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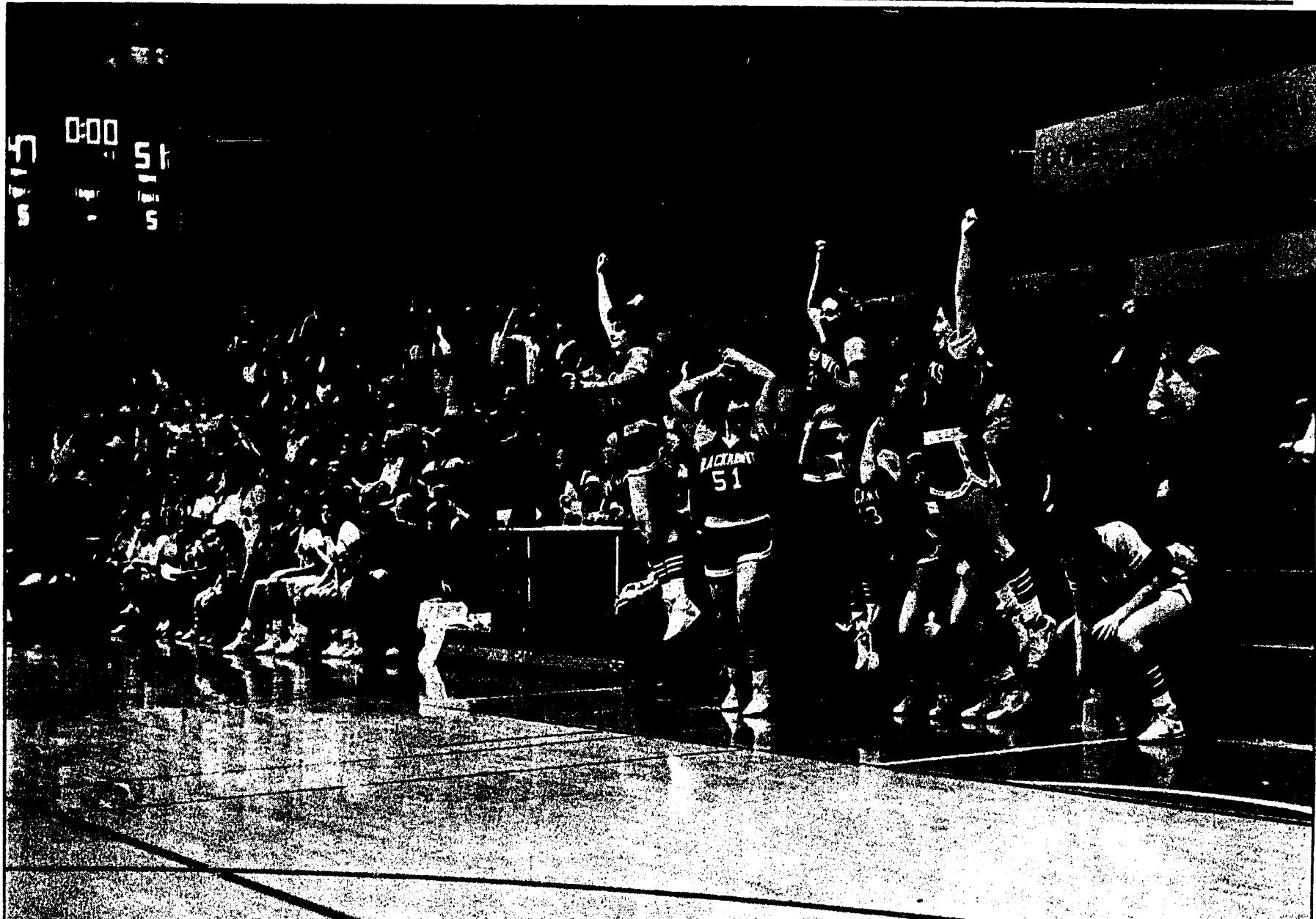
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The Lady Blackhawks defeated Drummond 51-47 last Saturday night in Missoula to capture the District Championship title. Seeley

Swan will advance to the Divisional Tournament which begins December 3 at Big Sky High School in Missoula. S. Vernon Photo

Bed Tax generates \$1.6 million during 1st quarter

by Anne Dahl

During the first quarter of Fiscal Year 1987-88 (July, August and September) Montana's hotels and motels collected more than \$1.6 million in bed taxes. Businesses using Seeley Lake addresses contributed \$2,052.68, and those within the city limits earned \$558.96, according to John Wilson, Travel Promotion Director.

Motels, guest ranches and campgrounds in Montana have been collecting a 4% bed tax since July 1. Revenue from the tax is being spent to promote Montana's tourist industry.

As mandated by the legislature, the funds are to be spent for "...tourism

promotion and promotion of the state as a location for the production of motion pictures and television commercials." The majority will be spent by Montana's Travel Promotion office to encourage travel to Montana. But a portion is being returned to the regions where it originated for local promotion.

Glacier Country (northwest Montana's tourism region) generated \$511,285.51 during the first quarter. About 25% of that will be spent by the region to promote itself.

The Glacier Country regional organization is setting up a matching funds program for small communities to fund events or advertising projects with

a portion of the money returned from the bed tax. Communities wishing to apply for matching funds should expect to have guidelines finalized by mid-January. It is not too early to begin planning, according to Greg Bryan, Glacier Country President.

Bed taxes earned by the seven counties in Glacier Country during the first quarter totalled:

Missoula - \$143,416
Flathead - \$211,028
Glacier - \$98,649
Lake - \$18,483
Lincoln - \$14,424
Mineral - \$10,412
Sanders - \$4,872

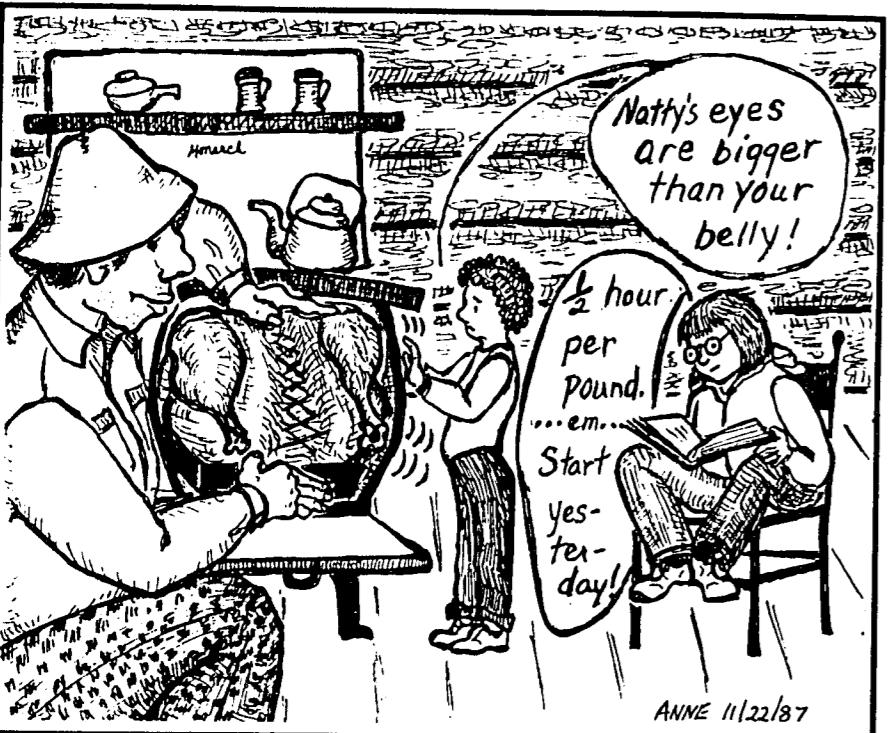
Bed taxes earned by municipalities in the region during the first quarter totalled:

Missoula - \$134,406
Kalispell - \$95,128
Whitefish - \$40,063
Libby - \$7,218

Happy Thanksgiving!

