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Hunters find golden eagle

by Suzanne Vernon

A golden eagle, wearing leather jesses, which indicated that it had probably escaped from captivity, was found by hunters last week in the Cold Creek area of the Swan Valley. The bird was near death, evidently unable to hunt, since the leather straps on its feet had frozen together.

Ken Mitchell of Holland Lake Outfitters found the eagle in the middle of a Forest Service road last Tuesday. Some of his hunters had seen the bird a few days earlier, and had returned to camp with quite a story.

According to Mitchell, the golden eagle was perched in a tree, and the hunters took several pictures of it. In an attempt to get the bird to fly, one hunter waived his arms, to "spook" the bird. The eagle swooped toward the hunter, who then "hit the deck" to avoid the large raptor, wondering what in the heck was wrong with the eagle.

Mitchell didn't wonder too much about the tale. "I just wrote it off as another hunting story," he laughed. Two days later, though, when he and another hunter saw the golden eagle sitting in the middle of the road, they spotted the leather jesses on the bird's feet.

"I decided then, to try and catch him and take him down to Kenny (Wolff)," Mitchell said. He threw a canvass tarp over the bird, which seemed tame at the time.

"If you've never ridden in the cab of a pickup with a golden eagle—well, it's the kind of experience I'll never repeat in a lifetime," he said. "It was sort of like Thanksgiving—he just looked at us like, 'Gee, thanks guys, I really appreciate this.'"

At Ken Wolff's residence, also in the Swan Valley, the eagle hesitated for a moment before he would eat any food. But within minutes, the eagle decided he couldn't pass up the free meal, and

jumped right into a bowl of thawed chicken livers.

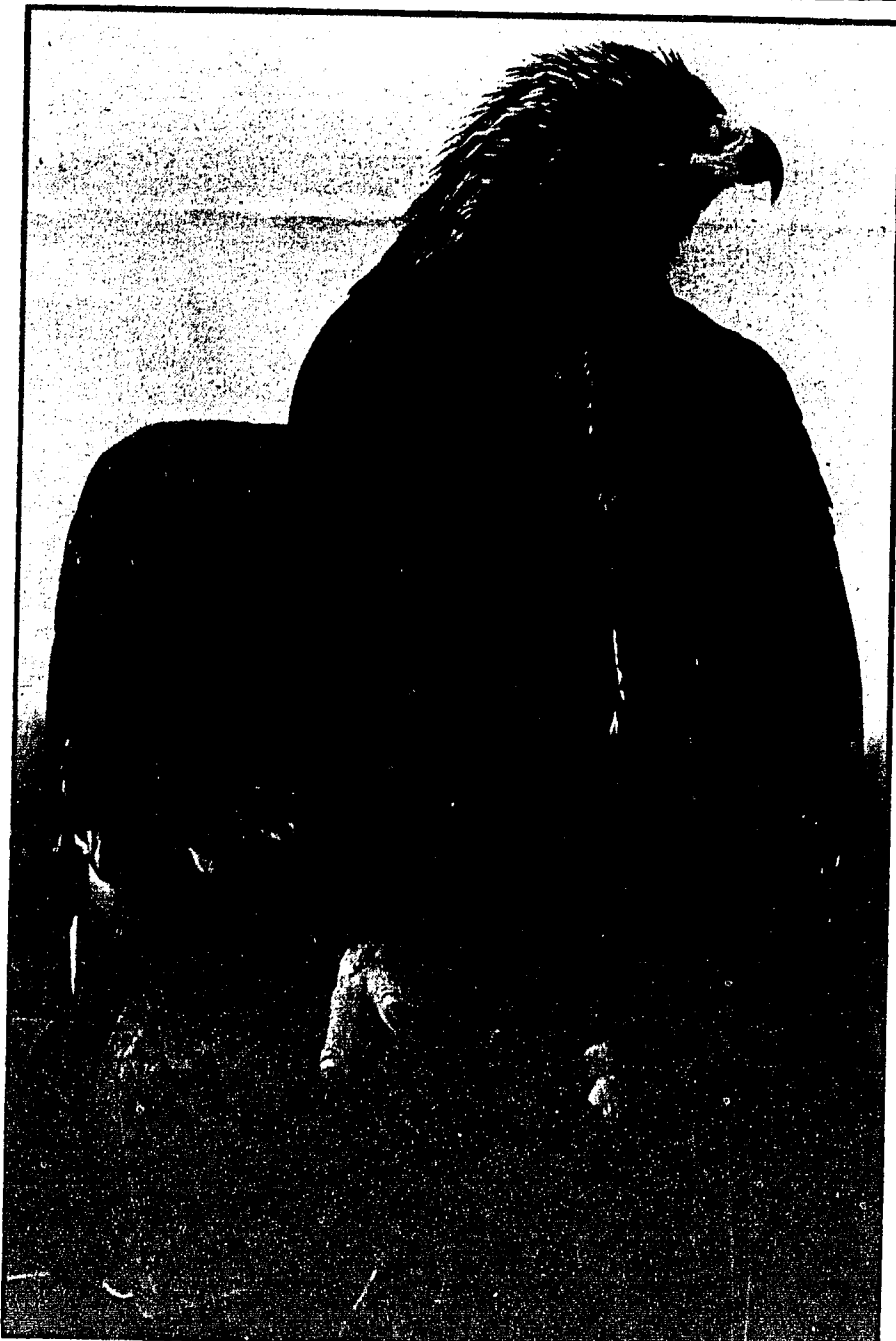
Wolff is licensed to care for raptors and also participates in a network of wildlife rehabilitation centers in western Montana. Food and medicine for injured animals is provided through the Bitterroot Audubon Wildlife Rehabilitation Fund, which was established earlier this year with donations from Swan Valley residents.

Wolff estimates that the golden eagle, whom he has nicknamed, "Squeaker," weighed only about two pounds when he was found. In the past week, Squeaker has doubled his weight, and is now eating about three pounds of food a day. Wolff is obviously thrilled with the bird's recovery. During the first few days at the Wolff residence, the eagle appeared quite subdued and tame. On Sunday, though, when Wolff took the eagle outside for a little exercise, the bird became quite excited.

"He nearly tore me apart," Wolff chuckled, happy that the raptor was beginning to act a little bit more like a wild eagle. Wolff believes that the eagle will be able to return to the wild if U.S. Fish and Wildlife personnel are satisfied that the bird can hunt and survive on his own.

People who care for golden eagles must have special licenses. Wolff has notified state and federal authorities about the golden eagle. The Wildlife/Wildlands Institute in Missoula has also been contacted. The bird may have gotten loose from a Helena man who works for the state Fish and Game.

Meanwhile, Wolff continues to care for a number of birds at his home on Kraft Creek Road. Two great horned owls may soon be ready to return to the wild. However, a mature bald eagle that he is feeding will never fly again—he suffers from a gunshot wound and is missing one wing. (See related story and photo, page 10.)

