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## WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday-Saturday: Scattered showers developing on Saturday; otherwise dry. Highs 60-75. Lows 35-45.

**Judy Hoy: she's  
"for" the birds**

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## Seeley P.O. hits another snag

A Seeley Lake property owner whose lot was not chosen for the new Seeley Lake Post Office site has contacted Sen. Max Baucus and requested that the Senator's investigation of the Postal Service continue.

"We're not trying to delay this project," Dave Stewart said Monday. "But it (site selection) should be done in a fair and unbiased manner."

Stewart, who owns property at the south edge of the town of Seeley Lake, spoke with Sen. Baucus' aides recently, and they indicated that there may be serious questions about how the site selection for the new Post Office was handled, he said.

The site which was selected by the Postal Service earlier this year is next to the Seeley Lake Liquor Store. It will apparently cost \$20,000 more than the site offered by the apparent low bidder, who is Dave Stewart. The site next to the liquor store is owned by Don and Sandy Doucett, and has already been surveyed—but it has not been officially "purchased" yet.

The site selection process used by the Postal Service is under investigation by Baucus' office at the request of several Seeley Lake residents, according to Stewart. "Baucus has received a few other letters questioning the process," he said.

## Chamber summer hours

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce office will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this summer, and will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday through Monday, beginning Memorial Day, May 25. These summer hours will remain in effect until September 8, 1987.



View of Sunset Crags, Mission Mountains Wilderness. Wilderness trails are beginning to open up considerably earlier than usual this year. The mountain snowpack is nearly gone now—something that usually doesn't happen until mid-June. Photo by Roger Wade.

## Water restrictions in effect

Dry conditions have forced the Seeley Lake Water District to impose watering restrictions this week. Residents east of Highway 83 may water on odd-numbered days only; on the west side of the highway, residents may water only on even-numbered days. Watering (sprinkling) is to be done only between

the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

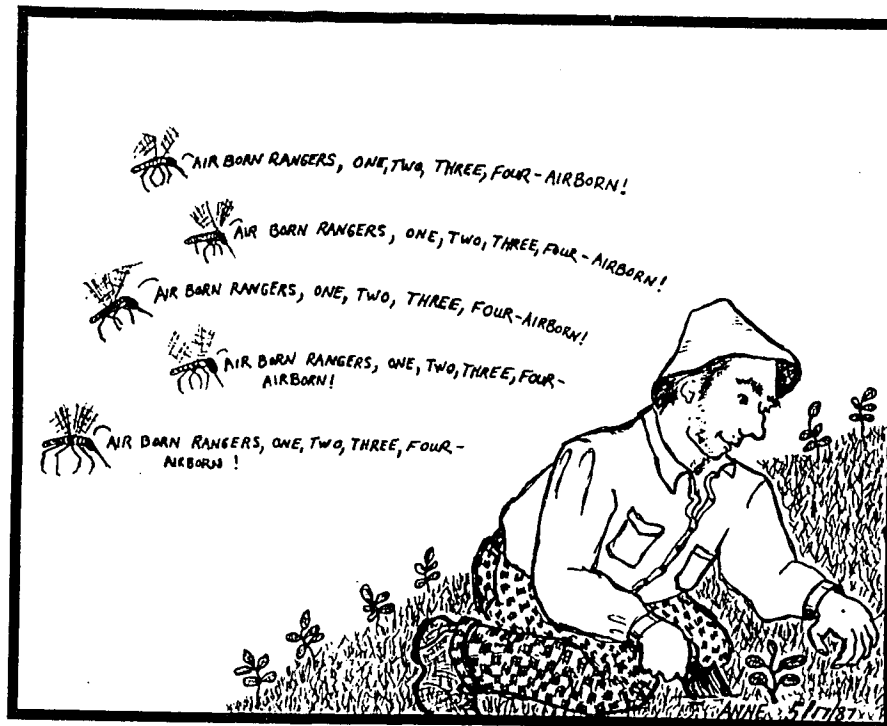
Culver reminds water district residents that a "ditchrider" will be patrolling the district this year. "We will be turning water off for violations," she said. After the third watering violation, water will be shut off and people will be fined.

Last summer in Seeley Lake, many water district customers suffered from shortages of water on hot days, posing inconveniences and possible fire protection problems in some areas.

## Seeley loses postmaster for a month

Seeley Lake Postmaster, Dennis Nemmers, will be working as Officer In Charge in Bigfork for the next four to six weeks. Roselynn Carey will take care of business at the Seeley Lake Post Office in his absence.

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## Business of the Week

### KOZY KORNER

Originally built to service ACM's Woodworth logging camp back in the early 1930's, six or seven additions to the original Kozy Korner structure have been made over the past 50 years. Kent and Marie Brown purchased Kozy Korner Restaurant and Bar in 1979 and have built a new dining room and kitchen.

Kent makes up most of the recipes served at the restaurant. "I read all the recipe books, too." Recently, in his search for a unique recipe for chicken, Kent said, "I went through twenty pounds of chicken to make the krisp and krunchie. Sour dough chicken was now served and it's good!" Although some new menu items or specials have been introduced over the years, Wednesday Mexican Nite is very popular—steaks continue to be the reason customers return again and again. Homemade breads and soups are a real treat, too. Kent is very proud of his menu items and service. "We strive for excellence and guarantee it."

Kozy Korner is open six days a week (closed on Tuesday). Dinner is served from 5-10 pm; Saturday and Sunday they open at noon. Ask Kent or Marie about their Kozy Kritters.



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# OPINION

## TOSRV Re-defined

The organizers of last weekend's bicycle tour would have us believe that TOSRV stands for: Tour of the Swan River Valley. Not so. While those of us driving around town were dodging cyclists, and vice-versa, the true meaning of the acronym became apparent: That's Our Side of the Road, Varmints.

It's hard to determine which side deserves more credit: car and truck drivers for their watchfulness—or, the cyclists for their raw courage. Highway 83 is simply not constructed for the safe passage of bicycles.

But, maybe it should be. Not only is cycling a fast-growing tourist attraction, but it is gaining numerous adher-

ents locally as well. Is this perhaps a topic for the Economic Task Force to factor into their deliberations? Given the highway department's interest in Highway 83, is there a possibility for a bikeway? Or, could a bikeway be constructed along the Missoula Electric Co-op's right of way? The Co-op's plan for "doing something" about the Swan Valley transmission line might be formulated so as to accommodate a bikeway—and, probably, at a nominal cost. This would seem to be the very sort of synergism that the Task Force has been ferreting out and analyzing.

With a little luck, perhaps events will transpire so that TOSRV can be further re-defined: That's One Safe Route through the Valley.

## Time for Restraint

Today's article on the Clearwater fishery gives one pause—the fishery is in trouble and we face the prospect of austere new fishing regulations. This is despite the efforts of several local residents who have been working diligently over a period of years to restore the fishery. It is not particularly easy to get the "ear" of Fish and Game—but, they have succeeded.

As a result, of late we have been blessed with an abundance of fish plants—notably, the big McBride cutthroats who devour perch for a living. And, an oversupply of perch seems to be at the heart of our problem. More McBrides are scheduled to arrive.

Unfortunately, some of our more ardent local anglers were quick to figure out where the McBrides schooled up

—and wasted no time in making sure the big ones didn't get away. In at least one instance, a local sportsman invited a bunch of out-of-towners in for a McBride massacre. Easy pickings—when the fish are fresh out of the hatchery and not yet water-wise.

Well, Sports Fans, it appears that a bit of self-discipline might be in order. As matters now stand, there is a good chance that "catch-and-release" will be imposed on us. If that doesn't suffice, it is not hard to imagine more Draconian measures—such as total closure for a couple of years, à la Upsata Lake. And that would be disastrous not only for local anglers, but for the tourism sector of our economy as well.

The McBrides may go a long way toward restoring our fishery—if we give them a break. In the meantime, if we could just find a way to interest the McBride marauders in perch...

—Dick Potter

## Logging Moratorium

*(Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Orville Daniels, forest supervisor, Lolo National Forest and, also, copied to Bill Pederson, district ranger, Swan Lake Ranger District. It is reprinted here at the request of the author.)*

Dear Mr. Daniels:

I read with great interest (Missoulian, May 12, 1987) your decision to impose a 10-year moratorium on logging 45,188 acres of federal forest on the Lolo National Forest.

I agree. It is time we take a more serious look at logging practices on our

forests. With Champion and Plum Creek cutting trees at a tremendous pace, it is important for the USDA to balance the total effect of logging on all lands, and to enforce your legal mandate to protect the environment.

I would encourage you to apply the same measures in certain areas of the Clearwater and Swan drainages in the Seeley Lake and Condon areas.

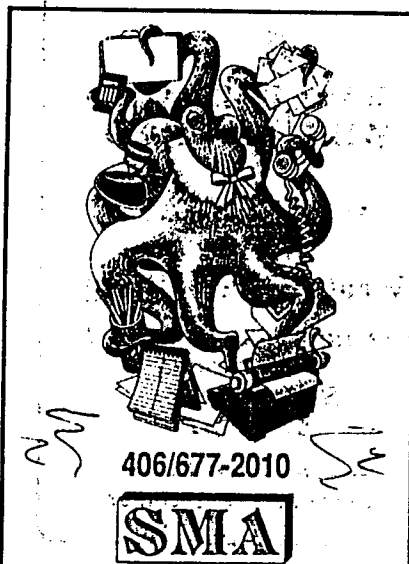
You are to be commended for taking a stand against improper and damaging management practices by some logging operations. I applaud you for your decision.

Al Cluck  
Scenic 83  
Condon, MT

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## Community Council one step closer to reality

by Dick Potter

All three county commissioners saw fit to attend the hearing held in Seeley Lake last Monday evening to discuss the proposed community council. Approximately two dozen area residents took part in the proceedings. Of these, only one expressed opposition to the idea of a council.

The seven-member council would function as a local forum for discussing issues of public importance, and the council would relay this input to the commissioners. The council would serve only as an advisory group and would have no authority to levy taxes.

The focus of the hearing was on a draft version of bylaws for the council. Copies of the bylaws have been available locally for the last two weeks. Comments on the bylaws were encouraged and this led to discussion of several possible changes. Kent Brown, Greenough, was concerned that, under the proposed bylaws, outlying areas of the council's district might not be represented. (The council's district would coincide with the boundaries of the Seeley Lake Elementary School District.) There was general agreement with

Brown's point and, subsequently, Commissioner Janet Stevens indicated that one solution would be to "district" the district. In other words, each council member could be elected to represent a specific area in the district.

Ervin Gysler, Seeley Lake, questioned language in the bylaws that relates to the interaction of the council with various other governmental boards in the community (such as the S.O.S. hospital board and the water board). Gysler felt that the language suggested jurisdiction of the commissioners over these boards when, in fact, these boards are intended by law to be largely autonomous. The clear consensus of the ensuing discussion on this point was that the language would have to be clarified; the intent of this provision is, apparently, for the council to serve as an information channel so that, with respect to other community boards, the "right hand would know what the left hand is doing."

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## Business Briefs

### Farriers see market here

Barry Buehler, manager of Tamracks Resort, Seeley Lake, recently graduated from the Montana State University Farriers School in Bozeman. Barry and his wife, Bernice, have horses and saw a need for a farrier in the Seeley-Swan-Blackfoot area. He has been busy shoeing horses since he graduated, and has clients from Missoula to Swan Valley.

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Rick Todd, Seeley Lake, is now attending the MSU Farriers School, which winds up in mid-June. Todd will also be working in the Seeley-Swan-Blackfoot area and sees potential here for his business.

### Grand Openings

Two new Seeley Swan businesses are celebrating Grand Openings over Memorial Day weekend and invite the public to come and look around.

Moose Feathers & More in the Swan Valley, at the corner of Highway 83 and Kraft Creek Road, is operated by Ken Wolff and Jodi Murphy. They offer antler carvings from Moose Feathers Studio, hand-loomed rag rugs, wildlife coloring books, pottery, jewelry and a large variety of fishing/outdoor supplies—including fishing creels "made in Montana" and hand-tied flies.

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The Golden Needle, owned by Juanita Carter, is celebrating its Grand Opening this weekend. The Golden Needle, located in the Lady Di building north of Seeley Lake, offers sewing and craft supplies, many gift items, fresh flowers, ready-made crafts and gift cards.

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C. B. Rich

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 4 pm; call 677-2022 or 754-2365.

**Events**

May 21, Davy Crockett (musical), 7pm, Swan Valley Elem multi-purpose room, Condon.

May 23, Blackfoot Whitewater Weekend, 11am, Roundup Bridge, Greenough.

May 24, Hard Times Ball (all-day picnic/games), Garnet.

May 25, Memorial Day, Am Legion Ceremony (Wreath in the River), Cold Creek Bridge, 11am, Swan Valley.

Bingo, 2nd & 4th Thurs every month, open to public, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

**Public Meetings**

QRU (Condon), 1st & 3rd Mon every month.

QRU (Seeley Lake), 1st and 3rd Fri every month, 7:30pm, Fire Hall.

Seeley Lake Elem School board meeting, 4th Thurs every month, 7:30pm, Elem School.

Rural Fire District, 1st Tues, firefighters bus mtg, 7pm; 2nd Tues, training mtg, 7pm; 3rd Tues, trustees mtg, 7:30pm; Fire Hall, Seeley Lake.

SOS Trustees mtg, 2nd Mon every month.

Swan Valley Volunteer Fire Company gen mtg, last Weds every month, 7pm, Rustics, Condon.

Water District, 2nd Tues every month, 8pm, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.

**Clubs & Organizations**

May 21, Slow-Pitch Softball org mtg, 8pm, Seeley Lake Comm Park.

AARP, 1st Mon every month, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.

Alanon, Mon, 7pm, Lutheran Church, Seeley Lake.

Alcoholics Anonymous (Condon), Thurs, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon.

Alcoholics Anonymous (Seeley Lake), Sun, 7pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake; Weds, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.

Booster Club, 4th Tues every month, 8pm, Seeley Swan High School Gym, Seeley Lake.

Condon Comm Club, 3rd Thurs every month, bus mtg, 8pm, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.

Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary, 2nd Weds every month, 7pm, Fire Hall.

Seeley Lake Women's Club, Tues, 1pm, Comm Hall.

SeLa SenCi mtg and potluck, 3rd Weds every month, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

Senior Nutrition Program, Mon-Tues-Weds, noon. Open to public. Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

Swan Valley Post No. 63 mtg, 2nd Fri every month, 7pm, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.

Veteran's Coffee Group, Sat, 11am, Swan Valley Centre, Condon.

Other

May 23, State Track Meet, Missoula.

May 23, Adopt-A-Trail Outing, Swan Valley Youth/Wilderness Rangers, 10am, Swan Valley School.

May 23, County Judging Day, Mount Ovando 4-H Club, Dryer residence, Ovando.

May 24, Fast-Pitch Softball, 2pm, Lakers at Wheelin Bar, Seeley Lake.

May 27, (Weds), Bookmobile, Potomac School, 10am-12pm; Sunset School, 12:30-1:30pm; Clearwater Junction, 2-3pm; Seeley Lake town, 3:30-5:30pm.

May 28, (Thurs), Bookmobile, Seeley Lake Elem School, 9am-12pm; Seeley Lake town, 12:30-2:30pm.

May 28, Blackhawk Sports Banquet, 6:30pm, Seeley Swan High School Cafeteria.

May 28, Benefit Auction for Teresa Mahaffey, following Blackhawk Sports Banquet, Seeley Swan High School Cafeteria.

May 29, Awards Ceremony, 12:30pm, Seeley Swan High School.

May 29, Sunset School Graduation, 7:30pm.

Adult (Age 19+) Volleyball, Weds, 7-9:15pm, Elem School Gym, Seeley Lake.

Hunter Safety Class, 7-9pm, every Mon & Thurs until finished, Elem School, Seeley Lake.

Refuse Disposal Site, Summer Hours (May thru Sept): Weds/Sat/Sun, 10am-5pm.

Swan Valley Community Library (Memorial thru Labor Day), Weds, 10am-6pm; Fri, 10am-3pm, Condon.

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**COMMUNITY****Highway overlay expected this summer**

An eight-mile section of Highway 83 from the north edge of Seeley Lake to Lake Inez will receive a new overlay this summer, according to Jim Weaver, Construction Supervisor for the Montana Highway Department. Bids for the project will be let in about 10 days.

Dozens of trees within about 42 feet of the highway centerline will be cut for safety reasons—"so that somebody doesn't run into a tree and sue us," Weaver explained.

The controversial cutting of trees along the scenic highway was debated about two years ago. As a result of negotiations, the clearing distance from the centerline varies on Forest Service lands and some private properties. Mis-

soula Electric Cooperative had also submitted a proposal to cut trees along the highway (see related story.)

Highway 83 will not be widened during this project. "It's a basic overlay," Weaver said, adding that some grades may be flattened, where possible.

Other construction projects to be let this fall include a 12-mile stretch of "overlay and major widening" on Highway 200, from Clearwater Junction to Ovando. That job will probably begin this fall and continue next spring, Weaver said.

Highway 200 from Rainbow Bend to the Potomac Bar will be completely rebuilt by next year if bid-letting is successful this fall. That project probably won't begin until next summer, Weaver said. The new construction will follow the existing highway. Grades will be changed in many areas and the highway will be widened. Negotiations for removal of structures which are too close to the highway are still underway.

**MEC: Are underground lines possible?**

Managers at Missoula Electric Cooperative are looking at cost-cutting measures these days, and their plans may include more research for underground powerlines in the Seeley Swan.

According to Harold Diesen, MEC manager, expected rate increases from the Bonneville Power Administration will force MEC to keep things as cost-effective as possible. The Swan Valley line is a critical area for MEC.

"That old line is heavily loaded," Diesen said recently. "It either has to be replaced, redesigned or upgraded."

About two years ago, MEC had planned to clear trees along the powerline easement, in hopes that power outages could be prevented. Diesen believes that it's time to go back and rethink those ideas.

"Clearing . . . would help a little, but it's fairly costly," he added, explaining that it was unlikely now that trees would be cut this summer.

Diesen said that officials will be looking at other proposals to reduce power outages in the Swan, one of which may be underground lines. The problem with underground lines, though, is that they aren't as reliable as they were once made out to be, he said. "For some areas they are okay; for others they are not," Diesen explained.

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The Missoula County Treasurer's Office will no longer send receipts to taxpayers who mail in their real estate taxes. This is just the beginning of budget cutbacks in local government this year.

Fern Hart, Clerk and Recorder-Treasurer, says that the county has been criticized for using personnel time to process the receipts, and for using county envelopes and postage when a cancelled check is sufficient. People who prefer a written tax receipt should include a stamped self-addressed envelope with their tax payment, Hart says.

A new drop-box for tax payments made by check will soon be placed in the treasurer's office lobby. Taxpayers may save time and postage by using the drop-box.

Hart's tax office and motor vehicle office have been reduced by three persons: two in tax and one in motor vehicles. Part-time help has also been reduced. Hart says she is committed to maintaining a high level of service, as well as reducing expenses.

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**Engagement announced**

Mrs. Eleanor Kuch of Wibaux, Montana, would like to announce the engagement of her daughter, Marilyn, to Brad Kaiser. Brad is the son of Mavis and Ernie Kaiser of Seeley Lake.

Marilyn is a 1975 graduate of Wibaux County High School and a 1980 graduate of Montana State University. She is currently employed at Seeley Lake Elementary.

Brad is a 1977 graduate of Seeley Swan High School and works for J.C. Logging of Missoula.

A July 18 wedding is planned.

**SHORELINES**

C.B. Rich, Seeley Lake, is home now after suffering a severe congenital heart attack and spending 16 days in the Veterans Hospital at Fort Harrison, Helena. C.B. "just has to take it slow" for awhile, according to Helen Rich. Maryanna (Rich) Herron is "holding down the fort" at Rich Real Estate, Seeley Lake, while C.B. is recuperating.

**Seeley students compete in Meet of Champions**

Damon Healy, Cindy Baker and Nick Miller, all students at Seeley Lake Elementary School, will compete in McDonald's Meet of Champions May 27 at Big Sky High School, Missoula. Students were chosen by coaches at the school.

**Senior Nutrition Program**

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

Monday, May 25—  
Holiday, no meal.  
Tuesday, May 26—  
Oven Chicken  
Wednesday, May 27—  
Tater Tot Casserole

**Performing arts new to July show**

Local musicians and storytellers will be part of this year's Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts Show and Sale to be held July 11 and 12 at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. Traditionally, the Show and Sale has included displays from local artists and craftspeople. The addition of performing arts adds a new dimension to the event.

Members of the Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts Club are excited about the commitments they have received so far from performers. An outdoor covered stage area will be assembled next to the Community Hall. Interested performers in all categories—juggling, dance, mime, poetry and music—may call Charlee Parker, 677-2605 or Jan Nemmers, 677-2857 for more information.

