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Bed tax money available

Glacier Country may help promote local events

Groups interested in promoting local events in Western Montana may now submit written marketing plans to Glacier Country, a regional tourism commission that recently finalized its new budget.

Montana's new 4% bed tax will provide \$154,000 to Glacier Country, while similar funding is expected to be distributed to seven other regional tourism commissions in Montana this year.

Part of Glacier Country's new budget allows for matching funds up to \$7,000 to help local communities promote their events and attractions, according to Al Cluck, member of Glacier Country's budget committee.

Cluck explained some aspects of the new budget for Glacier Country. Fifteen percent, or \$27,000, has been set aside as co-op or matching funds. This money can be used by local tourism groups to pay for brochures, posters and road signs, for example. Local groups, such as Chambers of Commerce, must submit marketing plans to the Glacier Country board in order to receive funding.

For guidelines and information about submitting marketing plans, contact Sylvia Weaver, secretary, P.O. Box 677, Polson, Montana 59860.

To promote the entire Glacier Country region, which includes the Seeley Swan, Flathead Valley, Glacier Park and most of Northwestern Montana, the board set aside \$45,000 for advertising and marketing through a professional advertising agency.

Another aspect of the tourism promotion plan includes doubling the number of Glacier Country publications that will be printed next year from 25,000 to 50,000. The four-color magazines have, in the past, been distributed mainly out-of-state.



The timber industry is an important part of our cultural heritage, according to Dr. Bud Moore, retired Forest Service ranger and operator of this Swan Valley sawmill. Moore recently spoke to the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce about promoting our cultural heritage. He is also scheduled to speak at Holland Lake Lodge on Saturday, at the invitation of the Montana Wilderness Association. (See related article page 9.)

Chamber seeks volunteers

The Business Improvement Program for the Winter of 1987/88 and the Neighborhood Improvement Program committees of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce are both in need of volunteers to act as chairmen, according to directors of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

At the August 4 Chamber meeting, Frank Netherton indicated that the Chamber directors decided to bring the Business Improvement Program back to the general membership in hopes of

finding somebody to chair that committee. Of the twenty Chamber members present at last week's meeting, no volunteers stepped forward to chair that committee.

Roger Johnson, reporting on the status of the Neighborhood Improvement Program, also called for a volunteer to chair that committee with little success. Johnson said that committee guidelines still need to be developed. He mentioned that Missoula Electric Cooperative might be able to install street lights in some areas of Seeley Lake and that could be a project for the Neighborhood Improvement Committee.

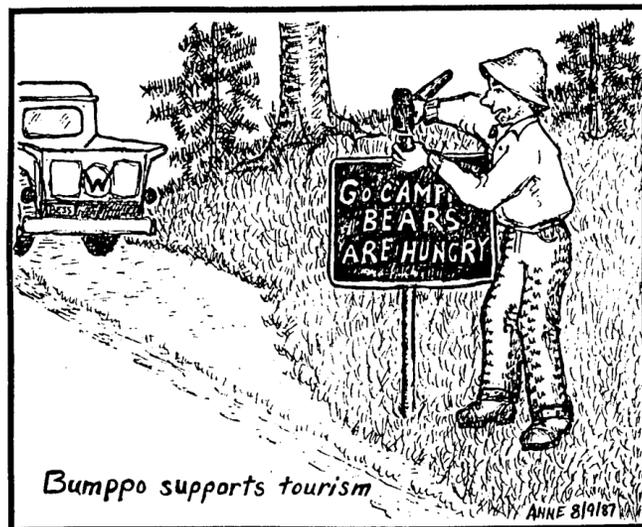
Both the Business Improvement Program for Winter 1987/88 and the

Neighborhood Improvement Program are part of an overall Community Development Program approved by Chamber members earlier this summer.

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OPINION

Isn't science wonderful?

Those words are usually uttered sarcastically but, in fact, science really does hold the promise, within the next few years, of some incredible wonders. Many of us in the Valley will be affected profoundly by the advent of this new technology.

We've all heard about high-temperature superconductors and their astounding implications for our future. One application, of course, will be ever more powerful personal computers. Already, the current generation of personal computers heralds the long-awaited age of genuinely easy to operate computers—requiring no more skill than driving a car. Contrary to popular myth, the encroachment of computers doesn't represent a form of enslavement of the human species; just the opposite is true, because of the transfer of mental tasks to these machines and the extraordinary gains in productivity (and creativity) which arise.

Cellular telephone technology will soon be reaching rural areas such as ours. Wherever you go, whether by car or by pack train, you'll have the option of worldwide communications at your fingertips—including talking to your computer, which will no doubt be finding the store in your absence.

Electronic cottages, combining telecommunications and computer tech-

nology, are clearly going to become commonplace; there are already a few in our midst. They'll contribute to our economy and have virtually no impact on the environment.

Medical science is poised on the brink of some giant advances, thanks to gene-splicing technology. If we can just survive AIDS, we are likely to witness the eradication of most of today's major diseases and infirmities.

The really stupendous developments, though, are occurring in the realm of high-energy physics. That discipline is within an eyelash of producing the long-sought Grand Unification model which, in a nutshell, will explain the entire universe. The byproduct technology will be beyond imagining. So far, it looks like all that we've been taught about little "round" atoms and subatomic particles is just the tip of the iceberg. There is a strong suggestion that the most fundamental particles of matter are actually stringlike. Further, there is mounting evidence that we live in a ten-dimensional universe.

Now, hold onto your hat. Mathematically, the Grand Unification structure of the universe seems to be describable by something known as "Eg x Eg." The first "Eg" refers to our universe; but, the theory implies there has to be a second universe, parallel to our own—hence, the second "Eg." Hm—wonder how the fishing is over in that other universe?

—Dick Potter

Working together can work

To the Editor:

Several weeks ago the *Pathfinder* carried a story about timber industry employees demonstrating around the federal courthouse in Missoula. There was a lengthy story and several photographs covering this event.

The August 6 issue of the *Pathfinder* carried a front page story with a photograph about a group of environmentalists meeting in Swan Lake last week. Both of these groups were expressing their feelings about issues that affect the future of our Valley.

Finding some accommodation between these two groups is essential to the economy and quality of life in the Seeley Swan. It is interesting to observe that the organization that is working quietly to encourage people of all points of view to "work together for new solutions" got three column inches with no photographs on an inside page in the August 6 issue.

On August 4 at the Seeley Lake Community Hall, Bud Moore spoke with both feeling and logic on ways by which timber and tourism groups can work together for a better future for all of us. A *Pathfinder* reporter was present at this meeting.

Bud Moore's address to the Chamber was one of several efforts made over the past two months to encourage communication and cooperation between environmentalists and timber people. How about equal coverage for the peacemakers, Dick? A front page story with photographs?

Jeff Macon
Seeley Lake

Goodbye, goodbye! parting is such sweet sorrow

Dear Friends,

This is a goodbye and letter of appreciation. After nine years of driving the Missoula County bookmobiles, I am turning in my keys August 21. (The bookmobile will still be coming to your communities, but I won't be.) It is time for me to do something else with my life (and if ANYONE knows what that something else is, clue me in—I'm looking for ideas!).

You are a wonderful group of people, from Bonner to Condon and points between, and I will miss you all a great deal. You've kept me in cookies, good conversation, friendship and on the road for a long time. You've made my job the best in the county. If you get a chance, do drop by to say "so long" when the bookmobile is in Potomac, Sunset, Clearwater or Seeley Lake August 19 and 20.

Adios — Happy Trails — See Ya Later — Bye —

Sherri Lee
P.O. Box 8766
Missoula

CORRECTION

An article in last week's *Pathfinder* indicated that the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce had mailed informational packets to members of the Montana Jaycees. The Chamber did not mail packets. Brochures, maps and other materials were made available to the Jaycees while they visited Seeley Lake last weekend.