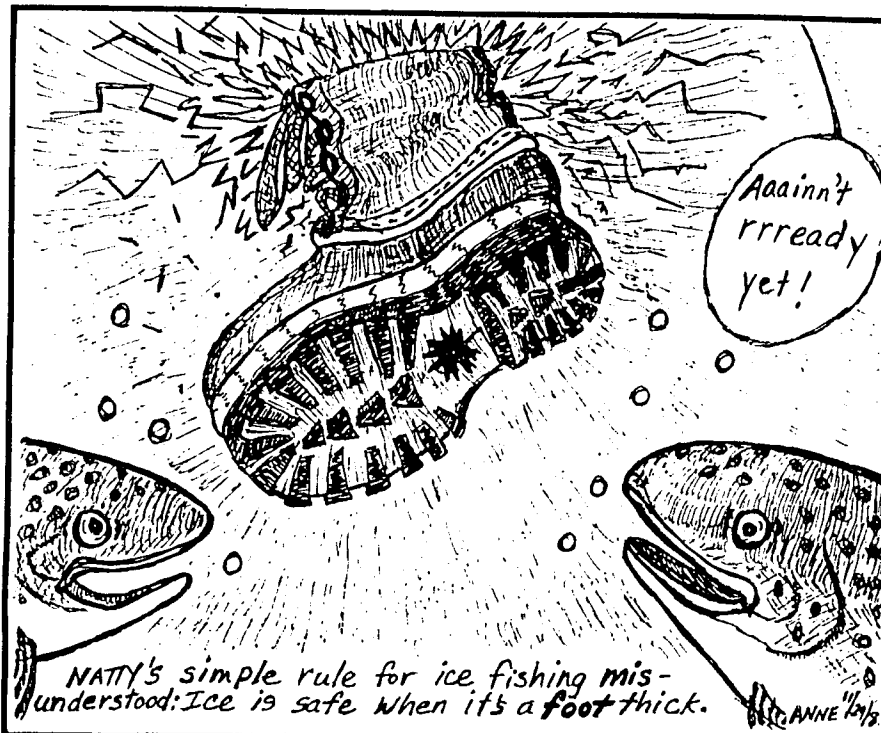


S. Vernon Photo

This golden eagle was found by hunters in the Swan Valley last week. The bird was barely alive when it was found. Leather jesses, or foot straps—were secured around its feet, interfering with its ability to hunt and catch rodents for food. The bird is now under Ken Wolff's care. He suspects that the raptor may have escaped from illegal captivity.

OPINION

Natty Bumpo



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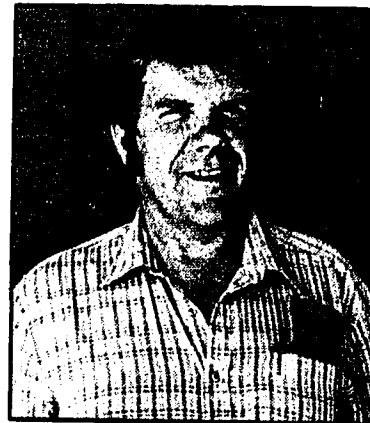
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Business of the Week

Mountain States Cycle & Satellite

Don't let cabin fever get to you this winter! Clare Herman of Mountain States Cycle and Satellite installs, upgrades and repairs satellite dishes. He says, "Since I'm not tied to one supplier, I offer a variety of brand-name equipment from several different sources." With a descrambler and various program packages, Clare says there are now "over 100 channels available to the satellite owner." Home demonstrations are available.



Clare has worked at "maintenance as a hobbyist for years and years," and he's a professional mechanic. He says Mountain States Cycle and Satellite is trying to offer what no one else offers in the area. Bicycle, motorcycle, lawn mower and snow blower repairs are a major part of Clare's business. He also has a large selection of used bicycle and lawn mower parts to sell, and he can get used parts.

Clare says "Look for the satellite dish in the yard with Mountain States Cycle and Satellite printed on it." The business is located in Seeley Lake on the corner of Spruce & Redwood.



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Smoot-Hawley-Baucus (?)

The omnibus trade bill awaiting Congressional action reared its ugly head recently on the front page of the *Wall Street Journal* (November 12 issue). The opening paragraph quotes our Senator Max Baucus on the subject of protectionist trade legislation, which Max feels "could cause uncertainty in the market... We want fair trade, but we must make sure we're not too restrictive." Right on, Max. The only quibble is the use of the word "could" in connection with causing market uncertainty—"would" is the more accurate choice of words. Even more accurate phraseology would be "would cause chaos in the world economy on a par with the Great Depression."

Alas, in the very next paragraph of the *Journal* story, we read that Max makes one exception to his position on trade protectionism: lamb imports. As the story shamelessly points out, Max isn't at all "sheepish" on this score. He is sponsoring his own addition to the trade bill which will protect the domestic lamb industry from increased imports of foreign lamb. Max is quoted again: "It's good for my state."

Well, it may buy Max the votes of the lamb lobby, but it sure won't be

good for Montana—or the rest of the country. Trade protectionism has a perfect foot-shooting record. In the case of the Baucus lamb proposal, it will inevitably result in entrenched inefficiency in the domestic lamb industry, in reprisals from important allies (particularly Australia), in higher prices to the American consumer (with an accompanying shift away from lamb to a lower-priced alternative—not exactly the industry's objective), and the entry of some exempted nations into the U.S. lamb market.

In fairness to Max, he is not alone in his quest for "pork barrel protectionism." (Perhaps "lamb barrel" is the appropriate terminology in this instance.) The bill has become a Christmas tree for special protectionist measures—all of which reflect a fundamental ignorance of simple economics. We could probably survive lamb legislation, but the collective follies of the bill are untenable.

The lessons of history are crystal clear. We have already had the warning shot of the stock market crash. To repeat the mistakes which led to the Great Depression, notably the Smoot-Hawley protectionist tariffs, would be unconscionable. Let us hope that our representatives in Washington decide not to lend their names to the infamy shared by Senators Smoot and Hawley.

—Dick Potter

Addendum

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dick Potter for the very complimentary remarks he made about me in the interview of me that was published in the November 19 edition of *Pathfinder*. I would also like to thank him for accurately reporting the things that I said. However, somehow in the interview, I left out a few points that I wanted to make, so I will do so here.

In my request for a good coordinated effort between our major land managers to develop better planning for timber harvest, I would also like to see wild game considered. We have lost our game migration through the Valley to areas both east and west of here. I feel the land managers coordinating people should also have the input of a good game manager, so that specific timber harvests will be planned to maintain a band of timber cover through the area to help bring the migrations back. The location of the canopy can be changed from time to time as new growth develops and old growth needs to be harvested, but we should be sure it is always adequate to do the job. The game manager should be someone with the knowledge and abilities of a Curt Alt. This area lost a good friend when Curt transferred to Livingston, but his reports should still be available.

As far as the priorities for Seeley Lake are concerned, I didn't go far enough. The third priority, of course, is planning for tourism. The Forest Service development of campgrounds attracts a lot of those kinds of people who come here with a five-dollar bill and a clean shirt, and don't change either one while they are here. We must try to influence the Forest Service to do things

that will add more to the economy of the area, and develop general planning to that end.