**Summer hours announced for library**

The Swan Valley Community Library near Condon will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays after Memorial Day. Wednesday hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday hours will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to librarian Susan Cox.

**Stork Report**

Congratulations to Guy and Lori Johnson, Seeley Lake, on the birth of a baby boy, Joshua James. The youngster weighed in at 7 pounds, 4-1/2 ounces and measured twenty inches long on April 27. Grandparents are Jim and Esther Farra, Seeley Lake, and Avery and Niki Johnson, Blackfoot, Idaho. Joshua joins a brother, Kaleb, and a sister, Tara, at the family home.

Congratulations also to Mark and Laurie Darrow, on their baby boy born May 3 in Missoula. Kyle Alan is the Darrow's first child. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Ed and Mary Ann Darrow, Great Falls, and Joan and Cy Baker, also of Great Falls.



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Jeff Smith, also known as "The Frugal Gourmet," has an excellent recipe for Low Fat/Low Salt Barbecue Sauce from his cookbook, *The Frugal Gourmet* published by William Morrow. You can use it on chicken (without the skin) and any meats. In keeping with the healthful spirit of the sauce, be sure to trim the fat very carefully from the meat.

What would that potluck picnic be without a bean dish? The Polish sausage adds a twist to this Family Picnic Beans recipe from Dole Pineapple. More barbecue and summer recipes in upcoming *Cornucopia* columns!

**Low Fat/Low Salt Barbecue Sauce**

1 12-ounce can no-salt-added tomato paste	Dash of Tabasco to taste
1/2 cup dry white wine (helps replace the experience of salt)	1/4 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon dry mustard	1 tablespoon mild chili powder
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar	2 tablespoons chopped yellow onion
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce	Juice of 1/2 lemon
	1-1/2 cups water
	2 teaspoons liquid smoke

Blend all ingredients well in a small bowl. Simmer for 25 minutes. Careful, this sauce may bubble and splash on your clothing. Keep refrigerated for up to 1-1/2 weeks. Makes about 1 quart.

**Family Picnic Beans**

1 pound Polish sausage	1 can (20 ounces) pineapple chunks
1 medium onion, chopped	1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
1 green bell pepper, seeded, chunked	2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 tablespoon vegetable oil	1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
3 1-pound cans baked beans	

Cut sausage in 1-inch chunks. Sauté sausage, onion and bell pepper in oil until onion is soft. Add beans, undrained pineapple, tomato sauce, sugar and mustard. Simmer, uncovered 30 minutes. Serves 8 to 10.

Free recipe brochures: Six recipes from Jeff Smith's *The Frugal Gourmet Cooks with Wine*; send your name and address to: Frugal Gourmet Recipes, P.O. Box 221, Mechanicsville, PA 18934. Terrific pineapple recipes from Dole: write to Dole Pineapple, Dept. P6, P.O. Box 7758, San Francisco, CA 94120.

The summer season potlucks have begun. Please share your original salad recipes with *Cornucopia* readers.

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**Teresa Mahaffey to China**  
**Seeley Swan High School Cafeteria**  
**following**  
**Blackhawk Sports Banquet**

\*(Benefit Auction was formerly scheduled for May 24)\*



By  
Laura  
Bogar

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

\*\*\* Dessert party is easy and fun. Most of your baking can be done well in advance, so there's no last-minute rush. Be kind to your guests: offer a low-calorie fresh fruit salad, too.

\*\*\* Getting ready for barbecue season? Sniff the bag of charcoal before you buy. If it smells strongly of charcoal, your food will, too. Choose another brand.

\*\*\* With sliced meats at lunch, serve a cold "salad" of diced smoked mozzarella, halved cherry tomatoes, and shredded basil leaves. Toss with oil and vinegar.

\*\*\* The Russians drink vodka with caviar. You can pair them in a dip: 2 cups sour cream or yogurt, 1/4 cup vodka, 1/4 cup minced chives or scallions, and a 3-1/2 ounce jar of lumpfish caviar. Super with crisp raw vegetables.

\*\*\* Did you know that watercress is part of the cabbage family? The peppery green has only 4 calories a cup, and lots of vitamin A.

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## Hollopeters celebrate 60 years together.

by Suzanne Vernon

On the 21st of May, 1927, Clara Gauss and John Hollopeter exchanged wedding vows in Missoula, Montana and began a life together that has now spanned six decades. John and Clara met at a Halloween dance in 1926 near Florence in the Bitterroot Valley. Clara was 17 then and, for many reasons, folks said the marriage would never last. Clara had a heart condition (more than just falling in love) and doctors had predicted she only had a year to live. John married her anyway.

"If we had spent only one year together, well, at least we'd have had that year," John said.

Both have enjoyed their life together, living close to the land, through some hard times, with no electricity, no telephone—but lots of fresh air and freedom.

"If I had it to do over again, I'd do it just the same. I'm enjoying life," John Hollopeter said recently. Both he and Clara are active in their golden years. John is "crowding 85 pretty close" and Clara is 77 years old. Age hasn't stopped them from continuing the lifestyle they began in 1927.

"I put up 11 quarts of chicken just the other day," Clara chuckled. "And



John and Clara Hollopeter, longtime Swan Valley residents, pose with their 60-year-old marriage license. Hollopeters celebrated their 60th anniversary last weekend.  
S. Vernon/Pathfinder

John still rides his bike. We still go camping. Why not? We like to, and we're able," Clara said.

The Hollopeter family has a habit of successful marriages. John's grandparents enjoyed seven decades together. "They were apart but two days in 71 years," according to a family history. John and Clara hope to beat that family record. They admit to a few arguments. But none of their disagreements ever justified divorce. "Sometimes you feel like doing it, but you just have to stay with it," Clara said.

John believes in living one day at a time, not worrying about the future. "You never know from day to day what tomorrow will bring," he said.

Clara, who was born and raised in the Bitterroot Valley, recalls her first trip into the Swan Valley as a married woman. It was May 22, 1927. "Everybody told us there was too much snow for our Model T Ford to get through," Clara laughed. Although they had to push, dig, and plow through heavy, spring snow, they made it to Rumble Creek.

Clara, being a descendant of pioneer stock (her father drove a mule team from the Midwest to Montana when he was 11 years old), readily took to the challenge of living in the remote Swan Valley. She remembers her first meal here. John helped Carl Haasch put up some hay, and Mrs. Haasch "cooked up some chickens" Clara remembers. Of the women who were homemakers in the Swan Valley then, Clara is the only one still alive.

John and Clara spent their first winter here managing the Rumble Creek Post Office. John's folks had taken on that job, but went to Texas that winter for a vacation. The next summer, John

put up hay on Frye meadow near the Summit. That second fall, they, too, went to Texas for a few months. Their oldest son was born there. He died of scarlet fever 18 months later, when Clara and John were living in Swan Lake.

In those Depression-era days, a lot of people had left the Swan Valley. There were abandoned homesteads "all over the place," John remembers. He and Clara moved around, living in first one cabin and then another while John worked at various jobs for the Forest Service and at logging camps.

By 1937, they began buying 160 acres from the railroad located where the Alpine Products post and pole yard is today. The road that passes in front of their old place is now named after Hollopeters.

John and Clara's family enjoyed hunting and fishing. They followed the mountain creeks searching for native red-bellies, or bull trout, and some whitefish. "I used to love to fish from Beck's bridge," Clara said. She also likes to walk. "I've hiked every creek and canyon in the Swan," she laughed. Some memorable walks occurred closer to home. During the 1930s, Valley residents got into the habit of holding a monthly fellowship and potluck dinner at the Smith Flats school. It was a four-and-a-half mile walk from Hollopeters. One year, during the middle of winter, Clara's oldest son, Dan, who was four years old, begged her to go to the party on Sunday. "I told him if it warmed up to twenty below, we'd go. It warmed up, so we went."

Dan and Clara hiked that 9-mile loop often, beginning when Dan was about three years old. "I taught him every poem I ever knew, every song I ever knew. I just kind of kept him amused. Pretty soon we'd be home," Clara said.

Electricity didn't arrive in the Swan Valley until the 1950s. Hollopeters never had hot water "except what was in the teakettle," or an indoor bathroom until they moved to Kalispell 13 years ago. "People just can't believe we never had those things. But you don't miss what you've never had," Clara said. They did have running water, she laughed. "I did the running."

The Hollopeters are blessed today with two sons and their families, which include seven granddaughters, two grandsons, six great-grandchildren living, and four "due shortly."

# Swan Valley



A late-1930s photo taken in the Swan Valley. John Hollopeter, left, and his father, Frank, right, were preparing for a fall hunting trip in the Cooney Creek area.

## Wreath-in-the-River ceremony Monday

The traditional Wreath-in-the-River Ceremony will be held on Memorial Day at the Cold Creek Bridge north of Condon at 11 a.m. Swan Valley Post No. 63 of the American Legion encourages people to take a few minutes on Monday and share a moment with fallen veterans.

"Our flag is a bit higher due to their supreme sacrifices," Commander Ken Wolff said recently.

Swan Valley veterans have held the wreath ceremony on Veteran's Day for the past several years. This year, Veteran's Day observances will be held at the veterans memorial flagpole, which will be built at Swan Valley Community Hall this summer.

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Snowfall for April was 4.5 inches. That compares with a high of 22.4 inches in 1982 and a low of a trace of snow in April 1980. Cumulative snowfall for 1986-87 was 108.9 inches, which compares with a twenty-year average of 160 inches.

April was an extremely warm month, Kux points out. Average maximum temperature was 59.4 degrees Fahrenheit, which compares to a five-year average of 50 degrees. "We're nearly 10 degrees warmer this month than average," he said.

The average low temperature for April was 32.7 degrees, which compares with the five-year average of 28 degrees. "The average-average is also about 7 degrees higher than the previous five years," he added.

High temperature for the month was 81 degrees, recorded on April 28. Low temperature was 20 degrees on April 1.

## Smokeyjumpers stationed at Condon, Lincoln

Smokeyjumpers will again be stationed at the Condon Work Center and the Lincoln Ranger Station this summer. The "jumpers" traditionally complete project work for the Forest Service when they aren't actively fighting fires, according to Don Bennett, fire management officer for the Swan Lake Ranger District.

In the past, the Forest Service has operated a kitchen at the Condon Work Center. Smokeyjumpers and other personnel working in the area could eat their meals at the Work Center site. This year, however, the kitchen will be operated only if the fire season is unusually busy, Bennett said.

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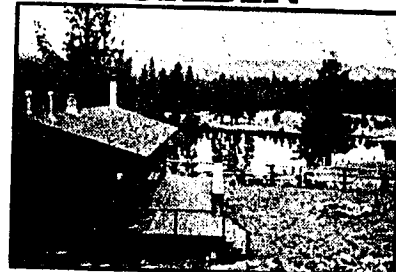
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## Food poisoning from chicken can be prevented

Although most chicken bought at the grocery store contains salmonella, the bacteria can be cooked away, says a food expert.

"Consumers should assume that chicken has salmonella on it. Whether it does or not, they're better off to assume so every time they purchase it, then cook the chicken carefully," says Andrea Pagenkopf, Extension food specialist at Montana State University.

Pagenkopf has received questions recently concerning a segment on the CBS television show, *60 Minutes*, on chicken slaughterhouses. The program, which aired March 29, told viewers that salmonella probably was present on most chicken they purchased.

"And that's probably true," says Pagenkopf. "Even if slaughterhouses follow the most stringent guidelines, they'll still have salmonella. Salmonella

is a normal inhabitant of the intestinal tract of animals. However, salmonella dies readily with normal cooking." What's also important, she says, is how chicken is prepared before it is cooked. "Don't cut up the chicken on the counter, then wipe away the chicken juice with the dish cloth. You'll just spread the bacteria across the counter where it can infect other food placed there."

Washing the chicken before cooking it does not remove salmonella bacteria, she reports. "You'll just get more drips."

If chicken is prepared on a cutting board, the board should be washed completely after it is used. "That means with chlorine bleach so that bacteria can't survive."

If chicken is cooked in a microwave oven, either it should be placed in an oven bag so the chicken surface gets hot enough to kill bacteria, or it should first be browned in a conventional oven or hot skillet, she notes.

## Greenough



## Nelson retires

Bill Nelson of Greenough is retiring from the state highway department at Clearwater. Bill has worked for the state for 30 years in the Blackfoot Valley. To thank him for his dedication and hard work over the years, his friends and family are sponsoring a potluck Retirement Picnic on May 30 at 5 p.m. at the Lubrecht Picnic Area.

Friends and family are asked to bring a potluck dish, utensils, plates and glasses. For more information call 244-5515.

## Weed chart available

Correct identification of weeds, especially in the seedling stage, is essential to good control.

"Grass Weed Seedling Key," Extension Bulletin 6, is now available at county Extension offices. It includes a simple key that starts with grass ligules and proceeds through description of leaf blades, sheath or absence of ligule, to the identification of the grass weed. These include Persian darnel, quackgrass, jointed goatgrass, wild oats, downy brome (cheatgrass), witchgrass and green foxtail.

A companion bulletin, "Broadleaf Weed Seedling Key," is scheduled for publication by the Montana Cooperative Extension Service. Both were prepared by Dr. Jim Nelson, Extension weed specialist at Montana State University.

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## Mansfield research group visits Holland Lake

Representatives from the Philippines, Thailand, Japan, Australia, the U.S. State Department and scholars from all over the United States relaxed at Holland Lake Lodge last Friday night, winding up a Mansfield Conference on Asian affairs.

"It's a wonderful group of people," Mansfield Foundation Director Jim Raphael said. The Mansfield Foundation, based in Helena, helps establish relations with key people in government and business all around the world.

"A couple of Japanese here are very senior... and they have just fallen in love with this state," Raphael said. The group chose Holland Lake Lodge for dinner Friday evening because, as Raphael commented, "We were looking for a place with a natural Montana setting, someplace small and intimate."

Members of the group have been discussing the role of the U.S. and Japan in Third World countries. During the early 1960s and 1970s, the U.S. was the major country helping Third World nations. "Today," Raphael explained, "Japan is really replacing us in foreign aid... What does this mean to the United States?"

The Mansfield Foundation is exploring that issue, through this and other gatherings, and a book compiled by several scholars is tentatively scheduled for publication next summer. This group's immediate purpose, though, is to discuss U.S. and Japanese foreign policy and to exchange ideas. On Sunday, the entire group traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with members of Congress and the U.S. State Department.



Participants in the Helena-based Mansfield Foundation program on foreign policy affairs enjoyed dinner at Holland Lake Lodge last Friday night.  
S. Vernon/Pathfinder

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Foreign policy is a specialized area, Raphael explained. "There is a small group—a body of technocrats—who run that program," he said, adding that the chances of the Mansfield group having an impact on U.S. foreign policy are very good.

The Mansfield Foundation headquarters is in Helena, Montana. Two "branches" of the organization are the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center and the Mansfield Lecture series at the University of Montana, Missoula. The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM was established in 1985 to honor the Mansfields' four decades of public service. The Center's two concerns, ethics in public affairs, and Asian studies, embody the central themes from Mike Mansfield's career.

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## SWAN VALLEY

### Pistol team competition

### Local law officers take national championship

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McDonald and his team members qualified for the Georgia competition after placing well in other National Guard events last fall and earlier this spring. They competed with marksmen from around the nation, who also qualified during other National Guard, Army Reserve and All-Army team competition.

### QRU begins to raise needed funds

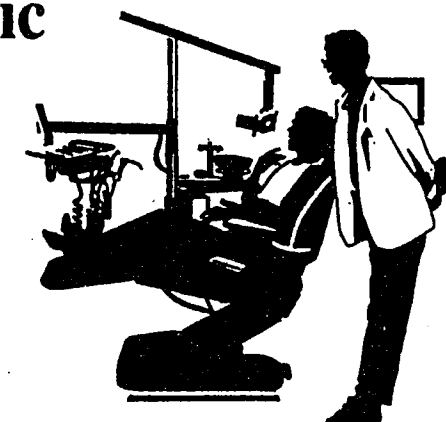
The Condon QRU has so far received about \$245 after a desperate plea for financial help was recently publicized. The money is being used to pay part of the first installment due on QRU car insurance which, this year, totals over \$1200.

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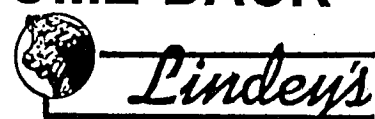
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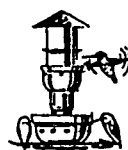
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## Blackfoot update

At a meeting held in Seeley Lake last winter to discuss fisheries management on the Blackfoot River, biologists had hoped to research fish populations on the Upper Blackfoot this spring. Because of lack of funds and conflicts with other projects, the Blackfoot research has been postponed for at least a year, according to Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologist, Don Peters.

## Clearwater fisheries may face dismal future

by Suzanne Vernon

If perch populations aren't soon controlled in the Clearwater Chain-of-Lakes, trout fishermen here may not have much to fish for, according to Don Peters, fisheries biologist for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Missoula.

"You'll get more of what you've got right now—marginal fisheries," Peters said last week. Biologists are now looking at ways to control perch populations—which have peaked and crashed, and are now increasing again, Peters said. Several years ago, fish barriers were installed between lakes, and several lakes were poisoned in an attempt to control perch. Recently, McBride trout, a Yellowstone strain of cutthroat, and McConaughy (pronounced ma-cah-nah-hey) rainbow have been introduced into area lakes in an attempt to control perch populations. Both McBride and McConaughy will eat perch in the juvenile stage but, because they must be held in hatcheries until they are large enough to eat perch, they are expensive fish for sportsmen. The Montana fisherman who catches two or three of the McBrides has paid for his fishing license, Peters commented.

Biologists fear that, last year, nearly all of the large McBrides were

fished out of Seeley Lake. Some anglers couldn't resist the large hatchery fish, which schooled up in Seeley Lake for several days after they were planted. Peters believes the only way to keep the valuable, perch-eating fish in the lake is to impose size restrictions in the form of catch-and-release regulations. Trout between 12 and 20 inches long could be protected.

Lake Upsata near Woodworth was recently planted with McConaughy rainbow because of exploding perch populations there. That lake is now closed for two years as an experiment to see how much perch the trout will eat, and to improve both the perch and trout fisheries there.

Even though biologists are very concerned about perch populations in the Clearwater Chain of Lakes, none of the lakes here will be closed for management purposes. However, if fishermen would like to catch more trout, larger trout and bigger perch in these lakes, catch-and-release regulations during the next few years would help, Peters said.

A variety of management options will be considered this summer as biologists seek public comments on management of the Seeley/Clearwater Chain-of-Lakes. Final proposals will be presented to the Fish and Game Commission early next fall.

## Critter Chatter

by Ken Wolff

Spring is at its finest these days—it's the rebirth of our shared earth. A few people are talking about all the birds this year. We either have become more observant, or there are more birds around.

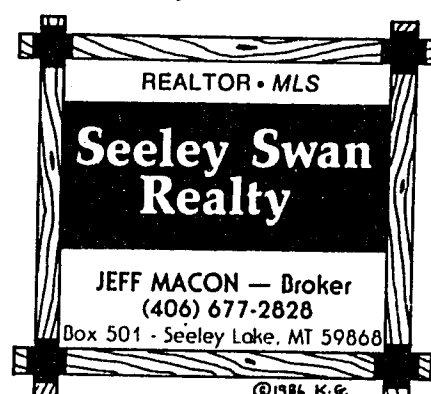
Common snipes are doing their mating flights right now—high-speed maneuvering through the trees near a close-by swamp. Swallows are also mating, a quick union while hovering in

the sky. The kestrel pairs often sit on the same branch, the female considerably larger than the male. The night-hawks are flying constantly at our place, eating millions of mosquitoes. Osprey are busily rebuilding their nests, as are the great blue herons. Mergansers, both common and hooded, are paired on the river. Hummingbirds are building their nests. The robins are slaying all my fishbait.

The swamps and cool meadows are full of yearling whitetails, mamas are back in cool woods giving birth.

Mosquitoes have hatched in clouds. Go sit quietly by a backwood pond or swamp. There is a constant hum, much like a swarm of thousands of angry bees. It's eerie. Any guesses on the number of mosquitoes this year? Worst year in a long time.

If you can deal with the mosquitoes, and have a bit of stealthy patience, poke around a backwoods pond this season. These swampy areas provide excellent observation sites for all sorts of critters. The opportunity to watch an adult great gray owl feed for 20 minutes is indeed a treat, a rare privilege. Please be considerate of wildlife and birds. Be as unobtrusive as possible—for your sake and theirs.



