

<b>WEATHER FORECAST</b>	<b>INSIDE</b>
THURSDAY, MAY 13 Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms mainly in the afternoon and evening. Occasional gusty winds.	Seeley Lake Swan Valley Fishing Cottonwood Days Blaine Day Climatologists

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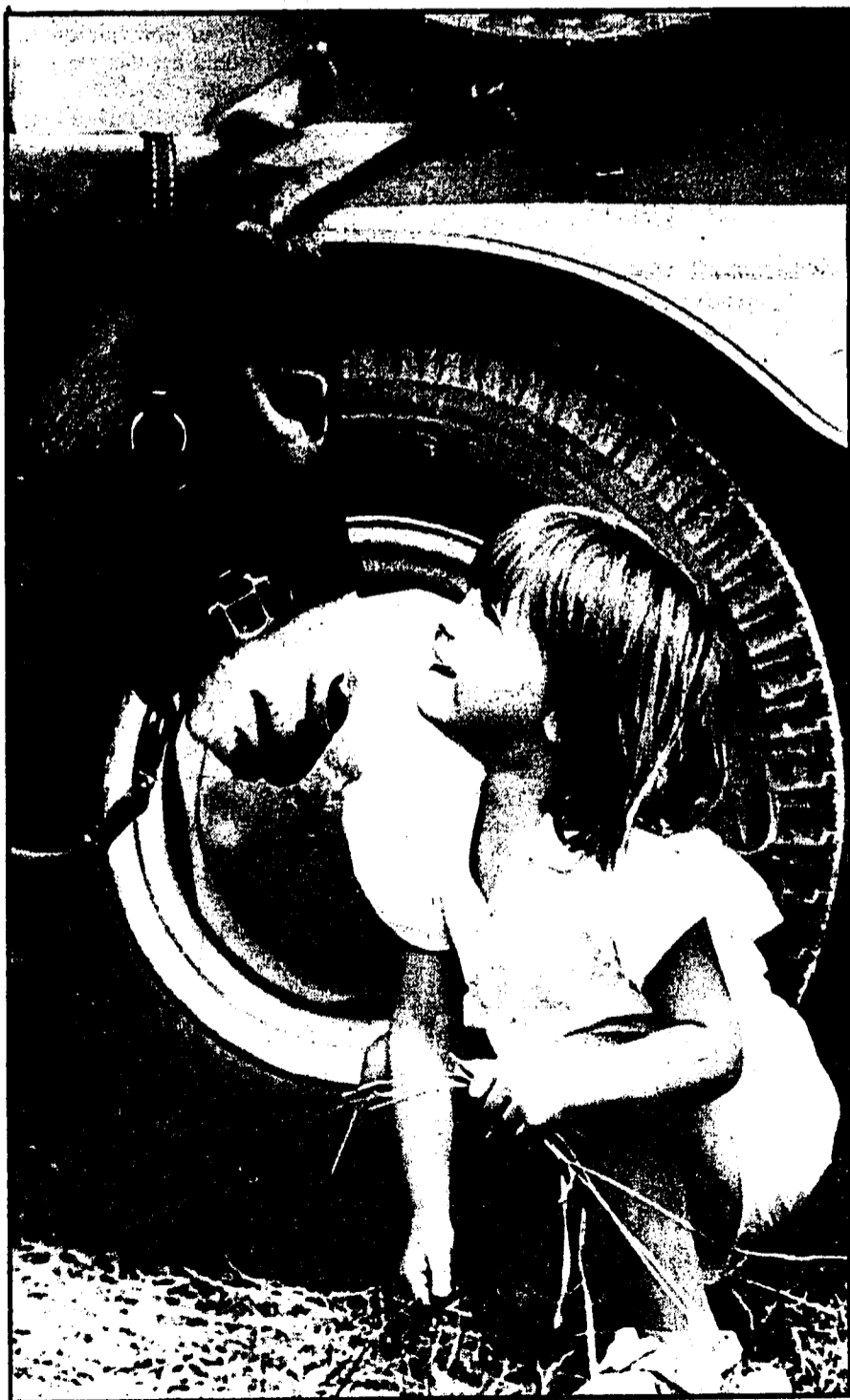
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Abbie Christianson enjoyed making friends with Jasmine the miniature donkey during Condon Mule Days last weekend. Abbie is the daughter of Gem Christianson, Swan Valley. Jasmine is owned by Indian Tree Farms, Dutton, Montana. S. Vernon/Pathfinder

## The New York Times

### Condon's on the map

by Suzanne Vernon

Local residents may spend quite a bit of time debating the true location of Condon, Montana, but as of May 24, 1987, millions of people who read *The New York Times* Sunday travel section had little doubt about where Condon is located.

That issue of the paper contained a full-page article about four Montana guest ranches and lodges. The article was particularly flattering to two Swan Valley guest ranches: the Montana Double Diamond Guest Ranch and Holland Lake Lodge. Condon is clearly marked on the *New York Times* map, which shows Swan Valley and Western Montana.

Considering that the *Times* has a paid circulation of 1,645,060 (as of May 30, 1987) and a total readership of nearly three and a half million people, it's no wonder that Howard and Loris Uhl at Holland Lake Lodge have been swamped with inquiries.

"The day the paper came out we received lots of phone calls," Howard said recently. During the first week, most of the inquiries were by phone and, since then, mail requests for information have increased steadily. So far, Howard and Loris have verified inquiries from Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York and Wisconsin.

Howard is especially pleased about the style in which the article was written. The "flowery" description of the Valley will be good for many businesses here, he points out. And this may be only the beginning—later this month, professional writers attending the Outdoor Writers Conference in Kalispell will also be staying at Holland Lake Lodge and other area guest ranches.

According to Howard, the woman who wrote the *New York Times* article visited the Swan Valley last summer at the invitation of Casey Cunningham,

owner of the Montana Double Diamond Guest Ranch.

The May 24 article was written by Nancy M. Debevoise, a freelance writer from Washington, D.C. In her concluding paragraph, Debevoise sums up her Montana vacation like this:

"Still, whether you stay at a luxury dude ranch or a rustic old lodge, Montana's high-country life, our senses and renews your spirit. Weeks after you come home to exhaust fumes, you can still conjure up the rich medley of scents of a horse cutting through sage and clover, the sweet vanilla smell of sun-warmed yellow pine, and the sharp pungency of saddle leather, trail dust and horse sweat. Long after you're back in the city trying to hear yourself think, you'll remember dozing in the sun in a high meadow so profoundly quiet that you can hear the wind ruffling the feathers of a hawk circling in the thermals above you."

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Special thanks to Ann Taylor of the Circle D Ranch, Swan Valley. She subscribes to the *New York Times* and provided *Pathfinder* with a copy of the May 24 article.

### Tourism council to be formed

A tourism advisory council will soon be forming as a committee of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. Howard Uhl, board member for Glacier Country, a regional tourism advisory board, suggested that the Chamber form such a committee in order to take a step toward qualifying for state funds soon to be collected by the state through the 4% bed tax.

Money will be available only to communities that have established tourism councils and have developed marketing plans. Uhl suggested that some money could be used to print the Chamber brochures or to promote the area through other projects.