I gave some reasons why I favored Pat Williams' bill in the interview, but forgot to say that one of the most important reasons is that it is an active step to do something! Since the Forest Service began their rating under Rare II, something over 4 million acres of Region I have been set aside for further study. I believe most of those who have studied the areas agree that they are all primarily areas for the growing and harvesting of timber, and there is very little argument. So far, neither the Forest Service nor the legislature have taken a positive step on it. Pat's bill should make all of them move!

Let's continue developing ways to work together.

C.B. Rich
Seeley Lake

One-Eyed Monsters

To the Editor:

A long overdue situation to be corrected: I have driven over 25,000 miles since April '87 and about 6500 of it was to the east coast. I have counted as many as fifteen one-eyed vehicles in seventy miles of Montana highways at night. That is more than I saw in the 6500 miles going east.

I think it's about time Montana state did something about it.

I suggest either pass a bill for car inspection, or set up check stations at random and get these one-eyed drivers off the road or get them fixed.

What do you think?

P. Emerson
Condon

Santa's on his way

To the Editor:

Again, before we know it, Christmas is nearly here. Santa has placed us on his busy scheduled for December 22, downtown at Dan's with his helpers to give the traditional sleigh/hay rides. The Swan Valley Christian Singers will be there to help the atmosphere with song and businesses will be staying open late to dispense good cheer and opportunities for last minute shopping.

With the arrival of the snow, it sure puts the feeling of Christmas in the air. Our 83 strip adds to this feeling of goodwill and holiday spirit when we all make that extra special effort to decorate for this season. Let's all give decorating some thought: maybe trees with lights tied to all the posts in town like Dan's in his circle, or bough ropes and lights on the porch rafters as some merchants used, or stars on the roofs as others did last year and the year before.

We have the opportunity to share this glorious season with our neighbors and customers by showing we care and want to share.

Cheryl Thompson
Seeley Lake Area
Chamber of Commerce

S & R team finds lost hunter

by Suzanne Vernon

A 43-year-old female hunter was found about 3 a.m. Monday morning in the Cold Creek area of the Swan Valley. The woman had been reported missing shortly after dark on Sunday night.

Nine Search and Rescue volunteers from the Seeley-Swan area, assisted by Missoula County Deputies Scott McDonald and Lloyd Hallgren, searched the Cold Creek area for about six hours Sunday night before finding the woman,

who was cold and tired, but otherwise okay. She had evidently become disoriented while hunting earlier in the day in the brushy area and had begun to walk in circles, Hallgren said. Searchers finally located the woman by following her tracks, and then firing gunshots, which she finally answered with a shot from her own rifle.

Temperatures hovered in the low twenties, while damp fog settled into the valley Sunday night. The woman had started a small fire in an attempt to stay warm and dry.

According to Deputy Lloyd Hallgren, the Search & Rescue team, "did a great job" of finding the hunter, especially since the fog hampered the midnight search.

State grants Circle Arrow permit

The state's Water Quality Bureau has issued a conditional "401" permit for the controversial Circle Arrow hydroelectric project near Lake Inez. The permit, dated November 23, requires the developers, prior to starting construction, to submit final plans and specifications for approval by the state. The permit further stipulates that, if water quality will be impaired during construction, the developers must obtain the appropriate permits.

According to Abe Horpestad of the Water Quality Bureau, the Lake Inez fish barrier, which is the proposed location for the hydro facility, was recently inspected by state officials and reported to be in satisfactory condition. Horpestad said the inspection removed the last obstacle to issuing a permit.

In a related development, staff from Rep. Pat Williams' office indicated that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission reinstated the Circle Arrow license application the day after the 401 permit was issued. (The application had been dismissed earlier this year when the state initially denied the 401 permit.) Normally, the licensing of the project would be a virtual certainty because of the state's recent approval. However, Williams has sent a letter to FERC raising a number of engineering and economic questions, and this may affect FERC's licensing decision.

Gysler suit dismissed

The lawsuit brought earlier this year by local resident Ervin Gysler against the Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District has been dismissed, according to Diane Conner of the Missoula County Attorney's office. The lawsuit challenged the revised fee structure which had been adopted by the district. Conner

indicated that District Court Judge Douglas G. Harkin dismissed the case on the grounds that Gysler did not have legal standing to sue, since the revisions to the fee schedule involved part-time residents and business owners, and Gysler doesn't belong to either category.

In comments made to *Pathfinder* last week, Gysler indicated that he probably won't pursue the matter further.

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

Events

Dec 3, The Winnable War, film by Dr. James Dobson, Swan Valley Elementary, 7pm
Dec 4, Social Security Numbers for kids, PTA info table, Valley Market, 1-5pm
Dec 4, Puppet Show, Seeley Lake Community Hall, 3:30pm
Dec 5, Spaghetti Dinner/Barn Dance/Raffle (benefit for Anne Reinhard) Jeff Wilhelm's shop, Remick Road, Condon 5:30pm
Dec 9, Setting Up Your Will, AAL presentation following Senior Nutrition Luncheon, Seeley Lake Community Hall, noon

Dec 7, AARP, Swan Valley Community Hall, Condon, 6:30pm
Dec 7, Driftriders Snowmobile Club, 6:30 potluck & meeting, Seeley Lake Community Hall
Dec 7, Seeley Lake Alcoholics Anon, 7pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake
Dec 7, 8, 9 Senior Nutrition Program, Noon Lunch, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake
Dec 9, AA Mtg & Alanon Mtg, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake

Other

Dec 9, Pre-School Story Hour, 10:30am-11:15am, Swan Valley Library, Condon.
Dec 9, Bookmobile, Potomac School, 10-11:30am; Sunset School, 12-1pm; Clearwater Junction, 1:30-2:30pm; Seeley Lake, 3-5:30pm.
Dec 10, Bookmobile, Seeley Lake Elem, 9am-Noon; Seeley Lake Town, 12:45-2:30pm.
Refuse Disposal Site, Oct thru April: Weds & Sat, 10am-4pm.
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Public Meetings

Dec 7, SOS Hospital District Trustees meet, Health Center, Seeley Lake, 7pm
Dec 8, Swan Valley Elementary school trustees meet, Swan Valley school, 7:30pm
Dec 8, Seeley Lake Water District directors meet, REA building, Seeley Lake, 8pm

Clubs & Organizations

Dec 3, Condon Alcoholics Anonymous, Swan Valley Elementary school, Condon, 7:30pm
Dec 3, Wilderness Sportsman's Club, Leisure Lodge Resort, 7:30pm

