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There still appears to be plenty of snow in the Mission Mountains, as this photo taken from Highway 83 shows. Main trails will be opening up by mid-June this year. Normally, much of the

## Economic Task Force **Grizzlies, tourism and timber**

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The possibility of a ski area on Mount Henry has been considered by certain members of the Chamber for the past six months, and Jonkel was asked for his opinion on the compatibility of bears and ski hills and, also, about bears and timber sales.

The Forest Service is proposing a timber sale in the Mount Henry area north of Seeley Lake. Jonkel was not comfortable about logging impacts on grizzlies in that area.

The southern extension of the Mission range in the Mount Henry area is crucial grizzly habitat, Jonkel said. There are dens in that area, and it also provides a travel corridor for bears to reach the Rattlesnake country, the Reservation area near Evaro, and even the Bitterroot Mountains.

"If that southernmost extension gets destroyed, then something farther north becomes the southernmost extension, and the range becomes smaller," Jonkel explained.

Jeff Macon, chairman of the Economic Task Force, suggested that the group should respond to the Forest Service request for public comment about the timber sale. Roger Johnson of Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Seeley Lake, during a public comment period following the meeting, objected to

high country is not accessible until the Fourth of July, but below-average snowpack has brought summer to the Seeley Swan about a month early.

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Regarding the tourism industry in Seeley Lake, Johnson said that "better services will better serve my employees, and I'll have a better work force." But, he continued, lumber provides a good sound economic base for this area, and recreation only builds on that. "We're not a Champion; we're not a Burlington Northern—we're a small company. Small impacts become big impacts for us," he said. All the talk of tourism in Seeley Lake in recent months may be giving people an incorrect view of the real bread-and-butter industry in Seeley Lake—which is timber, Johnson said.

"We know that there are some stages of our activity that aren't aesthetically pleasing to the tourist," Johnson acknowledged. However, timber sales, such as the one proposed on Mount Henry, are vital to the survival of Pyramid Lumber because of the current

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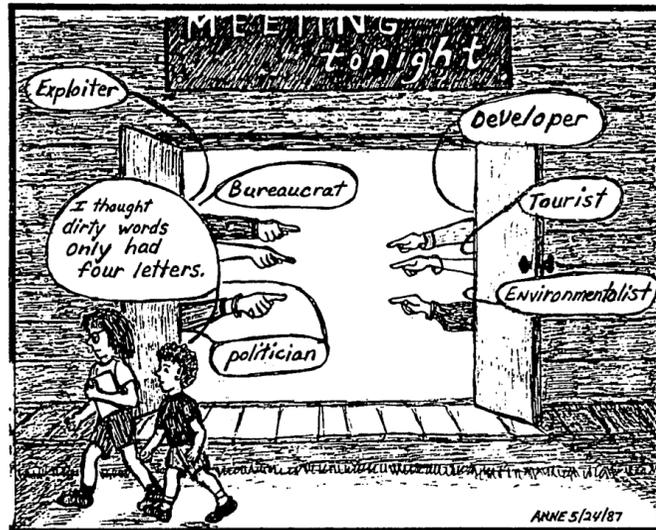
"Whitewood has sustained us through the last recession," Johnson explained. And that has meant employment to residents of Seeley Lake, he said. He added that it appears the Chamber is now looking to take a stand on whether it would or would not be beneficial to have a ski area on Mount Henry. Johnson agreed that there may be a ski area here someday but, right now, timber is supporting the community.

## **Permit drawing nears**

Sportsmen who intend to apply for special big game permits have less than a week to complete their applications and mail them to the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Helena. Special permit applications for moose, sheep, goat, antelope and antlerless elk is June 1.