Ms. Margaret Coldiron (right) and Mr. Christopher Hobbs (piano) performed before a full house at Holland Lake Lodge last weekend. Several events are scheduled in the Seeley Swan this weekend. (See related articles.)

Port Polson Players return to Holland Lake

On Monday evening, August 17, the Port Polson Players will be the highlight of a dinner/theater on the lawn at Holland Lake Lodge. The Port Polson Players, well known around the country for their professional, quality performances, have toured the Seeley Swan many times during their 12-year history. Last spring, they performed *Music Man* in Seeley Lake, and they have performed annually at Holland Lake for about three years.

On Monday night, the theater group will perform *The Fantasticks*—a musical favorite about love and innocence. Holland Lake will serve barbecued country style ribs from 5 to 7 p.m. Reservations are not necessary but people are advised to come early for dinner. Theater begins at 7:30 p.m.



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Nashville duo performs here

On August 14 and 15 Leisure Lodge Resort will present entertainment by Jaymie Leigh and Phil Marshall, country singers and songwriters from Nashville, Tennessee. Also featured on Saturday, August 15, Barbecue Ribs will be served at 4 p.m.—reservations are required and seating is limited.

Jaymie Leigh is originally from Red Lodge, Montana. "I'm getting back to my roots—which is country," she said recently. In 1981 she toured West Germany at the invitation of Friendship Force, whose members saw her in concert and asked her to represent country music in Europe. Her music is described as classic country—with a style that favors Jessi Colter, Patsy Cline and Anne Murray.

Phil Marshall has been singing professionally for 15 years. He has opened concerts for Dolly Parton, Marty Robbins, Loretta Lynn, George Jones and numerous others.

Both Phil and Jaymie grew up listening to the Grand Ole Opry, and would enjoy performing classic and contemporary country music. They just finished working on a movie with Johnny Cash, and plan to do wildlife films with Golden Wildlife Productions during their brief stay in Western Montana. They will return to Nashville in September to work on an album, tentatively scheduled for release next spring.

Wildlife films Friday night

This weekend promises a variety of entertainment in the Seeley Swan area. Beginning Friday night at 7:30 in Seeley Lake, Wildlife Films will be shown at the Community Hall. Charles Jonkel, research biologist from the University of Montana, will be featuring films such as *George River*, *Caribou*, *Song Dogs*, *Trumpeter Blues*, *Wildest, Amate: (the fig tree)*, *Rhinoceros* and others.

Jonkel, who is active in organizing the International Wildlife Film Festival (IWFF) held annually in Missoula, has shown wildlife films here before. "The response in Seeley Lake is generally very good," he said. He indicated that all ages are welcome to attend these wildlife films. The films are free, he said, but donations to the IWFF are appreciated.

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Events

- Aug 14, Wildlife Films, 7:30pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
- Aug 14-15, Country Entertainment from Nashville: Jaymie Leigh & Phil Marshall, Leisure Lodge Resort, Seeley Lake.
- Aug 15, Great Bob Trek Potluck/Music, 6pm, Holland Lake Lodge, Condon.
- Aug 17, Port Polson Players, *The Fantasticks*, 7:30pm, Holland Lake Lodge, Condon.
- Aug 21, Shakespeare in the Parks, *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, 6:30pm, Wapiti Lodge, Seeley Lake.

Public Meetings

- Aug 18, Missoula Co High School Board Mtg., 7:30pm, Admin Bldg, Missoula.

Clubs & Organizations

- Aug 13, Condon Alcoholics Anon, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elcm School, Condon.
- Aug 14, Swan Valley Post No. 63 Mtg., 8pm, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.

- Aug 16, Seeley Lake Alcoholics Anon, 7pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake.
- Aug 17, 18, 19, Senior Nutrition Program, Noon Lunch, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.
- Aug 19, AA Mtg & Alanon Mtg, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.
- Aug 20, Condon Comm Club Mtg., 8pm, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.
- Aug 20, Friends of the Wild Swan Mtg., 7:30pm, Clubhouse, Swan Lake.

Other

- Aug 19, Bookmobile, Potomac, 10:30am-Noon; Sunset School, 12:30-1:30pm; Clearwater Jct, 2-3pm; Seeley Lake, 3:30-5:30pm.
- Aug 20, 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.
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Other services at the beauty salon include the sale of Nexus and Paul Mitchell hair care products, brushes and curling irons and tanning sessions with the Suntana Sun System tanning bed.

Bonnie is not new to Seeley Lake. She and her husband Gerry have had property here for about 17 years and have been regular visitors from Missoula.

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The Great Bob Trek

Hiking the Northern Swan Crest

by Walkin' Jim Stoltz

(Editor's note: The following journal entry covers the Northern Swan Range's Alpine Trail—one of only six crest trails in Montana.)

Full packs pull at our shoulders. The sun is intense. Sweat drenches us. Each step is up, up, up. I stop and yell back at the others, "We're havin' fun now!" No one says a thing. A groan is answer enough.

This is Columbia Mountain, the very northern end of the 100-mile-long Swan Range. We had been told that the 4,000 feet of elevation gain, from the Flathead River to the summit, would be a real "grunt." They were right.

Yet, for us, it is just a matter of course. If such a long, steep climb had met us at the beginning of our trek six weeks ago, we would have moaned and groaned for days afterward. Now, we are much more accepting: "This is the way; let's go for it."

We pause often to look out over the Flathead Valley. Columbia Falls is at

our feet. I can just pick out the local pizza joint. We dream of a cold beer!

At the summit we gaze south to Flathead Lake and the Mission Mountains. To the west, the Cabinet Range raises its snowy peaks. Glacier Park, with all of its glory, lies spread across the horizon to the east and north-east. No one mentions the hike up.

We hike south along the Alpine Trail, a high, well-graded path, that offers near constant views. The walking is easy. It feels good, heavy packs and all.

The Alpine Trail would lead us south all week. Our pace was an easy one, with side trips to nearby lakes and peaks. In general, we would get a very real sense of what the Northern Swan Crest was all about.

This land of lakes, low, rugged peaks, and lush basins is home for deer, elk, grizzly and black bear. Wolf and caribou have been sighted here in recent years. It is a land of beauty; not spectacular, but rich in its wild character.

That wild character is its richest resource. Being so close to the well-populated Flathead Valley, this area offers sanctuary with quick, easy access for those who want to get away from the bustle of town for a few hours, a day, or several days. We saw folks every day, hiking and fishing, enjoying the land.

Though we climbed several peaks along the Northern Crest, our special joy was the lakes. Names like Fawn, Doris, Jenny, La Moose, Strawberry, Wildcat, Twin, Picnic, Jewel and Clayton called us on. Their clear, chilly waters brought us a vigor and youth that each dive renewed. Their changing color from shades of blue to black brought us inspiration and hope.

The hope and joy we gain from this wild land is countered by an even greater alarm. At each turn we see abuse. Some trails and meadows have been destroyed by motorcycles. Fragile lakeside areas are ringed with litter. Clearcuts and roads are fairly close to the crest at several points. Great pressure is being put on this delicately balanced land. We feel it and see it. We can only hope that those with vision can speak loud enough; that a voice from the Earth itself will be heard, a voice for the wild.

'Boost the Bob' at Holland Lake

Bud Moore guest speaker

After hiking nearly 350 miles around the Bob Marshall Wilderness, three hardy trekkers are scheduled to arrive at Holland Lake on Saturday afternoon. The hikers this week are winding up The Great Bob Trek which began in June near Lincoln.

The Montana Wilderness Association, which sponsored the Trek, has joined forces with Swan Valley residents in organizing the Holland Lake Rendezvous on August 15—a celebration of Montana's wilderness heritage. The event, which will take place on the lawn at Holland Lake Lodge, will feature a potluck feast at 6 p.m. followed by remarks from Dr. Bud Moore, and music from Walkin' Jim Stoltz and the Grin and Bear It String Band.

Bud Moore, sawmill operator and former Forest Service ranger, received an honorary doctorate from the University of Montana because of his contributions to the field of forestry. Moore has often voiced his support for wild lands. He recently spoke in support of local cultures, which, he believes, include a healthy mix of loggers and tourists. (See related article.)