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Voyage of the Rigil Kent

by Dick Potter

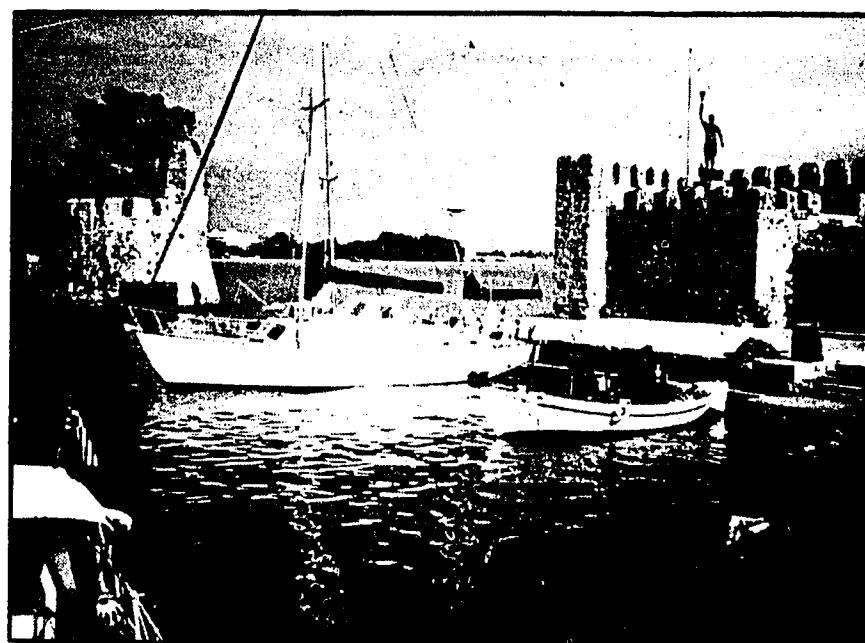
Joseph Conrad, the great 19th century author of seafaring tales, would have been enchanted by Al and Jean Slight. The Slight's, who moved to Seeley Lake last spring, share many of the attributes of Conrad's most memorable characters—love of the sea, a thirst for adventure, and a readiness to turn mere dreams into reality. Before moving here, Al and Jean spent the previous seven years sailing round the world in their 46-foot ketch, the Rigil Kent.

The story begins in 1972. Al was a prominent lawyer in Southern California who, with Jean, had a penchant for weekend sailing. As Al says, "We thought we really knew our stuff." Heady with romantic visions of sailing the South Seas, Al quit his job and bought a 40-foot ketch. The next couple of years were spent cruising in the Pacific, on what turned out to be the training exercise for their around-the-world odyssey.

On their very first day on the high seas, Al recalls the chilling moment when, some forty miles offshore from California, the boat started taking on water—and he realized there was no Coast Guard available. Later that night, they sailed through a pod of whales, wondering whether they might be rammed and sunk. Thus, the "weekend sailors" began their initiation into deep-sea cruising.

Eventually, Al's old firm enticed him back and, from 1974 through 1979, he continued to practice law. The lure of the sea proved too strong, though, and Al and Jean set forth in the Rigil Kent in February of 1979. Their sole companion was "Earl," their intrepid Labrador retriever. They had no agenda and no itinerary, but they were the sole masters of their craft and their destiny. Adventure in the Pacific

The first few years were spent in the Pacific: Samoa, Fiji, the Philippines, Indonesia, Tahiti and other exotic ports of call. Tahiti was a particular favorite. According to the Slight's, the Polynesians are the "most fabulous people in the world—unbelievably hospitable and generous." Until recently, it was against the law for a native to run a store in Tahiti; Tahitians have a tendency to literally give away the store.



The Rigil Kent—named after the brightest star in the southern hemisphere and home to Al and Jean Slight for more than seven years. Shown at anchor in Navpaktos, Greece in 1983. Navpaktos is regarded as one of the ten most beautiful harbors in the world. Photo courtesy of the Slight's.

The Galapagos Islands, famous for their unique wildlife and described by the Slight's as "fantastic," marked another high point—one which almost ended in disaster. One morning, the Slight's were on deck watching a pod of killer whales. Suddenly, Al recalls, one whale "came at us like an airplane peeling off of formation and just came roaring at us." Al was well aware that many a boat has been holed by killer whales and he watched with his heart in his throat as the whale raced closer. For reasons known only to the whale, it came to a sudden stop about thirty yards away, and the Rigil Kent sailed on without incident.

Then, there was the night they arrived in the Solomon Islands after a three-day passage. Earl was always reluctant to relieve himself aboard ship and, so, was understandably anxious to find a nice tree. The problem was that it was pitch black, the surroundings were unfamiliar, and there was a tropical downpour in progress. Al's solution, in keeping with his style, was to dive into the shark-infested waters and swim to shore with a grateful Earl.

After several years of island-hopping, the decision was made to go to Hong Kong. It was only then, Jean recalls, that they committed themselves to sailing around the world. Hong Kong turned out to be a wonderful place, so they stayed for several months. This was the typical pattern—if they liked a place, they stayed for a long time. They estimate that 90% of their time was spent in harbors. Al says, "That's the fun part of cruising."

On the other hand, both Slight's admit to a fondness for long passages at sea. Jean has vivid memories of sailing across the Indian Ocean. At dawn, schools of porpoises, including baby

porpoises, would swim alongside Rigil Kent, leaping alongside the bow, iridescent in the early light. They seemed to take particular delight in playing with Earl, who stationed himself atop the bow.

Pirates and smugglers

Pirates? Al says most of the stories are overblown, although there are parts of the South China Sea which should be avoided. Generally, piracy incidents involve larger vessels, which are more lucrative targets. Al and Jean never encountered any problems, although they avoided using their running lights when sailing at night through suspect waters.



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Smugglers are a different matter, and there was an interesting encounter with smugglers in the Red Sea. One night they anchored off an uninhabited island south of Port Sudan—only to discover that it was inhabited by a band of Ethiopian smugglers. The smugglers' ship had required repairs, and both crew and contraband were deposited on the island so that the captain could discreetly seek repairs in a convenient port. Unfortunately, he was several days overdue and the marooned smugglers were out of food and water. Jean came to the rescue and fixed a monumental batch of chicken and rice. (Among other amenities, the Rigil Kent had a microwave and freezer.) The Slight's say the smugglers were "nice guys"—not at all like their counterparts in the movies. Having been assured that the smugglers could now fend for themselves, the Slight's sailed off the next day.

Arrested in Arabia

While in the Red Sea, Al managed to get Jean and himself arrested. They had been up all night fighting some bad weather and were blown close to the Farasan Islands off Saudi Arabia. Al knew full well that he should clear Saudi customs before setting foot on the islands. Being tired, though, and having picked out an uninhabited island, he persuaded Jean that "nobody will ever know we're in here."

Al was mighty surprised that night when the Rigil Kent was boarded by four Saudi soldiers armed with automatic weapons. The next day Al found himself on the mainland undergoing interrogation at a military compound. He says it was like something "out of Arabian nights." Camels, Arab tents, Persian rugs on the ground—and one Arab who could speak English. The interpreter came to the conclusion that Al had to be working for the CIA. (This conclusion was inspired by the fact that all lawyers in Saudi Arabia are employees of the government.) Matters improved the next day, when a Saudi captain interviewed both Jean and Al—and ordered up a feast of saffron rice and a quarter of a lamb. Late that afternoon, a telex arrived from the capital which gave assurances that the Slight's were not CIA agents and ordered their release.

The final years

Passing through the Suez Canal, the next destination was Greece and Turkey. They liked the area so much that, in typical Slight fashion, they stayed for fifteen months.