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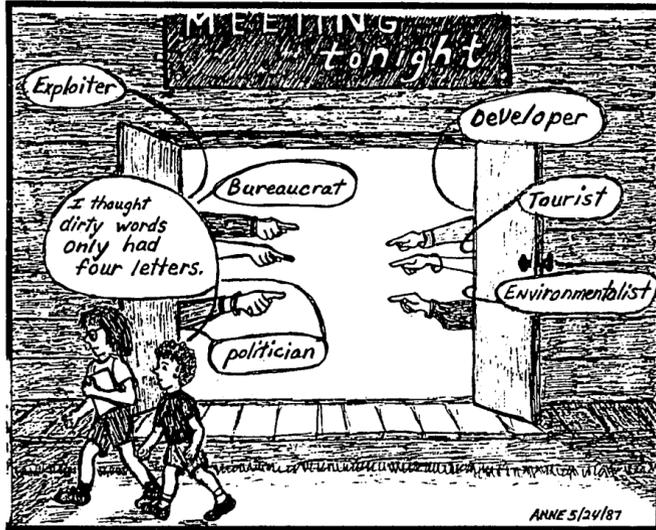
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SOS Trustees mtg, 2nd Mon every month.

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### Clubs & Organizations

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 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.

June 5, PTA Bike Rodeo, 1:15pm, Elem School, Seeley Lake.

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

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## Deadline for Bob Trek is Monday

Conservationists and wilderness hikers will be traveling the Bob Marshall for two months this summer, covering over 350 miles of wild lands. The Great Bob Trek is by reservation only, according to John Gatchell of the Montana Wilderness Association, which is sponsoring the walk. As of Monday, May 25, there were a few openings left

## Refuse board assesses vacant lots—by mistake

Many residents of the Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District are being assessed a refuse disposal fee for vacant lots, and people are protesting. At the May 19 meeting of the Refuse Board, several letters from district residents was discussed briefly. Adjustment requests will not be further addressed until the June meeting of the board, after chairman Kent Brown has had time to review

## Aviation brings dollars to community

In 1986, airport-related activities in Seeley Lake generated \$29,395.57 in "community benefit aviation," according to recent figures released by L. W. "Lindey" Lindemer, area pilot and airport contractor.

Lindemer's report shows that, in 1986, total payroll and sales for the Seeley Lake Airport and Lindey's Landing West Seaplane Base was \$11,758.23. After applying the 2.5 "rollover" effect of each dollar spent in a community, Lindemer arrived at the \$29,395.57 "community benefit" figure.

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on various segments of the walk, and people interested in participating should contact Gatchell at 443-7350, Helena, before June 1.

The Great Bob Trek begins June 15 on the eastern edge of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. The Trek will end on August 15 at Holland Lake in the Swan Valley. Local residents, hikers and wilderness advocates will host a celebration featuring Montana singer-composer Walkin' Jim Stoltz.

Local residents who would like to help with the potluck and August 15 celebration should contact Tom or Carriee Parker, Swan Valley, 754-2471.

and categorize requests.

Brown was uncertain about whether fees paid because of improper assessments could be refunded to local residents. He said he recalled that board policy has been that refunds will not be made. However, Missoula County Commissioner Ann Mary Dussault said she would check with the Missoula County Attorney's office for a legal opinion on the matter.

District residents who believe they are being assessed incorrectly should contact Kent Brown, 793-5595, and request an assessment adjustment form.

## SHORELINES

Kristine Madsen, granddaughter of Jenny and Darrell Tvaruzek of Seeley Lake and student at Campbell County High School, Gillette, Wyoming, has been named an Academic All-American. The National Secondary Education Council has established the Academic All-American Scholar Award program in order to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. Kristine's parents are Bill and Carol Madsen, Gillette, Wyoming.

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Left to Right, Carol Farmer, Sandi Herbert and Alice Ryan worked on the TOPS banner that won first place at the state convention held May 15-16 in Billings.

## Local TOPS group wins State award

The Seeley Lake Chapter of the TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) international organization recently won first place in the state for their hand-crafted quilt banner—The Magic of TOPS. This is the group's second win in two years.