Uhl explained that the state will probably collect about \$3.8 million from the bed tax.

**Natty Bumpo**



**THANK YOU**

A sincere thanks to all of those people who donated or purchased auction items. Special thanks to Linda Weaver, Auctioneer. The goal of \$1,000 was met and will enable Teresa Mahaffey to travel to China in July.

Susan Stone, Coach  
Teresa, Bill & Jo Lynn Mahaffey

**Business of the Week**

**5 STAR ARCADE**

Janlee Companies, Inc. (operated by LeRoy Vick and family) is the parent company for 5 Star Arcade of Seeley Lake. Originally called Game Parlor for Kids, the Vicks held a name contest last fall and offered a cash prize. Although a number of creative names were submitted, Mark Hickman, a Seeley Swan High School student and regular customer, thought up the name for the arcade.



Linda Vick Evans has been manager since last November. Although the arcade seems to attract 8th and 9th graders, it's "open for kids of all ages," she remarked. Video and pinball games, a pool table, and a juke box fill the parlor. There are rules, and Linda enforces them, yet she has managed to develop a good rapport with the kids. "The arcade gives the kids a place to come and have fun, and I have fun with them."

New games are rotated with other businesses in the Valley on a regular basis, so "there's at least one new game here a month," according to Linda. The Vicks are hoping for a good summer—so they can add some new games.

Open Tuesday through Sunday, 5 Star Arcade also offers private parties (eg, birthday) and an occasional dance for the kids.



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**OPINION**

**Progress**

*My understanding of the history of culture has convinced me that the ideal society is a point on a receding horizon. We move steadily towards it, but we can never reach it. Nevertheless, we must engage with passion in the immediate strife...*

—Herbert Read

The metaphor seems apt. Over the past year, Seeley Lake has acquired considerable momentum toward the goal of reshaping its destiny. Mileposts include the community survey, reorganization of the Chamber, establishment of the Economic Task Force, prospective establishment of a community council, and ongoing aesthetic improvements in the business district.

No doubt, as observed by Mr. Read, we will never achieve utopia. But, the matter is certainly being engaged "with passion." We should be particularly grateful to those who have given their time and personal resources to bringing about the substantial progress to date. Space precludes mentioning all of them here, but they are presumably "household names" among regular readers of this newspaper.

One of the above elements, business beautification, is a recurring theme of this column—so, it is heartening to

witness rekindled interest in brightening up the town with planter boxes. (See related article in today's edition.) One hopes there will be a veritable floral profusion dominating the business landscape this summer.

Meanwhile, the Chamber continues to explore a town theme. There appears to have been resistance to this idea by some local merchants. Presumably, this was not knee-jerk negativism. More likely, it was a sensible judgment that it would be premature to embrace a plan that doesn't yet exist.

Hopefully, the plan will materialize in due course and, equally hopefully, it will be realistic in terms of timing and costs. A pragmatic theme plan would be laid out in phases—with the most affordable ones coming first (such as landscaping), and with pauses to readjust the plan as experience is gained. Even the most curmudgeonly merchant would probably be willing to invest in a plan like that. In a future age, some sage will perhaps have reason to observe, with admiration, that "Seeley Lake wasn't built in a day."

It will be interesting to see how closely we can approach the "point on a receding horizon." Given the energy and competence of our community, the smart money would bet that we'll end up closer than most.

—Dick Potter

**Save Mt. Henry**

To the Editor:

I greatly enjoy receiving the *Pathfinder* and commend you on the quality of publication. Having visited your area in the past, and planning to do so in the future, I follow events in Montana through your paper.

A recent article (May 28, "Grizzlies, Tourism and Timber") causes me to express my concern to you about the tone of the article. The potential for tourism and grizzly protection is raised at the beginning. However, Mr. Johnson, the timber operator, gets much space to elaborate at length on how you can't afford to do anything but let him at that public timber land. He must be a real important man to tell a region how to plan its economy and an entire nation how to run its National Forests. I don't buy his arguments. The Mt. Henry timber sale won't make or break his company.

However, if you eliminate the grizzly from your area, you will lose a great deal. Why should tourists, hunters, sportsmen, etc: go up to Montana if it's just like home? We've got plenty of mountains and trees in California. We don't have the special wilderness quality which grizzly bears give an area. Already, too much of the Big Sky state is becoming like California. Retain the special aspects of Montana which will guarantee its success in the future tourism industry. Listen to people like Mr. Jonkel who don't have an ax to grind money-wise. Have the courage to resist short-term economic fixes like ill-advised timber sales, and work to protect Montana's heritage. Your grandchildren and mine will thank you.

Patrick Brooks  
San Jose, California

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**OPINION**

**Onward & Upward**

To the Editor:

The 50th legislative session was anything but a golden anniversary. Some called it a failure, but I don't agree. Altogether I missed about half of it due to my health. Two surgeries during mid-session knocked me flat. But I voted from my hospital bed, from home and returned to the session in time to vote against a general sales tax for Montana. For a variety of reasons, I will continue to oppose a general sales tax unless the people forcefully ask for that tax—like they have asked for property tax relief.

Too many Montanans are facing hard times similar to those of the late 'twenties and early 'thirties. Unlike those years of America's great depression, today's welfare programs are available to help the unfortunate. Such programs, however, are costly and the ability of the taxpayers to finance governmental activities of all kinds is limited. Certainly more taxes and governmental involvement is not the solution to Montana's economic dilemma.

Private and corporate initiative provides a better way. And, we are blessed with unusual advantage because the well-being of our country is inevitably tied to our natural resource states in America. Other states and parts of the world depend on us for raw materials. There is also remarkable opportunity for Montanans to create industries by more local use of our resources and by inviting people to visit Montana to enjoy our heritage of natural wonders.

Good times are ahead for the natural resource states, including us. To achieve prosperity, we need to put aside our confrontation politics and join together—individual by individual, community by community, organization by organization—to rebuild Montana's economy and, at the same time, assure a sustained yield of resources for the people of the future.

Janet Moore, Representative  
House District 65  
Condon

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**Economic Task Force**

**Committee goals amended**

Members of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce last week approved changes in the guidelines for the Economic Task Force committee.

Jeff Macon, task force chairman, asked that the "establishment of businesses to create job opportunities" be written into the existing committee goals. Also included was the ability to invite people from outside of the community to participate in task force projects.

Macon said that, in outlining the function of the task force, the need to create jobs was overlooked. Also, he has found individuals and organizations with "a major stake in the economy of this area" who would like to participate in Economic Task Force projects.

Macon also pointed out that the Missoula Economic Development Corporation has published a strategic plan

for economic development. The plan includes two references to Seeley Lake. "We are the only rural area in Missoula County to be mentioned in this plan," Macon said.

The task force is also proposing two short-term programs: a hospitality workshop for local businesses and a winter 1987 business improvement program.

Macon also asked the Chamber to draft a brief letter responding to the Mount Henry Timber Sale proposal. The importance of whitewood to the local mill; protection of grizzly habitat; and easements and encumbrances on land that someday might be used for a ski area were all recently identified as concerns regarding the proposal.