Later, on the way to Sardinia from Sicily, they encountered the worst storm of the entire voyage. In the space of five minutes, the conditions changed from light winds and a moonlit, flat sea into a fifty-five mile per hour gale and a storm-tossed nightmare. Somehow, they made it to port next morning, but the storm raged on for four days.

After dallying in the south of Europe, they made their way to the canal system in France. They removed their masts in order to navigate the canals, and then spent seven months exploring France (their favorite place, along with Tahiti). Eventually, via the Rhine, they got as far as Switzerland. At one point, they broke a propeller shaft while in the middle of a canal lock. Al dove underneath the boat and carried out repairs; he notes, with some understatement, that it is best to be self-reliant if one chooses the cruising life.



Al and Jean Slight on Leyte Island in 1982. The site marks MacArthur's famous return to the Philippines during World War II. Photo courtesy of the Slight's.

After more dallying in the south of Europe, the couple crossed the Atlantic. Jean was nearly washed overboard during one memorable storm—the only such incident of the entire voyage. After exploring every nook and cranny of the Caribbean, they finally came home in April 1986.

They say they made their voyage to see countries, not harbors. They succeeded admirably, having explored some fifty-two nations and colonies. They had some extraordinary experiences and incredible adventures, but would they do it again? They say "no"—but that's what they said after their first voyage. The Rigil Kent has been sold and, for the moment, they seem content in their log cabin in the Valley. Earl, especially, seems to appreciate the abundance of trees.

The Slight's are not new to Montana. Jean is a native of Great Falls; Al is a graduate of U of M's law school. They look forward to the Montana winter as a welcome change. Irrepressible Al was up at daybreak after our recent snow, mastering the art of cross-country skiing. If you catch him out on the trails, you might want to ask about the time they were shipwrecked for ten days off the coast of Panama...



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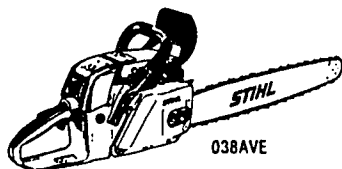
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Noxious weed study begins

Noxious weeds are creating special management problems on federal land, according to Orville Daniels, Lolo National Forest Supervisor. Foresters are now encouraging local residents to participate in a study of noxious weed problems and possible solutions.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared to examine major problem weed species, map the extent of weed infestations, determine habitat types that noxious weeds are most likely to occupy, look at how management activities influence the spread of noxious weeds and analyze various weed prevention and control methods. Jack Losensky, forest ecologist, has collected field data in recent months that will be used during the EIS process. The EIS is expected to be completed by early November, 1988.

Significant areas of Forest Service land contain noxious weeds that encroach on wildlife winter range, domestic livestock range and adjoining private lands, according to Orville Daniels in a recent news release. Daniels said that it is his intent to develop specific control objectives for each weed species, as well as amend the Lolo Forest Plan as it relates to treatment of noxious weeds.

Interested members of the public are encouraged to participate in the analysis process. For more information contact Jerry Covault or Ginny Tribe at the Lolo Supervisor's Office at Fort Missoula, 329-3750.



Fifteen-year-old Stacey Herncane, Seeley Lake, shot this large mule deer in the Miles City area two weeks ago. This was Herncane's first deer and its antlers measured 25 inches wide, and 18 inches high. Stacey is the daughter of Jim and Sherri Herncane, Seeley Lake.

Lake Inez land exchange proposed

by Suzanne Vernon

Residents and homeowners on the southwestern shores of Lake Inez have proposed a land exchange with the Forest Service and Plum Creek Timber as one way to improve road maintenance and access to private property in that area.

Homes in that area are located on private land, according to Lake Inez Homeowners' vice president, Dan Mizner. However, the access roads, for instance, are on Forest Service land. Currently, the Forest Service allows maintenance of the road through a variety of special use permits.

According to Dennis Johnson, Forest Service District Ranger at Seeley Lake, other encroachments exist on Forest Service land in the area. Some parking lots, septic systems, and driveways are on federal, not private, land.

"In the long run, it would be in their (homeowners') best interest to own the land," Johnson said recently, referring to the narrow strip of federal land where the access roads are now located. However, Forest Service managers must look at all options before arriving at a decision, he said. Total Forest Service acreage being considered for the exchange is about 80 acres.

One option, which has already been discussed in relation to the land exchange, could provide an opportunity to improve recreation, wildlife and timber resources on the Seeley Lake Ranger District. This would involve a three-way exchange of land between the homeowners, Plum Creek Timber Company, and the Forest Service.

A federal land exchange organization may also help with the negotiations, since three parties (homeowners, Plum Creek and Forest Service) will participate in the proposal.

Public comments on the exchange will be accepted at the Seeley Lake Ranger Station, Drawer G, Seeley Lake, 59868, until December 31, 1987. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Pat Knowles of Seeley Lake shot this nice 6X7-point buck. Pat has been hunting for five years—this was her first deer! The antlers scored 140-1/8 inches, net; 133-5/8 gross—a trophy, but not quite big enough for the record books.

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Ken Grant, Seeley Lake, poses with this trophy whitetail buck, shot two weeks ago in the Clearwater Valley.

Economists, outfitters to speak at MWA convention

The agenda for the 29th Annual Montana Wilderness Association Convention set for December 4 and 5 in Helena promises to stir some lively debate among Montana's conservationist groups.

Randall O'Toole, forest economist who prepared revealing studies of Flathead National Forest timber accounting systems, is just one of a dozen speakers who will address subjects ranging from reforming the US Forest Service to slide shows about the Tongass National Forest in Alaska.

Smoke Elser, Missoula outfitter and guide who has explored the Bob Marshall Country extensively, will comment on current "housekeeping" in the Bob Marshall complex. Other panelists in that discussion include Tom Coston, former Regional Forester from Missoula, and Bob Oset, wilderness ranger.

The MWA Convention will be held at the Colonial Inn in Helena, with registration beginning at noon on Friday, December 4. For more information call the MWA office in Helena at 443-7350.



By
Laura
Bogar

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*** Phyllo pastry leaves—eightfold and buttered inbetween—make super tart shells. Place squares into greased muffin tins. Bake five minutes at 450 degrees F; reduce heat to 350 degrees F, spoon in sweetened nut filling, and bake 10 to 15 minutes more.

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Confiscated game sales, Dec. 4 & 8

Game wardens around western Montana annually confiscate big game animals that have been illegally taken by hunters. Auctions of the carcasses and meat will be held December 4 in Kalispell and December 8 in Missoula.

The annual Kalispell Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks confiscated game sale will be held Friday, December 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the back of the Region One headquarters, 490 North Meridian, across from the Flathead County Fairgrounds.

So far this season, the FWP Kalispell office has collected two dozen deer and elk carcasses, one bull elk head

and cape and several sets of deer and elk antlers. The meat and antlers will be available for inspection before the auction from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In Missoula, the auction will be held Tuesday, December 8, beginning at 1 p.m. at the FWP office, 3201 Spurgin Road. Carcasses have been frozen and may be inspected shortly before the sale.

