack Hane, President
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(Editor's Note: Jack Hane recently gave a pre-Independence Day address before a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. He has transcribed his remarks and they are reprinted here with his permission. Our regular column, "Passages," will resume next week.)

The French philosopher, Alexis De Tocqueville, came to America in the early 1830's seeking its greatness and genius. After observing her fertile fields and boundless forests, her institutions of learning and her matchless Constitution and democratic Congress, he still was dissatisfied as to why America was great. He said, "Not until I went into the churches of America and found them aflame with righteousness did I understand the greatness and genius of America. America is great because America is good. When America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

America has just celebrated its 210th birthday, and because the Declaration of Independence is simply a compilation of the political ideas and philosophy of the 150 years prior to its signing, this essay is a compilation of America's Christian history drawn from eight American Christian documents.

The Genesis of America is found in the document called the Mayflower Compact. Its first sentence states: "In the name of God, Amen." Later on in this classic document it reads: "Having undertaken (the voyage) for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith..."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow put it this way: "Ay, call it holy ground, The soil where first they trod! They have left it unstained what there they found - Freedom to worship God!"

The Exodus of the American Republic is illustrated in the Declaration of Independence. "When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds..." These bonds would violate the fact that, "We hold these truths to be self-evident - that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness..."

And what were the convictions of the 56 signers of the document? "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

America has its Book of the Law as well, namely the Constitution of the United States of America. The Preamble has five very important words: justice, tranquility, defense, welfare and liberty. I wonder if we Americans have forgotten

that none of these great words could be fulfilled apart from a gracious, Almighty God.

Yes, America has a Major Prophecy also, Washington's Farewell Address. He said: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."

The Psalms of America is our Star Spangled Banner. Its fourth stanza, in part, states:

"Then conquer we must, when our cause, it is just

And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.'

And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

If ever God provided a savior (small "s" please, because there is only one Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord), it was in the person of Abraham Lincoln. The principles of the Gospel vividly sound forth in his Second Inaugural Address: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in..."

Nearly sixty years later, after the "war to end all wars," another American President wrote an Epistle. It was entitled The Road Away from Revolution. In it, Woodrow Wilson states: "The sum of the whole matter is this, that our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually. It can be saved only by becoming permeated with the spirit of Christ and being made free and happy by the practices which spring out of that spirit..."

Finally, America's chapter from the Book of the Revelation is illustrated by General Douglas MacArthur at the surrender of Japan to end World War II. In his address aboard the battleship Missouri, he said: "Today the guns are

silent. A great tragedy has ended. A great victory has been won. The skies no longer rain death - the seas bear only commerce - men everywhere walk upright in the sunlight. The entire world lies at Peace. The Holy mission has been completed."

As untold millions listened at their radios, MacArthur continued: "The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character..."

What are the conclusions for this day? They are as follows:

1) From the seventeenth century to nearly the twenty-first, Biblical principles have been a part of our history.

2) From the first Book of the Bible to its last, America has depended upon its message.

3) From the tiny hold of the Mayflower to the deck of the great Battleship Missouri, freedom and liberty find their only fountain as God's Holy Word.

It appears to me, therefore, that we must reclaim the foundational fact that America and Christianity are inseparable. In other words, as the parables of old said, Christ for America; America for Christ!



Flake-Koch Wed

Rhonda Leigh Flake and Robert Scott Koch were united in marriage June 21 at Saint Francis Xavier Church. Father Fred Reidy performed the double-ring ceremony.

Rhonda is the daughter of Louis M. Flake of Greenough, and Katherine J. Demmons of Missoula. Robert is the son of James R. and Kitt Koch, Minneapolis.

Merri Lou Flake was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Gretchen Larson, Missy Webb, Marla Robison, Jean Hill, and Brenda Flake.

The bridegroom's attendants were best man Brian Russell and groomsmen Ross Allford, Matthew Doucett, Michael Barton, Tim Neilson, and Steve Dewar.