Macon also asked that the Chamber conduct further studies of the Mount Henry area before making any recommendations. He suggested that a committee be formed of a timber representative, a recreation specialist and an environmentalist.

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PERSON OR ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**FLOAT CATEGORY**  
(check one only)

\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_ Non-Commercial  
\_\_\_ Horse and/or Rider \_\_\_ Children (with or without animal)

Parade will assemble at Redwood Lane and Highway 83 (next to Timberline Building Materials) no later than noon, Saturday, July 4. Parade begins at 1:00 p.m.

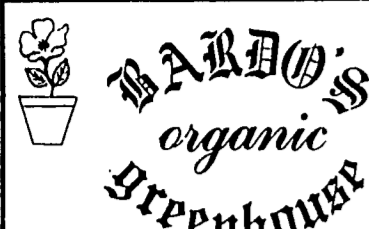
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Children — 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place each win a Medal and Gift Certificate  
Horse & Rider — 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place each win a Ribbon and Gift Certificate

**AND THAT'S NOT ALL...**  
Parade will end on Barney's Green (floats will remain on display for further judging). Following Parade, at the corners of 1st Street and Highway 83: (1) Renegade Gunfighters Performance; (2) The Swan Valley Christian Singers and Mission Mountain Messengers in Concert; (3) Parade Awards Ceremony; (4) Old-Fashioned Games for Children. At 10:30 p.m. on the lake (Seeley Lake): FIREWORKS!!

Note: Please submit this registration form to the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce no later than Tuesday, June 30, 1987.

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Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 6 pm; call 677-2022 or 754-2365.

### Events

June 11, Bingo, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

June 13, Fishin' at the Pothole (youth fishing contest), 10am-2pm, River View Drive, Seeley Lake.

June 13, Missoula Folklife Society Contra and Country Dance Festival, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

June 14, Flag Day, Dedication of Flag Pole, 3pm, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.

June 19, 20, 21, Jerry Hanson Roping Clinic, Swan Valley Comm Hall Arena, Condon.  
June 21, Prairie to Peaks Triathlon (Ovando to Seeley Lake), 9:30am registration, Trixi's, Ovando.

### Public Meetings

June 16, Rural Fire District Budget Mtg, 7:30pm, Fire Hall, Seeley Lake.

### Clubs & Organizations

June 11, Condon Alcoholics Anon, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon.

June 14, Seeley Lake Alcoholics Anon, 7pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake.

June 15, Alanon Mtg, 7pm, Lutheran Church, Seeley Lake.

June 15, 16, 17, Senior Nutrition Program, Lunch at Noon. Open to Public. Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

June 16, Seeley Lake Women's Club Mtg, 1pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

June 17, Seeley Lake Alcoholics Anon Mtg, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.

**Other**  
June 11, Swan Valley Elem Last-Day-of-School-Picnic-and Potluck, 5pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon.

June 11, Bookmobile, Seeley Lake 9am-2:30pm.

Refuse Disposal Site, May thru Sept: Weds/Sat/Sun, 10am-5pm.  
Swan Valley Comm Library, Memorial thru Labor Day, Weds, 10am-6pm; Fri, 10am-3pm, Condon.

EMERGENCY: 911 (Seeley Lake or Condon); 1-728-0911 (Greenough or Ovando).

## Water filtration, sewer systems loom

by Suzanne Vernon

According to some Missoula engineers, the Seeley Lake water system doesn't have enough water to go around, and the community will soon be looking at expensive ways to filter the water which now comes from a surface water source—Seeley Lake.

"If you stay on a surface water supply, there is almost no way you will be able to avoid costly water treatment," according to Tom McCarthy, engineer with Sorenson and Company, Missoula.

McCarthy and Nick Kaufman, planner with Sorenson and Company, spoke at last week's Chamber of Commerce meeting in Seeley Lake. Both men have worked on water studies of the area for the Seeley Lake Water District. They outlined a brief history of the water situation here and repeated some of the subjects addressed at recent water district board meetings.

Studies of the area began in 1967 when the Seeley Lake Water District was formed. By the early 1980s, problems began to arise because of deficient water supply, inadequate water storage capacity for residential needs and fire protection and inadequate water mains.

Another concern which has been addressed by the water district is water disposal problems and the need for a community sewer system. McCarthy pointed out that prime real estate in the Seeley Lake area has river or lake frontage, posing severe limitations on traditional drainfield systems because of high groundwater. "You have to find a way to get rid of sewage."

The most likely location for a sewage treatment facility would be in the airport area east of Seeley Lake, McCarthy said. With the present sewer-loading projection, an 11-acre lagoon with a 25-acre sprinkler irrigation facility might be adequate.

Projected costs of water and sewer treatment facilities in Seeley Lake hover around \$2.5 million. That would work out to about \$25 per month for water users and an additional \$20 per month for sewer facilities, McCarthy said.

Nick Kaufman urged residents of the Seeley Lake community to integrate a variety of studies and surveys that have already defined community wants and needs.

"You're only... that far away from starting to make the changes necessary to make this community grow," he said, holding his hands only a few inches apart. He indicated that there are several funding sources available for these projects, and the water district board would soon have to decide who has the legal authority to borrow money for the necessary improvements.

## July 4th events slated

The July 4th celebration will begin Friday night, July 3, in Seeley Lake this year. The Renegade Gunfighters will perform old-fashioned gun fights on Seeley's main street at 7 p.m.

Saturday morning, dozens of floats will parade down Highway 83 beginning near Timberline and ending on Barney's Green. The Swan Valley Christian Singers and the Mission Mountain Messengers will give a concert, followed by the awards ceremony. A host of children's activities will begin downtown after the awards ceremony. The exciting return of the fireworks display over Seeley Lake will begin at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, the Renegade Gunfighters will return to Seeley Lake to stage "The Hanging" at noon.



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Mary Cheryl & Norm Hall

## Local couple wed

Mary Cheryl Larango and Norman L. Hall were married on May 23, 1987 at the First United Methodist Church in Missoula. The wedding ceremony was performed by minister Kathy Munson-Young of Missoula. Mary Cheryl is from Missoula and Norm is from Seeley Lake.

Bridesmaid was Sheila Claxton. Best man was Byron Anderson. Steve Thompson and Don Doucette were ushers. The bride's children, Bart and Lecann Larango, stood up with their mother and, also, sang *The Lord's Prayer* with soloist, Vicki Gadbot.

The groom's parents, Robert and Phyllis M. Hall from Hinsdale, Mass. and a sister, Debbie Hall, Florida, attended the wedding. The bride's parents are Harry G. and Opal Fay, Missoula.

A reception followed the wedding ceremony at the church. Family members and out-of-town friends gathered at the bride's home for a wedding supper after the reception. The couple spent their honeymoon at Fairmont Hot Springs.

Mary Cheryl works for the City of Missoula Bicycle Program, and Norm is employed by the Department of State Lands at Lincoln. At the present time, Norm and Mary Cheryl plan to maintain two homes, one in Missoula and one in Seeley Lake.