OPINION

Natty Bumppo



Thanksgiving Thoughts

Thanksgiving was decreed as a national holiday by Abraham Lincoln in 1863. But, as everyone knows from their school days, Thanksgiving harks back to the days of the Pilgrims in Plymouth Colony. The "inventor" of Thanksgiving was William Bradford, the colony's governor for thirty years. Bradford decreed the first Thanksgiving in the autumn of 1621 and invited the local Indians to join in with the colonists for a three-day feast.

The following excerpt from Bradford's journal gives an idea as to what one was thankful for during that first Thanksgiving:

"...Others were exercised in fishing, about cod and bass and other fish, of which they had good store, of which every family had their portion. All the summer there was no want; and now began to come in store of fowl, as winter approached, of which this place did abound when they came first (but afterward decreased by degrees). And besides waterfowl there was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many, besides venison, etc. Besides they had

about a peck of meal a week to a per-

son, or now since harvest, Indian corn to that proportion."

In a word, food was the principal subject for the giving of thanks in 1621. Nowadays, the food problem is fairly well resolved, so we have adopted a more expansive perspective for the giving of thanks. Anno Domini 1987 has not been an exceptionally good year—in a number of respects. However, in this situation, one can always look toward the "silver lining" as an appropriate expression for Thanksgiving. For example, as Montanans: we have endured an exceptionally dry year, but were spared during the fire season; although the state's economy continues to be mired in poor policies, we escaped the *coup de grace* which would have resulted from a sales tax; despite the ravaging of other parts of the world by the AIDS virus, we are largely unscathed.

As Americans, we can be thankful that, despite the everpresent prospect of a nuclear Armageddon, we are on the brink of a new arms agreement. We can be thankful that, although the recent stock market collapse wiped out a trillion dollars of wealth, it didn't collapse the world's financial system.

Now, all that may seem a bit "lefthanded" in Thanksgiving terms, but it sure beats a peck of meal a week.

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Although Ted is a mechanic, he only devotes part of his time to that job. His primary responsibility is selling and promoting the Cenex. Polaris snowmobiles and 4-wheelers and Arctic Cat snowmobiles are sold here and repair service is offered. Ted also repairs Jonsered and Husqvarna chainsaws.

Edeline is responsible for keeping the shelves filled with groceries and sundries and helping the customers. Fishing and hunting licenses and general information about the Blackfoot Valley area are available here, too. Edeline says, "Our main concern is service. What our community needs, we try to supply. We're here to help."

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No free meals through senior program

by Suzanne Vernon

The Senior Nutrition Program in Seeley Lake, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging and the Seeley Lake Senior Citizens, does not offer free meals as part of the nutrition program, according to Hazel Ford, program director from Seeley Lake.

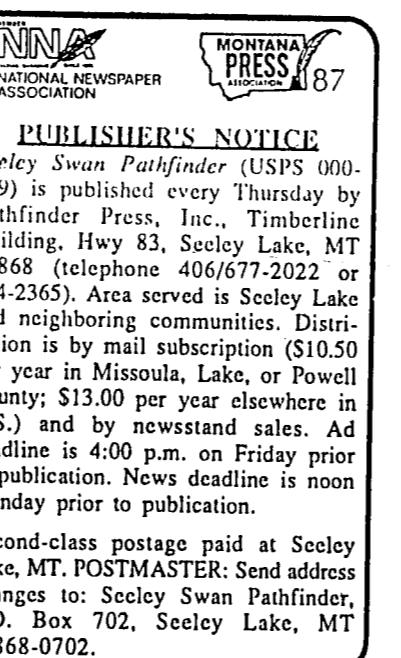
A story in last week's *Pathfinder* incorrectly reported that the noon meals, served every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Seeley Lake Community Hall, were free to people who could not afford them.

Ford explained that there is a donation required for all meals. People over 60 years of age are asked to pay \$1.50 per meal, while those under age 60 are asked to pay \$2.50 per meal. "If people can't afford that," Ford said, "then they can pay less."

Ford would appreciate reservations for all of the noon meals, especially the popular Thanksgiving meal which will be served at noon on Wednesday (today) November 25. For more information call 677-2008.

CORRECTION

In an article that appeared in last week's *Pathfinder* about a logging truck accident south of Seeley Lake, a name was misspelled. Jay Joplin was one of the drivers, not Jay Jopling, as was published.



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Baucus asks for study of FS appeals process

WASHINGTON D.C.: Senator Max Baucus has asked the General Accounting Office to conduct a full study of the way the U.S. Forest Service is handling appeals of its forest plans and timber sales.

"The public has a legitimate right to protest land-use decisions," Baucus said. "But lengthy appeals are tying the hands of everyone involved in using our national forests. The timber industry isn't able to plan for its use of the forest. The Forest Service is being slowed down in putting into effect its project plans which are under appeal. And ultimately the taxpayers are paying the bill as the whole process gets bogged down."

The General Accounting Office is a watchdog agency that evaluates the effectiveness of government programs. In a letter to GAO Baucus said:

"Many Montanans have complained that the Forest Service administrative appeals process is too long and cumbersome. Indeed, some appeals may take

three years or more to resolve. I am interested in finding out why this is the case, and what possible solutions exist to expedite the process."

Baucus said one of the reasons he wants the investigation is to answer timber industry complaints that appeals of timber sales are seriously disrupting the sales in many parts of the country.

"Montana's economy relies on a solid timber industry," Baucus said. "We must make sure timber producers aren't being unnecessarily burdened by a process that may be able to operate more efficiently."

Baucus said he's been concerned about the adequacy of the appeals process for some time. He said he decided to ask for the investigation when representatives of the timber industry tried to change the release language of wilderness legislation for Montana as a way to insure a reliable source of timber from the state's roadless lands.

"Congress isn't going to change the standard release language that's been used in all other state wilderness bills," Baucus said. "It's much more appropriate for use to look at the appeals process and see if it can be made to work better."

Commissioners announce board vacancies

The Missoula County Commissioners have announced vacancies on several county boards due to expired terms and resignations. These vacancies and their length of terms are as follows:

Airport Authority: 1 vacancy (appointed for a 5-year term)

Animal Control Board: 1 vacancy (appointed for a 2-year term)

Missoula Area Agency on Aging Board: 3 vacancies (appointed for 3-year terms); the Agency coordinates and allocates funds for elderly programs in Missoula County.

Fair Commission: 2 vacancies (appointed for a 3-year term)

Health Board: 1 vacancy (appointed for a 3-year term)

Library Board: 2 vacancies (appointed for 3-year terms)

Loan Review Committee: 6 vacancies (appointed for 1-year terms); the Committee acts upon loan applications for specially funded programs for home rehabilitation for low and moderate income individuals.

Lolo Mosquito Control Board: 2 vacancies (1 regular member appointed for a 3-year term; 1 alternate member); applicants must reside within the Lolo Mosquito Control District boundaries.