## Fishing Report

The traditional stream fishing season opened Saturday, May 16 and will run through November 30. Most of the streams, and some rivers, have peaked and are now going down and starting to clear. Opening week on the Swan River has been good. Generally, stream fishing is best from mid-July through September. This year, if the dry weather continues, there should be excellent stream fishing in June.

Every resident 15 years and older must have a resident fishing license (\$9.00) and \$2.00 Conservation License or combination Sportsman's License (\$36.00) in order to fish. Youth, 12 through 14 years of age, and residents, 62 and older, need only a \$2.00 Conservation License. Resident youth, 12 and under, do not need a license, but they must observe limits and other fishing regulations.

### Seeley Lake

A few people are catching some bass now out of Seeley Lake. Anglers stopping by Dan's Discount have been using plugs and black worms. Mr. Twisters work pretty well, as do the rappalas. Some people throw everything in the book at Seeley'sunker bass—and sometimes it works. Good areas to try are near the inlet and outlet, and near Big Larch Campground.

A few Kokanee are starting to show at Seeley. They are smaller this year than last, but there are plenty of them.

The recent "grouchy weather" has put a damper on trout fishing for most anglers. One fisherman caught a 3-pound brown and a nine-pound rainbow last week, just as it started raining. Most folks are trolling with lures. Cowbells will be good when the weather warms a little.

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### Blackfoot River

A few people stopping by the Roundup Bar have been catching medium-sized rainbows (14 to 16 inches) out of the river. The salmon fly hatch has begun in some areas, but hasn't moved into the Seeley Swan yet. In the Greenough area, most fishermen are scouting the streams for brook trout.

### Swan River

The Swan River has been high, but is starting to go down this week. Folks are just waiting for fishing on the river to improve. Some old-timers and dedicated fishermen are having good luck in the Swan now. You have to know the river to fish it well, they say. For bull trout, fish near the bottom in runs and at the head of pools. Bait fish the deeper runs, and try rappalas or plugs in shallower water.

### Swan Valley lakes

Native cutthroat are taking a few midges now. Mosquitoes are thick everywhere.

### Swan Lake

Trout are taking worms and night-crawlers right now. Lures are working for some folks. Pike fishing is still slow, but the spawners should be coming out pretty soon. Very few Kokanee so far this spring.

## River races begin Saturday

The Blackfoot River Whitewater Weekend begins Saturday morning at 11 a.m. at the Roundup Bridge, Greenough. Registration for the kayak slalom race starts at 10 a.m.

Sign-up for the Blackfoot River raft trip, also on Saturday, is Friday, May 22. Call the Outdoor Resource Center, University of Montana, 243-5072.

On Sunday, the whitewater races begin at 10 a.m. at Whitaker Bridge. The "hole riding" contest begins at noon at The Ledge. A downriver race begins at 3 p.m. at Johnsrud Park and continues to the weigh station. An awards ceremony will be held Sunday night at Marshall Ski Area. For more information call the Canoe Rack, 549-8800 or the Trailhead, 543-6966.

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## Record squawfish caught

A new state squawfish record was set Thursday, May 7, when Loyal Herreid of Polson caught a 7-pound, 4-ounce specimen out of the Lower Flathead River near the National Bison Range. The fish was caught on a smelt bait and weighed on a certified scale at the B&B Store in Polson.

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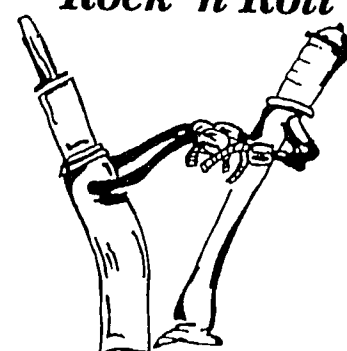
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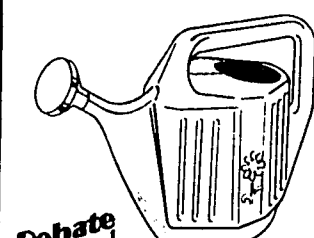
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## Birds—Our best friends

by Suzanne Vernon

Judy Hoy's conservation message is clear: If you kill a red-tailed hawk, you are killing your best friend. Hoy has been sharing her birds and her message with school children for several years.

Birds have a right to have a place to live, and they do us a lot of good, she explains. Hawks will eat grasshoppers where they are thick. Owls, hawks and falcons will eat ground squirrels and mice. "They eat all the things that men put out poison for," Hoy pointed out recently. Earlier this spring she brought her bird friends from her home in the Bitterroot Valley to Swan Valley Elementary School.

Judy has found that school children gain a new respect for animals when they see them up close. Kids can pet the red-tailed hawk that Judy has had for four years. The bird is blind in one eye and has a permanently injured wing. Other birds—owls, eagles, falcons—suffer from a variety of injuries, most of them man-caused. Hoy helps children become aware of the value and sensitivity of birds.

"It's important for children to see how pathetic the birds are if someone shoots a wing off."



S. Vernon/Pathfinder

Judy Hoy and a Great Horned Owl named Vicki. The owl has an injured shoulder, and Judy is nursing it back to health.

Hoy has been taking care of birds since she was a youngster growing up on a South Dakota ranch. She has worked as a teacher and an artist, but her work with the birds takes up most of her time now. "My mother still teases me—she says I'm 47—going on 13," Judy laughed, joking about her lifelong love for her bird friends.

Well, they really aren't her birds. Judy and her husband, Bob, who is a game warden, have been taking care of injured animals and birds for about twenty years. Judy is licensed to care for all kinds of birds and waterfowl. She cares for critters under the auspices of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Donations and money from a wildlife fund at a Bitterroot bank help her buy food, medicine and cage materials for injured animals and birds.

"I am really a professional wildlife artist," Judy grins. "Or at least I was until I started caring for 150 birds every year!" After injured birds recover, Judy sends them back into the wild, where possible. Of the 150 or so birds that she treats each year, about a third of them are songbirds, one-third are birds of prey and one-third are game birds.

"We have a really good release rate for game birds and waterfowl, but the birds of prey, well..." she says, her voice trailing off. She has immeasurable respect for these fast-winged hunters. Sometimes they don't survive in her care, no matter how hard she tries to save the eagles, the hawks, the falcons and the owls. These birds are particularly susceptible to man's gunfire, traps, cars and pollution. Birds also suffer from avian flu, and Judy suspects that a bird's tendency to catch the flu is related to its proximity to areas of high air

pollution. Birds can suffer from lung damage, just like people.

Some eagles, owls, hawks and falcons suffer from permanent injuries. Judy finds homes for them in breeding programs, research facilities or zoos. Not too long ago, she sent two eagles back to Pennsylvania to an educational facility. A raptor propagation and education facility in Bozeman, Montana, has a successful breeding program. Other facilities are located in Colorado and California.

Judy has had some unforgettable experiences with both common and uncommon birds. One year, she was presented with an injured raven. She nursed him nearly back to health, but somehow he got loose and was gone for several days. When she finally found him again, the poor thing was on his death bed and looking like there was no tomorrow. He couldn't get up and was lying on his side, one eye pointed squarely at Judy. In a croaking, sad, and desperate voice, he said to her, "Hal-low" (Hello). Judy couldn't believe her ears. "Hello," the raven said again. "You can't die on me, fella. I never had a bird that could talk before!" she thought. She saved that raven, and "Hello" has been a part of her life ever since.

Judy advises people who have found injured birds or animals to contact a "rehabber" (rehabilitation specialist) or game warden as soon as possible. "It is so easy to feed an animal the wrong thing... and kill it in the process," she said. "It's best to find someone licensed to care for them first."

(Editor's note: In the Swan Valley, Ken Wolff is licensed to care for injured raptors and other birds. For injured animals—deer, bear or mountain lion—call game wardens Guy Shank, Bigfork or Jay Haveman, Seeley Lake.)



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"Amigo," the saw-whet owl, has thrived under Judy Hoy's loving care.



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An American Kestrel poses for a photo.

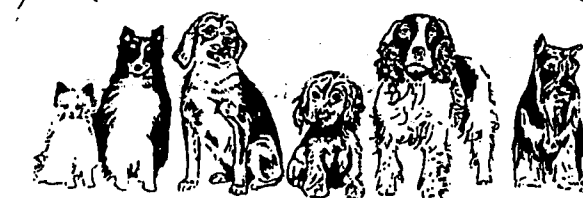
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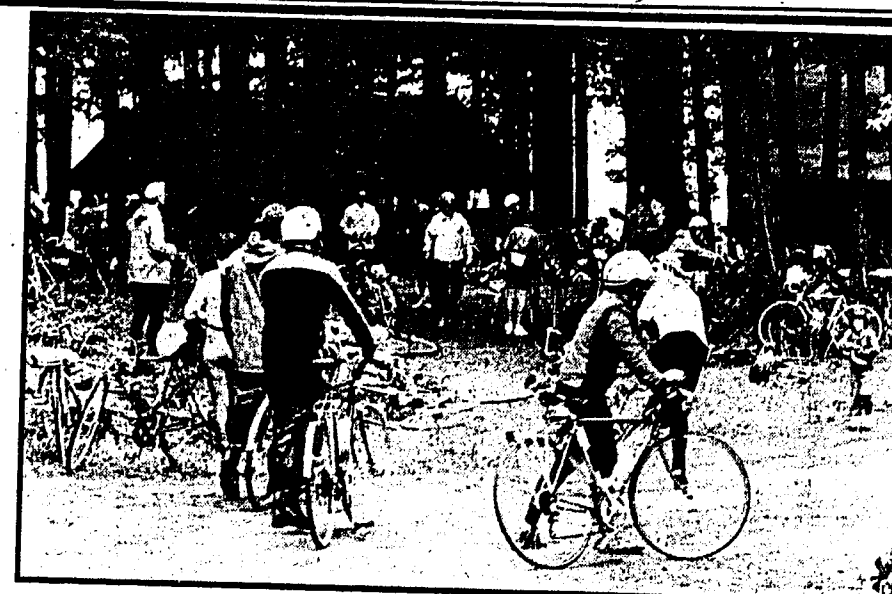
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## Garnet comes alive Sunday

The ghost town of Garnet comes alive Sunday with the Second Annual Hard-Times Dinner and Resurrection of the Old Miner's Ball.

An all-day family "picnic" begins at 12:00 noon, and live music will continue throughout the day. Games, an outdoor theatre, and a homemade pie contest are just part of the activities. A spaghetti dinner begins at 2:30 and will include all-you-can-eat spaghetti, salad bar, garlic-bread and pie. Organizers are preparing for a large crowd, but no long lines are expected. Last year, 1,000 attended the event.

## Federation sees threat to public wildlife access

Who owns wildlife? That's the topic of the 52nd annual Montana Wildlife Federation convention to be held May 29-31 at the Ramada Inn in Kalispell. Speakers will address the increasing privatization of wildlife resources and the threat to traditional public access, according to a recent news release. Jim Flynn, Director of Montana's Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, will speak about the trend toward privatization of wildlife resources in Montana.

For more information call Gordon Stewart, 257-5627; DeWayne Wentholt, 755-7414; or Warren Illi, 755-5401.

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# RECREATION GUIDE

## Campgrounds are open

Nearly all of the campgrounds in the Seeley Swan Valley will be open this weekend, except River Point near Seeley Lake, which will open June 22. The Clearwater Chain-of-Lakes and Swan Valley campgrounds listed here are all easily accessible from Highway 83. Signs are posted at entrance or road access sites.

Mosquitoes are fierce in some areas. Don't forget the bug spray!

### Clearwater Chain-of-Lakes

Harper Lake Fishing Access Site is located about a mile north of Clearwater Junction on Highway 83, then take access road west about a half-mile. Camping is permitted and there are toilets at this undeveloped site. Open year round. No charge for camping.

Salmon Lake State Recreation Area is located five miles south of Seeley Lake on Salmon Lake. 20 camping units are available at the developed site, which includes water, flush toilets, boat launch. Fee area.

Placid Lake State Recreation Area is located three miles south of Seeley Lake, then three miles west on county road. 42 units, water, flush toilets, boat launch. Fee area.

River Point Day-Use Area is open all year. Campgrounds open June 22. Reservations may be made for groups using the Day-Use Areas. Inquire at Seeley Lake Ranger District.

Seeley Lake Campground on Boy Scout Road has flush toilets, water and phone. \$7.00 per night.

Big Larch Campground north of the town of Seeley Lake has 50 units, a boat launch, picnic area, beach & water. \$6.00 per night. Reservations are no longer being taken here for group camping.

Lake Inez Campground about eight miles north of Seeley Lake is an undeveloped site where there is no charge for camping.

Lake Alva Campground north of Lake Inez has 43 camping units, a concrete boat launch, water play area, water, trash containers and vault toilets. \$6.00 per night. Group reservations for overnight camping available through Seeley Lake Ranger District.

Rainy Lake Campground is an undeveloped site north of Lake Alva. No charge for camping.

### Swan Valley

Holland Lake Campground is currently in the final stages of "redesign," and Forest Service managers ask visitors to be patient while the remaining signs are being assembled and put in place. The direction of traffic flow has been changed, and driveways have been resurfaced. Picnic tables have been moved to take advantage of scenic vistas. Some camping sites have been upgraded. Please talk to the Campground Host for more information.

Holland Lake Campground has 39 camping units, water, and flush toilets. Boat launch and swimming areas are nearby. Reservations for a group camping area (still under construction) will be available by mid-July. Call the Swan Lake Ranger District for more information.

Swan Lake Day-Use Area is located at the north edge of the community of Swan Lake on the west side of Highway 83. Boat launch, toilets and parking facilities are available there. Across the highway, more than 30 camping units are available for overnight camping. The site has flush toilets and water. \$6.00 per night.

## Avoid disturbing young wildlife

Most of us find the urge to pick up and cuddle the young of many wildlife species a hard one to resist. Especially when these youngsters appear to be lost or abandoned, the urge to help them out of their seemingly unfortunate predicament is almost irresistible.

However, according to Vince Yannoni, Youth Education Specialist for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Helena, although picking up and trying to help "orphaned" wildlife may seem like the right thing to do, it is often the most inhumane.

"In most cases, the animal has not really been abandoned," he explained. "The mother, alerted to a person's presence, has only left temporarily and will return as soon as the intruder leaves."

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## Going-to-the-Sun Road sees earliest opening in history

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"The below-normal snow depths and extremely warm spring weather had

reduced the danger of avalanches that would normally prevent public use of the road at this early date," according to Park Superintendent, Gil Lusk.

The previous record for opening the road was set on May 23, 1958. The latest opening date was June 30, 1964.

Updates on road conditions and park information can be obtained from park headquarters at (406) 888-5441, or at the Apgar Visitor Center.

## Camp Stamps mean lower camping fees

Camp Stamps can save you 15% on fees for National Forest campgrounds. They may be purchased at the Seeley Lake Ranger District north of Seeley Lake, or at any other Forest Service office. Benefits of Camp Stamps include the convenience of not having to use cash or write a check when paying for a campsite. There is no expiration date on the stamps, so they are good until used.

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The 1987 Seeley Lake Car Show and Swap Meet will be held July 25 and 26—the same weekend as the Third Annual Championship Horseshoe Tournament in Seeley Lake, according to car show organizer Bob Stine.

Stine and others believe the two events will complement one another and provide plenty of entertainment for visitors that weekend. The car show, with entries expected from across the Northwest, will be held in downtown Seeley Lake.

Area motels are offering special discounts to car show participants for pre-registration by July 1, 1987. For more information contact Bob Stine, 677-2148 or 677-2400 or call the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, 677-2880.

## Blackhawk Sports Banquet

Seeley Swan High School sports participants and parents are invited to the Annual Blackhawk Sports Banquet May 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the High School cafeteria.

Meat, punch, and coffee will be provided. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert, plus plates and utensils.

We will have a guest speaker for the evening. Awards will be given. For more information, call 677-2584.

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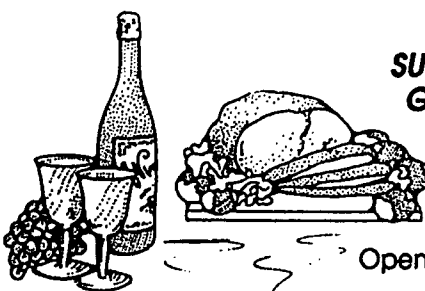
### Weekend Dinner Menu

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# SPORTS



Wayne Cahoon slides home during the Lakers game against Lincoln last Sunday.  
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## The Blackhawk Booster Club: Support for athletics and academics

In the eight years since the Blackhawk Booster Club was created, members have donated thousands of dollars to Seeley Swan High School in support of athletic and academic programs. Nearly everything, from the bleachers at the football field to the backboards in the gym have been donated by the Booster Club.

The organization was the brainchild of Roger and Rhea Johnson and Mike and Sue Holmes.

"We first started talking about it when we met Mike and Sue during a football practice in August 1979," Rhea recalls. Johnsons were watching their son, Steve, who was a senior at the time, and Holmes were watching their son, Shawn, who was a freshman. Out of those early conversations, came a commitment for "people support" of athletic events at Seeley Swan High School. The Booster Club's first official meeting was held on September 25, 1979. Officers that year were: Mike Holmes, president; Roger Johnson, vice president; Carol Robison, secretary-treasurer; Dan Frye, membership chairman; Lynn Wilkie, transportation director; Sharon Jacobson, fundraising and advertising; and Rhea Johnson, social events and banquet.

The Booster Club begins each school year with a fall membership drive and pig roast. Each spring they sponsor a Blackhawk Sports Banquet honoring Seeley Swan High School's athletes.

A complete list of the Booster Club's contributions may be impossible, but for starters, they purchased,

erected, and still maintain, the Booster sign along Highway 83. They have sponsored booster club buses for parents, friends, pep club and band club members who traveled to games in Anaconda, Drummond, Charlo, Helena, Arlee and Missoula. In 1981, they took over concessions during high school athletic events. They donated 20% of their proceeds directly to the high school's financial aid program for Seeley Swan students who go on to college. They have sponsored many scholarships in recognition of not only athletic achievement, but academics as well. They have held potlucks for athletes.

The Booster Club has donated a long list of equipment to the school. In addition to bleachers and backboards, they donated safety ropes for the athletic field, a scoreboard for the football field, steps from the high school to the football field, new goalposts for the field, outside speaker system, a portable cabinet for concessions, a video camera, and even medical equipment for the Quick Response Unit (a rapid-form-immobilizer kit) which benefits not only football players but, also, the community.

This year, the Booster Club has given the concessions back to the high school, because many school clubs and organizations may benefit more from the concession profits, according to Rhea Johnson. The Booster Club will continue to help sponsor any fundraising events that will benefit the school academic or athletic programs. They are particularly concerned with continued funding of the financial aid program.



Frank DeLeo, Seeley Swan High School senior, is congratulated by his parents after winning the 800-meter run during the Divisional Track Meet in Missoula last Saturday.  
S. Vernon/Pathfinder

## Blackhawks take 1st, 2nd at District meet; Seeley boys take Divisionals

by Jackie Gossard

Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9, the Blackhawk boys took home the first place team trophy and the girls took home the second place team trophy for the District 12-C track and field competition.

Last weekend, May 15 and 16, the Blackhawk boys won the Divisional meet in Missoula. The girls placed fifth.

At the District meet, the boys were paced by Craig Tanner with first in the 100, 200, and 300 hurdles and a second place in the 110; Frank DeLeo captured first in the 1600 and 800; and the 400- and 1600-meter relay teams also took

firsts. Others who placed were Darren Barett, Joe Bender, Jeff Jette, Pete Timpano and Kevande Anderson.

The Blackhawk girls who competed at District were paced by Sandy DeLeo with a first in the discus and second in the shotput; Shauna Haines with first in the high jump, second in the long jump and 300 hurdles, and third in the 100 hurdles; and the relay teams that took seconds in the 400- and 1600-meter races. Other placers were Colleen McNally, Sandy Prazak, Jackie Gossard, Tammy Pohlman, Teresa Tanner, Alvina Vannoy, Tommie Jo Dreyer, Twila Salomon, Jenny Klebenow, Shannon Combs and Lorena Cahoon.

At Divisionals, Frank DeLeo took the only first place of the day for the Seeley Swan boys when he won the 800. The Blackhawk boys beat Ennis by 2-1/2 points last weekend.

The state tournament begins this Friday in Missoula.

## Scholarship winners honored

by Heidi Olson

Seeley Swan seniors Heidi Olson, Jackie Gossard, and Shauna Haines were honored Tuesday night, May 12, by the Missoula Elks Club at a special dinner held for all scholarship recipients.

Applicants were judged on a twenty-page application pertaining to extra-curricular activities, honors and awards, community involvement and a 300-word essay on vocational goals.

There were twenty-four scholarships awarded this year, but the total amount of each award has not yet been announced. The winners of this local \$200 scholarship are also eligible to receive state and national awards.