## 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, June 15—  
Wieners and Sauerkraut  
Tuesday, June 16—  
Chicken-Fried Steak  
Wednesday, June 17—  
Chef's Choice

## School wants equipment

Teachers at Seeley Swan High School remind parents and students to return library books, music books, instruments, sports equipment and uniforms to the school as soon as possible.

## SHORELINES

Otto Haglund, Seeley Lake, was in a serious car accident on May 15 while traveling out of state. He was in intensive care in a Bismarck, North Dakota hospital up until last weekend, according to his wife, Mary "Mitzi" Haglund. However, she expects him to come home this week via air ambulance. Otto suffers from several broken ribs, lung damage and related injuries.

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## Cornucopia by Michele Potter

If you're superstitious, I'm told a string of garlic worn around the neck will ward off bad spirits (just eat a bit of garlic, it will keep the spirits and everyone else away!). If you really enjoy garlic, maybe you'll want to find out more about the Great Garlic Recipe Contest and Cook-Off held annually in July at the Gilroy Garlic Festival. Write to Recipe Contest 1987, Garlic Festival, P.O. Box 2311, Gilroy, CA 95020.

One of last year's winning recipes was Cornish Hens with Garlic. Whole cloves of fresh garlic and Cornish hens are roasted together with herbs, nutmeg and apricot brandy for a unique flavor treat. Both the recipe and the quick garlic tips are courtesy of the Fresh Garlic Association.

### Cornish Hens with Garlic

4 small Cornish hens	2 whole heads fresh garlic
1/3 cup olive oil	Salt and pepper to taste
5 stalks celery, sliced very thin	Freshly grated nutmeg to taste
8 sprigs parsley, chopped	1/4 cup apricot brandy
1 teaspoon dried tarragon	Toasted French bread

Rinse Cornish hens and pat dry. Pour olive oil into large roasting pan with tight-fitting cover. Add celery, parsley and tarragon and mix well. Separate and peel garlic cloves and add whole cloves to pan. Sprinkle hens with salt, pepper and nutmeg (if fresh nutmeg is unavailable, use dried, ground instead) and place in pan, turning to coat with oil and vegetables. Add brandy. Cover pan with heavy foil and seal around edge. Cover with lid and roast for 1 to 1-1/4 hours in 400 degree oven. Remove hens to serving platter, mash garlic and vegetables to make a spread for toasted French bread. Pour liquid from pan over Cornish hens and serve. Makes 4 servings.

Quick Garlic Tips: (1) To store garlic, keep bulbs in a cool, dry place. Do not refrigerate. Garlic needs air circulation so don't store in a plastic bag. A small wicker basket can keep garlic conveniently and attractively on a kitchen countertop; (2) How to buy garlic? Look for garlic bulbs that have plump cloves, with papery outer sheath intact. Avoid garlic that is soft, spongy or shriveled; (3) You don't have to peel garlic when using a garlic press. Just cut cloves in half, then squeeze both halves through the press. The papery skin stays in the press; only the garlic pulp comes through; and (4) Wash your garlic press immediately after use. Or soak in water. Once the garlic dries in the press, holes get clogged and become difficult to clean.

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By Laura Bogar

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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\*\*\* Marinate chicken in a mix of 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar, 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard, 3/4 cup salad oil, salt and pepper to taste, and 2 tablespoons minced fresh herbs.

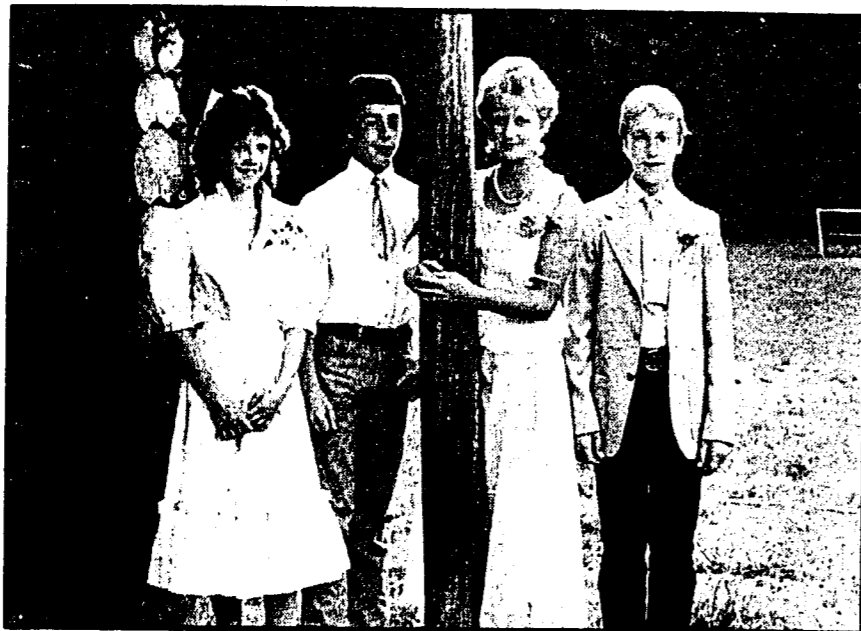
\*\*\* Making cream sauce for fish? Add a special touch with minced shallots and grated ginger. Strain before serving or process until smooth.

\*\*\* Do-it-yourself healthful potato chips aren't hard. Coat a baking pan with vegetable oil spray; arrange thin slices of a baking potato in one layer, then spray lightly again. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake 30 minutes at 400 degrees, turning once, and another 15 to 20 minutes at 300 degrees.

\*\*\* Why do it yourself? Treat the cook in your family to dinner out tonight - and make it HUNGRY BEAR CHALET (Milepost 38-39, Condon, 754-2240).

**Hungry Bear Chalet**

# Swan Valley



Swan Valley Elementary graduates for 1987: left to right, Kaylee Mahaffey, Rob Hettling, Kalin Raible and Joe Anderson.

## Four graduate from Swan Valley school

Joe Anderson, Rob Hettling, Kaylee Mahaffey and Kalin Raible all graduated from Swan Valley Elementary School last Friday night. About 75 people attended the ceremony.

Kalin Raible was the class valedictorian and Kaylee Mahaffey was the salutatorian. Guest speaker Ann Ford was unable to attend the graduation because of a family emergency. Teacher Mike Childs read Ms. Ford's speech.

Linda and Signe Ensign provided music during the ceremony. Mothers of the seventh grade students served cake and refreshments after the ceremony.

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## SWAN SONG

Adolph G. Anderson

Adolph G. Anderson, 68, died at his home in Condon Sunday afternoon, June 7, of an apparent heart attack.

He was born January 22, 1919, in Swift, Minnesota to Andrew and Esther Anderson. He was educated in Swift and entered the Army in 1941. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

On August 6, 1947, he married Evelyn Lund in Roseau, Minnesota.

Mr. Anderson worked in the woods and farmed potatoes while in Minnesota. In 1955, he moved his family to Condon where he worked in the timber industry and for Rustics of Lindbergh Lake. He retired in 1984.

He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church of Condon and Swan Valley Post No. 63 of the American Legion. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and had coached Little League baseball. He was always eager to lend a helping hand.