Rodent Control Board: 2 vacancies (appointed for 3-year terms)

Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District Board: 2 vacancies (appointed for 3-year terms); applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District.

Tax Appeal Board: 2 vacancies (appointed for 3-year terms); on this Board, members are reimbursed \$45 per day plus travel expenses when the Board is in session.

Weed Control Board of Supervisors: 1 vacancy (appointed for a 3-year term)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Nov 26, Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov 29, Big Game Hunting season ends

Dec 2 & 3, AARP "55 Alive" Driver Training, Swan Valley Community Hall, (Condon)

Dec 3, A Winnable War, film by Dr. James Dobson, Swan Valley Elementary School, 7pm

Dec 4, Puppet Show, 3:30pm, Seeley Lake Community Hall

Dec 1, AARP, 6:30pm, Swan Valley Community Hall, (Condon)

Dec 1, Blackhawk Booster Club, Seeley-Swan High School, 8pm

Dec 1, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, 7pm, Seeley Lake Community Hall

Dec 2, AA Mtg & Alanon Mtg, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.

Dec 3, Wilderness Sportsman's Club, 7:30pm, Leisure Lodge Resort

Public Meetings

Nov 30, Salmon Prairie/Swan Lake school trustees meet, 7:30pm, Salmon Prairie School

Clubs & Organizations

Nov 29, Seeley Lake Alcohols Anon, 7pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake.

Nov 30, Dec 1, 2, Senior Nutrition Program, Noon Lunch, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

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

Other

Nov 25, Pre-School Story Hour, 10:30am-11:15am, Swan Valley Library, Condon.

Refuse Disposal Site, Oct thru April: Weds & Sat, 10am-4pm.

Swan Lake Library (Swan Lake): Weds, 10am-2pm, Sat, 10am-5pm.

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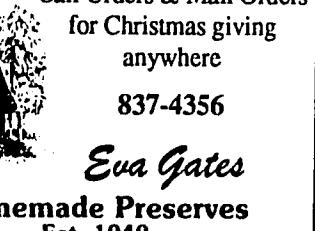
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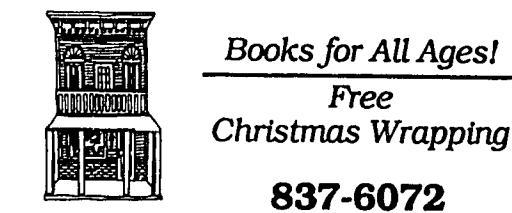
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OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons close

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks reminds Montana sportsmen that the state's general deer and elk hunting seasons, as well as the seasons for most other species of big game, close at one-half hour after sunset on Sunday, November 29.

The state's general fishing season for trout on most smaller streams and rivers also closes on that date, although

the season on most lakes and many of Montana's larger rivers remains open throughout the year. Season dates for all waters throughout the state are listed in current fishing regulations.

For the first time in many years, the season for most species of upland birds statewide, including pheasants, Hungarian partridge, mountain grouse and, in some parts of the state, prairie grouse, does not close at the end of the general big game season this year, but remains open through December 6.

Marten trapping opens December 1

KALISPELL — The number, distribution and price paid for marten have all changed in recent years.

Timber harvest has reduced the amount of marten habitat in Region One, which includes the Swan and Flathead valleys. Improved access has made the animal more vulnerable to trapping. A tripling of marten prices in the last ten years to more than \$30 has encouraged a doubling of the Region One marten harvest.

These high harvests are now nearing or exceeding levels that can be sustained, according to Mike Aderhold of the Kalispell Fish, Wildlife and Parks department.

As a result, the Fish and Game Commission approved two changes that were recommended by Region One fur

biologist Bruce Campbell. Both changes were encouraged by a number of Region One marten trappers and supported by the Montana Trappers Association:

1) The Tally Lake Area, Hunting District 102, will be closed to marten trapping this trapping season.

2) The north half of Region One will have just a December marten trapping season. This includes: The Purcell Mountains/North Kootenai Hunting District 100; the North Salish Range/Eureka Hunting District 101; and the Whitefish Range/North Fork Hunting District 110.

The rest of Region One, the Cabinet Mountains, Sanders County, the Swan Valley and south Flathead County, will have the same marten season as last year: Dec. 1 through Jan. 31, 1988.

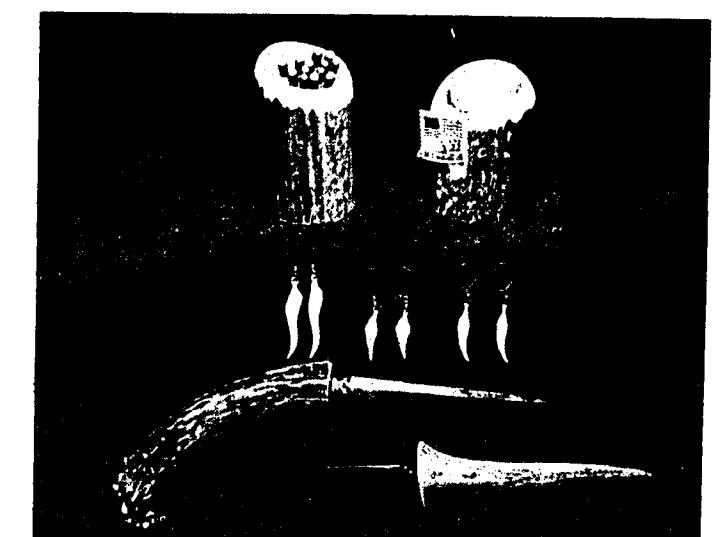
Marten, otter and wolverine pelts must be tagged by Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel no later than 10 days after the close of the open season.



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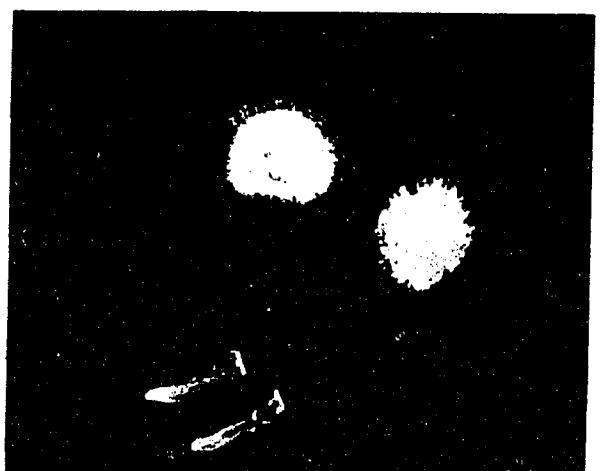
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Alone in the Bob

by Mildred Chaffin

The hunting season was drawing to a close. Our helper had found other fields of interest, so I had gotten promoted. I was now chief camp guard! On the last trip that season, we were scheduled to outfit two hunters from Miles City along with some of our friends. It was my lot to stay in camp, while the men rode out to greet our guests.

There were a couple inches of snow and a few flakes falling when the string pulled out of our Outer Creek camp that morning. My man waved a cheery good-bye and promised to be back in two days, but I felt just a little uneasy, for I'd learned enough to know that one man could run into a heap of trouble with eleven head of horses on a slick trail.

One day dragged by—there were scarcely any chores to do except cut wood, and I soon tired of that. The second day arrived and I flew at the preparation for company. Meanwhile, the weather was looking worse. Came night—the coffee pot was hot on the back of the stove, and supper needed only finishing touches, so I sat down to wait.