Roselynn Carey of Seeley Lake was also honored at the state convention with a Chapter Angel Award for outstanding work in the TOPS organization.

Sandi Herbert, Carol Farmer and Alice Ryan worked on the quilted banner for about two weeks before the Seeley Lake group attended the annual state TOPS convention in Billings, held May 15 & 16. Fifty-six TOPS chapters were represented at the convention.



## Copenhaver-Schatz wed

Cheryl Copenhaver and Jeff Schatz were united in marriage on May 9, 1987, with a double ring ceremony at First United Methodist in Missoula.

Maid of honor was Terry Gianoulas; bridesmaids were Billie Copenhaver and Pam Pitman. Best man was Scott Hall; groomsmen were Ken Pitman and Randy O'Brien.

Cheryl Copenhaver is the daughter of Wm. "Larry" and Ann Copenhaver of Seeley Lake. Cheryl attended Seeley Swan High School and Missoula Vo-Tech. She is employed as a Service Representative/Secretary for Prudential Financial Services in Missoula.

Jeff Schatz is the son of Robert and Patsy Schatz, Missoula. He is a graduate of Hellgate High School, Missoula and Helena Vo-Tech. Jeff is employed as a journeyman machinist at Mill Service, Missoula.

## Cornucopia by Michele Potter

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2 eggs beaten	1 tablespoon soy sauce

Cook bacon in large skillet over low heat. Pour off fat. Return 1 tablespoon to skillet. Add celery and onions; stir until tender crisp. Add eggs; scramble. Add rice, mushrooms, pimientos, and soy sauce. Toss lightly. Heat thoroughly. Makes 6 servings.

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Steven Nauman (second from right) played the role of Davy Crockett. Swan Valley students entertained their audience with a fine performance last week. *S. Vernon/Pathfinder*

### Club readies arena/hall for summer events

The Swan Valley Community Club will have a clean-up and repair day at the hall and arena in preparation for Condon Mule Days (and the Swan Valley July 4th O-Mok-See) on Sunday, May 31 at 1:30 p.m. Residents are encouraged to bring tools—hammers, saws, wheelbarrows—to help fix the rails around the arena and clear the area of rocks. Lunch will be served. For more information call Tom or Carrielee Parker, 754-2471, or Mike or Sue Holmes, 754-2525.

### Local artist Best of Show

Swan Valley wildlife and landscape artist Roger Thomas was recently honored with a Best of Show award at the 15th National Western Art Show and Auction in Ellensburg, Washington. Thomas received the award for an oil painting of the Teton Range in Wyoming. Thomas' work is currently on display at Marie's Arteries and the Sizzler restaurant in Missoula.

### P.O. location stirs Condon residents

The Condon Community Club was presented with a 371-signature petition last week which asks Postal Service officials to keep the new Condon Post Office in its present location. A similar petition was forwarded to Salt Lake City earlier this spring, but more people have signed the petition since that time. Tom Parker, president of the Condon Community Club, agreed to forward the petition to officials. The Missoula County Commissioners have notified the Postal Service that public comments on the new project will be handled through the Condon Community Club.

Members of the Condon Community Club also decided to contact Postal Service officials in Salt Lake City, Utah, and invite them here to explain the construction process, the bid/offer requirements and why they think Condon needs a new Post Office.

Condon Postmistress Carla Jensen agreed to try and contact postal officials and arrange a time for a public meeting. The Postal Service has requested public comment on the proposed new facility and may soon ask for offers for construction of a new Post Office building.

## Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

We survived Memorial Day and the onslaught of traffic on the highway. I think there were travelers everywhere—parking was even crowded at some local trailheads. We intended to go to the Garnet Celebration Sunday but ended up with a broken-down van on the Nine Mile Prairie Road. It was a nice day, though, and we saw a red-tailed hawk, several American kestrels, plenty of gophers, a rockchuck, mountain bluebirds, wild roses and dozens of black and white butterflies. Sheldon also saw a blackbird nest with two eggs in it during his five-mile hike for help.