He was preceded in death by a son, Allan, on July 11, 1975, and a brother, Albine Anderson, in 1982.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, a son, Donovan, both of the family home; a daughter, Carol Mantei, Clearwater, British Columbia; two brothers, Clifford Anderson, Roosevelt, Minn., and Ralph Nystrom, Great Falls; and two grandchildren, Land and Wendy Mantei, both of Clearwater, B.C.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Johnson Mortuary Chapel in Kalispell with the Rev. Herbert Schiefelbein, of Faith Lutheran Church, Condon, presiding. Burial was at the Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

## Greenough



Juanita Vero graduated from Sunset School last Friday night. Stephen Willis was the other Eighth Grade graduate, but he was unavailable for a photo Friday.

Juanita Vero, daughter of Louie and Mary Vero, and Steven Willis, son of Emery and Jonie Reinochl, graduated from Sunset School at Greenough two weeks ago. Rachel Vielleux was the guest speaker for the ceremony attended by about 40 people.

The Sunset School picnic was held last Friday night at Lubrecht. Samuel Vannoy and Juanita Vero were presented with outstanding athlete awards. Several students were honored for academic achievement. Those who received straight A's are Juanita Vero, Cindy Wallace, Melissa Thompson, and Daniel Vannoy.

## Local official sheds some light on postal confusion

by Suzanne Vernon

Officials have considered replacing the Condon Post Office with a new facility for about three years, according to Don Scott, superintendent of maintenance with the Missoula Postal Management Sectional Center. Local residents have been under the impression that the move to build a new Post Office in the Swan Valley began last fall, when Salt Lake City postal managers began collecting data about the present facility.

According to Scott, although there are no problems with the present Condon lease, problems have cropped up in other areas to such a degree that, several years ago, the Postal Service placed all facilities in stores or private homes on a "replacement facility" list.

"We don't have a problem in shared buildings, but the space we occupy must be totally separate from any other business," Scott explained. The Condon Post Office is located inside the Mission Mountains Mercantile, a general store, gas station and deli which is owned by Len Kobylenski. The main Post Office entry is through the Mission Mountains Mercantile's front door.

The specific items identified by Salt Lake City postal officials last fall—such as a 16% increase in deliver-

ies in the past four years, lack of rest rooms, inadequate lobby area, office space and customer service counter, are only supplemental to the project, Scott said.

"The timing of the project (building a new Condon Post Office) relies on the data that was provided."

Many community residents recently had the opportunity to discuss the new Post Office with David Glines and Frank Webber from the Salt Lake City Postal Division. A recurrent question was why the present facility couldn't have been upgraded when Kobylenski remodeled the Mercantile last summer. Scott indicated last week that the decision to move postal facilities out of stores and private homes "was probably why that opportunity to expand was not taken."

"That's not to say he (Kobylenski) can't do it yet," Scott continued. "He can offer a bid to expand the present facility," Scott said, again pointing out that the Postal Service would prefer totally dedicated space with a separate entry and 24-hour access.

Len Kobylenski pointed out that he had contacted the Missoula sectional center last summer to inform officials of an extensive remodeling project at his store, which would create more space for the Post Office.

The only response from the Postal Service at that time, according to Kobylenski, was that they would not pay any more for the lease even if the available square footage was increased.

Advertisements for bids on the project will probably be posted by July 1, according to Frank Webber, Salt Lake City real estate and contract specialist.

## The new P.O.

### Just where is Condon?

The location of the new Condon Post Office is creating a lot of discussion among Swan Valley residents and postal officials alike. A petition which now contains about 400 signatures has been forwarded to postal officials requesting that the new Post Office be located on the same site as the present facility.

At a recent community meeting, David Glines from the Salt Lake City Postal Division, standing in the Swan Valley Community Hall next to the Swan Valley Centre, said that "this area" (which is four miles south of the present facility) would be a logical site for a Post Office.

Len Kobylenski, owner of the Mission Mountains Mercantile, where the current Post Office is located, expressed concern that David Glines might be compromising the fairness of the bid process by making such a statement. Kobylenski added that such comments might force property owners from other locations to submit bids below market value.

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**Fishing**  
**Report**

**Blackfoot River**

Anglers are catching quite a few pan-sized trout in the Blackfoot River this week. Folks stopping by the Roundup Bar are talking about a "spotty" salmon fly hatch, but good fishing. One fellow caught an 18-inch rainbow recently. He was using the stone fly or salmon fly nymphs.

**Seeley Lake**

Fishing is good this week for some nice rainbow trout, cutthroat and a few browns. The Kokanee are starting to wake up. Folks are having pretty good luck trolling with cowbells.

**Swan Lake**

Pike fishermen are having a good time on Swan Lake now. The northerns are hitting on smelt, the traditional bait. Fish up to 12 pounds are coming out of the lake. One 14-pounder was caught last week.

**Swan Valley**

A few people are catching nice bull trout from the Swan River this week. The fishing is unpredictable, though, with the abrupt changes in the weather. Fishermen stopping by Liquid Louie's near Condon did well on Saturday, but not so hot on Sunday. One "real nice bull" was caught over the weekend.

The potholes were planted with 4-inch Arlee rainbow this week. The lakes are fair to good fishing this week. Most folks use bait or small spinners here.



S. Vernon/Pathfinder

**Critter**  
**Chatter**

by Ken Wolff

The season for butterflies in the Swan Valley begins about two months before the official start of summer. Butterflies seem to like our forests, lush vegetation and wildflowers.

These "crawlers" that learn how to fly come in all shapes and sizes, from small blue ones to showy yellow swallowtails. Unfortunately, many of these, as larvae, like to eat our trees, shrubs and cabbage.

The larvae of the European cabbage butterfly, accidentally imported, are a scourge to local gardeners. They love to dine on our cauliflower and broccoli, too.

Sulphurs and whites, as we call them, can also be destructive as larvae.

According to information in the Roger Tory Peterson *Field Guide*, the *Audubon Guide* and the Reader's Digest *North American Wildlife*, the large "herds" of blue butterflies that we see in muddy areas are also part of that large group of small butterflies which includes coppers and hairstreaks.

We have a few orange and black butterflies from the "mid-size" category that includes monarchs and queens, the fritillary and the checkerspots, ladies, red admirals, viceroys and admirals. Some of the large butterflies we see are swallowtails. (See photo.)

Some butterflies appear only every 2 to 4 years, while others may regenerate many times in a single year.

Field guides mention that, before butterflies can fly, they must warm their bodies to 81 degrees Fahrenheit. If you ever think that it's too cold here for butterflies, ponder this: some live as far north as the North Pole.

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Brian Strohschein stocked Lindbergh Lake with 100,000 Kokanee salmon last week. The "boat" he is pulling here is full of salmon fry that enter the lake through small holes in the wooden structure.

S. Vernon/Pathfinder

**Salmon find**  
**home in**  
**Lindbergh,**  
**Seeley Lake**

Last week about 200,000 Kokanee salmon were planted at Lindbergh Lake and Seeley Lake. The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks annually stocks these lakes with salmon fry. These new arrivals came 1200 to the pound and measured about an inch long. This age of salmon will be spawning in about four years.

