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## Population grows despite slump in logging, mining

Rep. Harry Fritz says state should use bed-tax money to promote tourism, attract retired people

by Carol Susan Woodruff  
University of Montana

Despite the decline in Montana's logging and mining industries, the western part of the state continues to draw an increasing number of residents, many of whom are retired, according to a recent study published by Rep. Harry Fritz, history professor from the University of Montana at Missoula. Montana's future economy will depend less on traditional industries and more on tourism and spending by retired people, according to a recent study.

"I don't think there's a relationship between a growing economy and a growing population in this state," says Fritz. "People are moving to Montana not for the traditional economic reasons."

Professor Tom Power, chairman of UM's economics department, agrees with Fritz's assessment. "I think that's absolutely true," he says. "If one looks at the collapse of Montana's traditional economic base, where we've lost tens of thousands of jobs... we should have lost 50,000 to 100,000 people. And we didn't."

Fritz's conclusions and suggestions for economic development were published recently in a paper called "Montana, 1965-2005: Past, Present, and Future." He offers plenty of suggestions for building Montana's economy, based on population trends and data. One idea is to promote the state's image as a good place to retire. He's also a staunch supporter of developing Montana's travel and recreation industry.

"I think basically what we've done is sit back and let Yellowstone Park and Glacier Park and maybe the Custer Battlefield—which are all federal installations, and one of them's in Wyoming—do all our advertising for us," he says.

Fritz believes the state should use money from its new bed tax to promote typical Montana activities available to visitors.

"I think we've got to start emphasizing things that people can do that are not destination points where they come and see some major, world-class attrac-

tion," he says. He recommends advertising pursuits like floating, hiking, cross-country running, and visiting forts, rodeos and country fairs.

Bed-tax money must go toward development as well as promotion, Fritz says. Development would include installing visitor information centers at main portals to the state and clearly marking and maintaining museums and forts and other historical sites.

His other suggestions for bolstering Montana's economy include promoting the outfitting industry, adding a major ski area or two, encouraging small businesses, and advertising schools like UM.

"We've got a good educational system, which I think, with minimum effort, could attract out-of-state students into Montana," he says. "There are things you can get here that you can't find elsewhere."

Data collected by Fritz for the past twenty years shows a steadily increasing population throughout Montana. The steady increase has come mainly in western Montana. "It's precisely in those counties where there aren't any jobs," he says, "where the wood products industry has cut back, mining has virtually disappeared, and there are no new boom sectors of the economy that are picking up the economic slack."

"Older people have increased their numbers, but surprisingly, for the first time in the modern era, the fastest-growing cohort—a whopping 87,324 individuals between 1970 and 1980—consists of young adults age 20 to 39."

One indication that retirees may also make up a significant part of western Montana's growing population is the dramatic increase in the state's "transfer" (non-labor) income in the early 1980s. That increase was detected by Professor Power.

Transfer income includes Social Security payments and other retirement benefits, as well as profits from bonds and other investments. Power found that in 1986, transfer funds accounted for \$3 out of every \$8 in personal income in Montana.

Fritz says that to promote economic growth in the Treasure State,



Santa Claus greeted more than 200 youngsters in downtown Seeley Lake last week. Sacks of candy, prepared by the Chamber of Commerce with fruit, nuts and popcorn balls donated by the Seeley Lake Women's Club, local residents and area businesses, were given to the children. Double Arrow Outfitters helped with the 30-year tradition by arriving in horse-drawn sleighs and offering hayrides to children and their families.

Montanans must analyze the reasons people have moved here during the past 15 years. Counting on traditional resource-based industries to rebound may not be enough, he says.

He disagrees with people who think that Montana's traditional industries would recover if they were less burdened by taxes, bureaucratic regulations and

environmental restrictions.

"Copper mines have closed all over the American West," Fritz says. "Butte is not some singular, unique, Montana example of something we can turn around. I think you need a realization on the part of the state officials that they're going to have to try something else besides rejuvenating mining and logging."

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Aside from the springtime remodeling, Rollie added, "we don't do a lot of things differently. Pool and dart tournaments will start soon, and the dart tournaments will be offered on a regular basis. People up here like to dance, so we will be offering more live music after the first of the year." Rollie is also considering live poker for 1988.

Besides a good crew—Linda Guizzo, Jo Irvin, Stephanie Janssen, Kris Kaser and Anne Reinhard—Rollie says the community has responded favorably in showing their support of his business.

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## Auld Lang Syne...

...is the Scottish expression for the "good old days." Now, that seems a strange sentiment for welcoming in the New Year. Although there may be some nostalgia in bidding farewell to the old year, it seems more fitting to look towards the bright promise of things to come.