The purpose of the Great Bob Trek has been to focus public attention on legislation recently introduced by Rep. Pat Williams and Sen. Max Baucus. According to MWA President Elaine Snyder, "The land speaks for itself. Anyone with eyes can see that unspoiled wilderness like the Swan Range, Badger Two Medicine and Rocky Mountain Front should remain forever wild."

Residents and visitors interested in contributing to the potluck are reminded that there will be no facilities provided for keeping food hot or cold.

People whose last names start with A-C may bring appetizers or a relish tray; D-F, breads; G-I, beverages (iced tea, lemonade, etc.—a keg of beer will be provided by the MWA); J-L, desserts; M-R, main dishes; S-Z, salads. A barbecue pit will be available.



SUMMER SALE

Country Things

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A side trip with Bob Marshall

by Suzanne Vernon

Many hikers in the Bob Marshall Wilderness have often unknowingly walked the same areas first covered by Bob Marshall himself nearly sixty years ago.

Entries from Bob Marshall's diary show that in August of 1928 his trek began in the Swan Range east of Kalispell, at the base of 7530-foot Mount Aeneas. Most of his first day was spent in the Jewel Basin country, according to information recently provided by Sierra Club representative, James Conner.

During the summer of 1928, Marshall explored the South Fork of the Flathead River, and then traveled south and east to the Chinese Wall, then south again to Big Prairie. He came out of what is now the Bob Marshall Wilderness at Holland Lake.

James Conner has provided some detailed information about Marshall's hiking habits.

"You'll note a couple of interesting things about Marshall's journey. He sometimes stopped for supper before having walked 30 miles. On those occasions, he went walking after dinner in order to bring his log up to 30 miles.

"If you plot his route and measure it on a map, you will probably wonder whether he was recording 5280-foot miles, or something shorter.



Warrior Mountain, Swan Range (from the north) July 4, 1985. Photo copyright James R. Conner.

"Marshall reportedly used very light footwear for these outings, probably tennis or basketball shoes. He carried little with him, and tended to spend part of the time jogging."

Marshall's journals show that he often camped at Forest Service guard stations. He was employed as a research silviculturist for the Forest Service in Missoula.

The September 2, 1928 journal entry shows that Marshall began his day at Big Prairie at 6:30 a.m. He walked the Gordon Creek Trail and reached the Shaw Creek Ranger Station about noon. After hiking over Gordon Pass to Upper

Holland Lake, he made a side trip, apparently for a little exploration. He reached Holland Pass at 5:50 p.m. and recorded a Holland Lookout side trip at 6:40 p.m. He continued his journey, reaching the "Holland Lake Hotel" at 8 p.m. He spent nearly an hour there before traveling on to the Holland Lake Ranger Station that night. He traveled 35 miles that day, including the steep climb over Gordon Pass. He went to bed at 10:30 p.m.

After his trip through the South Fork area, Marshall spent two days hiking in the Mission Mountains including trips to Glacier and High Park Lakes.



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Ovando grizzlies moved to South Fork

Two male grizzlies were trapped and moved from the Blackfoot Valley near Ovando last week and transported to the Bunker Creek drainage south of Hungry Horse Reservoir. Although biologists had received no complaints about the bears, managers agreed that the grizzlies should be moved from the Blackfoot to a more remote site, according to Bill Thomas, information officer with the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Missoula.

The presence of the bears near the ranching communities of Helmsville and Ovando created the potential for serious problems, Thomas said, even though many local ranchers were reportedly not concerned about the bears.

Last spring, the two-year-old males and their two siblings were trapped at Dupuyer along the East Front of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The bears that showed up south of the Blackfoot River earlier this summer had originally been placed in the Lodgepole-Dunham Creek area south of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Two other bears in the litter were moved to the Spotted Bear area. One was killed recently after it returned to Dupuyer. The other Spotted Bear grizzly has returned to the Augusta area and wildlife officials have set traps for that bear also.

The Ovando bears were relocated according to guidelines in an interagency grizzly recovery plan. One bear was fitted with a radio collar and biologists will continue to monitor its travels.

Critter Chatter

by Ken Wolff

Summer is about gone! So many projects yet to complete. It's the time of year when folks and critters start preparing for winter. The squirrels are squirrelling away pine cones, dried mushrooms and maybe even dogfood. The pikas and the marmots are doing likewise. The local gardeners are "putting it up" as the berries ripen, the peas mature and the beets become big enough to harvest.

The whitetail deer are showing signs of fall, too. Antlers are hardening, readying for battle with trees, mud holes and fog. Antlers, shed annually, are nourished in their short growth period of four months or so by a covering called

velvet. The velvet dies, dries and is ripped off. The new antler is, at first, the typical reddish-gray color of exposed bone, which it is. Antlers get their color from whatever the animal rubs them in. Pitch, mud, dirt—all pack on the antlers, becoming polished from continued rubbing on trees and bushes. A bull elk can break off 6-inch alder. We can hardly walk through a small alder patch. Evergreen habitats tend to make for darker antlers, deciduous forest and prairie elk tend to grow antlers that are sometimes almost yellow. Ponderosa forest elk often have antlers that are almost black.

Antlers are often broken or deformed as the animal tears up the countryside. An interesting note here: If an animal suffers a wound or injury to a leg, often the opposite side antler will deform in future growth. Another note: Scientific studies are currently underway attempting to isolate the process of antler regeneration. The annual regrowth of antlers has been equated with a human growing a new arm or leg.

The shed antlers have been and are being used in various ways. "Those that went before us" fashioned tools, weapons, jewelry. Many still do just that today. "Those that live to the east of us" use sliced and powdered antler as aphrodisiacs. Montana supplies almost half a million pounds of antler annually, with millions of pounds more coming from elk in India and Eastern Europe.

Many rodents gnaw on shed antlers as a source of calcium and trace minerals. Antlers also make excellent forest compost.

Weather

July was an average month for precipitation according to records at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station. Total precipitation recorded was 1.39 inches. That compares with a high of 3.54 inches of rain recorded in July of 1983. The driest July on record was in 1985 when no precipitation was recorded.

July 31 was the hottest day of the month, when temperatures soared to 96 degrees Fahrenheit. The temperature dipped to a low of 32 degrees on July 11.

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An affinity for angling

by Dave Reese

In a rural setting along the Blackfoot River, you wouldn't expect to find an art gallery. However, a tackle shop seems to fit right in. A few years ago, Ward Cambridge combined the two and created The Affinitive Angler, an art gallery and tackle shop all under one roof.

Located two miles east of Bonner on Highway 200, the Affinitive Angler has a fine display of wildlife art and Made in Montana stationery, along with an extensive selection of fishing tackle for both fly fishing and spin fishing.

Cambridge, an artist and, also, an expert fly fisherman, designs the postcards and stationery. Elk, grizzly and trout scenes on the postcards are all taken from his own oil paintings.

The art gallery/tackle shop has been a success. "I'm real happy with the way it turned out," Cambridge said recently. So, why does he like to dabble in such different areas?

"I guess you could say I'm an artist, writer and photographer," he explains. "I try to do a little of everything. . . you damn near have to in order to make it these days."

And, by browsing through his shop, it's evident he's adept in each area: his larger catches, along with spectacular outdoor art, adorn the walls. A display case shows the large assortment of flies, from the Grizzly Wulff to the Stonely Nymph. The Affinitive Angler also offers bulk fly-tying supplies.

Cambridge's writing endeavors focus on his own quarterly magazine, appropriately named *The Affinitive Angler*, which was founded in 1983.

The magazine features fishing techniques, where to fish, and what the fish will be hitting when you get there. Included in the summer edition is Cambridge's explanation of how he came up with the "Double Zap Whapper," a long, two-pronged fly that could prove to be a threat to any fish that comes near it.