Brian Strohschein, who works for the Flathead River Salmon Hatchery at Somers, said that the salmon mortality rate is about 50% each year. That's most of the reason why such large numbers of fish are planted here annually. The Flathead River Hatchery at Somers can handle about 1.2 million fry raised from eggs gathered at Lake Mary Ronan and Flathead Lake. Strohschein believes that the demand for Kokanee far exceeds the supply, however. More than 800,000 fry were planted this spring in Flathead Lake alone.

Thirty-thousand west slope cutthroat also arrived at Lindbergh Lake last week. These trout, grown at the Anaconda hatchery from eggs collected in the wild, measured about 4-6 inches long and numbered about 60 per pound. Managers try to plant cutthroat annually at Lindbergh Lake. Jim Schreiber, who works at the Murray Springs Hatchery near Eureka, hauled the cutthroat from Anaconda last week after transporting Arlee hatchery rainbow to Georgetown Lake.



Brian Strohschein leans into the tank and helps scoot these west slope cutthroat out of the truck and into their new home at Lindbergh Lake. S. Vernon/Pathfinder



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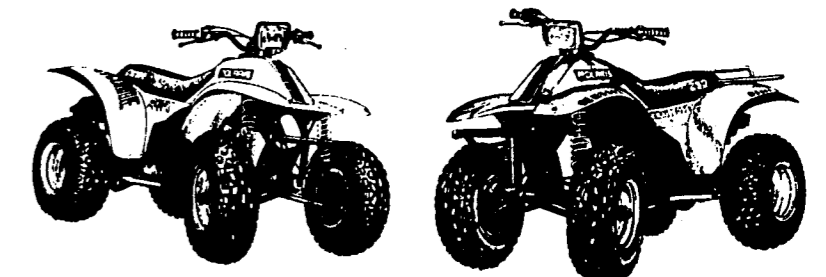
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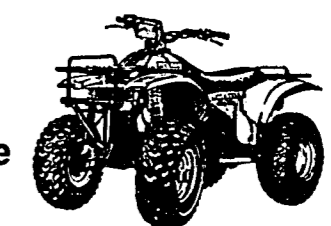
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## Salmon Prairie

The big news in Salmon Prairie this week is eighth grade graduation. Signe Lura Ensign, daughter of Dave and Linda Ensign, graduated with much encouragement and support from family, friends and neighbors. Speaker Dan Smith from Seeley Lake said, "You folks have a treasure here. . . what you're doing here is fantastic."

LaNette and Owen Conley performed a piano duet; Trista Hamilton provided a piano solo. Salmon Prairie students sang two songs. Linda Ensign and Verla Crippen performed an original song in honor of the graduate. Mrs. Ferrell, the Lake County superintendent of schools presented Signe's diploma.

Several awards were presented, including the "best janitor in the world award" to Edna Kesterson. Mothers Debbie Laabs and Linda Ensign were presented with flowers for their help during the school year. Fathers Bill Jasper and Russ Polsen were also recognized. Teachers Cece Jasper and Alice Ponce received many "pats on the back" for their accomplishments. This is their last year at Salmon Prairie.



Tara Anderson (left) and Signe Ensign enjoy one of "Sammy's" kittens at the Salmon Prairie eighth grade graduation last week. Signe, daughter of Dave and Linda Ensign, was the lone graduate this year.

About 80 people attended the graduation. Cake was served afterwards, with entertainment provided by Bill Jasper's rocket-works. Students launched several handmade rockets into the evening sky.

Other news at the school was the fact that Sammy the mama cat had three cuddly kittens to show off. Sammy has put a sizeable dent in the rodent population at the country school, and is a favorite pal among parents, students and teachers.



Volunteer firefighters from Seeley Lake and Swan Valley completed another round of training last weekend. The Swan Valley Volunteer Fire Company underwent a six-week series of training sessions with the help of training officers from Seeley Lake. The Swan Valley group has hopes of acquiring a truck and building a fire hall in the near future.

### Youth choir to perform June 21

The Mission Mountain Messengers will hold their home concert on June 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Elementary School gym following a week-long Canadian tour that begins this Sunday.

The home concert is the grand finale of the Canadian tour, which includes 8 performances in 8 days. The highlight of the tour will be a performance at the Edmonton Mall on Wednesday, June 17.

The Christian youth choir, chaperones and choir directors will rent several passenger vans for their trip, which includes performances in Kalispell, Alberta and Helena.

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## Mule Days



Volunteers with the American Legion Swan Valley Post No. 63 served ice-cold beer and soda pop during Condon Mule Days last week.



There's a cowgirl in every crowd. Emmylou Court caught everybody's eye last weekend with her big white hat and lavender boots. Emmylou is the daughter of Karla Court, St. Ignatius.



Stacy Herncane and her mule, "Huntin' Lisa," competed in the 5th Annual Condon Mule Days last week. Stacy is the daughter of Jim and Sherry Herncane, Seeley Lake.



Alan Cox helped barbecue some burgers on Sunday.

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The Women In Service of the Lutheran church are also having a rummage sale on June 13 in downtown Seeley Lake. Donated items will be accepted, with unsold items being donated to the Salvation Army.

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That was before I became the prodigal son, taking off for over 20 years to root with the hogs and see my wild oats grow into nothing but dreaded weeds. Upon his face is a smile that shows a peace that cannot be bought, begged or stolen. No, it comes from within, from the soul, knowing that you're right with God and man.

He was a very handsome man—humble, energetic. He never was afraid to sweat in hard labor along with the people. He had become a servant in love, for the Savior, loving us like Jesus would have, warts and all. God's people were his first concern and he always had time for those entrusted to him, stopping by regularly to visit, fellowship or just brighten someone's day with that peaceful caring smile.

His earthly allotment amounted to \$25.00 a month and, with this meager pay, I saw him help many poor folks. There were lots of us in those days. Country people who cared about one another didn't need much welfare. I wonder how many hours he spent approaching the throne of grace for us

all—and he did it out of love. Nowadays, we get letters from people who will pray for us if we send money. He never asked, but always gave. If we're to be great in God's kingdom, we're to be servants to others—at least, that's the way I read it.

Thinking back, I see him still sitting there on the bottom step of the little altar, grinning from ear to ear, watching us squirm for positions on the front pew. One of us usually ended up sitting next to a girl—so, we needed our space. The grown-ups had all gone home, so it was just us kids. He taught us about God, people and life. Strange, maybe, but I don't every remember being bored around Father Paul. He was never big on long sermons or church programs. One thing I do remember—he didn't take himself too seriously. Could it be, he really knew the entire way of it all belongs to almighty God?

My memories of Father Paul give me direction and sanity in a world of who's right and who's wrong, not because he ever thought himself perfect—for I may have followed him or his denomination rather than the Savior—but because he was "for real" and his life showed it. He is well remembered in this weary pilgrim's heart. May he rest in Peace.