The neighbors saw a grouse nest with eleven eggs in it this week. They should be hatching any day now.

A bear-of-the-week story: Mrs. Bob Neuman saw a mamma black bear and two "itty-bitty" cubs scamper across the highway north of Condon last week. She said the cubs were about a foot-and-a-half long.

Roger Wade's front page photo in last week's *Pathfinder* showed a summer scene of Sunset Crags. Joe Flood and Kari Gunderson, wilderness rangers for the Mission Mountains, said they had some inquiries about hiking in the Grey Wolf area because of that photo. Sorry folks, we should have clearly indicated that picture was not what things look like this week! There's still snow and ice in the high country—even with the low snowpack. Give it a couple more weeks before you head for Sunset Crags.

### Stork Report

Congratulations to Stuart and Barbara Eschenbacher, of Augusta, Montana, on the birth of a new baby boy May 9. Jesse Ted weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 21 inches long. Grandparents are Ron and Candy Hummel, Swan Valley; Barb Balke of Great Falls; and Ted Fisher, Helena.



Veterans warm up with a cup of coffee after Memorial Day services at the Cold Creek Bridge, Swan Valley. Left to right are Walt Styler, Andy Hammer, LeRoy Vick, Dave Nebel and Swan Valley Post No. 63 Commander, Ken Wolff. *S. Vernon/Pathfinder*

### River ceremony well-attended

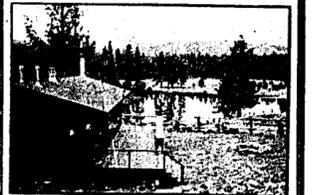
About 30 people braved pouring rain to take part in the Memorial Day Wreath-in-the-River services held at Cold Creek Bridge on Monday. Many veterans said this year's ceremony had

the largest turnout in recent years. American Legion Post Chaplain Barney Melton spoke briefly before commander Ken Wolff and veteran Lucky Gerbig lofted the wreath into the Swan River.



Ken Wolff and Lucky Gerbig lift the Veterans' Ceremonial Wreath up and over the Cold Creek Bridge. As the wreath floated down the Swan River, John Kessler played "Taps" and Swan Valley veterans saluted the men and women who have died while serving in the United States military. *S. Vernon/Pathfinder*

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Swan Valley students performed the musical *Davy Crockett* last Thursday night before a crowd of about 200 parents and friends. It was the first time in recent years that teachers can remember the entire school producing a musical. *S. Vernon/Pathfinder*

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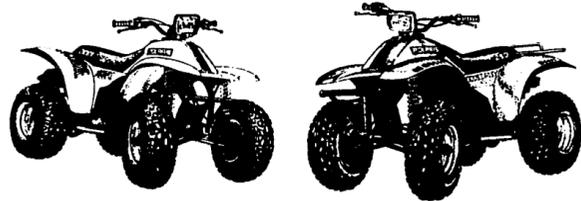
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Sherry Meyers pauses on the top of a Morrell Mountain planting unit after loading up with a few hundred more trees. Sherry has been working as a tree planter for 14 years and admits that "it's hard work."

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### Planting with the pros

Ever wonder what it would be like to plant trees for a living? Sherry Meyers of Missoula can tell you. It's hard work, and she's been at it for 14 years. But, she points out, "It's a lot more pleasant here than in Washington." Meyers also plants trees in the rainy mountains on the West Coast.

Professional tree planters travel all over the country, according to Dick Everett, contractor. Some of his crew members had been planting trees for 10 months before they arrived in Missoula. During the fall, they start planting on the West Coast, then travel to Texas and the South during the winter. Many come to Montana in late April, where Everett has lined up contracts with the state, Champion Timberlands and Plum Creek. Normally, some of the tree planters would move on to Wyoming this week, but Everett has heard that timber companies there are planting at

11,000-feet now. The dry spring has moved the planting schedule up considerably.