## Local student honored at MSU

BOZEMAN—David Wolfe of Seeley Lake was honored at the Day of Student Recognition awards ceremony held recently at Montana State University.

Wolfe, a biology major, was named as a new member of Mortar Board, a senior scholastic honorary organization.

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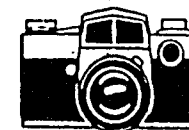
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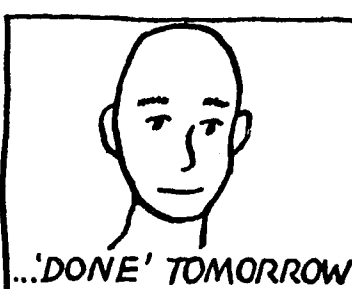
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## Garnet group appoints new president

Mike Garrity is the new president of the Garnet Preservation Association. Garrity has been treasurer for the group since March 1986. Former president Russ Lawrence resigned in March.

Marla McComie is the group's new treasurer. She used to work for the Bureau of Land Management and has typed the Garnet newsletter and correspondence in the past.

## Garnet group receives art council funds

The Montana Arts Council recently appropriated \$15,000 to the Garnet Preservation Association to partially support restoration of the old mining community of Garnet.

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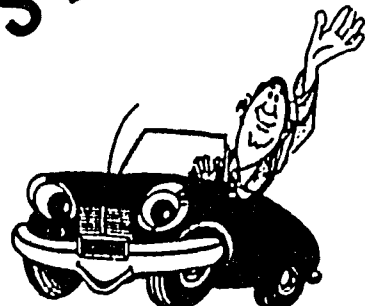
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## Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

Kids sure keep you alert. Our four-year-old overheard a friend talking about eliminating slugs with salt the other day, and in less than 24 hours, our salt shaker disappeared from the kitchen. Well, we don't really need the salt, and considering the rapidly increasing population of slugs this spring, why not salt 'em?

The weather has been good for mushrooms and other fungi this week. Many old apple trees here in the Swan are infected with apple scab (or a similar fungus, as near as I can tell). That fungus also loves this warm, damp weather, and will spread to your young trees unless they are scab-resistant. Some anti-fungal soaps work to thwart apple scab, but don't spray during the blossom stage, researchers tell me. It fouls up the busy bees (our tree is buzzing with them) and may interfere with blossom-set.

Time for a bear-of-the-week story: we saw a shiny yearling black bear last Wednesday. He was right beside the highway, soaking up the heat and watching the world go by. His coat was

radiant under the noon sun. He was so sleek and healthy. It makes me wonder why the whitetail deer still look so rough.

The rhubarb is still producing like crazy this spring. If you've eaten more rhubarb pie than you care to remember, and have made jam enough to last until July, try "rhubarb crisp." Just find your apple crisp recipe, but instead of adding apples, try rhubarb. You have to make a hot rhubarb filling of about 4-1/2 cups of chopped rhubarb mixed with a cup each of water and sugar. Add two tablespoons corn starch and boil until the mixture clears. Add a teaspoon of vanilla and more sugar if your rhubarb is very tart. Then bake it just like apple crisp.

Seems to be some concern over hummingbird identification in the Seeley Swan. An article in last week's paper indicated that ruby-throated hummingbirds visit the Valley regularly. A few birders have questioned that. Among Valley birders and a couple of Missoula Audubon members, there was agreement only on the fact that hummingbirds are sometimes tough to identify. Two people contacted thought they had seen ruby throats here on occasion. If you go by the book, Don Skarr's *Montana Bird Distribution* shows positive sightings of ruby throats in northeastern Montana only—none west of the Divide.

## Christian Singers plan July 4th concert

The Swan Valley Christian Singers will be involved in the Seeley Lake July 4th activities, entering a float in the parade and singing patriotic music in a mini-concert following the parade, according to Herb Schiefelbein, publicity director.

Rehearsals for the event will be held on Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 p.m., beginning on June 2 at Holy

Cross Lutheran Church of Seeley Lake. Former SVCS members are being contacted for singing, and new singers are being recruited.

A Recruitment Family Picnic for members and potential members will be held at Big Larch Campground on Sunday evening, May 31, beginning at 6 p.m. Each family or person is to bring their own meat and a dish to pass, plus their own utensils. Board members will each bring a bag of charcoal. The picnic is open to residents of the Seeley Swan Valley.

For more information contact Rod Kvamme, SVCS chairman at 677-2017 or Herb Schiefelbein at 677-2281.

## CHURCH SCHEDULE

**Condon Community Church**  
Pastor Jeff Crippen  
Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service, 10:45-11:45 am  
Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting, 6:30 pm  
Wed. Bible Study, 7 pm  
Condon Community Hall  
**Blackfoot Presbyterian Church**  
Pastor Christopher Williams, 677-2649  
Sunday Service, Seeley Lake 11:30  
Bible Study, Mon. 8:00 pm  
Potomac Worship 8:30 am  
Bible Study, Tues. 8:00 pm  
Ovando Worship 10:00 am  
**Fundamental Baptist Church**  
Pastor D. Paul Hickman  
677-2268  
Sun. School, 9:45 am  
Sun. Services, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm  
Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:30pm  
**Swan Valley Baptist Church**  
Salmon Prairie Road  
Pastor Jim Patterson, 754-2509  
Sunday Service, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm  
Sunday School, 9:45 am  
Bible Study & Prayer, Wed. 7:30 pm  
**Community Bible Church, Seeley**  
Pastor Rob Morris, 677-2837  
Sunday School, 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship, 11:00 am  
**Swan Valley Catholic Community**  
Father D. A. Okorn, 754-2429  
Sunday Mass, 8:45 am  
(Faith Lutheran, Condon)

**Living Water Catholic Community**  
Father D.A. Okorn, 754-2429  
Sunday Mass, 11:30 am  
(Holy Cross Lutheran, Seeley Lake)  
Daily Mass, 5:00 pm  
Sycamore Tree, Piper Creek  
St. Joseph's at  
**Legendary Lodge on Salmon Lake**  
Father Leo Proxell  
(Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day)  
Saturday Evening Mass, 7:30 p.m.  
**Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter Day Saints**  
Mark Meissner, 677-2575  
Sunday School, 11:45 am  
Sunday Service, 10:00 am  
**Faith Lutheran Church - Condon**  
Rev. Herb Schiefelbein, Pastor 754-2425  
Sunday Worship, 11:15 am  
Sunday School & Bible Class, 10:15 am  
**Holy Cross Lutheran - Seeley**  
Rev. Herb Schiefelbein, Pastor 677-2281  
Sunday Worship, 8:30 am  
Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:45 am  
**Faith Chapel -**  
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Pastor Roger Combs, 677-2220  
Sunday School, 9:45 am  
Worship, 11:00 am & 6:30 pm  
Bible Study, Wed. 7:00 pm  
**Potomac Bible Church**  
(Potomac Community Center)  
Pastor Glen Eickmeyer  
Sunday Worship, 10:00 am  
AWANA, Tues. 6:15 pm

## In Our Churches

### Bicentennial Essays (Third of a Series)

## From Under The Liberty Tree

Jack Hane, President  
Liberty Tree Foundation

If ever there be a bulwark to give stability to our structure of liberty (the Constitution of the United States), it would be *The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut*. With the same inspiration that produced the Mayflower Compact, The Orders expressed the preservation and guarantee of liberties to all freemen as inalienable rights from God. The Fundamental Orders of Connecticut, considered to be the first constitution written in America, became an early model for all of the American republics of self-governing independent states.

In the first paragraph of The Orders, it states in part:

Forasmuch as it pleased the Almighty God by the wise disposition of His divine providence so to order and dispose of things that we the inhabitants of Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield are now cohabiting . . . the word of God requires that to maintain the peace and union of such a people there should be an orderly and decent government established according to God . . . to maintain and preserve the liberty and purity of the gospel of our Lord Jesus which we now profess . . . which according to the truth of the said gospel is now practiced amongst us.

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## PASSAGES

Carol Combs  
Faith Chapel, Seeley Lake

### Thoughts on Leviticus 16:3-10

In Old Testament times, we can read what the people had to go through to receive forgiveness for their sins, offering sacrifices throughout the year to receive individual forgiveness, but they still had sacrifices on the day of Atonement, which was performed by the High Priest himself for the forgiveness of the nation, for sins unconfessed or forgotten about.

The High Priest had to go through certain rituals before entering the Holy of Holies (which was entered only once a year and only by the High Priest). The removal of his priestly robe, the careful bathing of himself, then the white linen garments prepared especially for this purpose. Then the priest could enter the Holy Place and sacrifice for the atonement of sin for the entire nation.

You can read further into *Leviticus* and read about the scapegoat used for the removal of their sin. The priest would lay his hands on the goat's head, laying all of the sins of the people upon this

goat. A just man would take this goat into the wilderness, never to return, along with their sins.

When the people saw this goat being taken from the camp, they knew their sins and transgressions were being taken away, also. They would no longer need to grieve or repent over these sins again—at least for a year, anyway, when the ritual was repeated.

Being human, we fail and sin all the time. We need forgiveness constantly. But, we have a better way today. Christ, who was the perfect sacrifice, died on a cross for the remission of sins. There is no longer a need to sacrifice animals. Jesus Christ did it for us. He did it once and for all . . . All we need to do is as *Romans 10:9-10* says, and that is to ask forgiveness, believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, and begin living for Him. *John 3:16* says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Jesus died for everyone, no matter what you've done or where you are right now. God will forgive. All you have to do is pray, ask forgiveness, believe in Him, and live for Christ all the days of your life.

## Lutherans plan Bible school

"God's Promises for You" is the theme of the summer Vacation Bible Schools of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Seeley Lake, and Faith Lutheran Church, Condon, according to Herb Schiefelbein, pastor. VBS at Holy Cross will be June 15-19, Monday through Friday, from 9-11:30 a.m. for children age 3 through those entering 8th grade. Bible stories, singing, arts and crafts, and fellowship are part of each day's session.

This year's VBS is intended to help the children feel the warmth, and discover the joy of God's promises for them. God has made many wonderful promises—guarantees of love and forgiveness, and gifts of strength, health and answered prayers, according to Pastor Schiefelbein. As the beautiful rainbow helps us remember, God's promises are always kept, always true, and never-ending, Schiefelbein added.

For more information and/or enrollment, contact Pastor Schiefelbein, 677-2281.

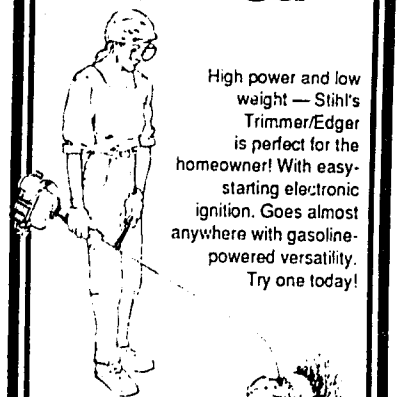


Valley Preacher

"In the beginning God created the heaven and earth." *Genesis 1:1*

You'll just have to forgive God. He never took the time to prove that He exists — He just, sort of, took it for granted. Of course, I doubt you ever tried to prove to anyone that you exist either. Ernest Hemingway

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wrote a book and no one doubts he exists — but I've never seen him, how about you? God even went to the trouble to author a book — the Bible, but men still doubt He exists. What's a God to do?

God says that He made the ground that you walk on and the stars that you see in the sky. Some "know-it-all" person will still say, "I don't believe God did it; it all just happened." Next time the nice policeman gives you a ticket, tell him that you don't believe the state of Montana put up the speed limit signs — they just grew by themselves. I'll see you in a few years, when you get out!

God is. God said it, I believe it, and that settles it. He ought to know.

D. Paul Hickman, Pastor  
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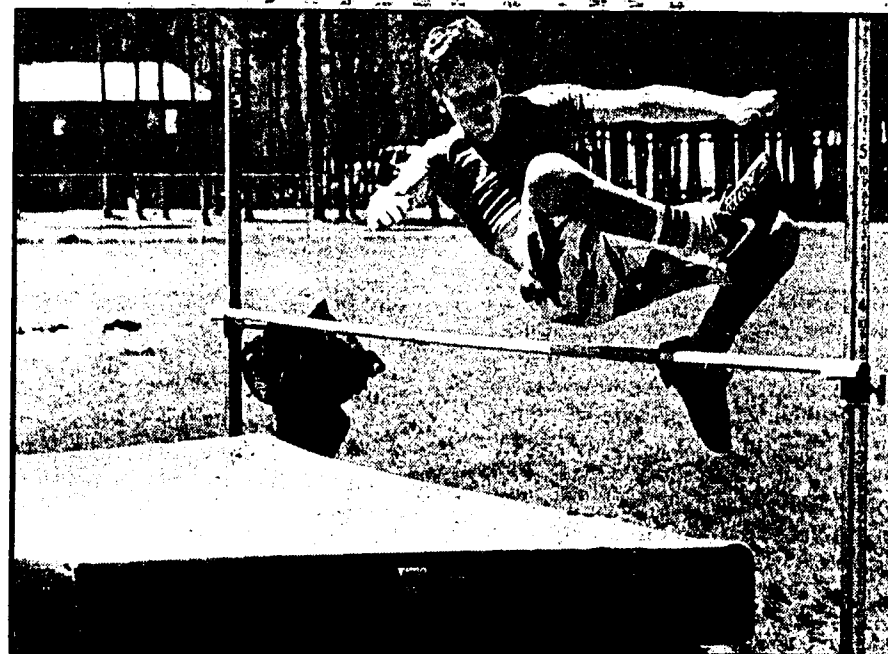


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## Running out of ideas to entertain the kids?

The SUMMER DAY CARE PROGRAM begins Wednesday, June 3 at the Seeley Lake Pre-School and Day Care Center. Program consists of: arts & crafts, field trips, picnics, entertainers at the center and nutritious meals and snacks served daily. Drop-ins welcome! Call for more information.

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Mel Cahoon, Seeley Lake Elementary student, competed in the high jump during Playday activities last week. S. Vernon/Pathfinder



Jason Stott, Ovando Elementary student, competed in the 400-meter run during Playday competition in Seeley Lake last week. S. Vernon/Pathfinder

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## Playday draws 350 students to Seeley

More than 350 elementary students in grades kindergarten through eighth competed in track and field events at Seeley Lake Elementary School last Thursday. The weather was sunny and hot and youngsters from Seeley Lake, Swan Valley, Salmon Prairie, Ovando, Sunset and Potomac schools competed in dozens of events—including softball throws, obstacle courses, barrel races, frisbee toss, jump rope, water races, hurdles, relays and dashes.



Teacher Andrea Greene and Rebecca Wallace cheer for Sunset students during the Playday competition held last week in Seeley Lake. S. Vernon/Pathfinder

## Safety tips for bicycles

A Bike Rodeo is being sponsored by the Seeley Lake Elementary School PTA on June 5 to help children safely enjoy their bikes and have fun. The Bike Rodeo, for all ages of children, will begin at 1:15 and feature maintenance instruction, a bike check, safety tips, and help with improving bicycle skills. For more information call Bonell Kopke, 677-2601.



Seeley Lake Elementary's 1987 Future Problem Solvers. S. Vernon/Pathfinder

## Problem Solvers travel to Butte

Nearly two dozen Future Problem Solvers from Seeley Lake Elementary traveled to Butte last week to compete with 300 students from other Montana schools. All of the students performed well, according to coach Cliff Nelson. Nelson and Lisa Peña, both Seeley Lake Elementary teachers, help coach the problem solvers.

Tom Leonard and Brian Morin both placed in the state competition. Leonard was awarded first place and Morin second in the Scenario Division. Students were required to solve hypothetical problems on the subject of illiteracy.

In the Drama Skit Division, the Seeley Lake team #263—Sherri Bowers, Cindy Baker, Brian Morin and Tom Leonard—took second place.

Other students who attended the state convention were Sandi Cebulski, Karry Betson, Gareth Cooper, Renn Anders, Sarah Cooper, Kimberly Musick, Jeremy Aumaugher, Greg Herron, Kelly Malone, Jimmer Betson, Jeremy Hebnes, Jenny Combs, Lauri Leonard, Shari Morin, Kelly Christian, Theresa Cahoon, Melita Cahoon and Ty Anders. Dustin Murray trained for the event, but was unable to attend.

Students were recognized with an awards assembly at the school on Monday.

## Local women to attend driver ed workshop

Cindy Lewis, Bonnie Connell and Marion Kincaid of the Seeley Lake Quick Response Unit were selected as three of 12 participants to attend the 1987 Advanced Driver Education Workshop in Lewistown, Montana on July 11. Approximately 600 people are expected to complete this year's workshops, according to Ed Argenbright, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Workshop participants represent a variety of highway safety personnel, including traffic education instructors, school bus drivers, ambulance drivers and law enforcement people.

"Participants receive training in safe driving techniques through classroom instruction, as well as behind-the-wheel maneuvers," Argenbright said. The driving maneuvers emphasize capabilities and limitations of the vehicle, the roadway and the driver.

Cindy, Bonnie and Marion and other workshop participants will practice a variety of crash avoidance techniques in an adverse, but controlled, environment. This program was developed by the General Motors Proving Ground staff and adapted by the Office of Public Instruction. The Lewistown Driving Facility boasts a full-size skid pad, off-road edge recovery area, controlled braking area, evasive maneuver area, and severe cornering exercise area.

These workshops, now in their ninth year, are co-sponsored by the Office of Public Instruction, Montana Traffic Education Association, Department of Highways, Department of Justice, Montana Automobile Association, Department of Health and Northern Montana College. Anyone interested in taking this driver education course should call Curt Hahn at 406-444-4432.



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# OUTDOORS

## Special permits are "Christmas in August"

By Dave Books  
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

For many of Montana's big game hunters, Christmas comes twice a year: once at the customary time in December, and once in August, when the highly prized special permits for elk, deer, antelope, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose are mailed to successful applicants. It may be a little early to start counting the shopping days left until December 25th, but it's definitely not too soon to start counting the days left until June 1, the date by which applications for this year's big game drawings must be postmarked.

Last year's drawing statistics show that the majority of people who got their "letter to Santa" in the mail by June 1—properly filled out and with the correct license fees enclosed—received a Christmas present in August. In all, 86,111 special permits and licenses were distributed among the approximately 118,000 hunters who applied.

A closer look at the statistics shows that moose hunters faced the toughest odds—enough permits were available to satisfy only four of every 100 applicants. Mountain goat and bighorn sheep hunters fared a little better—about 7 percent of all applicants for these species were successful in the drawings. Elk permits, generally for antlerless elk, were issued to more than a fourth of the hunters who applied, although the odds varied widely from area to area. Also, more than half of the people applying for deer "B" tags were successful in 1986, while more than three-fourths of prospective antelope hunters were successful.

Obviously, your odds of drawing a permit for antelope or elk are much better than for sheep or moose, but the area you choose to hunt also influences your chance of drawing a permit for any species. You can check the tentative number of permits available for a given species and hunting district by referring to the 1987 Big Game Hunting Regulations, now available at license dealers and Department offices.

There are, however, other factors to be considered besides the number of permits available. Some hunting districts, especially bighorn sheep and mountain goat areas, are in steep, relatively inaccessible terrain. Applicants should consider whether they have the necessary time, equipment, physical ability, etc. to make a successful hunt in such districts before they apply.

Sportsmen should also remember that receiving a special permit does not ensure them of a place to hunt on private land. Because approximately 70 percent of Montana's hunting districts are comprised of private land, access can sometimes be a problem.

There are three surefire ways to guarantee a lump of coal in your stocking instead of a special permit this August:

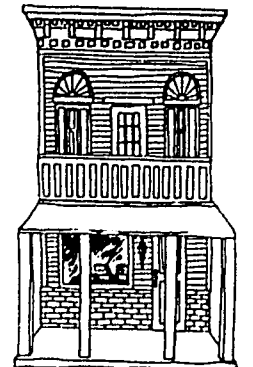
- Failure to enclose the correct license fees,
- Failure to sign the applications, and
- Failure to have the application postmarked by June 1.

The DFWP has simplified its application forms in recent years to reduce the possibility of mistakes. But, even so, many hunters are disappointed each year because of the above errors and several others, such as inserting an invalid hunting district number.

Even though the drawing application deadline is June 1, the results will not be available until the third week in August. It takes more than a month to process the more than 250,000 applications submitted annually and enter the necessary information into the computer. In addition, final quotas on elk, deer "B" and antelope are not set by the Fish and Game Commission until early August, after Department biologists have been able to adequately survey game populations prior to the hunting seasons.

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### NOTICE

TENNIS LESSONS. Sessions run June 8-19, June 22-July 3, & July 6-17. Call 677-2496 before June 7.