**Bicentennial Essays  
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Jack Hane, President  
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Some have said that the Constitution of the United States simply reflected the philosophy and thinking of the Colonies, which had developed over the previous 150 years. Seemingly, this is true—and tiny Rhode Island was no exception in being a major influence regarding the Constitution. No Colony had greater influence concerning the separation of church and state and the freedom for individuals to worship as their consciences dictated. The very statement found in our Constitution is thus: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The banishment of Roger Williams from Massachusetts by the Puritans only resulted in the formation of another building block for the American political structure. These actions became part of the historical heritage of our nation. It was evident that, internally, one's liberty of conscience should and would influence civil government but, externally, government interference would be very destructive. Roger Williams called it "soul liberty"—born in Providence, Rhode Island and demonstrated in our whole country in the form of freedom of religion.



Rev. and Mrs. Gary Wayne of Faith Chapel, Seeley Lake.

**New pastor for Faith Chapel**

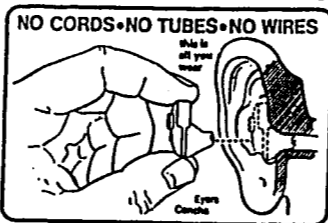
The Reverend Gary Wayne has been called to serve as pastor for Faith Chapel, Pentecostal Church of God, in Seeley Lake. Pastor Wayne and his wife, Heatherann, assumed the pastoral duties on June 8.

Pastor Wayne currently lives at Thompson Falls and will commute to Seeley Lake on weekends through the month of June. He has served four years as the District Youth President for the Pentecostal Church of God in Montana. Reverend Wayne moved to Thompson Falls from Idaho in early childhood. After graduating from Thompson Falls High School, he was employed by the Flodin Lumber Company. Following college, Reverend Wayne returned to the mill as a saw filer and planer set-up man.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne both received theological training at Northwest Bible College in Kirkland, Washington. They are skilled in musical instruments and singing. Heatherann ministers in signing for the deaf. She would appreciate contact with hearing-impaired people in the community.

Faith Chapel, Pentecostal Church of God was founded by three families in July 1969. A small building on the property housed the congregation. At the present time a log building is under construction. When the building is completed, the present facilities will become the social area and classrooms.

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**Forest Service tries to ban llamas from "the Bob"**

by Suzanne Vernon

A Forest Service proposal to ban llamas from the Bob Marshall Wilderness received strong opposition from llama owners near Choteau last week. The ban is included in a forest travel plan recently drafted by the Lewis and Clark National Forest. The public comment deadline on the llama ban is June 30, 1987. The American Civil Liberties Union has now been asked to review the proposed ban on the woolly pack animals.

"It's not fair," said Chris Maurer, llama owner from Indian Tree Farms at Dutton, Montana. "A handful of old-time packers" are supporting the llama ban, according to Maurer, who was in Condon recently for the annual Mule Days celebration. The main argument for keeping llamas off the wilderness trails appears to be that the woolly animals cause horses to become nervous or uncontrollable when they meet in the backcountry.

Maurer disagrees with that argument. "Llamas will gladly give way to a horse on a trail. Most horses go by with no problem." She also pointed out that many horsemen support llama groups. "There are horsemen out there who know that llamas are inevitable," she said. The East Slope Backcountry Horsemen recently sponsored a llama-horse encounter seminar. She added that many horsemen are making an effort to "introduce" their packstock to neighboring llamas.

Members of the International Llama Association were recently notified of the proposed ban and are expected to voice their opposition. As Maurer puts it, "If this goes through, it will set a nasty precedent. The llamas won't be able to go on any of those trails (on the Lewis and Clark National Forest) in the Bob."

Maurer added that llamas are now being used as packstock in many parks and national forest areas. Llama use is increasing nationwide, she said.

For more information, or to comment on the Forest Service proposal, write to the Lewis and Clark National Forest, P.O. Box 871, Great Falls, Montana 59403 before June 30.



Use of llama pack strings in the Bob Marshall Wilderness is increasing, yet the Lewis & Clark National Forest has recently proposed a ban on llama use in the wilderness. (See article.) This pack string was photographed last summer at Holland Lake Lodge. Treks beginning on the East Front and ending at Holland Lake are common. Pathfinder File Photo.

**Map finalized for Bob Trek**

The Montana Wilderness Association has finalized the itinerary for the Great Bob Trek which begins next week. The purpose of the Trek, as outlined in a recent newsletter, is to educate the public about the incredible resources of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.

The Trek will begin 7 miles west of Lincoln, on June 15, at the Aspen Grove Campsite on Highway 200. The start of this 350-mile trek around the Bob Marshall Complex will feature songs by Walkin' Jim Stoltz, remarks by Linda Stoll Anderson, Lewis and Clark County Commissioner, and Jim Posewitz, Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Trekkers will head north on the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail into Falls Creek, then to the Dearborn River. First resupply will be at the Ford Ranch on the Benchmark Road.

The second leg of the trek will begin at the Ford Ranch. Hikers will go cross-country north and rejoin the trail on Fairview Plateau. Hikers will then follow the South Fork of the Sun River to the junction of the North Fork of the Sun, down the Gibson Reservoir to Mortimer Gulch Campground.



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 Mike Anderson made sure his tassel was on the right (or left?) side before the graduation ceremony began Sunday.

## Class of '87

In spite of their "Destination Unknown" motto, most of the twenty-nine young men and women who graduated from Seeley Swan High School on Sunday have already made plans for their immediate futures.

Six of the men in the class have already joined the military or will soon sign up for service. More than a dozen of the graduates have been accepted at colleges or vocational technical schools. About half of the students will soon begin work at various summer jobs.

The Class of 1987 has been called "outstanding" by all of the faculty members at Seeley Swan High School. More than \$100,000 in scholarships was awarded to students in the class; six students were accepted into the National Honor Society; eleven students are on the honor roll and two students, Shauna Haines and Heidi Olson, maintained a straight-A average throughout high school. Shauna and Heidi are only the third and fourth students in the history of the school to maintain such high academic standards.

But they, and others in the class, realize that this graduation is only the beginning of an adventure into an unfamiliar world. Skip Wilcox, their guest speaker, urged them to take charge of their lives.

"Don't let anybody mess with your camera," Wilcox said after he presented graduates with a *polanka* or gift of love. Wilcox touched each graduate on the cheek as he walked and talked among

them. He asked each one to imagine that his or her head was a camera. "You're the only one who can take the pictures—the thing is, a lot of times we let people mess with our cameras," he said, adding that each graduate has a responsibility to be in charge of his or her life.

During his closing prayer, Pastor Jeff Crippen added insight to Wilcox's presentation as he asked the Lord to guide the young men and women and help them to see the hand of God in their lives. Crippen also spoke at baccalaureate.



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 Craig and Teresa Tanner adjust a tassel shortly before graduation last Sunday.

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Brittany Pedersen decorated the cake served Sunday for Seeley Swan High School graduates, friends and family members.



Shauna Haines and Randy Johnson were recently honored by the Blackhawk Boosters Club with \$200 scholarships for their outstanding academic and athletic achievements.

### Booster awards

The Blackhawk Boosters Club recently honored Randy Johnson and Shauna Haines with scholarships for

outstanding academic and athletic achievement. Each scholarship was for \$200.

Booster club members also presented commemorative key chains to all of the athletes and coaches who attended state tournaments or competition during the 1986-87 year.