Tree planting with Rindt hoes and tree bags, or "dags and bags" is hard, physical labor. Each tree must be planted in compliance with timber company regulations. Workers get a nickel and a half for each tree they plant.

"Low man this year is making 'bout \$90 a day—high man makes \$170 a day," Everett explained. That's upwards of 3,000 trees planted by some crew members in an 8-hour day.

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## Tree planting: a rite of spring

by Suzanne Vernon

Few people realize that the Seeley Swan division of Plum Creek Timber plants close to half a million trees every year. At over 435 trees per acre, that's over 1,000 acres replanted every spring. That seems contrary to the rumors currently circulating that Plum Creek will pull out of the Seeley Swan Valley within 10 years, Plum Creek managers observe.

"Plum Creek is going to be here until well past when we are all gone," according to Frank Netherton, Plum Creek supervisor at Seeley Lake. "Our interest is to keep our land productive."

Netherton was asked to address the rumors of a Plum Creek pull-out at a meeting of the local Economic Task Force last week in Seeley Lake. He seemed surprised that people didn't understand the extent of Plum Creek's planting and restocking programs.

For the past three weeks a professional planting crew, supervised by Missoula contractor Dick Everett, has been planting thousands of seedling lodgepole, fir and larch in the Clearwater and Swan Valleys. Planting trees is an annual ritual for Plum Creek Timber in the Seeley Swan. Areas planted this year include sites on Morrell Mountain and Boles Creek near Seeley Lake, and sites on Piper Creek in the Swan Valley.

On Morrell Mountain, lodgepole pine was planted in areas that were logged about three years ago.



Tree planter Jim Morey swings a hoedag, and prepares to plant another lodgepole pine on the slopes of Morrell Mountain near Seeley Lake.

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Neil Crawford and Mike Vetter, foresters with Plum Creek Timber, Seeley Lake, discussed tree planting methods last Saturday on Morrell Mountain. Spring Creek area is in the background.

"Ideally, you would plant it the year after you log it," according to Neil Crawford, Plum Creek forester at Seeley Lake. "We are usually ordering trees about the time the site is being logged."

After logging is finished, the slash is burned, and then most sites are replanted the following spring. (Some silvicultural prescriptions call for natural regeneration rather than planting.) Slash disposal is often hampered because of weather and smoke regulations, and that delays planting.

One- and two-year old tree seedlings make their journey from the Plum Creek nursery at Pablo, Montana, to the mountainsides in the Seeley Swan via truck. Container-grown seedlings are packed in specially waxed boxes. The boxes are unloaded at the Plum Creek cooler north of Seeley Lake, which can hold up to one million trees. Humidity in the cooler is held at about 90%.

At daylight each morning, for about three weeks every spring, more than 30,000 little trees are hauled to planting sites where crew members fill their bags with about 400 trees at a time. Tree planters cover nearly every square foot of the site, planting the tender lodgepole, fir and larch in a 10x10-foot spacing. Survival rates vary from site to site.

According to Neil Crawford, survival will probably be far less than 100% on harsh sites such as Morrell Mountain. But, in some areas, survival is 150% because of natural regeneration.

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### Area schools plan graduations

Seniors at Seeley Swan High School are planning their graduation ceremony for 1:45 p.m. (baccalaureate) and 3 p.m. (graduation) Sunday, June 7. Eighth grade graduations are scheduled now for local elementary schools. Seeley Lake Elementary's program begins at 8:00 p.m. on May 29. Sunset School will also hold their graduation on May 29 at 7:30. At Swan Valley Elementary, graduation is set for June 5 at 7:30 p.m. At Salmon Prairie, graduation will be held June 4 at 7:30 p.m. At Ovando, graduation will begin at 7:30 p.m. on June 3.