And, what will be coming our way in 1988? To begin with, lots of exciting winter festivities, including major sled dog and snowmobile events. Of course, the weather will have a considerable influence on the outcome. Will we have a wetter year? Let's hope so—we're overdue.

1988 will mark progress toward development of a Comprehensive Plan for Seeley Lake. This is sure to be an interesting (and argumentative) process. Just as exciting is the prospect of an election year—a new governor and some new legislators. Presumably, this will mean some new ideas and fresh ap-

proaches for government (maybe even some economic horse sense).

What new businesses will open their doors in our community next year? What businesses will expand? What progress will be made by the Economic Development Task Force? Will there be growth in tourism? Stay tuned to 1988 to find out.

It should be a year of environmental developments: perhaps a wilderness bill will be enacted, thereby adding the Swan Front to the Bob Marshall Wilderness; perhaps some fishery studies will begin for the Blackfoot River; perhaps there will be progress in the dialog between recreation and timber interests.

All of this smacks of news which will unfold in 1988. And, of course, that's our job. All of us at *Pathfinder* look forward to bringing you the news next year—the life and times of our Valley.

We wish all of you a year of fulfillment and happiness.

—Dick Potter

## Development Concerns

To the Editor:

I read with great interest your comments on Mr. Coyle's idea to turn the Boyd Mountain game range into a miniature Jackson Hole. This idea is a great idea and, if implemented in conjunction with another great idea, Mr. Ketland's aerial tram, would really pack the tourists in. If an aerial tram was built from Clearwater Junction over the game range to Woodworth, tourists could view the elk from the comfort of the tram. There would be many economic opportunities at the tram loading point—plus, with a short layover at the other end, the economy of Woodworth would receive a much-needed shot in the arm. Dare we dream of even attracting a McDonald's or Pizza Hut!

Seriously, I do believe that the Fish and Game could manage the game range so as to produce more winter feed for the elk. I don't think it would be necessary to "strategically locate additional forage" just so tourists could watch elk eat.

It seems like every time I open a new issue of the *Pathfinder* I am hit with more talk of economic development, progress, tourism and growth. I have seen this valley grow from an isolated backwoods lumber camp to the thriving little community it is today. I have never been able to understand why so many people claim to be attracted to this area because of the scenery and solitude, and then go about trying to effect change that will ruin the very things that attracted them in the first place!

In another vein! Several times in the last few months, both the *Pathfinder* and the *Missoulian* have printed articles calling for the halt of deficit timber sales by the Forest Service. I would like to know why anyone would expect the Forest Service to operate in the black. Remember, it is a government agency—and how many other government agencies support themselves? The next thing we know, Reagan's boys will be expected to turn a profit on their arms deals and maybe even keep the money in the country.

In closing, I would like to say how much I enjoyed the *Pathfinder's* photos of the big bucks taken during the past

hunting season, but am wondering why we haven't been honored with a picture of the Haveman buck?

Lynn Carey  
Seeley Lake

## SWAN SONG

Thor Wick

*Pathfinder* has received word that Seeley Lake resident Thor Wick passed away last week while on a family trip out-of-state. Funeral services were scheduled to be held on Wednesday, December 30, in Pinecreek, Minnesota. Local memorial services will be scheduled at a later date. Mr. Wick was a longtime resident of the Clearwater Valley and worked for the Missoula County Road Department for many years.



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## Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

The new seed catalogs began arriving in the mail last week—a sure sign that the New Year is here and it's time to start planning for summer. Doesn't seem possible in January, does it? But I learned my lesson the hard way—if you don't order early, you won't get those short-season varieties that thrive here in the Swan Valley! Not only do you have to start them indoors two months before the growing season, but the seed houses seem to have short supplies of the "arctic" seeds.

The only things growing around

our place this week are icicles—and we have some dandies! One of the pleasures of winter and below-zero weather is to watch Mother Nature's ice sculptures as they form along the rooftops, and also along the creeks and rivers.

The weather has been terrific for skiing, and we even ran into some elk the other day. The critters have finally moved to the fringes of their winter range. We also saw a host of mountain lion tracks, following the deer in the light, but deep, snow.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year, and say a special prayer that your country journals will be full of laughter and healthy encounters with nature this year. A special thanks to the many people who regularly call with stories about birds and critters. Your enthusiasm is contagious!

## Geography Lesson

To the editor:

Some folks say that there is a dividing line at the Summit; some folks try very hard to lump the Seeley Lake and Swan Valley areas together. A recent article in *Travel Host* magazine even stated "Seeley Lake ... sits in the center of the beautiful Swan Valley." Incidentally, this article was written by a Seeley Lake realtor. Last I checked, the center of Swan Valley was in the Goat Creek area and Seeley Lake was in the Clearwater Valley. However, even after 40 years I discover new places all around here.