About a hundred people attended the annual Blackhawk Boosters Club Banquet held May 28 at Seeley Swan High School. The banquet is an annual tradition of the club, which was established about eight years ago.



*S. Vernon/Pathfinder*  
 Annie Klebenow helped Mistie Dillree adjust her cap minutes before graduation on Sunday.



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 Jackie Gossard won the \$100 Barney Bowles Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

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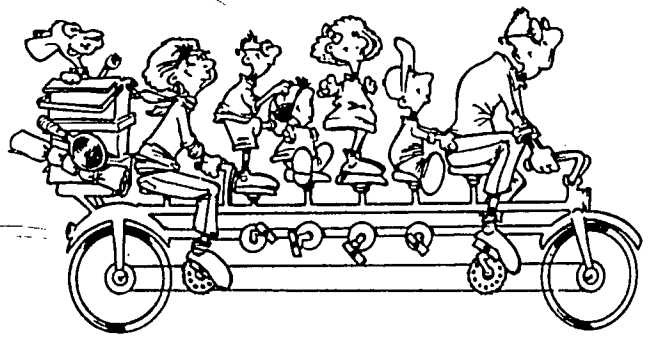
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**Seeley Lake Elementary Board signs new teacher contract**

Seeley Lake Elementary trustees last week signed a new contract for teachers at a special meeting which followed a series of recent negotiations. The new agreement is a two-year contract and significantly increases the top pay for experienced teachers.

"Our beginning salaries are good, but our top pay has been weak," according to Roger Marshall, board chairman. "This new agreement helps us get caught up with the rest of the state."

This year, steps were added to the top end of the pay scale which will help those teachers who have been at Seeley Lake Elementary for several years. Next year, the agreement calls for a \$400 across-the-board increase. For experienced teachers to receive an increase in pay above that amount, they will have to further their education. According to

principal John Hebnes, the new contract will offer incentive for teachers to go back to school periodically.

In other business, the board moved to offer a half-time teaching contract to Gerry Chase, Wyoming music teacher. Seeley Swan High School recently offered a contract to Chase. He has been asked to serve as music instructor for both schools.

**More 1987 Awards**

Several more awards were given to students at Seeley Swan High School last week. *Pathfinder* recently published a long list of honors and awards and the following information supplements that article.

Shauna Haines received a \$500 scholarship from an anonymous donor, along with the **Gene Ogden Memorial Scholarship** for \$100 and the Montana Coaches Association Scholarship for \$300.

Frank DeLeo received a \$500 scholarship from an anonymous donor.

In basketball, Craig Tanner should have been included in the list of All-Conference Players.

In volleyball, Teresa Mahaffey was chosen for 1st team at State; Tammy Pohlman was chosen for 2nd team at State and Sandy Prazak received honorable mention at the State Tournament.

**New business Tool sharpening & repair shop to open**

The Edge Works, a sharpening service and tool repair shop, will be opening by the end of June, according to Ken Wolff, owner. Wolff recently purchased sharpening equipment from Sheldon Vernon, owner of Summit Sharpening Service, which closed last winter. Vernon is a partner in *Pathfinder* and will continue his work for Seeley Swan's weekly newspaper.

The Edge Works is located at the corner of Kraft Creek Road and Highway 83 in the Swan Valley. A new, modified geodesic dome is nearing completion next to Moose Feathers Studio.

Former Swan Valley resident Vince Mordja will be working at The Edge Works. He will also work as an apprentice carver at Moose Feathers Studio. Vince and his wife Joann have two sons who attend Swan Valley Elementary School.

"With two of us helping out," Wolff said, "we will be able to provide timely, quality services."

In addition to sharpening saws, axes, chisels, etc., The Edge Works will carry a full line of first quality handles for axes, hoes, rakes, shovels, mauls, and hammers. Refurbished homestead

tools will also be offered for sale. Wolff plans to expand his business in the future to include carbide tool sharpening, chainsaw chain and chain repair, and saw supplies such as files, wedges and other tools.

Business hours for The Edge Works will be Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Business Briefs**

**Montana/West wins Sears contract**

Montana/West Advertising and Marketing of Missoula, Helena and Butte was recently awarded a production contract by Sears, Roebuck & Company at Chicago for the development and production of two different Sales Managers Promotion Handbooks.

Bob Tutskey, general manager of the Missoula office was notified that Montana/West had been selected over several Chicago area firms. Terry Fogle of Montana/West acted as art director on the two projects.

Montana/West handles accounts for several businesses in the Seeley Swan area.


**Flower boxes available**

Flower boxes are available for lease to local businesses for reasonable rates, according to Geri Netherton of the Landscape Committee of the Seeley Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Netherton has been investigating ways to beautify Seeley Swan area businesses. Don Larson has volunteered to assist businesspeople with building flower planters. However, Netherton points out that Bardo's Organic Greenhouse near Lindbergh Lake has flower boxes and planters available for lease. Bardo's will place planters of petunias and other flowers at businesses and residences throughout the Valley for a reasonable cost for the 1987 summer season. In the fall, they will pick up the planters, take them back to their greenhouse, and replant them for use in next summer's lease program.

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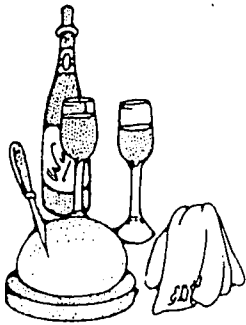
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Folk dancing is less structured than the Western square dancing which is familiar to many people. The English country dances, New England and Appalachian contras and southern round

dances provide rollicking entertainment for even beginning dancers. Callers quickly educate participants on the various dance steps and movements.

Dancers and musicians from Helena, Whitefish, Bitterroot Valley, Bozeman and Missoula will arrive in Seeley Lake this weekend, according to Mike Sweet, Missoula. Sweet is a caller, and he also encourages area musicians to join the festival. Jam sessions will take place all afternoon Saturday, with a potluck scheduled for 4:30 p.m. At 6 p.m. the dancing will continue. Four different bands will perform for one hour each.

## Family hosts French student

Duane and Carley Boulé of Seeley Lake will host Lionel Schwirtz of Quetigny, France for four weeks this summer. They have invited Lionel to share their home and family life through a program sponsored by Nacel Cultural Exchanges. This program brings to Montana communities students from all parts of France who wish to learn more about American life by living with an American family. Because of the generosity of the Boulé family, Lionel will have the opportunity to develop greater fluency in English and establish lasting American friendships.

Nacel Cultural Exchanges is a participant in the President's International Youth Exchange Initiative. The Initiative reflects the belief that exchanges of young people are perhaps the best long-range means to ensure close relations and mutual understanding among future generations.

More homes are needed for the 60 students, ages 13-19, who will arrive in Montana on July 3. All families are eligible for participation in this program. It isn't necessary to be able to speak French, because the students have all studied English in school. If you're interested in hosting a student, you may contact Bob and Anne Waters, 509 W. Harrison, Bozeman, MT 59715, phone 587-1333.

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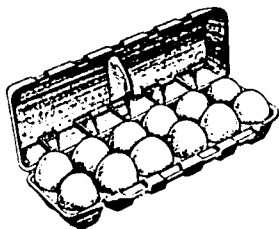


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