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Shannon Combs, Seeley Swan High School athlete, placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles during State Class C competition last weekend in Missoula.

S. Vernon/Pathfinder

### Blackhawks third at State

by Matt Cooper

On May 22 and 23, the Class C State Track Meet was held at Dornblaser Track at the University of Montana in Missoula.

The girls 400 meter relay placed seventh, but they did run their fastest time of the year. The 1600 meter relay also ran their best time, but placed sixth in their heat. Sandy DeLeo, discus, and Tammy Pohlman, shot put, just missed placing. Shauna Haines placed sixth in the 300 meter hurdles and Shannon Combs placed fourth in the 300 meter hurdles, scoring the Blackhawk girls team's only two points.

The boys 400 meter relay placed seventh. The boys 1600 meter relay ran their fastest time of the season to place third and capture the school record with 3:32:42. Frank DeLeo placed second in the 800 meter run after a tough race that he lost at the line. DeLeo had a better day Saturday, when he won the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:28:04. "I'm glad it's finally off my chest," said DeLeo about the state meet. Craig

Tanner placed fourth in the 300 meter hurdles and just missed the school record.

When it was all over, the Blackhaws had amassed 15 points. That was enough to place them in a three-way tie for third place, along with Twin Bridges and Stanford.

"I am extremely proud and pleased with my boys at the State Track Meet. I feel that we did the very best we could do, considering the tremendous competition we were up against," said Dan Baretta, the boys coach, about his team's third place at State.

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Not every hiking trail in the Swan Valley is lucky enough to be adopted by a concerned group of youngsters, but thanks to the efforts of Kari Gunderson and Joe Flood, Forest Service Wilderness Rangers, nearly a dozen students began clearing the Foothills Trail near Cooney Creek Lookout in the Swan Valley last weekend.

Many Swan Valley hiking trails are opened annually by volunteers. Others have turned into "game trails" because of lack of Forest Service funding for maintenance. The original Foothills Trail, north of Cooney Lookout, connected with the old Condon Work Center, and is now hard to find. Portions of it have even been obliterated because of logging activity.

Joe and Kari hope that doesn't happen to the Foothills Trail south of Cooney Lookout which skirts the newly proposed wilderness boundary along the Swan Front. They believe that, by convincing citizens that they own federal lands, much of the trail maintenance locally can be accomplished by folks who use the trails.

"Students can get an idea that federal lands are not just federal lands. We all own a portion of this," Joe said, as Kari led youngsters up the trail Saturday. "If they realize they own a piece of it, they'll take an interest in it."

Kari has presented environmental education programs at Swan Valley Elementary several times this spring. She is impressed with the character of the students who live here. "Those kids have a good level of woods-savvy," she grinned. It didn't take long for the students to learn proper use of tools and appropriate trail clearing methods.

The Foothills Trail is a real "opportunity trail," and Joe and Kari feel it will make a good family hiking and outdoor educational area. With the help of groups such as Swan Valley Elementary students and college students majoring in recreation, they also hope to clear the trail so that cross-country skiers can enjoy it in the winter.

### Hiker's Notebook

#### East Foothill Trail #192

Access #1: Take Holland Lake Road, about 7 miles south of Condon, 19 miles north of Seeley Lake on Highway 83. Follow the Holland Lake Campground Road to the end. Take the East Holland Connector Trail #415 about one mile to the junction with Trail #192.

Access #2: Take the Rumble Creek Road, about 2 miles south of Condon, 24 miles north of Seeley Lake on Highway 83. Follow the Rumble Creek Road about 3 miles to Cooney Lookout. The trail begins a quarter-mile east of the Lookout on a logging road.

Length: About 7 miles.

Elevation: 4550 feet

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Maps: Holland Lake, Holland Peak and Condon Quads (USGS Topo)

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Wilderness Ranger Kari Gunderson, far left, supervises a crew of Swan Valley Elementary students who opened the Foothills Trail last weekend.