Oddly enough, baseball fans can also find something to admire in Cambridge's shop. Brooks Robinson and Harmon Killebrew are among Cambridge's autographed portraits of professional baseball players.

But, aside from the other specialties at the Affinitive Angler, the shop is fishing-oriented. And advice, which will be quickly given upon asking, is free. Cambridge also has his own philosophy about fishing. "I like to keep the fun in fishing," he laughs. "Too many people are hung up on fly fishing and are trying to impress others with it."

This philosophy includes the notion of catch and release. "I'm not a purist," Cambridge points out. "I like to eat fish, so I don't always catch and release."

Cambridge's attitude against using bait or lures during the summer months comes from years of experience. "It's simple," he explains. "I can catch more fish using flies."



Cambridge outside his shop on the Blackfoot River. Dave Reese photo.

Some Blackfoot fishing tips

by Dave Reese

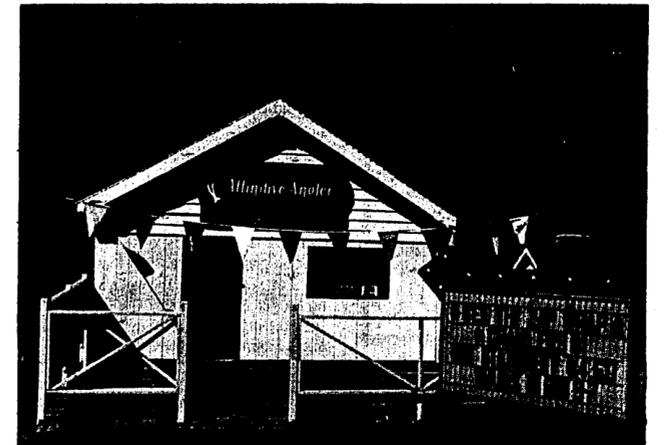
For the Blackfoot-area fisherman, Ward Cambridge of The Affinitive Angler has a few tips to offer.

For this time of year, he suggests using a hopper-imitation fly, such as the Joe's Hopper or Dave's Hopper. Use a size 8 to size 10 barb, he advises.

A method that Cambridge says is "very effective" is clipping the wings and tail on the Joe's Hopper down to about a quarter of an inch.

Cambridge adds that fishing the Blackfoot is "a little unique," because many fish are caught on the retrieve rather than on the presentation. And, the presentation, he says, is second only to matching the fly hatch.

For fly fishing on area lakes, Cambridge advises using a wooly worm or wet fly and clipping the hackle on it, also. "I couldn't swear to it, but it's effective," he says.



The Affinitive Angler, two miles east of Bonner, sells custom artwork and fishing tackle. Dave Reese photo.

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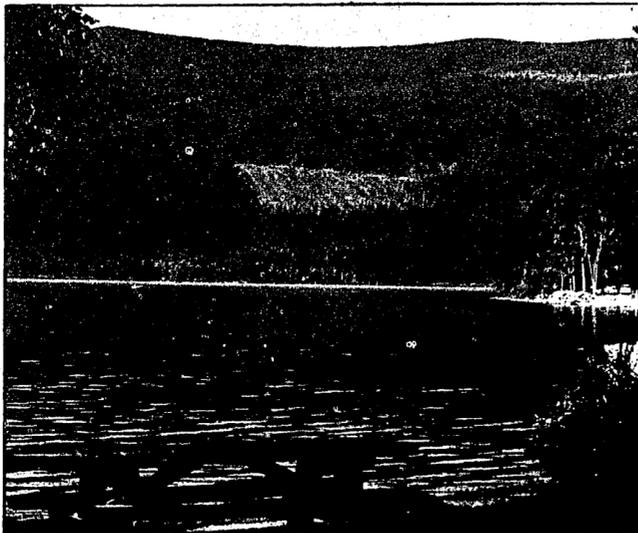
by Suzanne Vernon
Forest land managers in the Swan Valley have been criticized in recent weeks for allowing clearcuts that impact the visual quality of the area. Foresters for the Swan Lake Ranger District, Plum Creek Timber and the Swan River State Forest explained recently that clearcutting is economical and is also an approved management option in areas of old growth timber where insects and disease are present.

Forest Service

The Sweet Mary timber sale on Forest Service land west of Swan Lake includes a 26-acre clearcut highly visible from the recreation area at Swan Lake. During the mid-1970's, according to silviculturist Barry Bollenbacher, the original Sweet Mary sale called for partial retention of trees in that area. Visual quality was considered. However, when the timber was offered for sale (as a deficit sale) in 1981, no buyers stepped forth to purchase the trees.

Bollenbacher explained that the stand of trees harvested on the Sweet Mary sale was overmature western white pine and grand fir which was infested with blister rust and Indian paint fungus and also infested with pine beetles.

By 1982, the Swan Lake District again offered the sale, only this time managers recommended clearcuts. Because of the lower expense of clearcuts (as compared to the cost of leaving seed trees or shelterwood), Sweet Mary was no longer a deficit sale. The timber was sold during 1982, although harvesting didn't begin until recently.



Clearcuts such as this one visible from the Swan Lake recreation area have recently prompted public discussion of forest management techniques in the Swan Valley.

Bollenbacher and Dave Ondov, forester for the district, both recall that there were no appeals of the second Decision Notice which called for clearcutting the unit. The Decision Notice, signed in September 1982, also notes that a new environmental assessment was not deemed necessary even though the management plans for the area had changed.

Currently in the Swan Valley, the Forest Service is administering about 10 active sales totalling around 70 million board feet of timber. Less than half of those sales have been logged. The reason for the large amount of active sales today, is that many of the units were sold during the late 1970's, and contractors have waited for more favorable market conditions to harvest the timber. A five million board feet sale is scheduled to be sold this fall in the Beaver Creek area. Other than that, Ondov explained that there will be no more timber sold in the Swan during the coming year. The Swan Lake District is concentrating sales in the Crane Mountain area on the east shore of Flathead Lake where trees are infested with an epidemic of pine beetles.

Plum Creek Timber

Frank Netherton, supervisor of the Seeley Swan unit of Plum Creek Timber, recently explained that only about 10% of Plum Creek's timbered land in the Seeley Swan area is presently being clearcut. Most of those units are in thick, old-growth lodgepole stands.

"We are in the timber growing business," Netherton explained. He pointed out that clearcuts which raised concern in the Swan Valley during the late 1960's are barely visible today. "Our lands are going to be reforested, and they are going to be brought into a higher growing capacity than they were in an old growth stage."

Netherton has access to nearly twenty years of aerial photos which support his views about timber management practices. He invites concerned residents to stop by the Plum Creek office north of Seeley Lake and discuss specific concerns.

Netherton acknowledges that Plum Creek is accelerating the removal of old growth timber on its land in the Seeley Swan area. He explains that each acre of timbered land owned by Plum Creek is evaluated according to the cubic feet of

wood per acre that the land can grow. Many old growth stands of virgin timber are in a negative growing stage.

Those stands lose more timber than they produce each year, he said, explaining that timber economics calls for harvesting those stands. Plum Creek's long range plans for planting seedlings and continuing their practice of precommercial thinning, will ensure that the Swan Valley will always have trees, Netherton believes. However, he admits that the timber industry is facing some fundamental changes. As the harvested trees become smaller and smaller, the sawmills and timber markets will also change.

Swan River State Forest

State Forests, unlike the federal Forest Service, are not required to solicit public comments on timber sales, according to Glen Gray, field supervisor of the Swan River State Forest. By law, the money generated from timber sales must be deposited in Montana's school trust fund. Land managers for state forests are required to generate the maximum monetary return to the school trusts of Montana, Gray explained.

Recent plans to clearcut on state lands in the Soup Creek area have generated criticism of state forest management practices. In response to some of the public comments, Gray pointed out that portions of the timber sale are now designated as seed tree units and will not be clearcut entirely. Trees in the area are subject to insects and disease, and clearcutting is an accepted management practice for those types of timber stands, Gray said.