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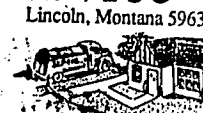
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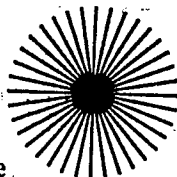
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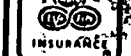


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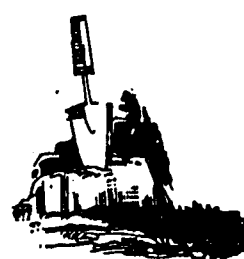
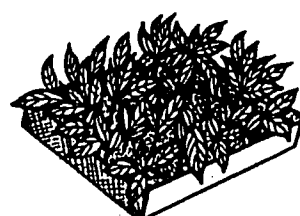
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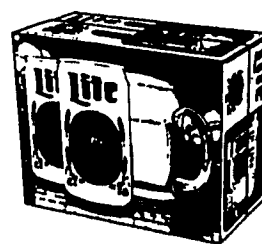


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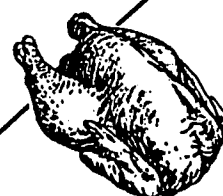


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*Bob Marshall Gateway* features a few of the outfitters and guides, lodging facilities, artists, craftsmen and businessmen who make their homes here on the edge of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. These people will help you experience a great Western Montana vacation. It is our hope that the information contained in the *Gateway* will help you plan your vacation here in the Seeley Swan and Blackfoot valleys.

Whether you come here for fishing, camping, hiking or to travel the backcountry on horseback, the maps, references and feature stories in *Gateway* are provided free of charge for your benefit and information.

The Seeley Swan and Blackfoot valleys surround the western and southern boundaries of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. This is a land of remote backcountry, scenic mountain lakes, lush vegetation, towering larch and pine trees and abundant recreation opportunities. The great outdoors here offers you clean air, pure water, terrific fishing, and the chance to see and photograph wildlife in their natural habitat. There is plenty of peace and quiet here, whether you choose to travel the Bob Marshall with an outfitter or go backpacking through the remote Mission Mountain Wilderness, on the western edge of Seeley Lake and the Swan Valley.

As you begin your vacation, we encourage you to "keep the wild in wilderness" and remember to practice camping techniques which are gentle on the land, protecting the fragile wilderness ecosystems for generations to come.

For current information about weather conditions, fishing and hunting news or how to obtain detailed maps of the area, contact any of the lodges, outfitters or businesses listed in this guide, or contact: Pathfinder Press, P.O. Box 702, Seeley Lake, Montana 59868, (406) 754-2365 or (406) 677-2022.

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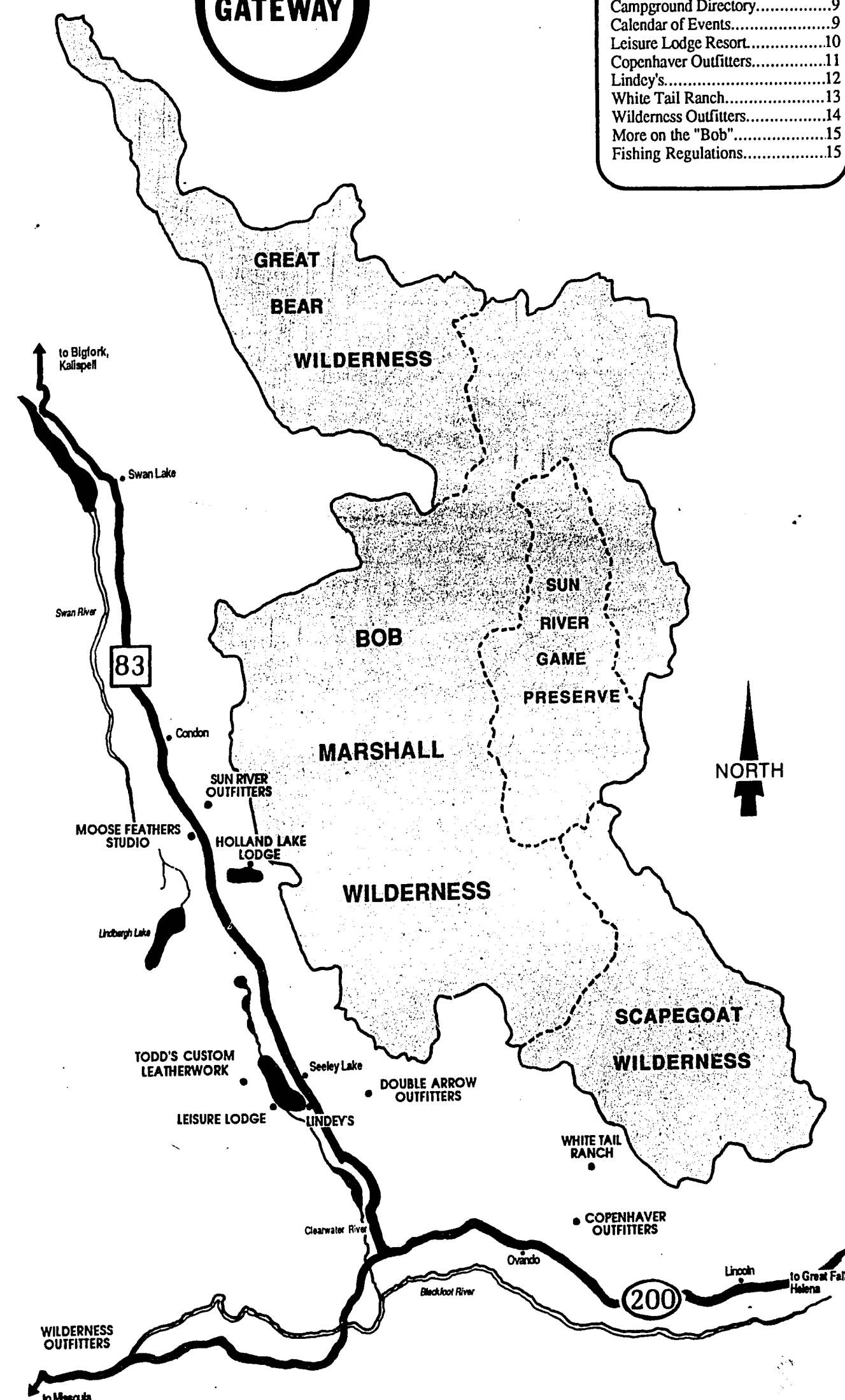
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# The Bob Marshall

## A Million Acres of Wilderness

The Bob Marshall Wilderness is often referred to as the "crown jewel" of America's wilderness areas. Nearly fifty years ago, 950,000 acres of high mountain lakes, crystal clear rivers, remote valleys and high, alpine meadows were set aside for protection — destined to remain forever wild. In the 1970s, the federal government added the Scapegoat Wilderness (the southern portion of the wilderness complex) and the Great Bear Wilderness (the northernmost area of the wilderness, nearly to the boundary of Glacier National Park), creating a total wilderness complex of a million and a half acres.

### Access routes, trails

Indians, mountain men and explorers over the years have used many routes to travel through the country known as the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Today, main trails are kept open from June through November by Forest Service trail crews, area outfitters and guides.

In the summer, outfitters use a variety of entry points, often crisscrossing the wilderness on trips lasting up to 10 days.

On the western edge of the Bob Marshall, Gordon Pass near Holland Lake in the Swan Valley is a well-maintained route used by backpackers and outfitters alike. Pyramid Pass near Seeley Lake has for years provided access to the Young's Creek area and the headwaters of the South Fork of the Flathead River.

On the southern edge of the Wilderness Complex, good access trails begin near the Monture Guard Station, the Lake Creek and North Fork of the Blackfoot trailheads.

A popular entry point along the Rocky Mountain Front on the eastern edge of the Bob Marshall is just past Benchmark, not far from Augusta. Other access points from the east include the trail near Gibson Reservoir, or farther north at Birch Creek.

Northern access to the Bob Marshall is gained near the Spotted Bear Ranger Station, where trailheads for Lodgepole Creek, Spotted Bear River and the South Fork of the Flathead River begin.

Many of the outfitters who guide summer trips which begin in the southern half of the Wilderness, travel north or northwest and come out at Holland Lake in the Swan Valley; Spotted Bear Ranger Station on the northern edge of the Bob Marshall; Schafer Meadows, also on the northern tier near the Great Bear Wilderness (there's an airstrip here); Benchmark; Gibson Reservoir or Birch Creek along the Rocky Mountain Front.

Likewise, many summer trips start near Holland Lake in the Swan Valley and travel north, east or south.

### The South Fork

The main trails of the Bob Marshall Wilderness all lead into or out of the South Fork of the Flathead River valley. This valley is wide in places, and Big Salmon Lake—the largest in the Wilderness—is perhaps one of the most popular destinations in the backcountry. Outfitters have been packing into the South Fork area since the 1920s when the "rich and famous" from Hollywood and elsewhere came here for adventure and to get away from the pressures of city life.

The South Fork is the heart of the Wilderness area and many historic landmarks are accessible from here.

### The Chinese Wall

One of the most spectacular sights in the Bob Marshall is the Chinese Wall. Also known as the Lewis Overthrust, this wall is the result of the geologic upheaval in which Montana split "wide open" from Glacier Park on the north nearly to Yellowstone Park on the south. As the earth's crust split, the west side tipped up like a roof; the east side slid under the "roof" for nearly 20 miles, forming the Chinese Wall.

From the Haystack Mountain area west of the Continental Divide, the view of the 1,000-foot high Chinese Wall is virtually unbroken for nearly 20 miles.

The Chinese Wall is home to many mountain goats and mountain sheep. Eagles also make these high cliffs their home, and often glide in the wind currents.

### Scapegoat Mountain

You'll find rugged terrain in the Scapegoat Mountain area at the southern end of the Wilderness Complex, but you're also likely to see abundant wildlife including elk, deer, bear and mountain goats. The mountain was named by a surveyor who had difficulty mapping the area in the late 1800s.

# Double Arrow Outfitters

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Double Arrow Outfitters, Seeley Lake, offers more than just backcountry pack trips and trophy hunting opportunities each fall. They offer what is perhaps the widest variety of western vacation opportunities available in and around the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

And they are good at it.

Five generations of the Rich family trace back over 120 years to the Gallatin Valley of Western Montana. Since 1958 they have made the Clearwater Valley their home.

Nearly 30 years ago, five-year-old Jack made his first wilderness pack trip into the Bob Marshall with his father, C.B. Rich. Guests on that trip included a writer from *Life* magazine and a photographer from *Look*. The romance of the outfitting business drew national attention then and, over the years, the Rich family has kept that wilderness dream alive. Jack guided a hunter to a goat when he was twelve years old. He has been a licensed outfitter since 1979.

In 1983 he succumbed to the romantic call of this wild land and stepped into the leadership role of this organization. Today, strongly backed by his partner Belinda, and his parents, C.B. and Helen, he has developed a special flair to prove Will Rogers' old saying that "Strangers are simply friends we haven't met." With his sisters and their mates helping, he says, "We take everyone in just like they were part of the family."

There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a child... And the Wilderness Horsemanship Camp operates on this belief.

Young adults, particularly, become part of the family during the youth camps held throughout the summer. They learn about horsemanship and wilderness ethics in a rustic, ranch environment, under the constant supervision of the Rich family and crew.



Jack Rich fishing in the South Fork of the Flathead in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area. Photo courtesy Double Arrow Outfitters.



In the heart of a Wilderness paradise, Double Arrow Outfitters guide their guests through a high alpine meadow. Don't forget your camera and plenty of film for these summer trips into the backcountry! The flowers, wildlife and breathtaking scenery are hard to resist! Photo courtesy Double Arrow Outfitters.

"The hardest part of the camp is the last day, when the kids get ready to go. We really make lasting friendships with them, and they with each other," Jack said.

All of the Double Arrow activities are hosted, and guests really do become part of the large family that makes western vacations a pleasure.

People often come to Double Arrow Outfitters for the scenic trail rides around the ranch and on the Morrell Falls National Recreation Trail, where they stop and visit an "authentic trapper's cabin."

Double Arrow Outfitters also offer guided day trips to the wilderness boundary where guests can experience the freedom of the High Alpine country.

Sunday's Old-Fashioned Cowboy breakfasts are a popular western treat. After riding through meadows in the early morning, watching the deer feed in the clear mountain air, folks arrive at the Old Homestead Cabin just in time to feast on steak, eggs and cowboy potatoes like no others you've ever tasted.

If you enjoy rivers, and fishing is your pleasure, Double Arrow Outfitters will guide you on a scenic, all-day or evening dinner float trip down the Blackfoot River.

Possibly the most popular activity they offer is Summer Pack Trips in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. They can be arranged for a variety of people from ages 6 to 80 with a variety of interests which include, but are not limited to fishing, photography, sightseeing, riding, hiking and exploring.

Memories are made on all of the wilderness trips and scenic valley rides. The following letters are testimony to the true value of the western wilderness experience.

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"We really appreciated your values of preserving the wilderness for people to not only enjoy, but to worship in a great outdoors cathedral. We enjoyed 8 days in Heaven and found some saint to enjoy it with! Thanks be to God."

—letter from a family who live in Illinois.

"Personally, it is by far the best trip that I have had. I want to especially thank you for your patience in dealing with the various personalities in our group. I look forward to returning with you on future hunts in the years to come." — a South Carolina doctor.

And last, but not least, this letter from the California family whose son is now too old for the youth camp:

"I just wanted to drop you a note to let you know that Elliot will be going to summer school this year. I can assure you that he would much rather be up there with you at camp."

"Also, I thought you might like to know... he is considering going to the

University of Montana's Forestry School. We are very pleased about this and know that it's because of the wonderful experience he has had at your camp the past two years."

Double Arrow Outfitters are located near Seeley Lake and the Bob Marshall Wilderness boundary, conveniently close yet discreetly distant from "civilization." Double Arrow is but 51 miles from Missoula, 114 from Glacier National Park, 123 from Great Falls, and 256 from Spokane. Easily accessible by automobile and just 2 miles from the Seeley Lake Airport. Lodging is provided in Seeley Lake before and after trips.

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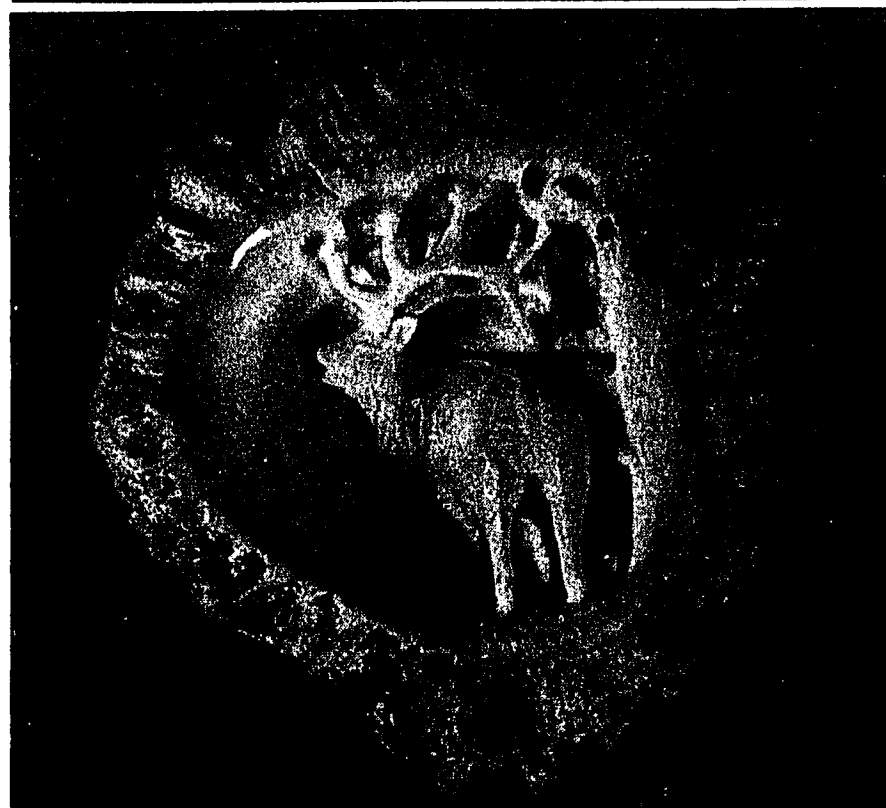
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A refreshing stop at Big Salmon Lake, the largest lake in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. Photo courtesy Double Arrow Outfitters.



# Moose Feathers Studio



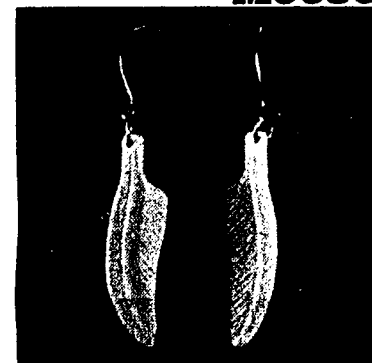
This elk horn belt buckle shows the fine detail typical of Ken Wolff's antler carvings. Photo by Janet Hudson.

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## Ken Wolff's wildlife carvings are a result of years spent in exploring the Mission Mountain Wilderness

Wilderness and wildlife are inseparable terms to people who travel the backcountry of Western Montana. The call of the rare peregrine falcon, a glimpse of a grizzly or the track of a wolf are all things you might expect in a wilderness area. But few people have been able to spend time studying the critters who live in that remote country.

Ken Wolff grew up in the Swan Valley and has spent a lifetime exploring the Mission Mountains Wilderness, on the west side of the Valley. He has watched grizzlies foraging for bugs and feasting on huckleberries, unconcerned by his presence; he has followed the elk, watched the bulls bugle in the fall, and has seen elk calves playing in the meadows each spring.

Through his wildlife carvings, Ken shares his love for animals. He creates detailed scenes on deer, elk and moose antler. His popular "moose feathers" earrings (feathers carved from moose antler) inspired the name of his studio.

### Wildlife carvings

Ken has been carving since 1974. He uses only shed antlers, and utilizes every portion of them. From the base of an elk horn, he creates one-of-a-kind belt buckles. From the upper tines on large elk and moose racks, he carves cribbage boards. Smaller deer horns are fashioned into desk sets, toothpick holders, necklaces and more.

Whether it's the replica of the

bugling bull seen last fall or the portrait of a moose found browsing in the river bottom near his cabin, there's a story behind every scene.

"I grew up with a respect for critters and for living things. I grew up a hunter," he said. But since Ken returned from Vietnam several years ago, his goal has been to protect the animals he loves.

Through his carvings, he hopes to help people understand the value of wild things in our world.

Eagles are a favorite carving subject, as he has spent many hours working with injured raptors. Ken is licensed by both state and federal agencies to care for endangered birds. He once spent 15 months feeding and nurturing a great horned owl. The bird became strong and healthy again, and is now part of a successful program designed to increase reproduction of that endangered species.

### Nationally known carver

Wolff's carvings were recently selected for display by a well-known whitetail deer enthusiast, who travels the eastern half of the United States educating people about whitetail deer, their habits and their history. In the coming months, approximately seven million people will be able to see and enjoy Ken's original carvings created at Moose Feathers Studio.

From cribbage boards and belt buckles, to carvings that stand on their own as original art, Ken has begun to achieve his goal of sharing a lifetime spent appreciating wilderness and wild life. The spirit of this western land is carved deep into every new antler design he creates.

# Moose Feathers and More

## Antler carvings complement other Made In Montana products in this new Swan Valley store

Antler carvings from Moose Feathers Studio have been so popular that, for several years now, people have been stopping by Ken Wolff's Swan Valley cabin to buy antler jewelry, cribbage boards and other crafts.

Recently Ken and his partner, Jody Murphy, decided that they should open a new store to better display their crafts, along with other quality products made by Montana artists.

Moose Feathers and More is located on the corner of Highway 83 and Kraft Creek Road in the Swan Valley, approximately 22 miles north of Seeley Lake.