Bill Thomas, information officer with the Missoula office, estimates that there will be about 20 deer and 15 elk for sale. This is the second sale of the season in Missoula. Turnout for the first sale was light, but Thomas expects more people will be bidding on the elk and deer on Tuesday.

Thomas said that deer can sell for \$15 on up to \$75, depending on the condition of the animal. Elk sell for up to \$250 each. Antlers are sold with the carcass.



Game Warden Jay Haveman confiscated this spike elk in the Kozy Korner area last week. The hunter who shot the elk didn't tag the animal—it was his second elk of the season. The Fish & Game will be holding their annual auctions of big game carcasses soon.

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It was a cold morning early in December. Two women, their arms filled with bundles and their coat collars raised against the wintry wind, were walking past the window of a large downtown department store. In the window was a life-size tableau of the scene of the Nativity: the Christ Child in the manger, Mary and Joseph, the kneeling shepherds, and the cattle standing nearby.

"Can you beat that!" one of the

women was overheard to say. "The churches are even barging in on Christmas!" For this woman, the substitution of the Christ Child for Kris Kringle was an unwarranted intrusion by the religious people of the community. What irony—that the world should have drifted so far from the original importance of the Christmas season, that the King of Kings should be accused of "barging in" on His own birthday party!

What our world needs today is more—and not less—of such "barging in" on the part of the church. During these weeks, let Christian people remember that the message of the season is in great part a missionary proclama-

tion: "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." (Luke 2:10) "All people," including the millions of busy shoppers who are milling through the crowded aisles of our department stores and shopping malls during these days, need to be told that unto them is born a Savior who lived and died and rose again to bring them forgiveness and peace and eternal life. They need nothing more than that the church "barges in" on their preoccupation with the toys and tinsel of the season.

And who will deny that many a Christian home would benefit if, during the weeks before and after Christmas, it would permit the church and its message

of pardon and salvation through the Christ Child to play a more important part in its family celebration? Will ours be just another Xmas—celebrated with the triple "X" of extravagance, excitement, and exhaustion? Or will it be a truly Christian Christ-mas, celebrated in the company of Him whose birth these days commemorate? It will be the latter in the measure in which we permit Jesus, the Honored Guest of Christmas, to occupy our hearts—at home, at church, at work, and at play.

"Redeemer, come, I open wide
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COMMUNITY



Volunteers recently constructed a new storage building next to the Chamber office in Seeley Lake. Jim Jaimes, far right, spearheaded construction activities, while Rod Kvamme, center, in shop doorway, coordinated efforts.

Volunteers build new Chamber addition

Lutheran grant helps pay for construction

by Suzanne Vernon

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce now has a new storage building next to their office. Volunteers, including Chamber members, local businessmen, and the Aid Association for Lutherans Branch 5657, helped construct the facility earlier this month.

The new addition provides badly needed storage space, according to Chamber president, Adrien Marx, Seeley Lake. New shelves were also installed inside the main office as part of the construction.

Aid Association for Lutherans—a fraternal group which encourages members to support community projects—provided a \$500 grant to help pay for the Chamber project, according

to secretary, Sharon Ding. This is the most recent of many worthwhile community projects which AAL has supported here in recent years. The group has 49 members in the branch which covers the area from Seeley Lake north to Bigfork.

In 1984, AAL also helped fund the initial construction of the Chamber's office building. This year, the group has also worked to raise money (\$2600, total) for needy families, and has contributed funds toward the construction of a bathroom in the Seeley Lake Fire Hall.

Seeley Lake business people who donated their time and expertise to build the new Chamber addition include Jim Jaimes, local contractor, and Bud Johnson of Timberline Building Materials, Seeley Lake. Jaimes spearheaded the construction effort while Johnson donated lumber for the building. Rod Kvamme, Chamber member, has been active as project director.



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Singers to perform at Mission

The Swan Valley Christian Singers will entertain Mission Valley residents with a performance at the St. Ignatius Mission on December 6 beginning at 4 p.m.

This will be the first out-of-area concert for the choir, directed by Marge Smith of Seeley Lake. The group has been active in the Seeley-Swan area for about three years.

This year's holiday program is "His Love Reaching," a celebration of God's gift by Ronn Huff and Bill and Gloria Gaither. The concert will include a festival of favorite Christmas songs, with soloists, narration and choir presentations.

The Swan Valley Christian Singers will perform in Seeley Lake on December 13 at the Seeley Swan High School, beginning at 7:30.

Cornucopia by Michele Potter

Whether rich and dark, or light and full of chewy, nutty surprises, fruitcake is a delicacy that has been a Yuletide tradition for generations. Fruitcake comes in countless varieties, most of which can be preserved almost indefinitely, making it ideal for the hectic holiday season because it can be prepared far in advance. If you haven't made your Christmas fruitcakes yet, it's not too late.

The following recipe for Dark Fruitcake is for those who enjoy their cake dark, rich and chewy. This recipe is taken from *The Better Homes and Gardens Treasury of Christmas Ideas* (Meredith Press).

Dark Fruitcake

Combine one 6-ounce can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed, with 1/2 cup molasses and one 15-ounce package (3 cups) raisins in saucepan. Bring mixture to a boil over medium heat; stir occasionally. Reduce heat; simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in one 1-pound jar (2 cups) mixed chopped candied fruits and peels.

Cream 1/2 cup butter and 2/3 cup sugar. Blend in 3 eggs, one at a time. Sift together 1-1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour, 1/8 teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg, and 1/4 teaspoon each allspice and cloves. Stir into creamed mixture. Stir in fruit mixture and 1/2 cup chopped walnuts; mix to coat fruit.

Line five 5-1/2 x 3 x 2-1/4 inch pans with heavy paper, allowing 1/2 inch to extend above all sides. Pour batter into pans, filling about 3/4 full. Bake at 275 degrees F about 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 hours or till done. Cool cakes in pans; remove. Wrap in foil or clear plastic wrap; store in cool place several weeks. Trim with whole almonds. Makes about 3-1/2 pounds.

If you prefer a light White Fruitcake, try this recipe, taken from *The Celebration Book of Great American Traditions* (Harper & Row) by Wicke Chambers and Spring Asher.

White Fruitcake

2 lbs white raisins	2 Tbs black walnut extract
2 lbs candied cherries	1 lb butter
2 lbs candied pineapple	1 lb sugar
1 cup English walnuts, chopped	1 lb cake flour
4 cups pecans, chopped	9 large eggs
1/2 cup sherry	

Flour fruit and nutmeats in half of flour. Use remaining amount in batter. Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs slowly, one at a time. Sift dry ingredients together. Add flour and sherry alternately. Add flavoring and fruit. Bake in a very slow oven 2-1/2 to 3 hours (about 200 degrees). Cake should be made at least a week before serving.

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Snowplowing contract awarded

Missoula County Commissioners have awarded a 1987-88 snowplowing contract to Dennis Jette of 25.06 Construction, Swan Valley. Even though the County already has several snow plows available in the Seeley Swan, the Commissioners decided to solicit help as a precautionary measure.