I seldom light a lantern when I'm alone unless I have reading or sewing. I love to watch the firelight play. It puts me in a mood for dreaming.

They didn't come.

Something had held them up, but they'd be here tomorrow.

Tomorrow came and went, the same as yesterday, and I went to bed mighty worried. I had moved my bed into the cook tent and put it on the bench at the table. One side was supported by apple boxes, so I could keep a fire and protect the food from freezing.

There was no lack of entertainment that night. The dog and the bear were at it again! But they were of secondary importance now—just so they didn't come in the tent! Several times I got out of bed to peek through the tent flaps, to find it slowly, silently, annoyingly snowing. By morning of the fourth day, the tents were sagging dangerously under the weight of the white stuff, and I had to make the

rounds and beat the snow off the tents so they wouldn't collapse.

All day I watched Pyramid Pass. It was plain to be seen, the weather up there was on the rampage. Any riders coming over that mountain would find the going tough. I kept water hot in the coffee pot and fires in the bunk tents, expecting family and friends to arrive soon.

After four days of worry, the possibilities got the best of me. I stared out into the pitch black night and my imagination painted some gruesome pictures.

After a while, I calmed down and tried to decide what to do. Something had to be radically wrong. I concluded that my man hadn't made it out, or else someone would have been back in. If he hadn't made it out, then he and those eleven horses were at the bottom of a ravine somewhere, covered with snow!

I'm telling you, I had one terrible time keeping my wits about me, but I made myself try to figure out what I would need to get out and try to look for him. I even made out a list, and all the time I knew it was worse than useless.

I had six horses somewhere across half-frozen Young's Creek. But even if I could get to them, I would never make it over the pass in that storm. I had

never been over the Monture pass but had heard how the wind blew the trail in so it was nearly impossible to find. After some thought, I gave up that idea, too.

There were two other camps less than two miles from ours, near the Hahn Creek Ranger station. One was Cahoon's regular camp and the other was Murphy's over-night camp ground.

Come morning, I would walk down there and see if anyone was around. We had heard that Cahoons were going to break camp, but there was a chance that Murphy's tent would still be up. If so, I would leave a note.

Then came a happier thought. Maybe, just maybe, the Forest Service telephone line would still be intact and I could call someone from Seeley Lake. I got a lot of comfort from that thought and finally crawled into my blankets and dropped off to sleep.

I got out of bed the next morning and tried to eat some breakfast, half sick with worry and nerves. Breakfast didn't set very well. I fed the dog and headed for the other camps and Hahn Creek station. It had stopped snowing! In depth, it was nearly to my knees and light as feathers.

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This photo taken during the 1950s shows the Chaffin camp on Otter Creek in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Mildred Chaffin pictured here in front of the camp tents. Photo courtesy Allen and Mildred Chaffin.

"What if the wind should begin to blow?" Five big shaggy elk made their way down the bare mountain to the right of me.

Ordinarily, I would have delighted at the sight, but today I wasn't even interested. Going past Cahoon's camp first, I wasn't surprised that the tent frames were bare, but it was a "let down" to see by the snow on the tables and bed frames, they hadn't been gone more than a day or two. Over to Murphy's next. Bare frames there, too.

Well, there was still the Ranger Station with the telephone box on the porch. I rang every station on the instruction sheet, there was no response whatsoever.

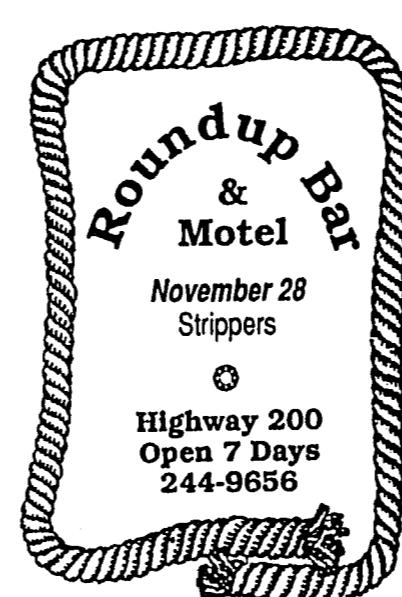
I sat on the ranger's wood pile for a while. There was the most "all gone" feeling in my middle. It was foolhardy for me to even try to get out. Most people will never know what a beautiful sight that little log cabin was, especially to a woman alone in the wilderness. (And as far as I knew, snowed in.) The cabin sat there, warm, protective, and inviting.

The possibility of a wind storm with this feathery snow nearly petrified me. My thoughts all converged into one. I was going to get into that cabin some way or other, and to heck with the consequences. I would go to jail in the spring, if necessary!

I looked in the window and observed that there was a saw, axe, and sleeping bags. I had food if I conserved it. How long it might be until someone got to me, I had no idea. This was a completely new, and not very pleasant, experience.

I couldn't help hoping, as I dragged my heavy boots "homeward," that the place would be swarming with horses and people, even going so far as to dream of smoke boiling out of all the chimneys. Needless to say, there was no smoke—no horses—and no people.

However, I now had a purpose, something to occupy my hands and my mind, at least. I dug a piece of tin out of the snow and manufactured, if you could call it such, a toboggan. It looked more like a lumberjack's toy "go-devil" turned upside down, but I intended, if I couldn't find a horse, to load it light and pull it myself! (Guess I must have been slightly addled.)



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Before dark, I plodded down the trail to Young's Creek. It was frozen, but not solid enough to cross, and had backed up, too deep to wade. I strained my ears for the sound of the horse bell, but there wasn't a tinkle.

He arrived, waited way past the time he thought we should get in, and took off again, hay and all, half an hour before we reached the end of the trail. Another fine "howdy do!"

A rancher somewhere near Monture station wouldn't sell us even a couple of bales of hay, so we were obliged to turn the poor horses loose to pick up what they could. We five humans—the Ripleys, we two, and my husband's brother, Virgil, spread our sleeping bags and slept in the sawdust bin, glad to be back near civilization.

Now, with many years of "savvy" behind me, I reach around and give myself a pat on the back as I look on the results of some of my early endeavors. Most times though, I look back and thank the good Lord for taking care of people like me!

Each time, though, when we managed to survive another season, friend husband would look at me and say "If I ever get you out of here, I'll never bring you back again!" HA!

(Allen and Mildred Chaffin worked as outfitters in the South Fork of the Flathead—Bob Marshall Wilderness—for about twenty years. They made their first commercial pack trip in the early 1940s. In 1962, Allen gave up his wilderness camp and went to work for the Forest Service as a packer. Portions of the above story about Chaffin's first commercial trip into the South Fork originally appeared in the Fall, 1960 issue of *The Montana Outfitter* magazine.)