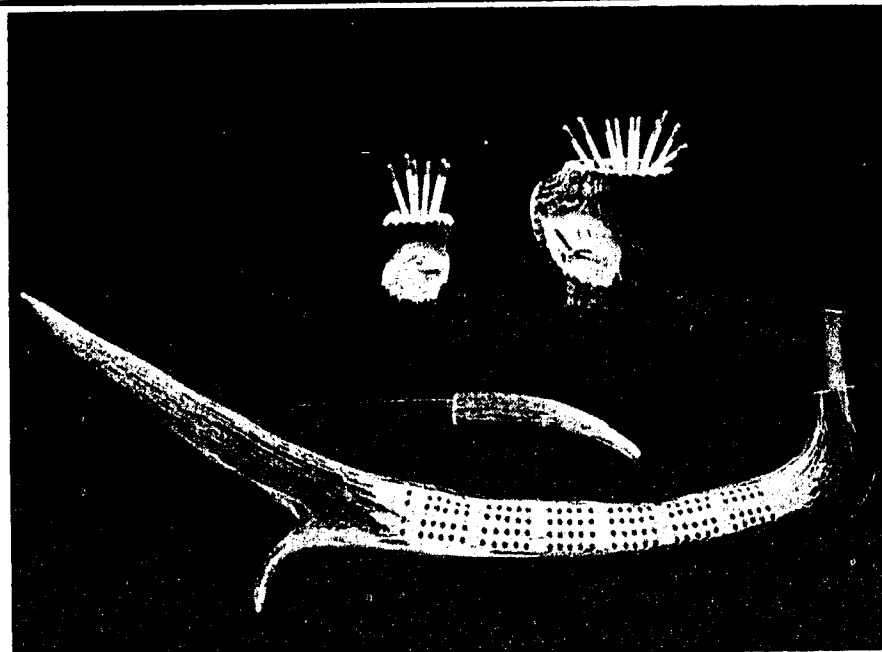
Art and crafts will include jewelry by local silversmith Kathy Burkhardt; goldsmith Barney Jette; leatherwork, and hand-woven rugs from other Montana artists.

### Sporting goods

Moose Feathers and More will also offer "al fresco" outdoor products from Livingston, Montana. These include fish keepers (creels) designed to keep fish cool as you walk the riverbanks or fish the mountain lakes; and "navi-gaiters," canvas gaiters made to be quiet in the woods (they even come in sizes for children). Moose Feathers and More will soon offer specialty fishing tackle such as hand-tied flies.

### Something for the kids!

Children haven't been forgotten at Moose Feathers and More. Included among the variety of handcrafted items will be wildlife coloring books (illustrated by a Montana artist) with stories about animals native to the Northwest. Handcrafted wooden toys will also be offered for sale.



Hand-carved antler crafts such as the toothpick/match holders (top), letter opener (center) and cribbage board (bottom) from Moose Feathers Studio are only a sampling of the fine Montana products available at Moose Feathers and More in the Swan Valley. Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (May - June); and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (January - May).

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# Sun River Outfitters

## Lloyd and Carolyn Hahn offer customized summer pack trips — the ultimate vacation

It's quiet out here, away from the telephones and the noisy streets. The backcountry of the Bob Marshall Wilderness is good medicine. The pine-scented air, the towering trees and the pure mountain water are proven remedies for easing tension and renewing life's energy.

Whether you want to photograph the scenic mountain lakes, fish the tributaries of the South Fork for native trout or just get away from the hectic pace of the city, Sun River Outfitters will customize a summer pack trip to suit your taste. All you have to do is relax.

### Summer Vacations

Sun River Outfitters can design your ultimate summer vacation. Lloyd knows where to find the best fishing holes, he can show you meadows where elk and deer feed in the evenings, and lead you to secluded mountain valleys, high alpine basins and wild, scenic rivers.

The waters here are so clear, you can count the pebbles and colored rocks in the streams. In some areas, the trees tower overhead, some of them so large you could build a house from a single tree. And the wildflowers bloom here all summer, coloring the alpine basins and even the shady forests with red, blue and yellow.

### Experienced guides

Sun River Outfitters have been packing into the Bob Marshall Wilderness since 1975. Lloyd is a perfectionist when it comes to packing his mules. He knows each one of the gentle creatures by name, and each has its own packsaddle and gear. He can talk to them as if they were people, and they seem to understand and respond to his quiet words.

Sun River Outfitters are also proud of their gentle saddle horses. Whatever your age, you don't have to worry about traveling with any of their stock. As you prepare to swing into the saddle and head up the trail, Lloyd, Carolyn, and their guides will personally introduce you to your horse; and you, too, will start warming up to these mountain-wise ponies.



Happy Hunting! Elk hunting opportunities are excellent in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Photo courtesy Sun River Outfitters.

### Guests become friends

Lloyd's quiet humor and Carolyn's quick smile will soon make you feel like one of the family here in these mountains. Together, they will point out the landmarks, the wildlife and the flowers along the trail. You won't lack for friendly conversation, stories around the campfire and, of course, good food.

Carolyn is the "camp cook" for Sun River Outfitters. Turkey, dressing and all the trimmings? Home baked rolls? You bet. The food she turns out is home cookin' at its best.

During the day, while you are out enjoying a swim in Big Salmon Lake, or fishing the tributaries of the South Fork, Carolyn will often be stirring up something exciting for dinner—like fried chicken, baked potatoes, biscuits, seven layer salad and Boston cream pie for dessert. Sound like the ultimate vacation? It is.

"Many of our guests travel here from out-of-state," Carolyn said. "We would like to encourage more people from Montana to consider this as a summer vacation, too. For anyone who enjoys nature and being outdoors, the Bob Marshall has so much to offer."

"Once you've been out here, and experienced the wilderness," Carolyn said, "you'll agree—it's the greatest vacation ever."

Lloyd and Carolyn correspond regularly with their guests, many of whom become good friends, returning year after year for wilderness vacations. What follows is an excerpt from a "trip log" and letter.

"On Sunday, we woke early and walked to where the game had been crossing. We spent an hour or so here and heard an elk bugle. It really is beautiful to be out here early to hear the wildlife and see the sun rise."

And later, this comment from the same family:

"It was a super trip. We will have lots of happy memories to keep us going for a long time to come. We will surely come back..."

### Fall Hunting Trips

The Sun River Outfitters hunting camp near Big Salmon Lake is the oldest continuously-operated hunting camp in the Bob Marshall.

You'll be treated well here: sleep in warm, dry tents, travel with experienced guides and feast on Carolyn's famous cooking. Sun River Outfitters' back-country kitchen is well-equipped. Carolyn travels into the Wilderness in mid-September, and stays here until November — when the winter snows signal the end of the hunting season.

Meanwhile, Lloyd ushers guests into and out of camp, organizing gear and loading those gentle mules with carefully weighed packs. He aims to please the sportsmen and women who travel with Sun River Outfitters. He can help you find that trophy elk, mule deer, bear or mountain goat.

The hunting and fishing opportunities here are excellent, and each trip is designed to provide you with an enjoyable, quality hunting experience.

Sun River Outfitters are located in the heart of the Swan Valley, easily accessible by automobile. They can also arrange transportation to and from airports at Missoula or Kalispell. Arrangements for lodging before and after summer vacations or fall hunting trips can be made in advance.



Come and get it! Carolyn Hahn of Sun River Outfitters serves up hot coffee and a Montana-style breakfast on this summer vacation trip into the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area. Photo courtesy Lloyd and Carolyn Hahn, Sun River Outfitters.



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# Todd's Custom Leatherwork



**These experienced craftspeople offer durable leather coats, shirts and custom leatherwork**

Rick and Jenni Todd are serious about leatherwork. In these times when clothing seems to wear out before it's second washing, they know that leather stands alone for durability and comfort.

Their love for leather isn't something to be taken lightly. They were married in buckskin apparel — wearing their own original, hand-sewn garments.

Today, Rick and Jenni's business, which was established in 1982, has expanded considerably. In addition to their popular "hunter shirts," women's vests and skirts, they offer custom leatherwork and a variety of accessories.

"We can outfit you with everything from a wide-brimmed leather hat to keep the rain off, to crepe-soled moccasins," Jenni said.

A popular winter item lately has been custom-made beaver or coyote fur hats and mittens. Sled dog "mushers," trappers and "mountain men" all turn to Todd's Custom Leather for their unique clothing needs.

## Quality work

Todd's Custom Leatherwork is a sign of quality leather garments and accessories. Whether you order a jacket, a wool-lined poncho, a leather backpack or purse, you will find each item either hand-sewn or machine-stitched depending on the look, durability and price you desire. Their popular "hunter shirts" are entirely hand-sewn. Yet, on the back-packs, for example, you will find seams double stitched with nylon thread, guaranteed not to come unraveled.



Pullover Shirt

## Your hide or theirs

Todd's encourage hunters and sportsmen to use their own tanned hides for their leather clothing.

"There's a certain romance about owning a jacket fashioned from your own elk hide," Jenni pointed out.

Rick and Jenni can also have hides tanned for hunters. However, if you choose to let Rick and Jenni provide the leather for your garment, rest assured that all of their hides are tanned by a reputable company and quality is guaranteed.

## Leather repair

In addition to creating new garments and other durable leather goods, Rick and Jenni are experts at repairing worn leather items. They can repair many popular styles of winter boots, for example, and often work with local ranchers and outfitters to repair and clean tack.

## Custom fit

Rick and Jenni Todd can custom fit any garment. With mail order items, they have developed reliable methods of measuring for proper sizes and, through the years, they have become very good at creating new designs for their customers.

"We welcome your ideas," Jenni explained. Both she and Rick enjoy custom leatherwork.

## Not just leather

Rick and Jenni Todd are finding increased interest in canvas goods, and they can accommodate nearly any project you might need — from outfitting gear to boat covers. They use the same careful techniques for sewing canvas as they use for sewing their own fine leathers.

## Reasonable prices

Rick and Jenni pride themselves in offering reasonably priced leatherwork, and will often barter for hides or other finished leather.

"If you have two moose hides at home taking up space in the closet, we can make you a durable jacket from the first one, trade for the second hide, and the jacket ends up costing you next to nothing," Jenni points out.

Both of these craftspeople acknowledge that their business is more than a way to make money.

"It's a unique lifestyle, and we want to preserve it," Rick explained. Rick grew up in the ranching country of Wyoming, and since then he has spent many years working in the mountains of Western Montana.

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Todd's Custom Leatherwork is located near the shores of Seeley Lake. Write or call them at P.O. Box 632, Seeley Lake, Montana 59868 (406-677-2168) for more specific information about their services. They have color photos and references available.



Rick Todd is adept at repairing popular styles of winter boots. Todd's Custom Leatherwork has been in business since 1982.

# Holland Lake Lodge

**Host your business conference, enjoy a family vacation or just come to relax at this rustic, Swan Valley lodge**

It's not just another business trip. Not here on the shores of the most scenic mountain lake in Western Montana. Forget the stuffy conference rooms. Out here you can let the fresh air clear your mind, without the distractions of shopping centers, traffic and noise.

It's hard to believe you could come here to work, but it's true.

The conference facilities at Holland Lake Lodge can accommodate up to 50 people. Professionals from around the region gather here to exchange new ideas, discuss business plans, and gear up for new sales programs each spring.

In-between workshops, you can stretch your legs with a walk by the lake, and take time to organize your thoughts. And you'll probably think about coming back.

The polished wooden floors of this rustic lodge have been worn smooth by doctors, poets, cowboys, and kids from around the world. As the seasons change, so do the faces of the guests at Holland Lake Lodge.

## Summer

The sparkling waters of Holland Falls cascade down the mountainside at the edge of the Bob Marshall into Holland Lake. The short trail around the lake to the falls is popular among backpackers.

You can hike to the falls in the morning, feast on locally famous hamburgers at the Lodge for lunch, and enjoy swimming in the lake in the afternoon.

Howard and Loris Uhl, who have been greeting guests at the Lodge since the spring of 1980, will help you plan and enjoy your vacation. They know the country well and provide guided trail rides, boat and canoe rentals, and facilities such as showers, rest rooms, and overnight accommodations. In addition to the guest rooms provided at the main Lodge, there are five rustic cabins which sleep from four to eight people. Reservations are advised, as these are popular all year 'round.

In the evenings, let your kids have fun playing pool, card games or reading books near the lounge, while you relax and savor a cool glass of wine before dinner. Folks come here especially for the fine meals such as crab legs, scampi, prime rib and shrimp jambalaya prepared by the Holland Lake Chef and served in the Lake Room.

## Wilderness Pack Trips

People from all over the world come here, to the Gateway of the Bob Marshall, and begin their backcountry vacations. From Gordon Pass, you can travel to see the Necklace Lakes, Big Salmon Lake, Haystack Mountain or the Chinese Wall — and have access to nearly a million acres of wilderness. Holland Lake Lodge provides quality summer pack trips, whether you want to travel for two days or two weeks.

Howard and Loris can arrange custom vacations, scenic trail rides, float trips down the South Fork of the Flathead, or special wildlife photography trips. Howard and his licensed outfitter, Ken Mitchell, will see to it that your trip is a pleasure. Mitchell is an experienced guide and a cowboy poet, too. He will keep you entertained with stories around the campfire.

## Fall

Hunting trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness begin in September, when Indian Summer usually brings sunshine to the valley after the first autumn snows.

Outfitter Ken Mitchell has guided hunters from Holland Lake Lodge for many years, and he believes in offering a quality hunting experience. One outdoor writer who traveled with Ken wrote the following:

"We lived in comfort in tents heated against the snow and cold by stoves small enough to be carried on the backs of mules. We ate well of food superbly cooked on a small stove fueled by bottled gas. We drank deeply of the pure icy waters of Gordon Creek."

Holland Lake Lodge also offers guided out-of-the-Lodge hunts.

## Winter

When the snow begins to fall in November, the Swan Valley becomes a winter haven for cross-country skiers, snowmobilers and ice fishermen. At the Lodge, you are guaranteed a cozy retreat.

In fact, "You get almost nothing for your money during the quiet winter hours," Loris smiles. "Nothing but the chance to hear yourself think." When you come here in winter, you'll make a few incredible discoveries. Like what the sky and clear mountain air does to the eyes of someone you love. You can relax with a hot drink, hold hands by the fire, dine by candlelight, or go for a starlit ski across the lake.

Holland Lake Lodge in Winter is not just another resort. It's another way of life. Another sense of time.



Swimming in the pure mountain waters of Holland Lake is just one of the popular summer recreation opportunities available when you stay at Holland Lake Lodge. This photo (above) was taken from the spacious lakeshore lawn in front of the Lodge. Howard and Loris Uhl (right) have been greeting guests here since the spring of 1980. Photo courtesy Holland Lake Lodge.

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Holland Lake Lodge is located four miles off of Highway 83 in the heart of the Swan Valley, Flathead National Forest. It is easily accessible by automobile, bicycle, snowmobile or skis. Main entry points for the Mission Mountain and Bob Marshall Wilderness areas are within minutes of the lodge.



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## Calendar

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#### April

Annual Holland Lake Summit  
Conference on Tourism (Apr. 14,  
Holland Lake Lodge)

#### May

Wilderness Sportsman's Club  
Gun Show (May 2 & 3 Seeley Lake)  
TOSRV (Annual Bicycle Tour of the  
Swan River Valley. Third weekend in  
May)

Fishing season opens in streams (Note:  
open all year in lakes)

#### June

Condon Mule Days (June 6 & 7),  
Barbecue and dance  
Prairie to Peaks Triathlon (Seeley  
Lake)

Major trails in Bob Marshall open (late  
June)

#### July

Swan Valley Fourth of July: O-  
MOK-SEE (games on horseback),  
Parade, Arts and Crafts Show, Barbecue  
and dance (Condon)  
Seeley Lake Fourth of July  
Parade and Celebration  
Annual 4x4 Mud Races (Fourth of  
July Weekend, Seeley Lake)  
Sanctioned Horseshoe  
Tournaments and Bar  
Championships (Seeley Lake)  
Antique Car Show (Seeley Lake)

#### August

Shakespeare in the Park (Seeley  
Lake)

#### September

Hunting season opens in the Wilderness  
Areas

Archery Season Opens  
Grouse season opens

#### October

General Hunting Season Opens for elk,  
deer

Average first measurable snowfall

#### November

Cross-country skiing, snowmobiling  
begins

General Hunting Season Closes

#### December

Old-Fashioned Sleigh Rides begin  
(Double Arrow Outfitters)

Area lakes begin to freeze over; Ice  
fishing begins

#### January

YAMAFEST (Jan. 22, 23 & 24  
Seeley Lake)  
Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race  
(Jan. 28, 29, 30, & 31)

#### February

OSCR 50-K Nordic Ski Race  
(Feb. 6 Seeley Lake)  
Governor's Cup 500 Sled Dog  
Race (Begins Feb. 7 in Helena, course  
goes through Lincoln, White Tail  
Ranch, Seeley Lake and Holland Lake)  
Snowmobilarious (Feb. 13, 14 & 15  
Seeley Lake)  
Snow Dance (Holland Lake Feb. 13)  
Annual Snow Joke Half  
Marathon (Feb. 27 Seeley Lake)

#### March

Maggot Races (first weekend)

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## Campgrounds

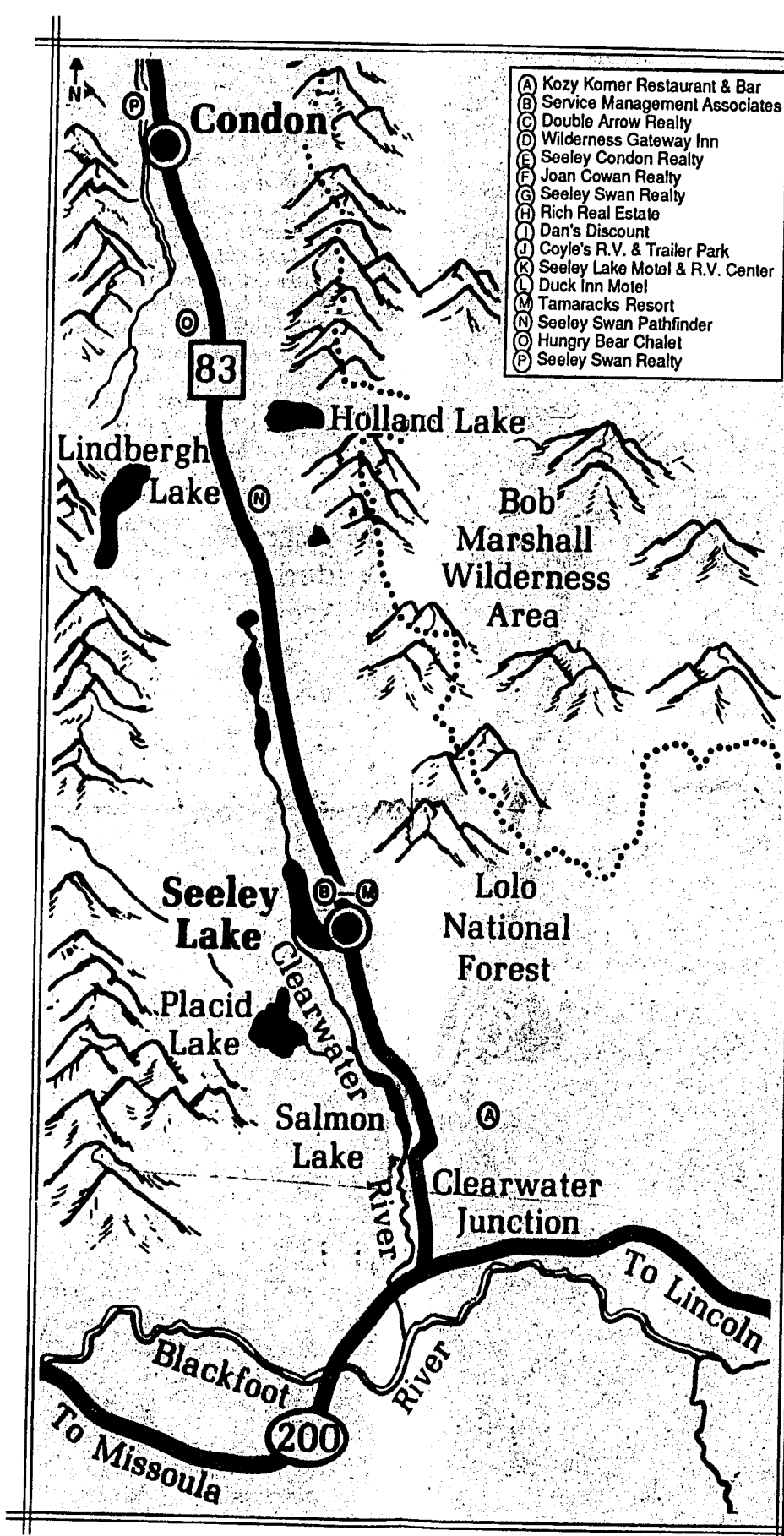
### Swan Valley

Holland Lake Campground (Forest  
Service) located 20 miles north of  
Seeley Lake on Holland Lake (9 miles  
south of Condon) on Highway 83. Take  
the Holland Lake Road (paved) 3 miles  
east. Forty-one camping units, toilets,  
boat launch, picnic areas, swimming  
beach. Fee for camping.

Lindbergh Lake Campground  
(Forest Service). Located about 19 miles  
north of Seeley Lake (10 miles south of  
Condon), then five miles west on the  
Lindbergh Lake Road. Camping facili-  
ties, toilets, boat launch.