"This is just sort of an insurance policy," according to Thor Wick, district road supervisor at Seeley Lake. Wick explained that the County is responsible for snow removal on more than a dozen roads in the Swan Valley, in addition to roads and streets in Seeley Lake and Greenough. Jette will probably not be asked to plow roads on a regular basis, but will be available to help plow roads near Condon this winter as the need arises.

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Ken Wolff holds a bald eagle which was brought to him last weekend. The eagle, found in the Elk Creek area of the Swan Valley, was apparently shot with a rifle and is missing one wing. Wolff, who is licensed to care for raptors, reminds people that it is illegal to shoot great horned owls and eagles. Fines range up to \$15,000 for illegally shooting or capturing a golden eagle. This bald eagle has been given a 50-50 chance of survival because of his injuries.

S. Vernon Photo

Critter Chatter

by Ken Wolff

Raptors. Birds of prey. The American eagle symbol. The raptors, to many, epitomize the free spirit, the unconquerable soaring soul.

Local raptors fit into one of four groups: eagles, owls, hawks and osprey. The osprey, often seen near our lakes, are alone in a grouping. The hawk group can be roughly split between buteos, or broad-winged hawks, and the falcons.

A trio of golden eagles soar by our place, the female considerably larger than the male and juvenile. Eagles can soar to 8,000 feet and higher.

Interestingly, the raptor bunch has one of the fiercest of all birds, the prairie falcon and, also, one of the most cowardly, the bald eagle. Hummingbirds are much more ferocious than the bald eagle. The bald eagle is also lazy, preferring to feed on dead or decaying food.

Owls are another matter, as are the falcons. "Fair chase" has a new meaning when a great horned owl is on the prowl for breakfast. Flying through doghair lodgepole with an uncanny radar, uniquely silenced flight feathers making no sound, large yellow eyes in a head that swivels 270 degrees, armed with 2-inch needle sharp talons and a beak that crushes skulls of baby goats, the great horned owl has only one enemy: you and I.

Owls are often misunderstood as chicken thieves. But, none of the great horned owls I've had would eat chicken. On the other hand, hawks love chickens.

American kestrels are common here, perched on a powerline in or near a field. Their diet contains tons of field mice and grasshoppers. Kestrels, mistakenly called sparrow hawks (an English raptor), are easily trained by falconers and are often considered beginning falconry birds. The kestrel is usually followed, in training, by a red-tailed hawk—also common in the Swan Valley.

Marsh hawks are seen in the swamps. The open country of the Blackfoot Valley makes for excellent hawk viewing grounds.

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New Condon P.O. site selected

by Suzanne Vernon

Carla Jensen, postmaster at Condon, has received word that the U.S. Postal Service has selected a site next to the Mission Mountain Mercantile for the proposed new Condon post office.

The building, owned by Mike Laabs, Swan Valley, currently is divided into three office spaces, two of which are occupied by Snow Country Construction and Seeley Swan Realty.

The building will be remodeled to provide approximately 1,200 square feet of space for the new post office. Jensen indicated that the next step will probably be to finalize construction plans, after the public has had a chance to review the recent selection decision.

Jensen has been told by postal officials that the new facility may be open as early as mid-summer, 1988.

AAL elects new officers

The Aid Association for Lutherans, Branch 5657, elected officers during their November 13 meeting.

Lili Wood, Condon, is the new president of the fraternity. Jerry Ding, Seeley Lake, was elected as vice president. Sharon Ding, also of Seeley Lake, was elected as secretary-treasurer.

AAL is a fraternal organization which provides insurance protection and benefits to Lutherans and their families. The group sponsors and administers health, education, and community projects. (See related article.)

Christmas crafts fair next Saturday

The Condon Community Club is sponsoring a Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair which will be held next Saturday, December 12, at the Swan Valley Community Hall near Condon from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Carriec Parker is organizing the event. Advance reservations for tables would be appreciated, she said. There is a small charge for table space. For more information call 754-2471.

Reinhard Benefit Saturday

Swan Valley residents have organized a spaghetti dinner, barn dance and raffle to benefit Anne Reinhard, whose husband, Kenneth, was killed this fall when a hunting rifle accidentally discharged, hitting him in the shoulder.

The benefit will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Jeff Wilhelm shop at the end of Remick Road near Condon. The barn dance will be held after dinner, with entertainment provided by local musicians. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Reinhard family.

For more information, call 754-2565 or 754-2388.

Honor Roll

Swan Valley

Students listed on the High Honor Roll for the first quarter of the 1987-88 school season at Swan Valley Elementary are: Aaron Himes, fourth grade; Wendi White, fourth grade; and Boone Jensen, sixth grade.

Honor Roll students are:

Third Grade—Kenny Crippen, Cody Jensen, Leah Lapka and Tabitha Reum; Fourth Grade—Josh Anderson, Mandy Alexander, Cole Christianson, Sarah Cox, Amber Ekstedt and Brooke Mason; Fifth Grade—Nick Mordja, Traci Styler and Danny Wilhelm; Sixth Grade—Carla Anderson, Natalie Anderson, Robert Ekstedt, Angie Himes, Scotty McDonald, Ronny Melton and Chandra Styler; Seventh Grade—Andrew Anderson, Mike Armstrong, Tonya Broers, Lisa Cox, Stacy Holmes, Holly Mahaffey and Tanya Squillante; Eighth Grade—Tracy Kearney, Steven Nauman, Matt Raible, Rosie Terrillion and Tracy Thompson.

Good Citizens for
November

Good Citizens for November at Swan Valley Elementary are: Andy McDonald, first grade; Jenny Crippen, second grade; Kenny Crippen, third grade; Wendi White, fourth grade; Sara Garner, fifth grade; Brian Auchenback, sixth grade; Stacy Holmes, seventh grade and Justin Forder, eighth grade.

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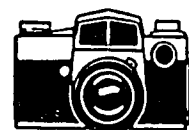
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SCHOOLS



The seventh grade class of Seeley Lake Elementary performed Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* in Seeley Lake last Monday night.

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Tuesday, December 8	Tacos
Wednesday, December 9	Corn Dogs
Thursday, December 10	Grilled Cheese Sandwiches with Chicken Noodle Soup
Friday, December 11	Lasagna



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Seeley Lake Elementary
School Board Meeting

PTA offers help with child Social Security numbers

The Seeley Lake Elementary PTA will be sponsoring a table at the Valley Market on Friday, December 4, from 1 to 5 p.m. for people with questions about the new law concerning Social Security numbers for children. All children ages five and older must have a Social Security number by the end of this year and this number must be filed on your tax return.

Application forms will be available and PTA members will be there to help answer any questions or direct you to the answer. People may apply by mail or go to the Social Security office in Missoula, but the application must be completed before the 1987 tax returns are filed.



Seeley Lake Elementary seventh graders, under the direction of Cliff Nelson, have been performing Shakespeare in Seeley for the past 10 years, as noted by this poster at last week's performance.

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Puppet Show Friday

The Dragon's Tales Puppet Theater from Missoula will perform *Hey, Nonnie, Nonnie* and *Gwendolyn Dragon* at the Seeley Lake Community Hall on Friday, December 4.