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## Mule Days include dance, barbecue

Montana's largest donkey and mule show takes place in the Swan Valley at Condon on June 6 & 7. Highlights this year will include a barbecue sponsored by the Condon-Swan Valley Quick Response Unit, and a dance sponsored by Swan Valley Post No. 63 of the American Legion.

Condon Mule Days is sponsored by the Montana Longears Association. The two-day event draws people from throughout the Northwest, and is considered by many to be one of the best mule shows in the region.

A sampling of events (which begin at 9 a.m. each day—after a hearty breakfast served by the Swan Valley Library) includes halter and hitch classes, performance classes, games, packing contests and mules for sale or trade.

For more information about entering any of the events, or for a program, write or call Carlee Parker, Montana Longears Association, Buck Creek Ranch, Condon, Montana 59826, 754-2471.

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You know what — the earth is still a lot like that! I mean that in the spiritual sense. Without God, life on this old planet is formless, empty and dark. If you're an honest person, ask yourself why you're here, anyway. Really think it through.

The spirit of God is still moving about and giving meaning to lives. I don't mean that "rollin' in the aisles" religion; I mean that "deep in your heart" peace and confidence that Someone's in control and knows what's going on. If you've looked at your life honestly, you do see some "dark" corners hidden away that you've been ignoring. You see some areas that just don't have a whole lot of meaning. You need God.

He said that He's not far away. If you will "draw nigh" to Him, He'll do the same to you. He loves you! He (Jesus Christ) came to earth and died for you! Let Him create something good and wonderful in you. He wants to, you know.

**D. Paul Hickman, Pastor  
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## PASSAGES

Rev. Herb Schiefelbein, Pastor  
Faith Lutheran, Condon & Holy  
Cross Lutheran, Seeley Lake

### "Are We Getting Ready?"

Little Margie came home from Sunday school and said to her mother: "Mamma, teacher told us today that God puts people into this world so that they can get ready for heaven." Almost without thinking, the mother replied: "Yes, dear, that's right." Wrinkling her little forehead into a thoughtful frown, Margie hesitated for a moment, and then asked in all seriousness: "Then, why don't we see anybody getting ready?"

A child-like question? And yet, in a very real sense, how true! "If God puts people into this world so that they can get ready for heaven, then why don't we see anybody getting ready?" In the hurry and the hubbub of our busy and leisure-seeking society, people have become so preoccupied with the affairs of the day, with the pressing problems of the world, and with the delights of their pleasures, that many of them have forgotten all about "getting ready" for the next world.

And yet, God through the Psalmist

## Summer Camps

Hundreds of youngsters visit summer camps in the Blackfoot and Seeley Swan Valleys each summer. Camps at Lubrecht Forest, Camp Utmost, Legendary Lodge, Double Arrow Ranch, Camp Paxson and Big Sky Bible Camp (east of Bigfork) are just a few of the places to choose from for both youth and adult summer camps. (Note: The registration deadline for some camps is June 1.)

### Lubrecht Forest

The Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp will be held August 9-13 at the Lubrecht Experimental Forest, about 35 miles northeast of Missoula, and 25 miles south of Seeley Lake on Highway 200 in the Greenough area. The camp is for "any boy or girl interested in learning how our natural resources should be managed—and in having a good time. . . ." Many of the participants will be sponsored by 4-H councils, conservation or youth organizations.

Programs will be offered in forestry, wildlife, soil and water conservation, survival and orientation, recreation and observational skills. Activities will include fishing, trapping, canoeing, rappelling, astronomy and self-development, along with campfires, music and athletic games.