Gray also addressed rumors that the state has tripled their annual allowable cut. He acknowledged that new timber inventories have been completed and will be available this fall. This new data may show that it is environmentally acceptable to increase the Swan River Forest's annual allowable cut from 4 million board feet to 9 million board feet. Managers have already made the decision that cutting 9 million board feet annually would be acceptable for a five-year period. However, the data contained in the new study must be considered before managers will know if harvesting 9 million board feet per year can be sustained for a longer period of time. During fiscal year 1988, 3 million board feet of timber is scheduled to be sold on the Swan River State Forest.

**Promoting
our culture**

**Timber, tourism and
cottage industries create
a unique lifestyle**

by Suzanne Vernon

When we start to promote anything in a big way here in the Seeley Swan area, we ought to promote our culture, according to Bud Moore, Condon.

Timber and tourism are nothing new here, as Moore pointed out at the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce meeting last week. What is new, he explained, is the tremendous push for tourism, and the new 4% bed tax that will more than triple the amount of money available for promoting tourism. The resulting fear among forest managers is that increased tourism will lead to restrictions on logging.

However, Moore sees the presence of both loggers and tourists here as a positive part of our culture.

"We ought to see that as a blessing—not as a problem." He used Alpine Products of Condon as an example, pointing out that the managers there are working hard to utilize the small diameter lodgepole which is so abundant in our woods.

"They are doing something I believe in, and they believe in . . . and I think every tourist ought to see it!" he exclaimed.

Moore's own experience indicates that people would pay him for the opportunity to come here and spend time in the woods or work around his sawmill. He also pointed to a variety of businesses in the Seeley Swan area that would be attractive to visitors. "We ought to support each other," he added, and people here should promote both timber and tourism. "It's our culture," he said.

Moore is a former Forest Service ranger, present sawmill operator, logger and conservationist. He has received an honorary doctorate from the University of Montana for his work in forestry. He was invited to attend a recent series of quietly-held meetings organized by Jeff Macon, chairman of the Economic Task Force in Seeley Lake. Representatives of the timber and tourism industries discussed ways that the two industries have been, and could continue to be, compatible in our area.

People have to separate the little wars from the bigger picture, Moore said. He admitted that he frequently disagrees with logging practices on both public and private lands, and that he often has discussions with forest land managers. However, that shouldn't prevent him, or anyone else, from supporting the Forest Service or Plum Creek Timber.

Al Donohue, chairman of Governor Schwinden's Tourism Advisory Council, also attended the recent Chamber meeting, and agreed with Moore's ideas.

"Bud Moore, you are right on, when you say that an area has to work around what it has," he said. The potential for the Seeley Swan area is tremendous, Donohue continued, adding that most people here probably don't realize what opportunities lie ahead. Tourism, he explained, is one of the few industries that has little or no impact on the environment.

"Montana is on the threshold of being able to take advantage of that," he added. The state budget for promoting tourism will soon go from \$1.2 million annually to \$5 million, because of the bed tax.

"We'll have more money to work with than any of the western states except Alaska," he said. That promotion is going to work, Donohue believes. "You have Yellowstone Park that everybody knows about . . . and Glacier Park that nobody knows about . . . and you're right in the middle." Travelers throughout the world will soon know about Montana, he added.

"They are coming, and they are going to be coming sooner than you think."

Donohue, who owns a summer home at Placid Lake, has observed that the Seeley Swan area has nothing to hold tourists here for a day or two. Providing opportunities for people to tour a sawmill, or travel in the woods, would help prevent the tour buses from "going right on through."

"You also have an opportunity here for year round recreation—nurture it and work with it," he advised.

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Al Cluck, United States representative for the Glacier/Waterton group, explained that the idea of the Great Bear Trail is to promote the whole corridor to visitors.

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- 2) Remove lower branches, especially dead branches from trees, and remove any branches that overhang the roof.
- 3) Construct a fire barrier 15 feet around the house—for example, a watered lawn or a driveway.
- 4) Rake and remove surface fuel, such as limbs and pine needles, 100 feet around the house.
- 5) Don't stack firewood next to the house.
- 6) Regularly check the roof for combustible materials and clean the gutters of pine needles and other residue.
- 7) Make sure a wood burning stove and its chimney meet safety standards.
- 8) Have an adequate water supply. Water sources need to be accessible to fire-fighters.
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A pair of young lovers, as played by David Kelly and Domenique Lozano, prepare to part as Rhonda Smith joins in the comic scene from Shakespeare in the Parks '87 production of *Two Gentlemen of Verona*.

Shakespeare returns to Seeley Lake

The people of the Seeley Swan area will be treated to live professional theater when Shakespeare in the Parks performs in Seeley Lake on Friday, August 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Wapiti Lodge, 1-1/2 miles north of Seeley Lake behind the Elkhorn Cafe.

The company will perform the Shakespearean comedy, *Two Gentlemen of Verona*.

Shakespeare in the Parks is composed of ten professional actors selected by national auditions each spring. Some of the actors also double as company manager or technical assistants in scenery, costumes and properties. Other members of the staff include a director and a costume designer for each play, seamstresses, technical assistants, tour manager and public relations director and a secretary.

Thomas Q. Morris, associate director, has been an actor with the company for nine years and was the director for last year's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This marks 11 seasons with Shakespeare in the Parks for Mr. Morris, who directs *Two Gentlemen of Verona*. He has also toured Montana with the Vigilante Players, another MSU touring company, and has worked in Montana films and television as well as in Chicago commercials this past year.

The company was formed to bring quality, live theater to Montanans, most especially in those small communities that might not otherwise have the opportunity to see this type of production. A portable Elizabethan-style stage is used, and the acting is performed outdoors using only available light. The performances have been delighting audiences across the state for a decade and a half, and have become an annual event in many communities.

Business Briefs

New sales associate at Seeley Swan Realty

Tom Calder has joined the staff of Seeley Swan Realty in Seeley Lake as a sales associate. He has six years real estate experience and will specialize in quality recreation and lakefront properties. Tom, his wife Carol, and sons Lincoln and Bronson, have a home on Lindbergh Lake.

Stork Report

Congratulations to Dick and Robin Idol on the birth of a new baby boy. Cody Lee Idol was born July 26 in Missoula and weighed in at 5 pounds, 13 ounces.



A four-generation portrait, left to right: Great Grandmother Hazel L. Dorr, from the Sun Mountain Ranch, Neihart; Grandmother Dorine Rammell (Mrs. Elden Rammell), Seeley Lake; great granddaughter Jennifer Mari Hals, and Tonya Hals, Jennifer's mother from Bigfork.

SHORELINES

Four generations gathered at the Elden and Dorine Rammell home in Seeley Lake earlier this summer. Dorine's mother, Hazel L. Door, traveled from her home at the Sun Mountain Ranch near Neihart recently to visit with the Rammell family. Dorine's daughter, Tonya Hals, and Tonya's

daughter, Jennifer Marie Hals, also came to Seeley Lake for the visit. Everyone enjoyed the informal reunion. "Grandma Great" (Mrs. Hazel Door) has 26 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren, with one more due in October. Mrs. Dorr is locally famous for her handmade quilts, which she makes for her loved ones, according to Dorine Rammell. "She loves to sit at her sewing machine and stay busy."



Kaiser-Kuch Wed

Marilyn Joyce Kuch and Bradley Carl Kaiser were married July 18 at Leisure Lodge Resort in Seeley Lake. Rev. Christopher Williams conducted the double ring ceremony. A reception and wedding dance followed at Leisure Lodge Resort.

Marilyn is the daughter of Eleanor Kuch of Wibaux, Montana. Brad is the son of Ernest and Mavis Kaiser of Seeley Lake.

Vicki Dykins, friend of the bride,

was the maid of honor. Greg Foley, friend of the groom, was the best man.

Marilyn is a graduate of Wibaux County High School and Montana State University. She is employed as a P.E. teacher at Seeley Lake Elementary. Brad graduated from Seeley Swan High School and is employed as an equipment operator for J. C. Logging of Missoula.