The puppet show begins at 3:30 p.m. and will last approximately one hour. Children of all ages are invited, according to Sandi Baker of the Seeley Lake Day Care and Pre-School.

This will be the seventh year that puppeteers have performed in Seeley Lake during the holiday season, Baker said. Admission will be charged for the event.

Volleyball season begins

Seeley-Swan High School volleyball practice begins Monday, December 7. The first game of the season will be Saturday, January 2 at 3 p.m., when Seeley-Swan plays Phillipsburg at home. Head coach Susan Stone will be assisted by ex-player, Tammy Pohlman. Tammy's insights and knowledge of the game will be an asset to the program. Susan will hold a meeting Thursday, December 3 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria for all parents of those interested in participating in volleyball. She will discuss rules and the schedule. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Baretta chosen as Elks Student of the Month

Darren Baretta, senior at Seeley Swan High School, was recently honored as the Elks Student of the Month for November. Darren is the son of Dan Baretta, Seeley Lake and Geri Netherton, also of Seeley Lake.

The Elks Student of the Month program honors high school seniors for outstanding grade point averages and participation in extra-curricular activities.

Darren was invited to attend a banquet and awards ceremony sponsored by the Hellgate Elks Club, Missoula.

Mt. Ovando 4-H

by Hope Badgett
Reporter

This meeting started at 7 p.m. at the Community Building in Ovando.

Our officers are: Bryan O'Connor, president; Lester Hicks, vice president; Jody Hicks, secretary; Mary Fly, scrapbook, and Hope Badgett, reporter.

We talked over old business and decided to omit certain projects that had not been done.

In new business, we talked about grandmothers' gifts.

PIZZA!!
Hungry Bear

Tracy Malone selected for Hugh O'Brien Seminar



Tracy Malone.

Tracy Malone, sophomore at Seeley-Swan High School, has been selected to participate in the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar which will be held at the University of Montana next spring.

Tracy is the daughter of Dennis and Joan Malone, Seeley Lake.

The all-expense-paid Hugh O'Brien seminars are held in every state to bring together a select group of high school sophomores and distinguished leaders in business, government, education and

other professions so they can discuss present and future issues. The objectives are to reward and cultivate leadership and offer an opportunity to explore America's incentive system and our democratic process. At the spring state seminars, delegates will be chosen to participate in an International Seminar in August 1988.

Tracy will join dozens of other Montana students, including three other Missoula County high school students at the Seminar: Michelle Peterson of Big Sky, Megan Gillespie of Hellgate and Paul Lopach of Sentinel.

**Roger Wade
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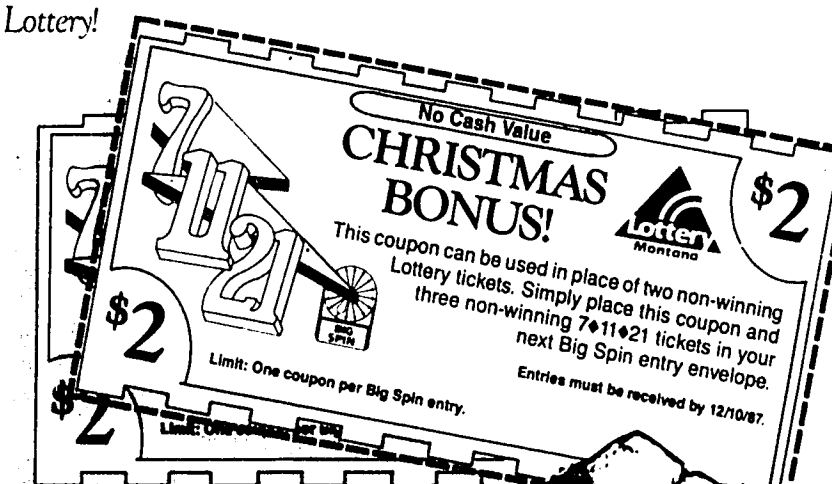
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Refuse board meeting canceled

The December board meeting of the Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District has been canceled. The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26 at the Seeley Lake Fire Hall.

YAMAFEST volunteers need trophies

Community volunteers who are organizing YAMAFEST activities this year are in need of trophies for various events. According to Grace LeFebvre, Chamber of Commerce secretary, people who have old trophies to donate may leave them at The Saloon in Seeley Lake.

YAMAFEST, a snowmobile festival sponsored, in part, by the Yamaha Corporation, will be held in Seeley Lake January 15, 16 and 17, 1988.

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:

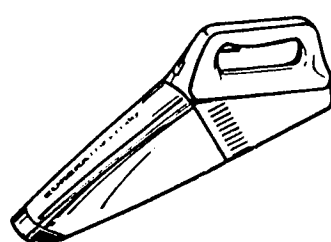
Monday, Dec. 7
Macaroni & cheese
Tuesday, Dec. 8
Salisbury steak
Wednesday, Dec. 9
Sweet and sour pork
Reservations are advised for these meals. For more information call 677-2008.

Bike Tips

For cold early morning riding, pay particular attention to your feet, head and hands. Layers of gloves and mittens, a wool hat under your helmet and wool socks and warm boots can help. Dress like you would for cross-country skiing: wear clothes that cut the wind, but that don't let you overheat.

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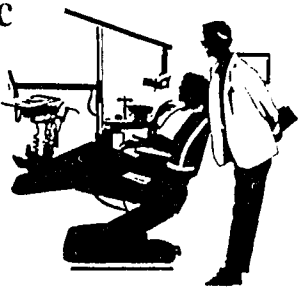
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Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

During the past two weeks, many folks have been enjoying the salmon run in the Clearwater Valley. The red kokanee are just about finished with their annual ritual. Several bald eagles have arrived along the river now, feeding well on the wealth of salmon.

Two friends of ours, quietly watching the kokanee in the half-light of dawn, stood in awe as they heard the wings of a mature bald eagle above them. The bird landed only a few feet in front of them, and cast a yellow eye toward the human intruders. After sending chills down everyone's spine, he lifted his wings in rhythm above the river, and headed upstream to the outlet of the lake. He glided in a circle above the calm water, and returned for one more early morning search for breakfast on the Clearwater.

Several owls have left their marks on the banks of the Clearwater too. Small patches of blood are the only evidence of their midnight feasts.

One evening last week, we bundled the family in wool pants and stocking hats, and took a short trip to the river. As the kids chattered and walked along the banks, you could hear the splashing of the salmon, working their way from the lake through the riffles of the river. With the help of a flashlight near the bank, you could see the male kokanee stubbornly guarding the female's reds, or nests. Nobody spotted an owl that night. Unlike the eagles, owls are silent fliers. They could land nearby in the dark and you'd never know they were there.

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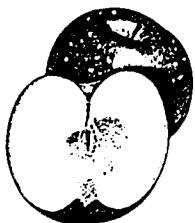
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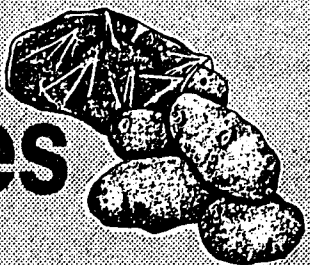
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