Rhonda graduated from Seeley Swan High School. She attended the University of Montana and graduated from St. Paul TVI, Minnesota. She is employed by the Clearwater Oaks Bank.

Robert graduated from the University of Montana and is Pinellas County branch manager at Cast-Crete Corporation.

The couple will make their home in Clearwater, Florida and plan a wedding trip to the Keys.

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Sunday Service, Seeley Lake 11:30
Bible Study, Mon. 8:00 pm
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Bible Study, Tues. 8:00 pm
Ovando Worship 10:00 am
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Sun. School, 9:45 am
Sun. Services, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Wed. Eve. Bible Study, 7:30pm
Swan Valley Baptist Church
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Sunday Service, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Bible Study & Prayer, Wed. 7:30 pm
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July 17 -- Wilderness Sportsman's Club, 7:30 p.m., Lindey's Steakhouse, Seeley Lake.
 July 17 -- Condon Community Club, meeting to discuss weed control, 7:00 p.m., Swan Valley Community Hall, Condon.
 July 20 -- Turkey Shoot sponsored by Swan-Seeley Shooting Club, 11:00 a.m., Cooney Creek Rd. (Mile Marker 41).
 July 20 -- Meeting to establish farmers' market, 1:00 p.m., Moose Feathers Studio.
 July 28 -- Seeley Elementary School District, regular meeting, Seeley Elementary library, 7:30 p.m.
 August 6 -- Community Survey Meeting, REA building, 7:00 p.m.
 August 9 & 10 -- Team Roping Clinic, Condon

August 20-24 -- Western Montana Fair, Missoula.
 Rural Fire District, 1st Tuesday, Regular firefighters meeting (business), Plum Creek, 7:00 p.m.; 2nd Tuesday, training meeting, Plum Creek, 7:00 p.m.; 3rd Tuesday, Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:30 p.m., place to be determined.
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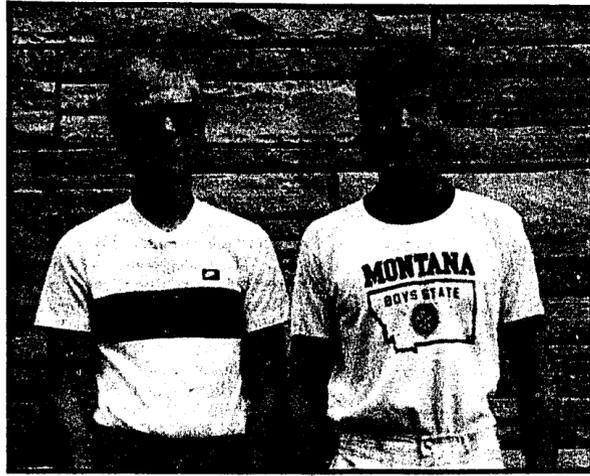


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Cooper, Johnson, Learned About Politics At Boys State

Randy Johnson and Matt Cooper returned from the Boys State convention in Dillon with a new view of city, county and state politics.

"I understand it a lot better," Johnson said. He was elected as city attorney, then district judge and, finally, supreme court justice at the state level in the mock political proceedings at the convention.

Matt Cooper was elected as state representative. "I am a lot more interested (in politics) now," he said.

Boys State, sponsored by the American Legion, gives young men a chance to learn about state and local politics through mock political proceedings. The weeklong event devoted two days to city, two days to county and,

finally, two days to state elections.

Other activities at the convention included organized sports - football, basketball and volleyball.

Randy Johnson attended Business Week in Bozeman, which was held the week following Boys State. The purpose of Business Week is to help high school students learn about starting a business and "keeping it going," according to Johnson. Business Week instructors include professionals from various businesses in Montana, along with MSU professors.

Randy Johnson, junior at Seeley Swan High School, is the son of Roger and Rhea Johnson. Matt Cooper, also a junior at Seeley Swan, is the son of Loretta Cooper, Seeley Lake.