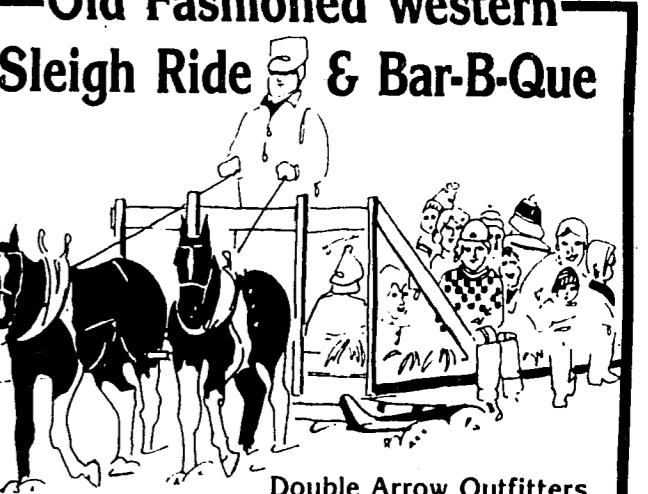
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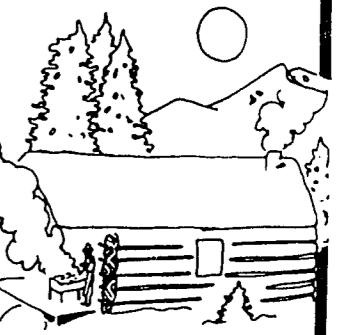
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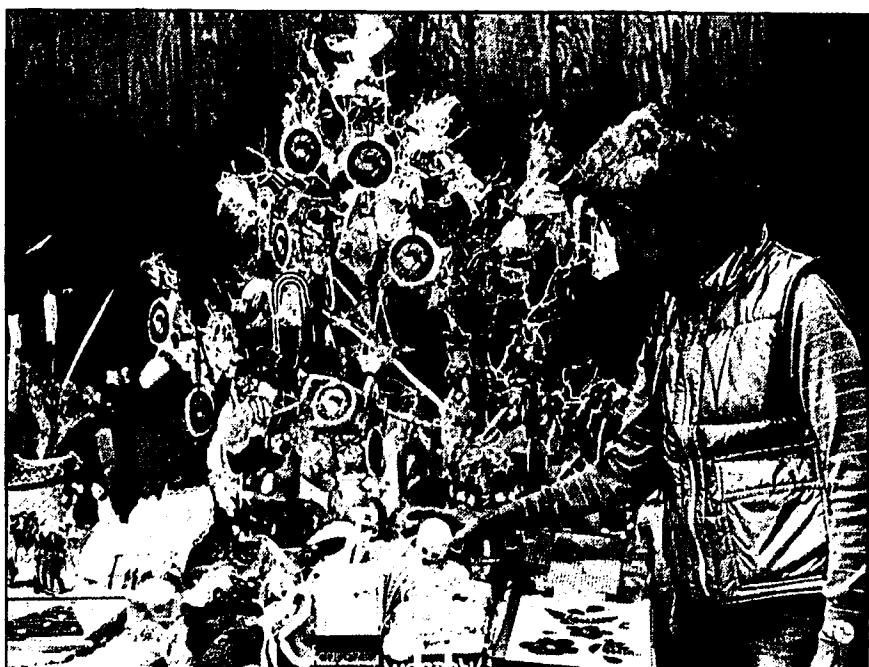


Photo this page: Eva Poor, and her sister, Roxie Sterling, (not pictured), displayed Christmas ornaments, centerpieces and a variety of crafts at the Seeley Lake Women's Club Bazaar held last Saturday in Seeley Lake. Photos opposite page, top: Dar Kearney's popular Christmas ornaments and dolls sold well during Saturday's Bazaar. Center photo: Mame Baker, Women's Club president, arranged a few craft items before customers arrived. The Christmas Bazaar is the main fundraiser for the Seeley Lake Women's Club, which donates food to needy families and also supports a number of community projects throughout the year.

Chamber announces beard contest

Five women judges!

Members of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce have announced a Beard Contest scheduled to be held in conjunction with the World Championship Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race, January 28-31.

According to Roger Johnson, who is also organizing a winter carnival to be held during the sled dog race, residents from the Blackfoot Valley north to the Swan are invited to participate in and support the contest.

Five categories of beards have been announced in the contest: Longest, Best Looking, Ugliest, Most Talked About, and Best Trimmed. Five local women will judge the contest.

Organizers are trying to get a good idea of how many people will compete in the contest. A \$5 entry fee will be required of contestants, with 100% payback to five winners. For more information, entry blanks and rules see Dan Cainan at Dan's Discount in Seeley Lake.

Five vacancies exist now on the recently restructured Missoula Consolidated Planning Board.

Under the interlocal agreement, the appointments will be as follows: (1) Two members who reside outside the City limits; (2) One member who resides outside of the 4-1/2 mile radius; (3) One member who resides anywhere in the county (which includes the city); and (4) One alternate member who resides anywhere in the County. The terms of the first members will be staggered.

Applications are available at the County Commissioners office in the Courthouse Annex and will be accepted in that office until 5 p.m. on Friday, December 4. Current members of the Missoula Planning Board must reapply for a position on the new board.

Applicants must be residents of Missoula County and at least 18 years of age. The positions are non-salaried. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Commissioners at 721-5700, ext. 200.

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Fishing Report

Seeley Lake

Fish and Game personnel planted 300 Arctic hatchery rainbow trout in Seeley Lake this week. The fish averaged 2-1/2 to 3 pounds each, and were mostly males. The fish are "real catchable" according to most reports.

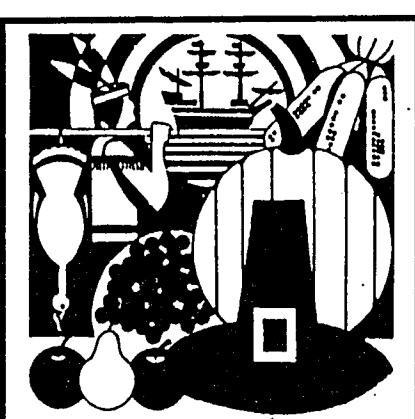
Placid Lake

The salmon run is still pretty fair at Placid Lake this week. Folks started catching the kokanee about three weeks ago, and are still reporting "good fishing."

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Cornucopia

by Michele Potter

Cooking for Daily Living (Mildred Chaffin, Seeley Lake), *From the Heart of the Swan Valley* (The Swan Valley P.T.A., Condon), *Swan Lake Huckleberry Cookbook* (Swan Lake Women's Club, Swan Lake)—all discussed in previous *Cornucopia* columns.

Now, I've discovered four more cookbooks! I had intended to cover each of these new cookbook discoveries in separate *Cornucopia* columns before Christmas, but time is running out. So, I thought I'd at least present the books in this column and maybe print a recipe or two from each of the cookbooks in future columns.

Living With Hypoglycemia: The Choice Is Yours was undertaken by Clarice Gates of Kalispell because she suffered from a severe case of hypoglycemia. Ms. Gates explains, "There seemed to be abundant information about it, but not readily available in one place. I assembled what there was in print and added my own experience." Cookbook available at several locations, including Eva Gates Preserves, Bigfork.

Sugar-Free Decorated Cakes and Candies is another cookbook by Clarice Gates—available at Eva Gates Preserves and cake decorating shops.

Favorites From Montana Camps and Kitchens (collection of recipes from Montana Outfitters and Guides Association)—a few of our local outfitters have made generous contributions to this book. Helen Rich, Double Arrow Outfitters, put me onto this one. Cookbook available at Country Things, Seeley Lake.

Rena's Kitchen: Favorite Recipes includes recipes using Rena Langley's famous vinegars. Have you tried the huckleberry, raspberry or tarragon vinegars? Rena says, "The Huckleberry Vinegar is wonderful for our wild meat; it not only flavors but tenderizes the meat." And there are more recipes—from appetizers to main dishes and desserts. Cookbook available at Rena's Kitchen, Bigfork (the vinegars can be found at Country Things, Seeley Lake).