Point Pleasant Campground  
(State recreation facility) located on the  
Swan River about 19 miles north of  
Condon. Camping facilities, toilets.

Swan Lake Campground and Day-  
Use Areas (Forest Service), located one  
mile north of community of Swan  
Lake. Forty-two camping units, toilets,  
boat launch, swimming. Fee for  
camping.



## Campgrounds

### Blackfoot Valley

Johnsrud Park, fishing access  
site on the Blackfoot River is located  
about 14 miles east of Missoula on  
Highway 200, then 1 mile northeast on  
the Blackfoot River Road. Boat launch,  
camping facilities, toilets.

Ninemile Prairie, fishing access  
site on the Blackfoot River, 25 miles  
east of Missoula on Highway 200 to  
milepost 26, then west on county road  
for four miles.

River Bend, fishing access site  
on the Blackfoot River is located 36  
miles east of Missoula on Highway 200  
to milepost 26, then 6 miles west on  
the county road. Camping facilities and  
toilets.

Clearwater Crossing, fishing  
access site on the Clearwater River is  
located less than a mile west of  
Clearwater Junction (intersection of  
Highways 83 and 200). Camping  
facilities, toilets.

Russ Gates Memorial Park,  
fishing access site on the Blackfoot  
River, is located about five miles east of  
Clearwater Junction on Highway 200,  
then south about a quarter mile to the  
river. Camping facilities.

Monture fishing access site, near  
Monture Creek, is about 7 miles east of  
Clearwater Junction (at Milepost 39) on  
the south side of Highway 200.  
Camping facilities, toilets.

Monture Campground. Forest Ser-  
vice maintained. 9 miles north of  
Ovando on Monture Road #89. Good  
gravel road. 5 camping sites. Fishing.  
Wilderness trailheads nearby.

Big Nelson Campground (Forest  
Service) on Coopers Lake is located east  
of Ovando 7 miles, then north of the  
North Fork of the Blackfoot Road for 12  
miles. Good gravel road. Camping  
facilities, toilets, fishing, trails.

\*Except where noted, Forest Service  
Campgrounds and State Recreation  
Areas are open Memorial Day through  
mid-September. Fishing access sites are  
generally open all year.

### Clearwater River Valley (including Seeley Lake and the 'Chain of Lakes')

Harper Lake fishing access site,  
one mile north of Clearwater Junction,  
less than a mile west of Highway 83 to  
the lake. Easy access, camping and  
toilet facilities.

Salmon Lake (State recreation facil-  
ity), located on Salmon Lake midway  
between Clearwater Junction and Seeley  
Lake on Highway 83. Twenty camping  
sites, flush toilets, boat launch,  
swimming area. Fee for camping.

Placid Lake (State recreation facility)  
on the shores of Placid Lake. Take the  
Placid Lake Road five miles south of  
Seeley Lake, then 3 miles on good  
gravel road. Forty-two camping sites,  
flush toilets, boat launch, swimming.  
Fee for camping.

Seeley Lake Campground (Forest  
Service) on Seeley Lake, 4 miles  
northwest of the town of Seeley Lake.  
Paved road, 29 camping units, flush  
toilets, boat launch, swimming beach,  
fishing. Handicap access. Fee for  
camping.

River Point Campground (Forest  
Service) on Seeley Lake, 3 miles  
northwest of the town of Seeley Lake.  
26 units, toilets, boat launch, swim-  
ming area. Fee for camping.

Big Larch Campground (Forest  
Service) NOTE: OPEN ALL YEAR.  
One mile northwest of town of Seeley  
Lake on Highway 83. Fifty camping  
units, developed water, concrete boat  
launch. Winter attractions: cross-country  
ski trails nearby, ice fishing. Handicap  
access. Picnic area, reservations accepted  
for groups up to 150 (day use only). Fee  
for camping.

Lake Inez (Forest Service) located 9  
miles north of Seeley Lake on Highway  
83. Three campsites, boat launch.

Lake Alva Campground (Forest  
Service) located 13 miles north of  
Seeley Lake on Highway 83. Forty-one  
camping sites, 2 small-group camping  
sites (make reservations through the  
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# Leisure Lodge Resort



The view of the Swan Range from Leisure Lodge Resort is one of the best on Seeley Lake! Leisure Lodge Resort offers lodging on the lake, a nice swimming area, boat rentals, water skiing opportunities and more. Photo courtesy of Seeley Lake Ranger District.

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Whitetail deer are quite tame in the Game Preserve area near Leisure Lodge Resort. This young buck was startled by the photographer, but stood still for a picture anyway. Be sure to bring your camera when you choose a vacation at Leisure Lodge Resort!

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Leisure Lodge Resort, in the beautiful Lolo National Forest, is nestled beneath towering larch trees on the southeastern shores of Seeley Lake. It is easily accessible by automobile. Arrangements can be made in advance for transportation to and from the Missoula or Kalispell airports.

### This year 'round resort offers rustic lodging and the best view on the lake!

Seeley Lake is well-known for its variety of recreational opportunities. Fishing, backpacking, water skiing, sailing, picnicking and hunting are right outside your back door when you make Leisure Lodge Resort your vacation headquarters.

Leisure Lodge Resort is located on the shores of Seeley Lake with a fantastic view of the Swan Range to the east and the foothills of the Mission Mountains across the lake.

And, if that's not enough to spark your interest, listen to this.

All of the cabins (there are eight of these rustic log retreats) come complete with kitchens and furnishings. You can stay here by the night, by the week or for the whole month.

#### Lots of room!

Leisure Lodge Resort has ample space for outdoor weddings, anniversary parties and general gatherings. The historic flavor of this place (the first resort was established here in the late 1920's) will enhance your vacation memories.

Families often return here each summer for reunions and special events. Leisure Lodge Resort is also a popular location for club meetings. Adults can relax in the lounge. Teenagers and children will enjoy the recreation hall, where they can have fun playing pool or video games.

#### There's lots to do!

Tom Porter, owner and manager of this resort, will help you organize your vacation plans. Tom can direct you to the best fishing (Seeley Lake is regularly stocked with Kokanee salmon, rainbow and cutthroat trout), the popular hunting areas, and the most scenic trails and entrances into the Bob Marshall or Mission Mountain Wilderness areas.

The resort cabins area is barely footsteps away from the clear blue waters of Seeley Lake, where you can enjoy swimming or just relax in the cool shade of the tall trees that tower over these woods.

Leisure Lodge Resort offers rowboat, paddle boat and canoe rentals, boat gas and accessories. Water skiing is popular on Seeley Lake in July and August, and Leisure Lodge Resort is a great starting point for touring the lake. Ski boats with equipment and driver are available by appointment.

As an alternative to overnight lodging facilities on-site, Tom allows R.V.'s and campers to park here as space permits.

#### Off-season discounts

Tom likes to see folks have a good time, and he works to help people create a fun vacation. After September 15, he offers substantial discounts to families and sportsmen who come here to enjoy Indian Summer, hunting season, and the dozens of winter sports that make this area unique.

You can cross-country ski from the Lodge, snowmobile right out the back door, or go ice fishing just a few steps from your cabin. And when the day's activities are done, you can return to the warm glow of the fireplace and relax with a hot drink in the lounge.

# Copenhaver Outfitters

### This family offers terrific fly fishing and trophy elk hunting trips into the Wilderness

There's big water here, in the country that drains the headwaters of the South Fork of the Flathead River. The turquoise-blue streams are crystal clear, right down to their gravel bottoms. You will often see a black-spotted trout dart behind the large, smooth boulders.

"They are big fish—and they're wild," Steve Copenhaver remarked. And he should know. Steve first explored this wilderness thirty years ago on the heels of his father, Howard, who has outfitted in the Bob Marshall and Scapegoat Wilderness areas since 1928. Today, Steve and his wife, Donna, carry on the family outfitting tradition, while Howard often coaches them, and frequently works as camp cook in the backcountry.

Together, they guide families and fishermen along the same trails and waters that Steve and Donna first explored as youngsters. Steve guided his first hunter into this wilderness in 1971. Since that time he has learned to share his experience and knowledge with guests. In the summertime, he's a fisherman at heart, and he knows well the streams and rivers of the Bob Marshall area.

These wilderness rivers are deceptively. "They look like you could wade across them, but most are three or four feet deep," Steve explained. The native cutthroat and Dolly Varden love the sand-and-gravel bottom, and the large boulders provide good habitat.

"There are deep holes and large stretches of water, broken by riffles, leading to big water again," Steve said.



Not all of the big ones get away! Steve Copenhaver holds a nice Dolly Varden (bull trout) caught along the South Fork of the Flathead. Photo courtesy Copenhaver Outfitters.

"It's probably as superb a dry fly fishing country as there is anywhere."

From early spring through late August, there are numerous fly hatches in this backcountry. The wild native fish rise to the challenge—fishing has been terrific here in the last three or four years. According to Copenhaver, "People quit fishing up here only because they get tired of catching fish!"

The bigness of this wilderness country is humbling, and Steve believes it's the best place to renew your spirits and clear your mind. In good weather you can fish right up until dark, but many folks just drink in the mountain air and walk the gravel shores of the river in the evenings.

Steve appreciates the simple pleasures of life in these rugged mountains. One ritual he often shares with friends is an early evening meal of fresh trout baked in driftwood coals near the banks of a scenic river, not far from the main camp.

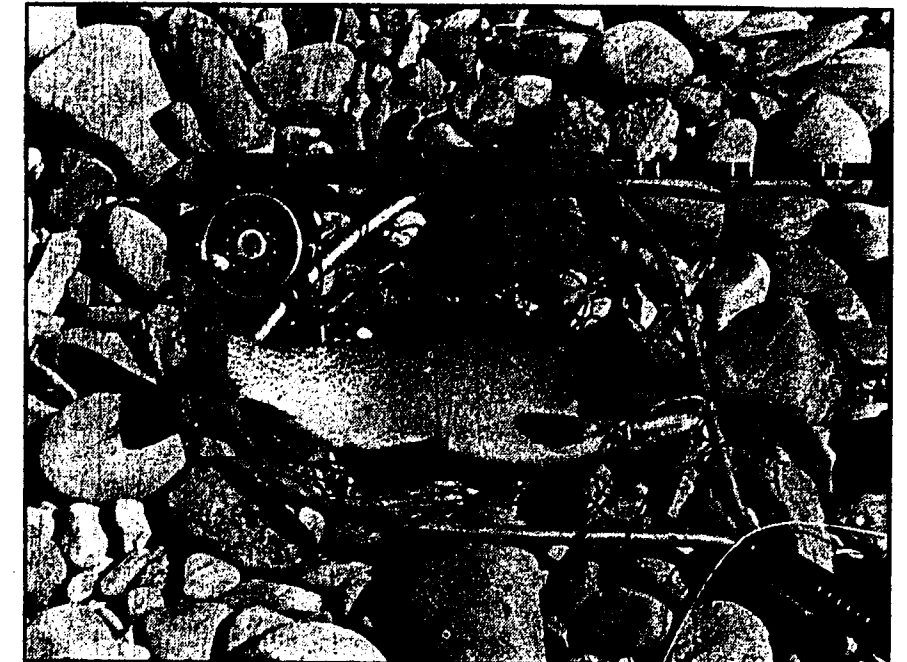
No need for fancy fixins. Steve just takes along some homemade bread, real butter, fresh lemon and salt.

"We go downriver, and build a fire along the stream—heaping a bed of driftwood coals," he said, casually. "Lay the trout on the coals—their oily skin protects the tender meat inside." When the skin starts to bubble up, the meat inside is done.

Donna often cooks for guests and she also works with the horses. She grew up in ranch country, and riding a horse is second nature to her. Steve and Donna have four children. Each of them visited the backcountry on horseback before they were old enough to talk.

In addition to the summer vacation trips in the Scapegoat and Bob Marshall Wilderness, Copenhaver Outfitters offer sportsmen and sportswomen the opportunity to hunt trophy-class elk and mule deer. They maintain a high percentage success ratio, consistently satisfying clients. They were recently featured in *American Hunter* magazine. Steve and his father, Howard, are nationally known for their quality pack trips.

Howard rewards hunters with gems of stories—treasures really—gathered through years of working as an outfitter. Many times he has encountered grizzlies, and has often watched the wild bears foraging the hillsides for berries and insects. Here, the great bear remains wild, and there is mutual respect between man and animal.



Native cutthroat trout such as this one caught in the Bob Marshall Wilderness are good fighters. Fly fishing is popular in the backcountry! Photo courtesy Copenhaver Outfitters.

The Copenhaver hunting camp is in the Scapegoat Wilderness. From there, Steve and his guides cover an area of 36 square miles and four creek drainages. Steve believes that wilderness elk populations are stable. "There are some real trophy animals in this country," he said. "Our guests have taken game up to and in the record book."

"Far too much emphasis is put on the kill, when a person should be enjoying the thrill of the total experience."

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Copenhaver Outfitters is located north of Ovando, not far from the Lake Creek trailhead and the Bob Marshall and Scapegoat Wilderness boundaries. They will provide transportation for guests from the Missoula airport, and their headquarters is easily accessible by automobile. Overnight lodging is available at the Copenhaver Ranch.



Donna Copenhaver takes a break on the trail leading north into the Young's Creek area of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Photo courtesy Copenhaver Outfitters.

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# Lindey's

Lindey's Prime Steak House



Mark, Steven, and Michael Lindemer relax at home before beginning their summer duties at Lindey's Prime Steak House and Lindey's Landing West in Seeley Lake.



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## Lindey's Prime Steak House

Seeley Lake has a comfortable, rustic elegance and is patterned after its "sister" restaurant in Arden Hills, Minnesota (founded by "Lindey" Lindemer almost thirty years ago). That steak house is listed in several national fine-dining guides, including *Where to Eat in America* (published by Random House in New York). The Seeley Lake steak house has gained equal distinction.

Reviews range from excellent to fantastic:

"Lindey's Steak House... just has to take the prize for its incredibly tender mounds of prime steak cooked to perfection."

"You come to Lindey's for meat."  
—from *The Minneapolis Star*

"My Lindey's Special Sirloin turned out to be two hillocks of beef, each the size of a small man's fist, and firm but delicate and tender."

—Don Boxmeyer, *St. Paul Pioneer Press/Dispatch*

Steak-and-potato fans will be amply rewarded when they partake of the fare at Lindey's. Lindey's is known as "the place for steak." Three entrées are on the menu — Lindey's Special Sirloin, Prime Sirloin, and Chopped Prime Sirloin. These are served with salad, platters of Lindey's famous "greaseless" hash-browned potatoes, and bottomless baskets of garlic bread.

The steak house will be managed by Michael Lindemer — assisted by Steven, Mark, parents Margie and Lindey, and the Seeley Lake crew. The steak house is open seven days a week, starting Memorial Day, from 5:00 p.m. until closing.

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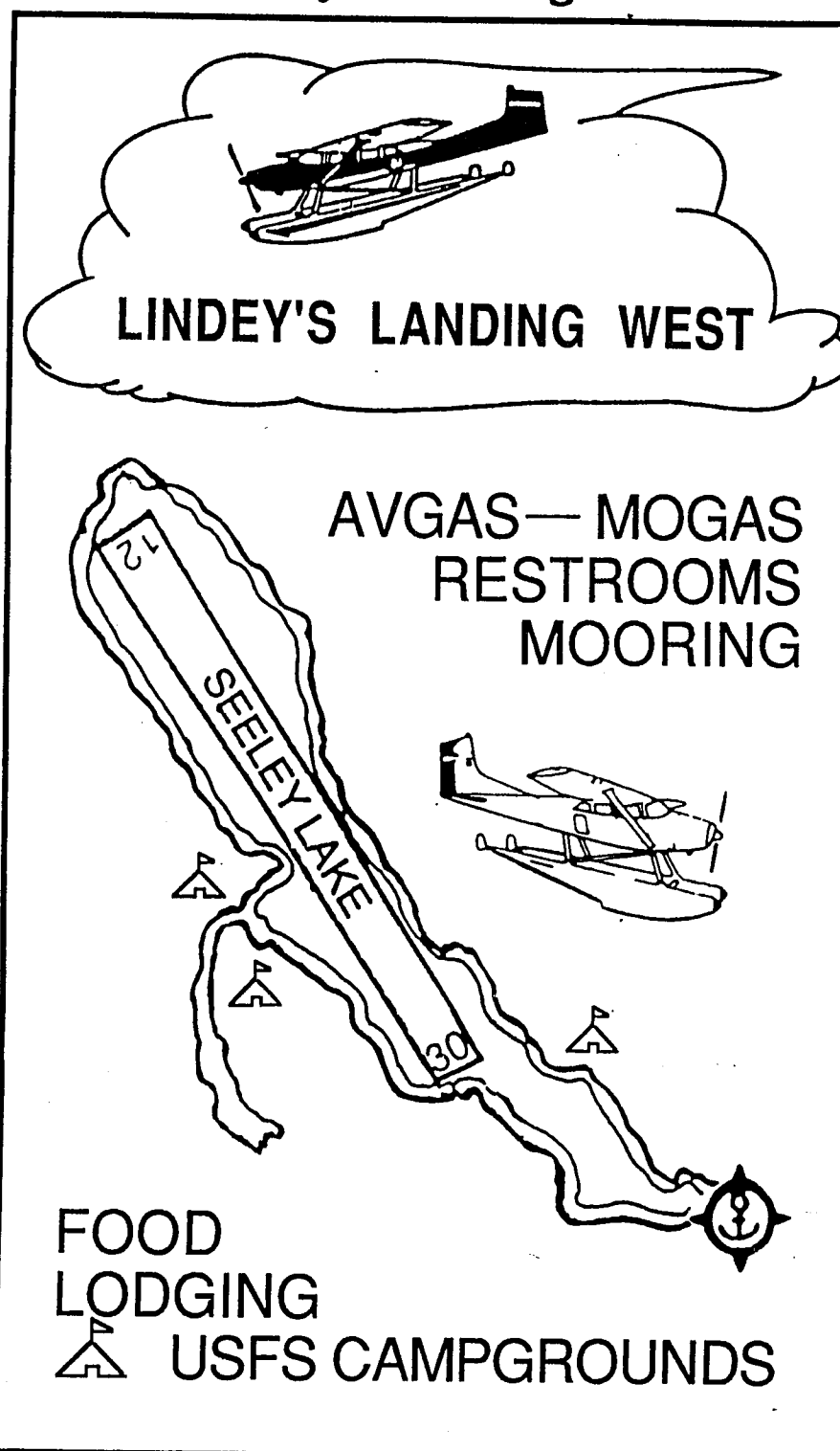
By seaplane or by boat, you will find Lindey's Prime Steak House and Lindey's Landing West on the south-eastern shores of Seeley Lake — or, if arriving by land, on the west side of Highway 83 at Seeley Lake. Plentiful paved parking is available.

**Lindey's**

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Lindey's Landing West



## Seaplane/Boat Facilities

For seaplane pilots and boaters, Lindey's has fuel and moorings available at their dock facility — Lindey's Landing West SPB — which is the only seaplane base in the state of Montana. Pilot information is listed in various airport directories (including those published by the Montana Aeronautics Division and the Federal Aviation Administration).

Boat and seaplane enthusiasts will be pleased to know there are dockside rest room facilities at the "Landing" — or, should you choose to stop over and pitch a tent for the night, there are several Forest Service campgrounds on the shores of Seeley Lake.

## Bay Burgers at the Landing

Whether you arrive by land, by sea, or by air, you will want to check out the Landing's newly-established BAY BURGER WAGON.

The BAY BURGER WAGON will offer Bay Burgers (4, 6 and 8 ounce sizes) with your choice of toppings, including: cheese, green peppers, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, mushrooms. Other menu items being offered are hot dogs, Polish sausage, french fries, hot

nachos with cheese, soft drinks, coffee and iced tea. Dessert items are available to satisfy your "sweet tooth," including such frozen ice cream specialties as ice cream sandwiches, drumsticks, and Heath ice cream bars.

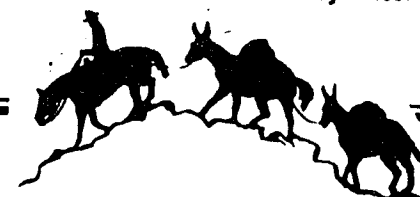
These items are served at the outdoor dining area on the spacious, well-manicured lawn on the lakeshore. Mark Lindemer will be assisted with the BAY BURGER WAGON and the waterfront services by Michael and Steven, parents Margie and Lindey, and the Seeley Lake crew.

Patrons visiting the Landing are invited to take advantage of the umbrella-shaded picnic tables. The view from here is fantastic. And, here you can relax while the gentle waves of the lake wash the shore — and the foothills of the Mission Wilderness beckon in the distance.