New Real Estate Firm in Seeley Lake

Double Arrow Realty has been established at the Double Arrow Ranch by John Trippe, broker. Bill Ferguson and Mark Payton are licensed sales representatives for the firm. Jean Ferguson is the secretary.

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Hebnes New Principal At Seeley Elementary

The Seeley Lake Elementary Board of Trustees selected John Hebnes from Brady, Montana as the new superintendent/principal. Hebnes will replace Bob Aumaugher who, earlier this summer, accepted a position at the Evergreen School, Kalispell. Hebnes will move to Seeley Lake by August 4.

Hebnes has been the superintendent at Brady Elementary (grades K-8) for seven years. He received his education at Bozeman, where he completed his administrative endorsement requirements. He and his wife, Fran, have three children: Brittany, freshman; Jeremy, sixth grade; and Tominy, second grade.

Hebnes was selected from 36 applicants for the position. The board first screened all applications, choosing 20 who had provided all the information requested by the trustees. Trustees then screened those applications, choosing three for final interviews.

Ann Ford, Condon, who is with the Target Range School District, and Gary Greseth, Red Lodge school district, were the other candidates who were interviewed.

Trustees served dinner to each of the candidates and their spouses at the school before interviews were conducted. All proceedings were open to the public.

The next regular board meeting is July 28. Trustees will begin screening applications for a teachers' aid.

Fire Hydrants For Fire Protection Only

The Seeley Lake Water District reminds users this week that no use of fire hydrants is permitted without the express permission of the water district manager. Water hydrant use is restricted to fire protection only.

Water restrictions are still in effect, according to district secretary, Doreen Culver. There have been no pressure problems this past week, but there is still a shortage of water.




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Swan Elementary Appoints Lang; Offers Librarian Contract

Trustees for the Swan Valley Elementary school district appointed Michael Lang as the new board member to replace Ken Wolff, who resigned in June. The trustees also offered a contract to Barbara Johnson, Bonner, for the kindergarten and librarian positions for the 1986-87 school year at their regular meeting held July 8.

The board adjourned twice during the meeting for executive sessions to decide on the appointment and interview Johnson.

In other business, Diann Wiesner sent a letter requesting copies of all the minutes of trustee meetings since January 1986.

The trustees accepted a bid from Matthew Brothers Construction, with some conditions, to construct retaining walls and install doors on the multipurpose room.

The district will be advertising for sheetrock work to be done on the multipurpose room. Bids will be accepted until July 28.

Dan White, new principal for Swan Valley Elementary, was present at the meeting.

Hoehn Receives Perfect Grades at UM This Spring

Curtis James Hoehn, Seeley Lake, achieved a 4.0 average in academics at the University of Montana during spring quarter, 1986.

Hoehn was born and raised in Seeley Lake. He and his wife, Laurie, and their children Theresa and Curtis, Jr., moved to San Diego last week. Hoehn has re-enlisted in the Navy there.

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Ken Wolff, Swan Valley Carver & Outdoorsman

Ken Wolff started carving in 1974 as therapy to get through some rough times in his life. That "therapy" has turned into a fulltime job for Wolff, who carves wildlife and western figures into antler, ivory, stone, metal and wood.

In 1980, Ken began carving fulltime and marketing his work regionwide.

His business, Moose Feathers Studio, came about because of the popularity of his "feather" earrings carved from moose antler. The business is located near his home on the corner of Kraft Creek and Highway 83.

"Art isn't that easy for me," Wolff said, "I work hard at it." He spends thousands of hours each year on his carvings. Some of the small, ultra relief figures take more than 100 hours to complete. Other, larger projects may take months. Belt buckles, on the other hand, take six or eight hours.

"I've made my 700th cribbage board this month," he laughed, adding that he has carved over a thousand pieces since he began the business.

Wolff has always been a woodworker. He has restored antique furniture, carved in wood, and recently built a log home in the Swan with his partner in life, Jody Murphy. Together they have spent many hours on the detailed finishwork. They have used redwood, native cedar, and added special

touches like oak-trimmed cedar steps on the staircase in the cabin. The painstaking attention to detail shows in all of Ken's work, be it carving or woodworking.