Here are a couple of recipes from Rena Langley's cookbook. These make excellent holiday hostess gifts.

Rena's Hot Fudge Sauce

1 small can evaporated milk 1/2 cup sugar

2 squares unsweetened chocolate

Cook until it boils and thickens. Cool. This can be doubled.

Preserve & Butter Mix

1 cube butter, softened

1/4 cup any kind of preserve or jelly

Mix well. Serve with muffins or quickbreads (cranberry, huckleberry, banana, pumpkin).

All of the above cookbooks make welcome Christmas gifts. By the way, I understand the students at the Salmon Prairie School have compiled a recipe book. Can someone tell me more about that publication?

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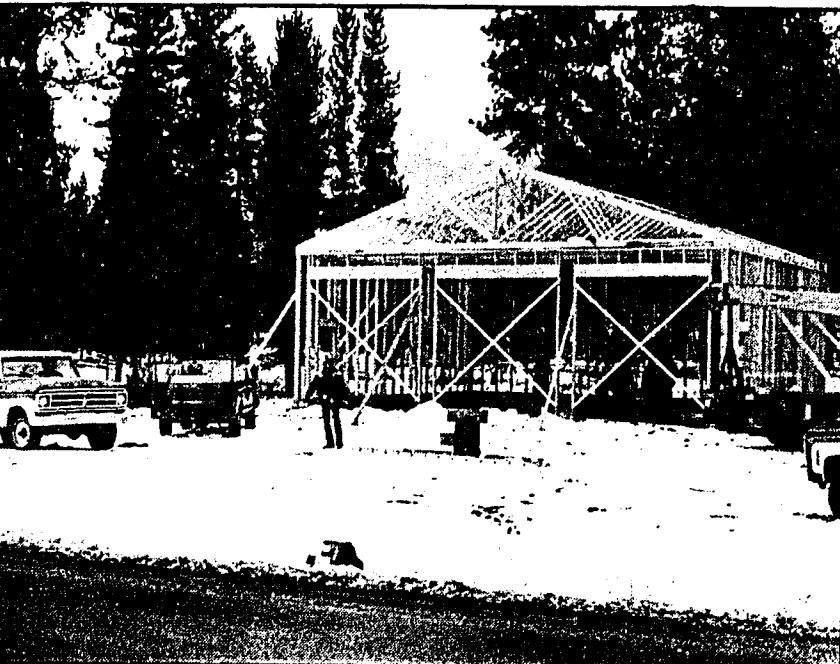
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Volunteers for the Swan Valley Fire Department have been busy working on the new Fire Hall near Condon. They expect to complete the building in about two weeks.

Glacier Country hires director

by Anne Dahl

Glacier Country, the Northwestern Montana tourism region responsible for spending about 25% of the bed tax money generated locally, has hired Joan Gentri, Butte, as executive director.

Gentri was born in Great Falls, but worked in California and New York before returning to Montana as Director of Sales and Marketing for the Great Falls Sheraton Inn.

Later, she became District Tour Director for the Holiday Inns in Billings, Sheridan and Cheyenne and lived in Sheridan. When her two boys, both college students in Montana, told her they would never spend another summer in Wyoming, she moved to Butte to work as Director of Sales, Marketing and Advertising at the Copper King Inn a position she held for the past three years.

After falling in love with the Kalispell area during a visit ten years ago, Gentri vowed to, one day, move to northwestern Montana. When guests at the Copper King Inn would ask which park to visit, Gentri's response was always: "Yellowstone is brown and yellow; Glacier is green and blue." She is delighted with the opportunity to officially promote Glacier Country.

To learn the region quickly she intends to visit chambers of commerce and start by saying: "I'm going to be in your area for a day. What should I see?" If there is no chamber of commerce, she'll ask the same question at convenience stores. "I'll be picking a lot of ears," she says.

Besides promoting the region, Gentri's responsibilities as executive director include coordinating the region's matching funds program, providing marketing assistance within the region, directing fundraising programs, and more.

Glacier Country encompasses seven counties: Missoula, Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln, Sanders, Mineral and Lake. Howard Uhl, Holland Lake Lodge, is treasurer for Glacier Country. Gentri will have an office at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell beginning December 1.



Tyrel Hulett, son of Tiger and Debbie Hulett, Swan Valley, enjoyed the crafts at the Lutheran Women's League Bazaar held last weekend at Faith Lutheran Church near Condon.



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A Winnable War: PTA to host Dobson film on pornography

by Suzanne Vernon

that hard-core pornography is protected by the First Amendment and notes that the U.S. Justice Department is committed to fighting obscenity.

While emphasizing that the fight against pornography is a "winnable war," Dr. Dobson says that concerned citizens must become more involved in the campaign.

Dr. Dobson, a licensed psychologist and author of nine best-selling books on parenting and marriage, is founder and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit pro-family organization based in California. His popular 30-minute radio program, "Focus on the Family," is heard daily on more than 1,000 stations across North America, including KALS-FM radio in Kalispell. Seeley Swan residents can tune into KALS and hear Dr. Dobson every morning, Monday through Friday at 8 a.m., thanks to a KALS translator located in the Clearwater Valley.

This hard-hitting one-hour release from Focus on the Family Films reveals the mounting evidence of porn's destructive effect on the family. Dr. Dobson further explains the many ways—commercially and legally—in which the tide is turning against illicit materials. He dispels the popular notion

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

The first snowstorm of the season is about as good an excuse for a celebration as any I know. I can't resist the urge to grab my coat and gloves and join the kids outside. At last we can really "see" all the critters who live in our neighborhood, and enjoy the sight of red rose hips, frosted with white.

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Comments sought on Beaver Creek timber sale

by Suzanne Vernon

Foresters with the Swan Lake Ranger District will be accepting public comments this month on a proposed timber sale in the Beaver Creek area of the Swan Valley. The sale will be administered under the District's small sales program.

The primary purpose of the sale is to remove the seed trees (OSR or "overshoot removal") from successfully regenerated units. The timber sale will take place in areas that were logged in the 1970s.

An interdisciplinary team will soon begin formulating the environmental assessment for the proposed sale. Public comments will be incorporated into the analysis process and should be addressed to Swan Lake Ranger District, P.O. Box 370, Bigfork, MT 59911.

Bobcat and lynx validation deadline November 30

Bobcat and Canada lynx may be taken only by hunters, or trappers with a validated trapper's license. Validation must be obtained before December 1, 1987 and is available free of charge at all Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks regional offices.



By
Laura
Bogar

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*** Serve cold shrimp or crab legs with a dip made of 2 avocados, mashed and flavored with lemon juice and a teaspoon each of dried thyme, basil, cumin, garlic salt and chopped onion, plus 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard and a dash of cayenne.

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*** A little sherry stirred into mushroom soup just before serving adds a note of elegance. Garnish with sliced sautéed mushrooms—or even a sprinkling of chopped parsley.

*** Try this cocktail spread, tasty on rye crackers or black pumpernickel. Blend cream cheese with finely minced watercress leaves and green onion, plus salt and pepper to taste. Thin with cream to spreading consistency.