Lakeside food service from the BAY BURGER WAGON will be provided Wednesday through Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bay Burgers and all other menu items may be devoured on-site or, for your convenience, can be prepared "to go."

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# White Tail Ranch



## Travel off the beaten path with Jack and Karen Hooker

Imagine sitting around the evening campfire, listening to the earthy tales of sled dog races in Alaska, rodeos in Montana and the life of a man who has worked 30 years in the outfitting industry. As a wilderness stream chuckles in the background, ease back and enjoy the voice of Jack Hooker, who strives not only to tell a story, but to educate folks as well.

That's one of the unique things about traveling with Jack and Karen Hooker. Spring, summer and fall pack trips are punctuated by spur-of-the-moment wilderness "workshops" on everything from horsemanship to fire building. You'll learn about the backcountry plants and animals as Jack points out the one-of-a-kind alpine plants, and leads you through country where the grizzly feasts on huckleberries into September.

The land of the Bob Marshall and Scapegoat Wilderness Areas is wild and pristine, and Jack has explored it both by horseback and on foot.

"We ramble around in it probably more than any other outfitter in the area," Hooker commented.

Karen travels with Jack and is known for her quiet voice, country smile and excellent, down-home cooking. She works for months planning the menus for the trips and buying just the right combinations of groceries and supplies to insure that meals are always served on time, and that guests enjoy their vacations.

"We provide people with the very best service we can provide," Karen said, adding that they are rewarded each season by numerous letters from guests who have returned home after their wilderness vacations.

Two special excerpts from letters follow:

"Sometimes it is with great difficulty that we attempt to translate feeling into words. The transition is truly difficult, as we have felt to the depth of our being. These are the feelings I have experienced in the past 10 days I have spent with both of you and the wilderness that reflects your essence. You have touched my heart and your Wilderness has captivated my soul. I leave this trip filled with joy and feeling renewed."

"How you feel about, and visualize the beauty of the great wilderness, in which you live, exudes from you and becomes contagious. I found myself engulfed and mesmerized by what surrounded me; this was in large part, due to the fierce loyalty that you hold for your "wilderness home."

—excerpt from a letter written by guest Melodie Ryan-Rose.

And this comment for Jack:

"I hope you will have more stories for me. You are the best storyteller I have ever heard."

—written by a young girl who discovered the wonder of wild birds and the beauty of wildflowers while visiting the wilderness with Jack and Karen.

"Our guests become our personal friends," Jack explained, adding that he and Karen invite people back, especially those who seek High Adventure in the wilderness.

"On these trips, we spend hours mapping out unexplored areas such as the Alps of the Flathead, Scapegoat Mountain, Sugar Loaf Mountain and the Swan Mountain Range," he continued.

On one such trip last year, Jack and his guests silently crept up on a herd of 60 elk, feeding in a high mountain meadow. Later that day, Jack led his friends over a high pass and into a remote basin.

"We came around the corner and there was a grizzly, feeding on huckleberries."

"Before that day was over, we had seen 9 grizzlies, 5 black bear, a coyote, several mountain goats, eagles, deer and elk."

Not many things can top that for a once-in-a-lifetime wilderness experience.

That's why people come back to the mountains they first saw with Jack and Karen. Ninety percent of Hookers' guests have traveled with them before.

"Their fathers came before them; and now the sons and daughters are exploring this country with us, too," Jack explained.

The White Tail Ranch was originally built by outfitter and guide, "Hobnail" Tom Edwards. He explored the backcountry for many years, and trained many cowboys in the art of packing mules and horses. Jack Hooker got his start here nearly 30 years ago. He and Karen bought the White Tail Ranch in 1970, and continue to offer quality vacations and trophy hunting trips each year.

"Outfitting is our sole business... we don't do anything else," Jack explained. "I wouldn't care to do anything else. I will probably spend the rest of my life doing this."

The White Tail Ranch is a well-established, 1400 acre packing and outfitting ranch specializing in summer wilderness pack trips and big game hunting continuously since 1940. The ranch is located north of Ovando, Montana, on the edge of the Bob Marshall and Scapegoat Wilderness Areas.

Guests at the White Tail Ranch stay in rustic cabins and enjoy meals at the historic lodge before and after vacation and hunting pack trips.

Jack and Karen Hooker will arrange transportation to and from the Missoula airport. The ranch is easily accessible by automobile.



Karen and Jack Hooker, experienced guides and outfitters from the White Tail Ranch, will be your hosts for Wilderness pack trips, high country adventure trips or fall hunting in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.

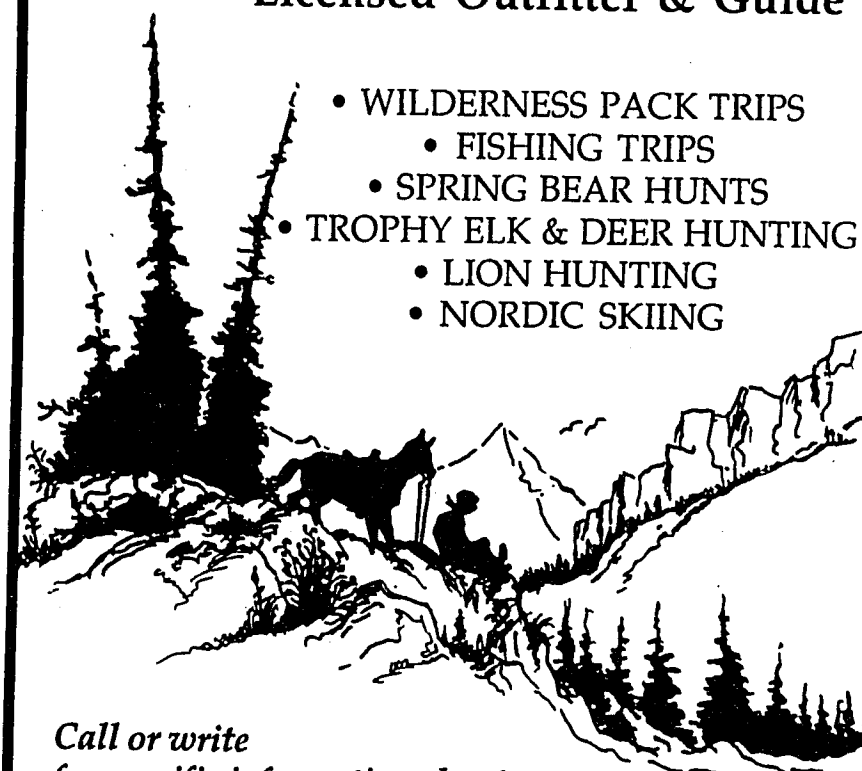
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# Wilderness Outfitters

## Smoke and Thelma Elser offer quality Montana vacations in the Bob Marshall Wilderness and Sun River Game Range

In the backcountry of Montana, each new dawn brings a reason to roll out of bed and drink in the morning. Especially in September, the mountains come alive with color.

The Sun River Game Range truly is God's living room in the fall. Here, on the eastern edge of the Bob Marshall Wilderness, you photograph the wildlife and scenery as you explore the country with Smoke and Thelma Elser.

The golden aspen and the red-violet leaves of Oregon grape and huckleberry are hard to resist with a camera. The whitetail deer and bugling elk also begin to don their winter colors. The squirrels are caching their cones. The native cutthroat trout are rising to the last flies of the season, and Smoke and Thelma are ushering their guests to the best seats in the house.

When you camp here, you'll see the September sun strike the crest of Sheep Mountain, as shafts of yellow light slowly find the forest shadows. You can wake easy, knowing that Smoke is brewing coffee that'll warm your heart and soul. Before long he'll be serving up hotcakes and bacon.

The Sun River Game Range vacations are unique to Wilderness Outfitters. The Game Range, which was established in the early 1900s, is off-limits to hunters. This critical habitat is protected for all time, and benefits the elk, grizzly and other wildlife that use the area.

Smoke and Thelma only offer this outstanding adventure trip twice annually — September 8-14 or September 16-22. As with all of their other trips, guests must make reservations early. Each trip to the Game Range is limited to six or seven guests.

A wilderness pack trip, in Thelma's

own words, is an unforgettable experience. The ringing of the bells on the horses grazing near camp provides an unusual musical background as guests enjoy the crackling campfire and the clear mountain air.

"You rise to a crisp new day with dew on the grass and the sparkling streams teeming with trout, just waiting for you," Thelma explains, describing the wilderness with an artist's eye.

Wilderness Outfitters caters exclusively to one or two families on each of their summer pack trips. Guests travel on gentle horses, leaving the trailhead at Holland Lake, Monture Creek, or any of a number of access points to the Bob Marshall which will lead them into the heart of this beautiful Wilderness.

Smoke and his guides will show you the South Fork of the Flathead and its many tributaries, White River, the Middle Fork of the Flathead or the Sun River, all areas where you'll find excellent fishing and abundant wildlife, flowers, and scenery.

This is a quality vacation. And quality leisure is what Wilderness Outfitters is all about. The Elser's have traveled these woods and explored this Wilderness for nearly 25 years. They know the country and they know how to share it.

Thelma chuckles about Smoke's expert horsemanship. "Just walk down a trail behind him, and you would think he had spent all of his life on a horse."

Smoke has been teaching people about wilderness ethics and the art of packing horses and mules for many years. Together with Bill Brown, Smoke co-authored the book, *Packing In On Mules and Horses*, which is one of the few "how-to" books in the field.

Thelma is no stranger to the high country. She was born in the mountains and her heart is loyal to the land. She's an artist, and her love of beauty shows in everything she does. She paints landscapes of the Bob Marshall country, and the wilderness that is preserved there.

Together, the Elser's have introduced hundreds of people to this



Horseback riders stop for lunch in a remote mountain meadow along a scenic river in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Photo courtesy Smoke & Thelma Elser, Wilderness Outfitters.

wilderness backcountry. Woven into the tapestry of each summer pack trip or fall hunting expedition is a sense of moral obligation to protect the wild lands that are so precious to them. Smoke is a leader in testing and developing "light on the land" horse and outfitting gear.

These wilderness stewards have worked to maintain the pristine character of this roadless area, so that people can continue to enjoy famous landmarks such as the Chinese Wall, Big Salmon Lake and the ice caves at Bullet Nose Mountain.

Smoke has guided big game hunting trips for many years. He provides quality trips with considerable emphasis on the total wilderness experience. His Bob Marshall hunting camp is on the South Fork of the Flathead and Blackfoot River Divide, where guests will find warm, dry tents, a modern backcountry kitchen and home-cooked meals.

Smoke cares about people, and takes good care of his guests. "My horses are gentle and mountain-wise. . .

Wilderness Outfitters can arrange to pick up guests from the Missoula or (for the Sun River trips) Great Falls airports. Accommodations before and after pack trips will be made in advance at area lodges.

Wilderness Outfitters also offer summer pack trips as far north as the boundaries of Glacier National Park, and south to the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, where they also have a hunting camp.

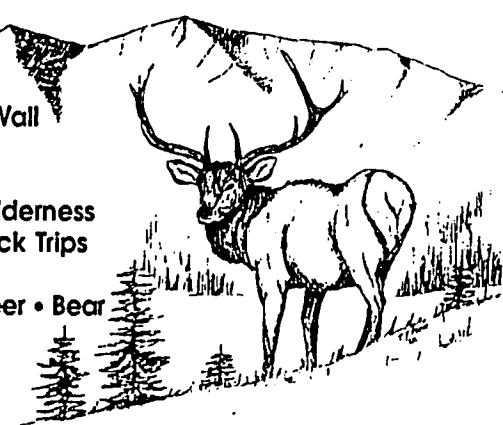
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# The Bob Marshall Wilderness

## The Bob Marshall Story

Bob Marshall was a forester, author, explorer and leader in the protection of wild lands throughout America. Before Marshall's untimely death, he spent days, weeks and months hiking the unmapped country known as the South Fork of the Flathead River. By the late 1930s, he had laid out initial plans for the designation of the Wilderness area, which included three separate primitive areas: South Fork, Sun River and Pentagon.

Marshall was outspoken about the need for protecting wild lands. Today, he is also looked upon as the moving force behind the creation of the Wilderness Society, which still leads the fight for continued protection of our Wilderness areas.

Marshall convinced Federal officials and lawmakers that Wilderness should be protected. In 1940, shortly after he died, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designated as Wilderness 950,000 acres surrounding the South Fork of the Flathead, the Sun River Game Preserve, and the Continental Divide.

In 1964, The Wilderness Act was passed by Congress and the Bob Marshall Wilderness received statutory wilderness protection as a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Today, more than 750,000 acres of undeveloped, roadless areas still surround the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.

### Geography

The high mountains of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex rise to over 9,000 feet, the highest being Red Mountain on the Eastern Front at 9,411. Holland Peak, part of the "Swan Front" on the western edge of the Wilderness, rises to 9,356 feet. In the southern portion of the complex, Scapegoat Mountain towers over that wild country at 9,204 feet.

The valley floors throughout the Wilderness average 4,000 feet in elevation. The Continental Divide, which stretches more than 60 miles along the length of the Wilderness, separates the Bob Marshall into several large headwater drainage areas.

### Wildlife

The Bob Marshall Wilderness is home to elk, whitetail and mule deer, and provides critical habitat to the endangered grizzly bears and grey wolves. Canadian lynx, bobcat, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, wolverines and cougars are also found in the area, along with smaller mammals such as beaver, river otters, snowshoe hares and marten.

There are dozens of birds who call this area home, especially in the summer. Bald eagles, falcons, hawks, owls, grouse, woodpeckers—they are all abundant here. In camp areas, you'll find Steller's jays, Clark's nutcrackers, camp robbers, chickadees, nuthatches and more.

### Sun River Game Preserve

Hunting is not allowed on this game preserve, which lies on the eastern edge of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. It was established in the late 1920s as a refuge for elk, deer, grizzlies and other wildlife, and remains an important winter range area for elk herds.

## FISHING IN THE "BOB"!

Fishing season is traditionally open in most Montana rivers and streams from the third Saturday in May through November. Lakes in the Bob Marshall and surrounding areas are open all year long.

Residents 15 years and older are required to have a fishing license and a conservation license. Residents 12-14 years old, or over 62, need only a conservation license. Under 12? You don't need a fishing license. **Resident licenses cost \$9, plus the accompanying conservation license, which costs \$2.**

Nonresident fishing regulations differ from the above, however. Youths

under 15 must be accompanied by an adult who holds a valid Montana fishing license. The limit for nonresident and accompanying adult combined may not exceed the legal limit for one adult. **A temporary Nonresident license costs \$8 (good for two days). A season Nonresident license costs \$35. The required conservation license is \$2 in both cases.**

### Limits

*Note: Please refer to the official 1986-1988 Fishing Regulations available at businesses which sell licenses.*

Fishing and possession limits in Wilderness areas are different from the standard limits. Biologists try to protect the natural fisheries and promote catch-and-release fishing.

### The West Side

The rivers, streams and lakes of the

Bob Marshall Wilderness west of the Continental Divide support populations of west slope cutthroat, Dolly Varden (bull trout), brown trout, rainbow trout, golden trout, lake trout and whitefish. Limits in these areas are: Lakes—3 fish, no size limit. Streams: rainbow and cutthroat, 3 fish—none of which may exceed 12 inches; Dolly Varden (bull trout)—one of any size may make up one of the 3 fish in either lake or stream limit.

### The East Side

Along the Eastern Front of the Rocky Mountains in the Bob Marshall you'll find the above native trout (except Dolly Varden) and, also, grayling. Limits in this area are: Lakes—3 fish, no size limit; Streams—rainbow and cutthroat, 3 fish none of which may exceed 12 inches. Grayling—catch-and-release only.

•Although many of the outfitters featured in *Gateway* have established minimum group sizes, the maximum number of persons per trip is 15.

•Guides are not allowed to have more than 35 head of stock in the Wilderness at any one time.

•With the exception of hunting camps and a few permanent summer-use permits, outfitters are limited to the number of days they may camp in any one given area. Again, this regulation is designed to minimize the impact on backcountry resources.

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In the words of one well-established outfitter featured in *Gateway*, "The outfitter of today has become a leader in environmental concerns, taking an active role in management planning whenever possible. He's very aware of the fragile ecosystem in which he works, and like Bob Marshall before him, most outfitters truly love the wilderness and believe that educating the public in good wilderness ethics is very important."



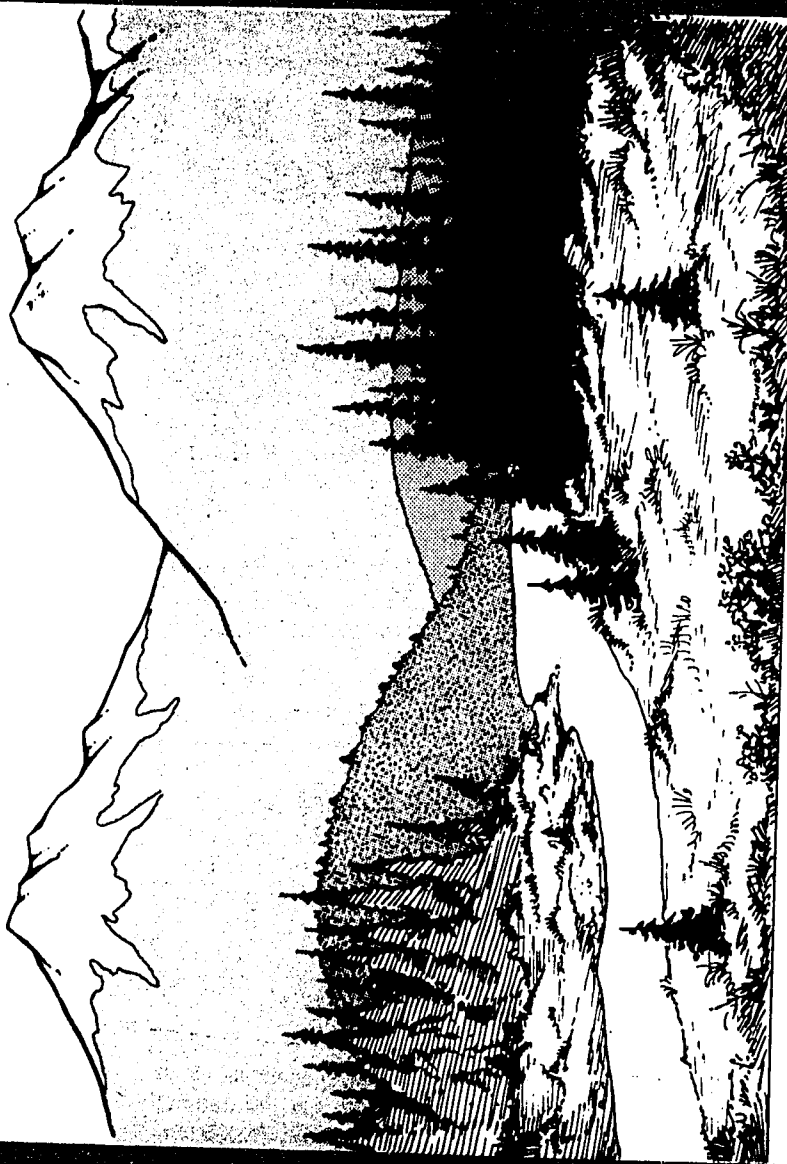
It's not unusual to see mountain goats scaling the rocky areas of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. They are fascinating to watch. When you visit the Chinese Wall along the Continental Divide, you're likely to see mountain goats and sheep, bald eagles and falcons as well. Photo courtesy of the Montana Travel Promotion Bureau.



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YAMAHA Motorcycles Inc. announced that the area around Seeley Lake, Mont., is booked solid for the annual YAMAHA Motorcycles Festival (YAMAFEST) which will be held there Sept. 11-13. The festival is one of the largest motorcycle gatherings in the country, with thousands of riders and spectators expected. Local businesses are preparing for a busy weekend.

**Forest Service cuts trees inside Mission Wilderness**

The U.S. Forest Service has announced that it will be cutting down trees inside the Mission Wilderness area. The decision was made after a long and contentious process, with many people opposing the removal of trees in the area. The service claims that the cutting is necessary for fire management and to improve the health of the forest.

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**Site chosen for new Seeley P.O.**

The U.S. Postal Service has announced that it has chosen a new site for a post office in Seeley Lake. The new site is located on the corner of Main and 1st Streets. The old post office building is being demolished. The new building is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

**Big Bear Trail, ski proposals discussed**

Local officials are discussing the possibility of developing a ski trail in the Big Bear area. The trail would be located on land owned by the U.S. Forest Service. The proposal has received mixed reactions from the community.

**Governor's Cup sled dog race begins Sunday**

The Governor's Cup sled dog race is set to begin on Sunday. The race will start in Seeley Lake and end in Missoula. It is one of the most popular events in the area, attracting thousands of spectators.