For more information contact the Montana 4-H Office, Montana State University, Bozeman, 59717 or call

tells us: "Thou carriest them away as with a flood . . . They are like grass—in the morning it flourishes and grows up; in the evening it is cut down and withers." (*Ps. 90:5,6*)

Surely, we have every reason to continue with the Psalmist and pray: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (*Ps. 90:12*) In other words, teach us to "get ready." Teach us to regard this life only as a period of preparation for a greater and much more wonderful life which is still to come—a life that Jesus Christ came to this earth to make possible for us through His life and death and resurrection—a life that we begin to live with and for Him already now. We need to ask God to teach us to employ our days and years so that they may stretch out in the sure direction of our heavenly home.

Are we doing that? Are we really "getting ready?" Do we daily confess our sins to God our Father, and pray Him in Jesus' name to forgive us? Have we rested our entire case, for time and eternity, in the hands of Jesus our Savior and Lord, who is mightily "able to save to the uttermost them who come to God by Him?"

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Persons interested in filling this vacancy should contact the Seeley Lake Water District office, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (677-2559) or Don Larson, Chairman.

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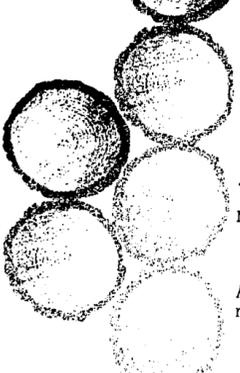
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He was born April 14, 1913, at Elm Springs, Saskatchewan, to Ezra and Rhoda Reinoehl. He moved to Montana in 1920 and attended school in Ovando and Deer Lodge.

On October 27, 1939, he married Elsie Luthje in Missoula.

Mr. Reinoehl owned and operated the Cooper Lake Sawmill from 1937 to 1952. The following year he moved his family to Missoula where he was employed in the logging industry. In 1957, he became a heavy equipment mechanic and was employed by various trucking firms, retiring from Missoula Cartage in 1976.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie, Missoula; son, Kenneth Reinoehl, Toronto, Canada; a daughter, Elaine Walker, Missoula; two brothers, Frank Reinoehl, Missoula, and Claude Reinoehl, Ovando; two sisters, Ethel O'Hern, Townsend, and Ellen Backstrom, in Arizona; and five grandchildren.

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Friday, May 29

Chicken Marsala, Shrimp Scampi  
Steak Béarnaise, Stuffed Sole

Saturday, May 30

Prime Rib (As You Like It)  
Crab Legs, Chicken Parmesan

Sunday, May 31

Baked Ham, Chicken à la Orange  
Beef Tournedos, Shrimp Provençale

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Anglers have had moderate success in Seeley Lake this week, but the action is expected to pick up by Friday. Watch your barometer—when it starts to go up again, it's time to gather up your gear!

Bass fishing is still good at the upper end of the lake. Use black worms or rappalas.

The Kokanee salmon will soon be hitting on those shiny triple-teasers and cowbells. A few boaters have caught rainbow trout using cowbells.

Some of the smaller lakes in the Clearwater Valley offer good fishing now, before the summer travelers fill up the local campgrounds. Lake Inez and Alva are fair to good for rainbow trout and an occasional cutthroat. Cottonwood Lakes are good for pan-sized rainbow. A few Kokanee are hitting at Placid. Salmon Lake had plenty of waterskiers last weekend, but fishing should be good during the week.

Small streams in the Blackfoot Valley are good to excellent now for brook trout. Fly fishermen were stumped over the weekend when the cold, rainy weather hit. Little sign of the salmon fly hatch here yet.

## National Fishing Week

Next week, June 1 through 7, people throughout the United States will be observing National Fishing Week. The observance is sponsored by the American Fisheries Society and the Sport Fishing Institute, among other groups, and is aimed at promoting fishing and pollution-free habitat for America's fisheries.

## UPCOMING GAMES

### Fast-Pitch Softball

May 30-31, 10:00 am  
"Father Mac Tourney"  
Avon vs Lakers  
(in Helmsville)

June 3, 7:00 pm  
Avon at Lakers

June 10, 7:00 pm  
Copper Kings at Lakers



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