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SCHOOLS

Hawks Upend Trojans for District Championship

by Lorena Cahoon

Our Lady Hawks grasped the District Championship on Saturday, November 21, against the Lady Trojans with a final score of 51-47. Three of Seeley-Swan's girls scored in the double digits. Debbie Johnson took the high

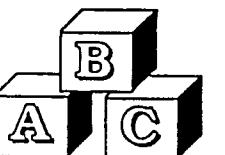
score with 16 points and made 100% of her freethrows. Alvina Vannoy was second with 15 points. Stephanie Owens scored 10 points. With 4:40 in the last quarter, three of the Lady Hawks' starters were fouled out. Alvina Vannoy, Sandy DeLeo and Brittnei Hebnes were the three that fouled out.

MaryAnn Buck led the Trojans with 21 points. Shelly Struna scored 17 points.

During the third quarter the Blackhawks' outstanding defense held the Trojans scoreless in the third quarter.

Coach Gordon sent in a quartet of sophomores to secure the victory. Gordon was pleasantly surprised and pleased by the performance of Jenny Klebenow, Trish Parker, Melanie Rammell and Brittnei Hebnes.

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Seeley Swan Pathfinder

Seeley defeats Lincoln

(first game District tourney)

Wednesday night at Sentinel High School, the Seeley-Swan Blackhawks met the Lincoln Lynx for the first game of the District Tournaments. Seeley stomped the Lynx, 54-14.

Tricia Parker was high scorer for Seeley with 11 points, followed by Stephanie Owens and Alvina Vannoy with 9 points each. Sandi DeLeo led the Hawks in rebounding with 16. The Hawks had only 12 turnovers, compared to the Lynx's 28.

The victory advanced Seeley in the winner's bracket on Thursday against Alberton.

Game two: District tourney

by Racene Friede

On Thursday night at Sentinel High School, Seeley faced Alberton Panthers for a position in the championship game on Saturday. Coach Gordon kept the girls in a full-court press that tired out Alberton's girls. By half-time, the Lady Hawks had the game's score in their favor, and during the second half, the point spread continued to increase. The final score was 59 to 35.

The top players for the Blackhawks were Alvina Vannoy with 14 points, 12 rebounds and Stephanie Owens with 12 points, 4 assists.

For the Panthers, there were Robinson and Bundy with 10 points and Nicholl with 11 points. The Panthers accumulated 45 turnovers.

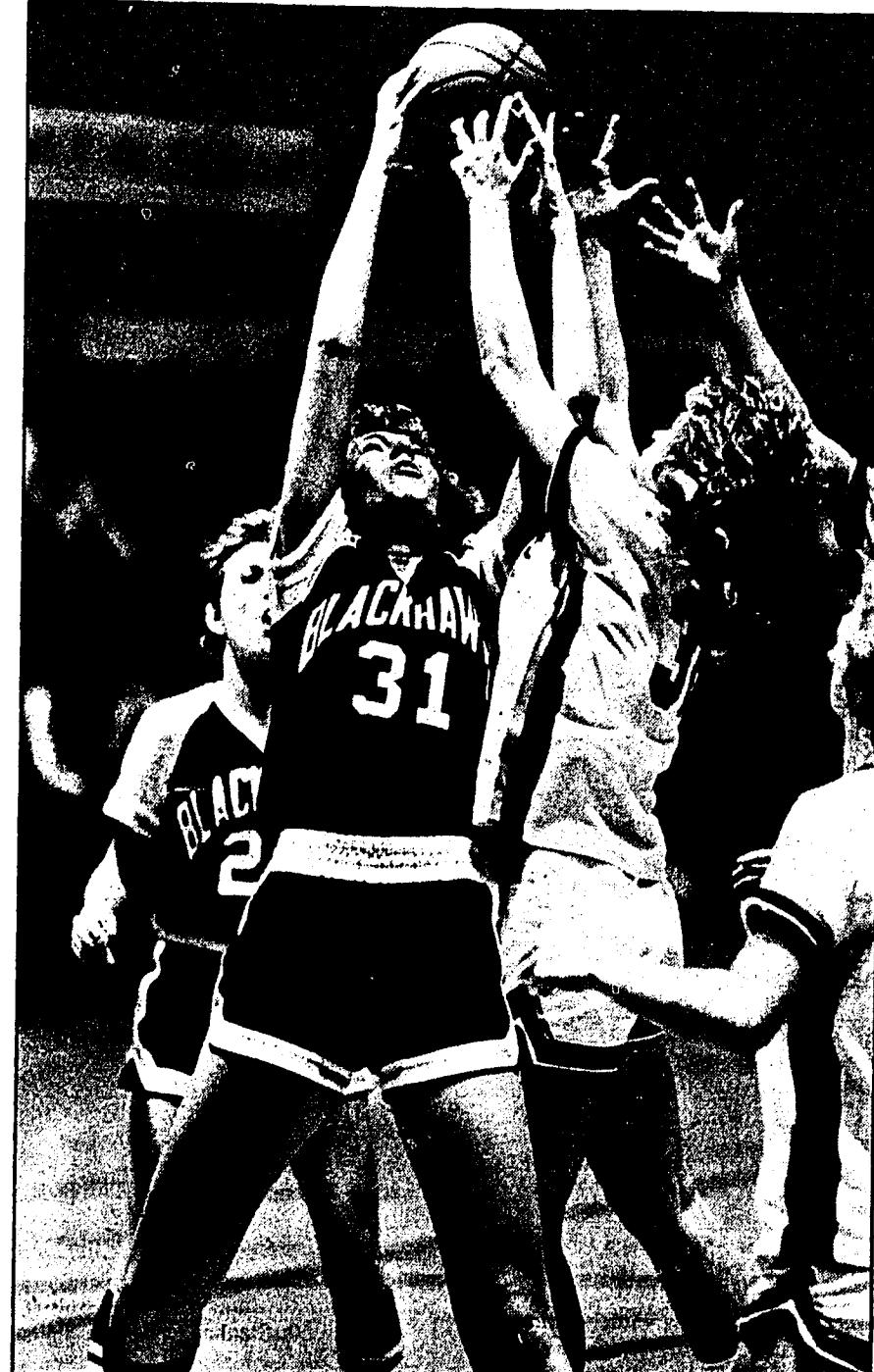
After winning this game, the Blackhawks advanced to the championship game.

Honor Roll

Seeley-Swan High School

Students who achieved a grade point average of 3.00 or better during the first quarter are listed as follows:

Darren Baretta, 3.83; Debbie Johnson, 3.83; Pam Pohlman, 3.83; Mike Meehan, 3.71; Billie Copenhaver, 3.67; Tommie Jo Dreyer, 3.67; Jeff Fitzgerald, 3.67; Stacy Bartlett, 3.60; Tawnie Richards, 3.60; Willie Jo Ogden, 3.57; Pam Styler, 3.50; Sandy DeLeo, 3.50; Cass Wing, 3.50; Pirikko Oksanen, 3.50; Melanie Rammell, 3.50; Melanie Rammell, 3.50; Sherri Bowers, 3.50; Stephanie Owens, 3.40; Tracy Malone, 3.33; Kristen Paxton, 3.33; Cari Verworn, 3.20; Deanne Dreyer, 3.20; Jack Shoupe, Jr., 3.20; Trish Parker, 3.17; Stacy Herncane, 3.17; Tom Leonard, 3.17; Brian Morin, 3.17; Racene Friede, 3.00; Sean Thompson, 3.00; James Freyholtz, 3.00; Dustin Gordon, 3.00; Lorena Cahoon, 3.00; Elisa Shoupe, 3.00; Jo Vannoy, 3.00; Damon Healy, 3.00.