On custom carving orders, Ken has carved antler, for example, with the exact replica of the person's "big buck," so the carving becomes a real keepsake. Wolff also carves elk teeth and, as far as he knows, he is the only person who does that kind of intricate relief work on the small elk ivories.

Ken grew up in the Swan and his love of the outdoors is an inspiration to his carving. He spent his summers "in the Missions" when he was a kid.

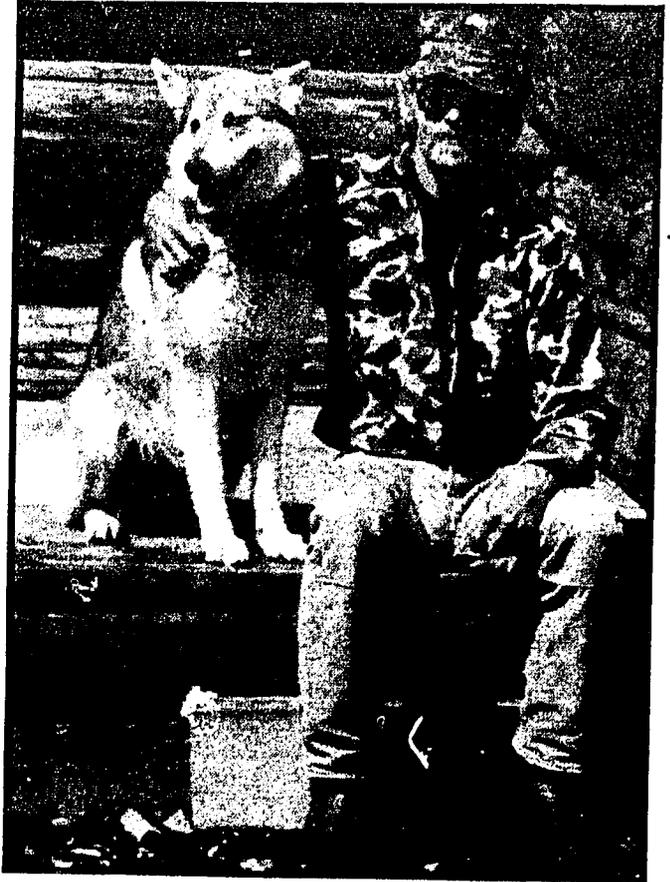
"Animals are my hobby," he said. And like many artists and craftsmen in Montana, his hobby is inseparable from his business.

He carves "lots of bald eagles," elk, deer, and creatures from all corners of Montana. One of his more intricate carvings is a small skull of a longhorn steer with a rattlesnake wrapped through the horns--a traditional western art subject, made unique when carved from antler.

"I grew up with a respect for critters and for living things. I grew up a hunter," he said. But his service in Vietnam as a Marine changed his ideas about killing.

Ken was a door gunner on a helicopter gunship. He was awarded four bronze stars, four purple hearts, 21 air medals and more.

Ken is now "for the animals" more than ever. "We kill things out of fear,"



he said in a discussion about the future of the wild grizzlies and wolves. Although Wolff still hunts for his meat in the fall and guides for Frank Jette in the Bob Marshall every year, he is more a protector of animals than a hunter of them.

Ken has state and federal bird rehabilitation licenses and is able to fix broken wings and broken legs. He once nursed a great horned owl for about 15 months. The federal fish and wildlife department sent the owl by plane to Denver where it is now part of a

breeding program.

Animals play a big part in Ken's hobby of pre-white man history, too. He has studied and carved large totem poles, incorporating the traditional animal figures which had religious significance to Indians in the Northwest.

Wolff's goals for the future include learning more about carving in stone. He recently ordered 150 pounds of rock (marble, alabaster and soapstone) from Florida. "People would think I'm crazy," he laughed. "Someday I want to carve a large stone with a chisel."

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