To the purported barrier at the Summit I say, so what? Let us explore a reasonable premise instead of haggling. Let us presume that the

Seeley area and the Swan area are two separate communities with individual inclinations. That wasn't so tough. Let us also presume that, as neighbors, we can cooperate, communicate and coordinate. Not too difficult either. Oh, while we're presuming things, to lump both areas together is presumptuous, and unfair. It assumes that both communities are the same (they are not), and robs both areas of stable groundwork for individual community identity.

Hence, a couple of thoughts. Let us work together on shared space: i.e., the high school. But please let us not work on building a 75-mile-long town of Seeley-Swan. Is it too much to ask, self-determination? Those of us in the Swan River country will promise to allow those in the Seeley area to promote and develop as they rightly choose, and we ask as neighbors in return, the same. But please, leave Seeley Lake in the Clearwater Valley where it belongs.

To those in the Seeley area who have worked so hard at spiffing up your homes, businesses, community—you are doing yourselves proud. Thank you. Oh, best of luck with the golf course, a grand idea.

Ken Wolff  
Swan Valley

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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 31, Memorial Flag Raising, 9am, Swan Valley Community Hall, Condon  
Jan 2, Benefit Auction to send Pam Styler to Hawaii, 9pm-?, Crystal Pistol Saloon, Swan Valley  
Jan 6, Introduction to Mime, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elementary School  
Jan 8, The Wizard of Oz, Missoula Children's Theatre production, 7pm, Swan Valley Elementary School  
Jan 9-10, Snowmobile Ride Convention, Seeley Lake

### Other

Alcoholics Anonymous  
•Condon: Every Thursday night, Swan Valley Elementary school, 7:30pm  
•Seeley Lake: Every Monday night, mill basement, Seeley Lake, 7pm  
Al Anon & AA  
•Seeley Lake: Every Wednesday night, REA building, Seeley Lake, 7pm  
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•Wednesday, Jan 6: Potomac School, 10-11:30am; Sunset School, 12-1pm; Clearwater Junction, 1:30-2:30pm; Seeley Lake, 3-5:30pm.  
•Thursday, Jan 7: Seeley Lake

### Public Meetings

Jan 5, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, 12:45-2:30pm  
Refuse Disposal Site, Oct thru April: Wed & Sat, 10am-4pm.  
Jan 5, Salmon Prairie/Swan Lake school trustees meet, 7:00pm, Salmon Prairie school

### Clubs & Organizations

Jan 4, AARP, 6:30pm, Swan Valley Community Hall, Condon  
Jan 6, YAMAFEST committee meeting, 7pm, Leisure Lodge  
Jan 7, Wilderness Sportsman's Club, 7:30pm, Leisure Lodge  
Jan 8, American Legion, Swan Valley Post, 8pm, Swan Valley Community Hall

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January 9, 6:15 pm  
Seeley at Philipsburg

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Swan Valley Elementary School

January 9, 10:00 am  
Swan Valley at Elliston

January 9, 2:00 pm  
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Swan Valley at Avon

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Last spring, local artist and businessman, Ken Wolff, aided by concerned Swan Valley residents, helped to establish a Wildlife Rehabilitation Fund for injured birds and animals. Here, Ken is pictured with a "grounded eagle" that apparently lost one wing as a result of a gunshot wound.

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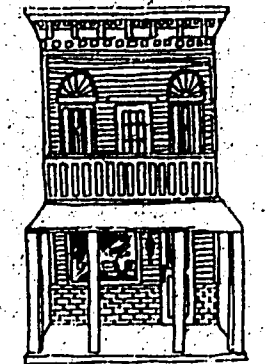
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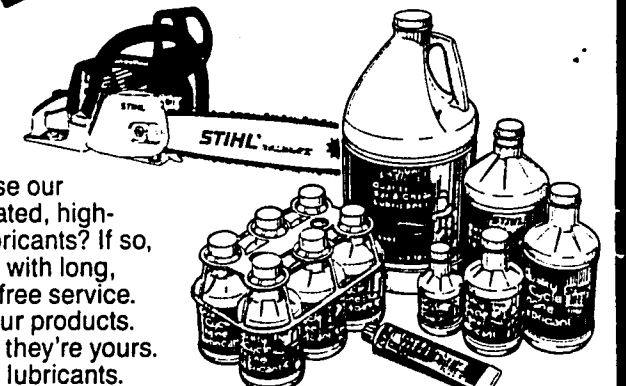


Sled dogs were in the news last winter, as local residents hosted the Seeley Lake 200 and provided the finish line for the Governor's Cup 500. Other winter sports events that drew hundreds of people to Seeley Lake last year included the OSCAR 50-kilometer cross-country ski race, a winter carnival and two snowmobile festivals: YAMAFEST and the Annual Snowmobillavous.