Alvina Vannoy grabs a rebound during Saturday night's championship game against Drummond. The Lady Hawks are the District Champions and will compete in the Divisional Tournament which begins next week in Missoula.

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Clearwater Views

An anonymous Journal
from Seeley Swan High School

The first touch of winter was felt on Salmon Lake last weekend. Sunday morning found the lake shores covered with an afghan of snow. As winter arrived, Mallards, Hooded Mergansers, and one Swan were sighted on the lake.

Sunday evening, another sighting was made. At 5 p.m., a water skier skimmed over the water, wearing cut-offs in lieu of a wet suit. This bird watcher believes the skier was a homeowner, ardently bidding farewell to a beautiful summer on Salmon Lake.



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5th grade High Honors: Katie Aumaugh, Angie Healy, Paul Johnson. Honors: Kia Jette, Renata Marshall, Chris Morin, Heather Richards.

6th grade High Honors: Ty Anders. Honors: Rose Manos.

7th grade High Honors: Melita Cahoon, Theresa Cahoon, Kelly Christian, Laurie Leonard, Shari Morin, Jason Zebarth.

8th grade High Honors: Renn Anders. Honors: Jeremy Aumaugh, Sarah Cooper, Ray Koch, Nick Miller, Kimberly Musick, Shonna Smith.

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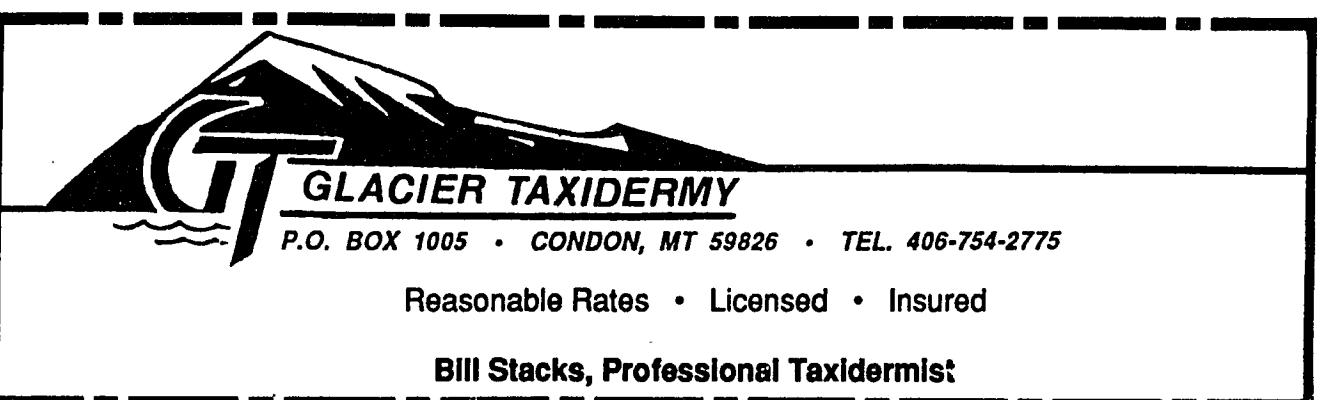
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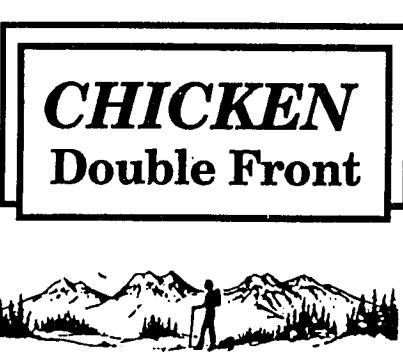
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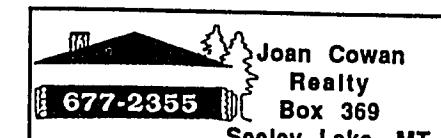
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Biologists gather salmon eggs from Placid Lake

Fisheries biologists who normally gather salmon eggs from Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park, this year gathered a large percentage of eggs from Placid Lake in the Clearwater Valley.

According to Don Peters with the Missoula office of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, "thousands" of spawning kokanee salmon have been counted near Placid Lake in recent weeks. Placid Lake salmon don't seem to be in serious decline like the kokanee populations in the Flathead Valley.

As of Friday, November 20, fisheries biologists and hatchery workers had collected a little over one million kokanee eggs from Glen, Little Bitterroot, Swan and Placid Lakes, and from just below Hauser Reservoir near Helena.

The collection goal is five million eggs, one to two million of which are earmarked for a spring stocking experiment planned for Flathead Lake.

Final McDonald Creek salmon survey results

The final lower McDonald Creek salmon survey was conducted Tuesday, November 17. Fifteen salmon, eleven live and four dead, were observed. The eagle count was also 15 (12 adults, 2 subadults, and one unknown).

Last year on November 18 the salmon count was three live fish and about 970 dead salmon. The eagle count

was 49 (36 adults and 13 subadults).

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks snorkelers also checked salmon spawning in Lake McDonald in front of the Lake McDonald Lodge and found 62 redds and 80-100 salmon.

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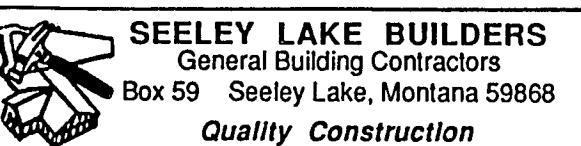
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Charles Cooley, a well known sociologist, came up with a concept that is known as "The Charles Cooley Looking Glass Concept." The concept is this: A person's self-concept is determined by what he thinks the most important person in his life thinks of him. Now, if you are like me, you will probably need to read that again to understand it. What you think the most important person in your life thinks of you, has a tremendous effect on you.

The question that I wish to ask you is: Who is the most important person in your life? This is what the Bible is all about. Jesus is to be the most important person in our lives! The most important person in our lives is not to be our father or mother, our husband or wife, son or daughter, boyfriend or girlfriend, but Jesus. It is not enough to believe in Jesus—you must also give Him the most important position in your life. (Matt. 10:37-38)

Is Jesus the most important person in your life? If He is, then you will be willing to live for Him, die for Him, give Him all your talents, all your abilities. And if you make that decision, you will have a very positive self-image. If Jesus is the most important person in your life, you will begin to think of yourself as Jesus thinks of you. Jesus thinks that you were worth dying for, He thinks you are terrific. But He must be first in your life!

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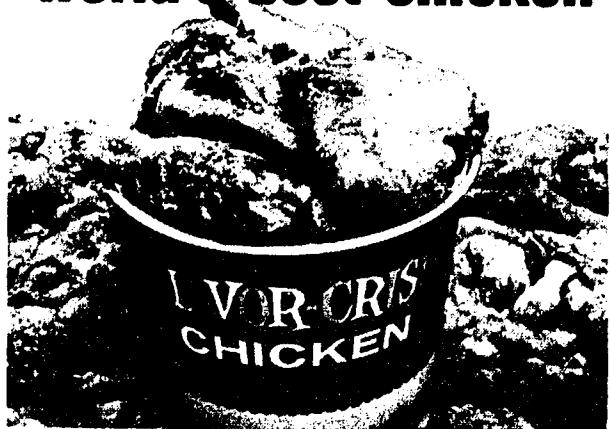


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