After a wedding trip to Lake Pend Oreille in Idaho and Banff, Alberta, the couple will reside in Seeley Lake.

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Cornucopia by Michele Potter

In Montana, come mid-August many of us are already thinking summer is over. That means the garden goodies need to be put up before that first "early" frost. If we're lucky, we'll have another Indian Summer like last year. Don't count on it — Mother Nature is just too fickle for us northern folk!

There are several publications available from the Cooperative Extension Service, like MONTGUIDE D-4 (Food Preservation). Call your local county extension office for more information. For good results, always use up-to-date recipes and directions from reliable sources.

Here are a couple of recipes from the makers of ReaLemon Lemon Juice, Borden. The Nectarine Walnut Raisin Conserve can be used as a dessert sauce or meat accompaniment. Serve Brandied Peaches warm or right from the jar with a scoop of ice cream or a slice of toasted pound cake for good old-fashioned desserts. Or, use as an accompaniment to ham or other meat dishes.

Nectarine (or Peach) Walnut-Raisin Conserve
4 cups chopped nectarines
or pared peaches (about 3 pounds)
3/4 cup raisins
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup lemon juice concentrate
3 cups sugar
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

In large kettle or Dutch oven, combine nectarines, raisins, water and lemon juice concentrate; bring to a boil. Stir in sugar; return to a boil. Boil rapidly uncovered 15 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from heat; stir in nuts. Spoon into sterilized jars to within 1/2 inch of top. Tightly place lid and band on each jar. Process in boiling water bath 15 minutes. 4-5 half-pints.

Brandied Peaches
8 pounds peaches, pared, seeded and cut in half
8 cups water
3 cups sugar
1-1/2 cups brandy
6 cinnamon sticks
1/4 cup lemon juice concentrate

In extra large bowl, combine peach halves, 6 cups water and 2 tablespoons lemon juice concentrate. In large kettle, combine remaining 2 cups water, remaining 2 tablespoons lemon juice concentrate, sugar, brandy and cinnamon; bring to a boil. Drain peaches and add to syrup mixture; return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered 5 minutes. Remove cinnamon sticks. Spoon peaches and syrup into sterilized jars to within 1/2 inch of top. Tightly place lid and band on each jar. Process in boiling water bath 20 minutes. 6-7 pints.

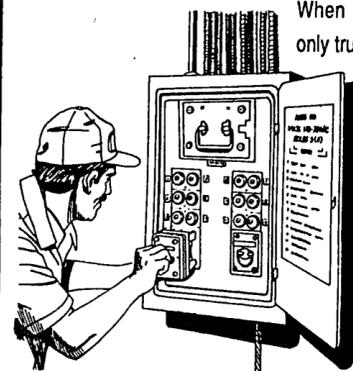
While at the Huckleberry Festival last Saturday, I found the *Swan Lake Huckleberry Cookbook*—about 50 huckleberry recipes. Ask about it at local businesses next time you're passing through Swan Lake or write to the Swan Lake Women's Club.

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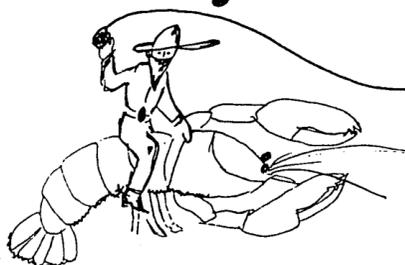
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Napa Point road under construction

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June Wilhelm readied her rifle for competition at the recent Turkey Shoot near Condon, sponsored by the Swan Seeley Shooting Club.

Turkey Shoot a success

Dozens of people participated in the Swan Seeley Shooting Club's recent Turkey Shoot held at the Cooney Creek shooting range. More than 40 turkeys and hams were awarded to winners in various categories. Winners of various goodies from Liquid Louie's Bar were Ronda Feucht, first place, Dale Anderson, second place, and Steve Feucht, third place.

Club members are organizing another get-together with a Flathead Valley club in the near future. Meanwhile, the group will hold fun shoots every Sunday at the range beginning at 1 p.m.

Meeting set to discuss pine beetle epidemic

Western Montana foresters believe that within five years epidemic numbers of mountain pine beetles will arrive in the Swan Valley.

To help private landowners prepare for the predicted epidemic, a meeting is scheduled at the Swan Valley Community Hall for the evening of September 24. Foresters will offer ideas that may help ease the effects of a pine beetle infestation on timbered lands, according to Barry Bollenbacher, silviculturist from the Swan Lake Ranger District.

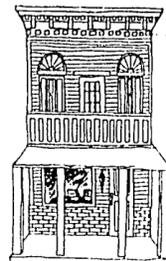
Pine beetles are already thriving along the east shore of Flathead Lake in the Crane Mountain area and in some areas of the Swan Valley.

Swan Lake meeting scheduled

Swan Lake residents concerned about timber management in the Swan Valley have scheduled a meeting for August 20, 7:30 p.m., at the Swan Lake Club House. Foresters from the Swan River State Forest, Swan Lake Ranger District and Plum Creek Timber have been invited to attend this meeting. A panel discussion is tentatively scheduled according to committee chairman, John Greene.

Other topics which may be addressed by the group include tours of state, federal and private timber sales, and discussion of long range planning.

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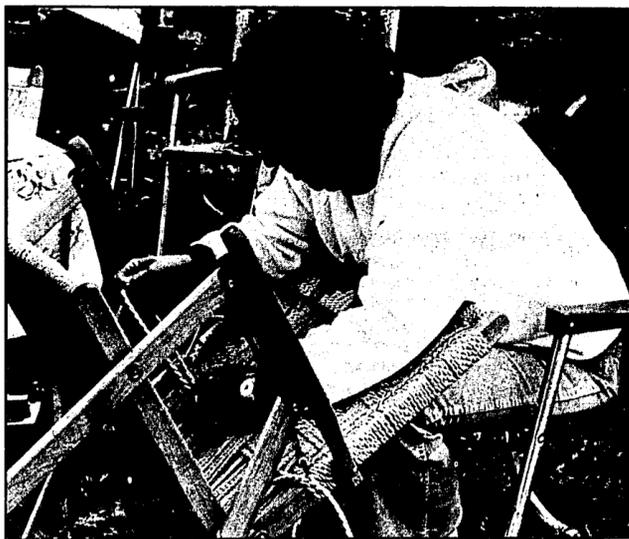
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Tepi McDonnell with what was left of the winning entries in the Huckleberry Bake-Off held in Swan Lake last weekend. Tepi is the granddaughter of Frank and Gina McDonnell, Swan Lake.

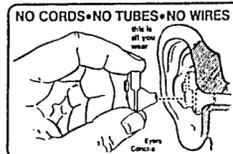


Marion Jolin (right) and her mother, Elaine Kopp (left), provided a popular array of handcrafted dolls and gift items during the recent Swan Lake Huckleberry Festival.



Virginia Kessler, Condon, demonstrated macrame techniques and sold many of her unique lawn chairs at the Swan Lake Huckleberry Festival last weekend.

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Dusty Miller displayed his handcrafted wooden toys at the Huckleberry Festival in Swan Lake.



By
Laura
Bogar

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The 1987 University of Montana Homecoming celebration will begin October 21 and continue through Saturday, October 24. The class of 1962 has scheduled a reunion, along with a decade reunion for the classes from 1950-1959. "Moments to Remember" is the theme for this year's homecoming, which will celebrate the fabulous fifties. For more information or to reserve tickets for the game between the Montana Grizzlies and the Weber State Wildcats, call 243-4051.

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Bicentennial Essays (Tenth of a Series) From Under The Liberty Tree

Jack Hane, President
Liberty Tree Foundation

If you have been reading my essays, you have experienced the general overtones of Christianity in connection with American history and, more particularly, as it relates to our Constitution. Perhaps someone is thinking that these overtones are quite far-fetched and are unnecessary. Perhaps there are those who oppose this on the basis that nowhere can even the word Christianity be found in our Constitution. My intention, of course is to have these overtones resound as loudly as does the village blacksmith's hammer when striking his anvil—as loudly as the pealing of the Liberty Bell when seemingly it could not contain the message inscribed upon it! Yes, I suppose my desire is that in these essays I can establish the fact that Christianity and America are inseparable concerning its founding—and to recapture this spirit in 1987.

In my research I found an article by James Bayward, a senator and constitutional lawyer of the 19th century, who explains why Christianity was omitted from the United States Constitution:

"The people of the United States were so fully aware of the evils which arise from the union of Church and State, and so thoroughly convinced of its corrupting influence upon both religion and government, that they introduced this prohibition into the fundamental law.

"It had been made an objection to the Constitution, by some, that it makes no mention of religion, contains no recognition of the existence and providence of God—as though his authority were slighted or disregarded. But such is not the reason for the omission. The convention which framed the Constitution comprised some of the wisest

and finest men of the nation—men who were firmly persuaded not only of the divine origin of the Christian religion

but, also, of its importance to the temporal and eternal welfare of men. The people, too, of this country were generally impressed with religious feelings, and felt and acknowledged the superintendence of God, who had protected them through the perils of war and blessed their exertions to obtain civil and religious freedom. But there were reasons why the introduction of religion into the Constitution would have been unseasonable, if not improper.

"In the first place, it was intended exclusively for civil purposes, and religion could not be regularly mentioned, because it made no part of the agreement between the parties. They were about to surrender a portion of their civil rights for the security of the remainder, but each retained his religious freedom, entire and untouched, as a matter between himself and his God, with which the government could not interfere. But, even if this reason had not existed, it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to use any expression on the subject which would have given general satisfaction. The difference between the various sects of Christians is such that, while all have much in common, there are many points of variance: so that in an instrument where all are entitled to equal consideration it would be difficult to use terms in which all could cordially join.

"Besides, the whole Constitution was a compromise, and it was foreseen that it would meet with great opposition before it would be finally adopted. It was, therefore, important to restrict its provisions to things absolutely necessary, so as to give as little room as possible to cavil. Moreover, it was impossible to introduce into it even an expression of gratitude to the Almighty for the formation of the present government; for, when the Constitution was framed and submitted to the people, it was entirely uncertain whether it would ever be ratified, and the government might, therefore, never be established.

"The prohibition of any religious test for office was wise, because its admission would lead to hypocrisy and corruption. The purity of religion is best preserved by keeping it separate from government; and the surest means of giving to it its proper influence in society is the dissemination of correct principles through education. The experience of this country has proved that religion may flourish in all its vigor and purity without the aid of a national establishment; and the religious feeling of the community is the best guarantee for the religious administration of the government."

The external proclamation may be missing, but the never-ceasing flame in the hearth of our structure of liberty—the Constitution of the United States of America—burns brightly with the warmth of Christian love and concern.

Roger Wade
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Gary Williams

Gospel singer to perform in Seeley Lake

Gary Williams will be singing at the Community Bible Church on Cedar Lane, Seeley Lake, on Sunday evening, August 16, beginning at 7 p.m. A "food and fellowship" time will follow the concert.

For many years, Gary Williams was a popular singer on such top television shows as "Town Hall Party" in Hollywood and on "Grand Ole Opry" tours out of Nashville, Tennessee. He had many hit recordings on Capitol and other labels, most of which he wrote himself.

Since accepting Christ in 1965, Gary has sung a different song. His travels have taken him through all the 50 states and many foreign countries, and his gospel songs and personal testimony have been heard in thousands of churches and auditoriums.

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PASSAGES

by Dale Terrillion
Montana Christian Logger

All too soon now, children will answer to the call of school bells, some willing and others will go obediently. Vacationers will reluctantly return to places of habitation to resume reality. Salaried men will meditate upon secure paychecks and ponder freelancing. Mill workers will punch their cards and dream of self-employment. The great American dream is to be independent and free, working at what and where we choose.

God and my wife certainly allowed me a life of freedom from New Brunswick to Alaska, both as employee and employer. This Labor Day I remember past bosses, some with forgiveness and others with joy. Many were far from perfect but I was not always the perfect employee either. Before the Lord got control, I lived the old eye-for-an-eye attitude. Some bosses liked to stretch paydays seven or eight weeks. It was hard to meet family needs and financial responsibilities under those conditions, especially when wages were a minimum.

Other times, when fellow workers were being mistreated, I became very outspoken and lost my job. I never did take lightly the misery of others.

Many masters treated me more than fair. Some realized their responsibility and paid often like God's word reads in the book of Deuteronomy: "Pay him his wages each day before sunset because he is poor and counting on it, otherwise he may cry to the Lord against you and you will be guilty of sin."

God's word always has such simple answers to man's complicated arrangements. Frequent paydays and wise buying habits could help eliminate company store situations and Lord we

wouldn't owe everything to MasterCard and various other easy-credit institutions. The borrower is a servant to the lender.

Getting back to my own experiences, as a master, our little logging outfit employed a couple of hardy souls, conscientious workers they were. No need to watch these fellows, for they worked the same steady pace alone or attended. They were honest men. I paid them a fair and just wage. We were a happy bunch and most always productive. One of them stopped by several years ago, his warm smile and lingering handshake are still remembered. Paydays are not always dollars and cents. Unexpected bonuses are the great moments of inner joy, like knowing you have done something good and fair for another human being and Eternity!

Why, a boss could enjoy the fruits of his labor way into the Hereafter. For the believer it could well be their ministry! Thankfully, I recall a spiritual brother who was also my employer. There were many times he gave me a job mostly because he knew I was hurting. He never tried to browbeat me into a higher gear or threaten me with termination if I asked for time off. Nor did he live in excessive squander so I had to work for less than a fair wage.

Spiritual brothers are like that, they care about one another, they love one another, they get to know one another from the inside out. They're accountable to each other—admonishing in love! They always remember each other in their prayers and help in any manner that needs be. They bear another's burdens.

For reasons known mostly to God and himself, my friend attends the Assembly of God church body. He sometimes likes to "Praise the Lord" and why not? Is He not worthy of it? Right now I'd like to praise Him for merciful masters and pray He would bless them . . . in every way!

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, August 17
Tuna noodle casserole
- Tuesday, August 18
Hot beef san
- Wednesday, August 19
Tater tot casserole

Reservations are appreciated for these noon meals. Suggested donations for residents under 60 years of age are \$2.50; over 60, \$1.50. All meals are served with soup or juice, meat, potato or substitute vegetable, salad, dessert, rolls or bread, milk and coffee. Menus are subject to change. For more information call Hazel Ford, 677-2008.

Community Bible Church hosts Vacation School

The Community Bible Church in Seeley Lake will host Vacation Bible School, beginning August 17 through August 21, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each morning. Theme for this year's VBS is "Hallelujah, Jesus is King" and will feature Bible lessons, missionary stories, games and crafts. For more information call Ruth Morris, 677-2837.



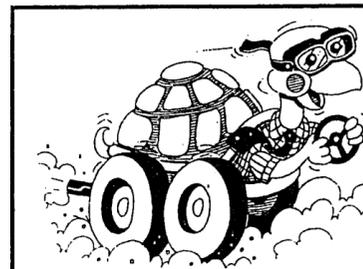
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*Through the Screenline Window
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(Editor's note: Bonnie Murphy wrote the following poem for Marie McNally, who recently retired from the Ovando Post Office after 21 years of service.)

I have watched you through my window,
 I have seen you come and go.
 From a tiny bump under your billowy shirts
 I have watched your children grow.

I watched you through my window,
 and saw the love light in your eyes.
 I saw the enchantment of distant travels in them too,
 and how I longed, sometimes, to fly away with you!

I have listened to your troubles
 consoled you when I could.
 I have suffered with you when you were ill,
 rejoiced when things were good.

A part of me feels what you are feeling
 and it hurts me to see you hurt.
 I have felt just awful when you packages were late
 and when someone didn't write.

I have watched you growing older,
 heard you fumble with your post office key.
 As your eyes and muscles slowly fade
 I know it's happening, too, to me.

I have known when you grew lonely
 when you thought that no one cared.
 I have missed you when you moved away,
 and, alas, when you passed away.

I've enjoyed working for you, how the years flew by!
 I know sometimes I'll miss the window, and life's parade passing by.
 But now I'd like to join you, be a part of the moving throng,
 and feel the freedom of leisure days, I haven't felt for so long.

I hope you'll come to visit me
 and call me on the phone,
 For when we are not out traveling,
 I'll enjoy just being HOME.

by Bonnie Murphy

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

A few bear-of-the-week stories this week. One young cub spooked a horse and rider in the Glacier Creek area recently. Another adult black bear, unfortunately, was hit by a car while crossing the Swan Highway one evening last week.

Lots of cows out on the highway now. I guess we've grown used to the annual scene. However, several tourists have stopped by here this past week, alarmed because "There's cows all over the road." We explain it's Open Range, and as usual, folks stare at us, wide-eyed, in disbelief. This is Montana, folks. If you hit a cow on the highway, you pay for it.

On a lighter note, the ravens have been active lately, seeking gophers along the highway. The other day our four-year-old, Justin, came running into the house and began tugging on Dad's jeans. "Come and look, come quick," he insisted. So, Dad followed out the door to the center of the yard, as Justin excitedly pointed to the sky where several ravens were circling. "Look, Dad, they are playing Follow-the-Leader!"

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Missoula County Centralized Services in the Missoula County Courthouse in the City of Missoula, until 10:00 o'clock a.m., August 24, 1987, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read in Room 201, Courthouse Annex for the purpose of: Construction of a water system to serve Sportco Addition, Missoula County, Montana and doing all work as may be necessary in the connection with Rural Special Improvement District No. 425, the boundaries of which are described in the Resolution of Intention to create said district.

Estimated quantities of major items are: Item 1; Description: Water Line (6 inch diameter); Estimated Quantities: 150 L.F.; Item 2; Description: Blowoff Assembly; Estimated Quantities: 1 EA.; Item 3; Description: Gate Valve w/Box (6 inch); Estimated Quantities: 1 EA.; Item 4; Description: Service Lines (w/curb box & stop); Estimated Quantities: 4 EA.

All work is to be done in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of Stensatter, Druyvestein & Associates and shall be performed under the supervision of Gilbert Larson or his designated representative. Prospective bidders may secure copies of the plans and specifications at this office upon payment of \$25.00 for each set.

Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bids as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the required contract. The Board of County Commissioners of Missoula County, Montana reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Proposals shall be sealed and marked "Proposals for Work on Rural Special Improvement District No. 425" and addressed to the Central Services Department, Missoula County Courthouse, Missoula, Montana.

A bond will be required of the successful bidder in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the aggregate of the proposal for the faithful performance of the contract and protection of the County against the liability of accidents or other damages.

The successful contractor will be required to carry Workmen's Compensation under plan number three (3) of the Workmen's Compensation Act of Montana, and upon final settlement with the contractor, the County of Missoula will deduct all unpaid premiums on the labor employed by him but not more than the amount of the contract.

The award of the construction contract is contingent upon the successful sale of bonds, and should bonds fail to sell within the limits prescribed by law, then no award will be made.

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Seeley Lake



Rollee Bigley (left) is the new owner of Liquid Louie's Swan Valley Tavern. He recently helped Lila and Norris Denton celebrate a "see you on the other side of the bar" party with a jam session and barbecue.

Liquid Louie's under new management

Liquid Louie's Swan Valley Tavern is now under new management. Rollee Bigley recently began operating the bar, formerly managed by Norris and Lila Denton.

Norris and Lila hosted a "See you on the other side of the bar" party earlier this month, welcoming Rollee to the Swan Valley.

Bigley was born in Hardin, Montana and has lived in Bozeman, Kalispell and California. He has two grown sons, Brett and Brian, who live in California.

After looking for several years, Bigley was finally convinced that he wanted to move to the Swan Valley. He visited friends here in 1985 and returned this summer. He enjoys hunting and fishing, and he plans to be active in the local gun club.

Bigley is not planning any major changes in the management of the tavern. Specials will soon be featured to coincide with Monday night football, and he plans to schedule live music as often as possible. Liquid Louie's is open from noon until 2 a.m. Bigley has scheduled a Grand Opening for September 12, with free draft beer from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Bureau to collect data

The Census Bureau will collect data on employment and unemployment from area residents the week of August 17-22, according to officials at the Denver regional office.

Glacier highway under construction

Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park will be under construction beginning August 10. Minor delays and inconveniences to the traveling public during the day can be expected. Beginning August 11, night road closures of the Going-to-the-Sun Road from the loop to Logan Pass will be in effect. The road will remain open 24 hours on Friday and Saturday nights, however. Other night closures will be from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Notice issued for timber sale

Forest Service managers have given public notice of their intent to harvest 450,000 board feet of mostly blown down trees in the Jim Creek-Moore Creek area of the Swan Valley.

According to the Decision Notice, signed July 21, 1987 by District Ranger Bill Pederson, the Moore Blowdown Timber Sale consists almost entirely of blown down trees of spruce, alpine fir, larch and Douglas fir adjacent to recently logged sale units. The notice further states that the project is consistent with a biological evaluation that was prepared for the area in 1981.

The Jim-Fatty area is currently undergoing another environmental analysis to update the 1981 plan. However, options contained in the new plan have not yet been publicized.

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Specifications and bid procedures for this purchase can be obtained at the Office of Central Purchasing, Room B-1, Missoula County Courthouse.

A performance bond will be required. The Board of County Commissioners of Missoula County, Montana, reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Proposals shall be sealed and marked "Proposals for Repair of Old Courthouse Roof" and addressed to the Office of Central Purchasing, Missoula, Montana. By order of the Board of County Commissioners this 30th day of July, 1987.

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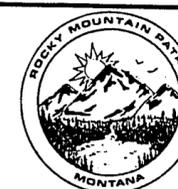
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Seeley Lake

Salmon fishing is hot this week in Seeley and Placid lakes. Several people stopping by Dan's Discount in Seeley Lake boasted nice catches of the 10 to 12 inch kokos. Fishermen are using cowbells and worms, leaded line and 30 feet of leader. Triple teasers, Dick Knight, needlefish and other small lures work well.

Bass fishing is good on Seeley during the early morning and late evening

hours. No lunkers this week, but several in the three-pound class.

Swan Valley & Swan Lake

Fishing is good for rainbow trout in both the river and the lake right now and should be improving through the weekend. Folks stopping by Wentz's Swan Service in Swan Lake had several nice rainbows (17-18 inches) taken from the Swan River recently. Fly fishermen are having the best luck: try Adam's, Irresistible or March Brown flies.

Northern pike fishing remains good this week at Swan Lake. The pike are smaller now — only two 15-pounders in the last two weeks. Smelt is the bait of choice for the smaller pike, up to five pounds.

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Biologists track lions

Wildlife biologists are interested in tracking the behavior of two young mountain lions sighted frequently here in recent weeks. The sibling lions have been seen along the Swan River and in the Rumble Creek area of the Swan Valley.

According to Deputy Sheriff Scott McDonald, the yearling lions' mother was tranquilized and moved to a remote area in the Blackfoot Valley about a month ago after several unfavorable contacts with local residents. Since that

time, the yearlings have frequently been sighted near local residences.

In cooperation with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, McDonald and local resident, Tom Parker, will be available to begin aversive conditioning of the cats. "Aversive conditioning" involves the use of rubber bullets or specially designed shotguns to shoot the cats without harming them to discourage their friendly habits around people.

Anyone who sees the lions in the near future is asked to call either Scott McDonald or Tom Parker in the Swan Valley, or the 9-1-1 dispatch office in Missoula.

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