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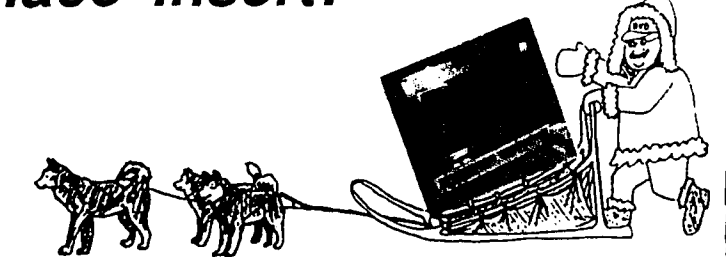
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Summer in Seeley Lake: Tim Chaney enjoyed "Fishin' at the Pothole" (top); Teacher Andrea Greene and student Rebecca Wallace cheered for the Sunset School team during the annual Playday at Seeley Elementary (right); and clowns provided entertainment during Fourth of July festivities in Seeley Lake (bottom). Facing page: Carrielle Parker, Swan Valley, groomed one of her "baby" mules in preparation for the annual Condon Mule Days last June.



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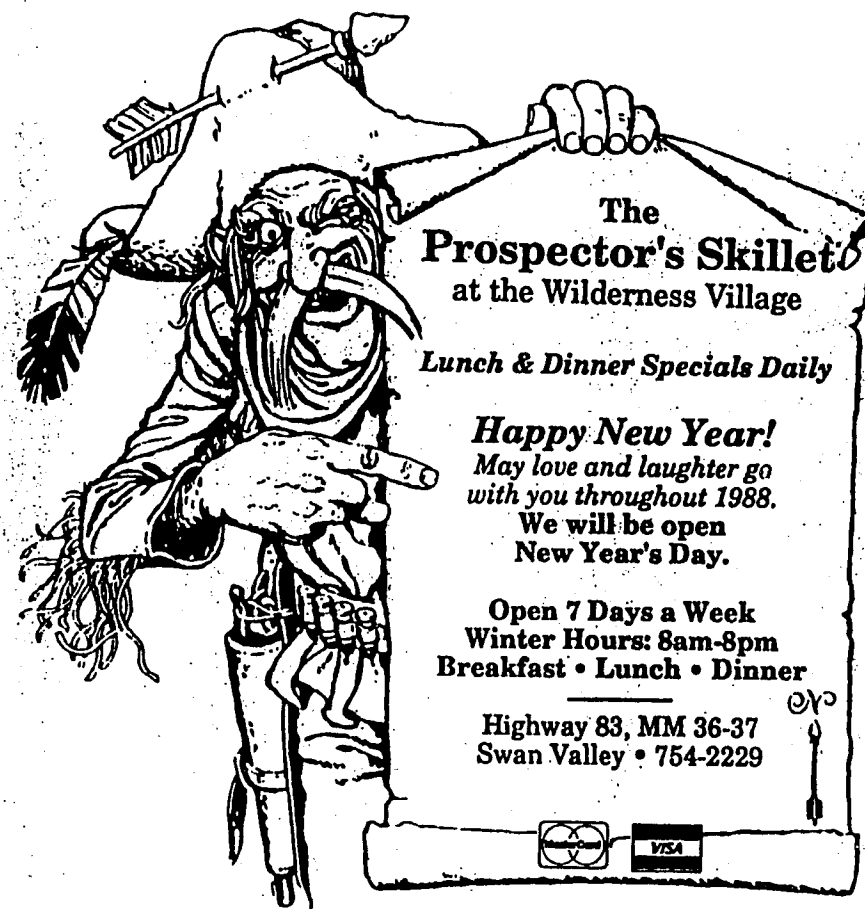
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## Fire damages resort cabin

by Suzanne Vernon

An early-morning fire last week damaged a cabin at the Tamaracks Resort north of Seeley Lake. The occupants of the cabin, James Williamson, his wife and four children, were treated for smoke inhalation as a result of the fire, but were otherwise okay.

About ten volunteers from the Seeley Lake Fire Company responded to the call, which was reported through 9-1-1 at about 8 a.m. last Tuesday. According to Fire Chief Roger Burmeister, a log floor joist had been smoldering beneath the cement which housed the cabin's fireplace. When firefighters arrived, the fire was spreading through the main floor of the cabin. Volunteers first ventilated the cabin, which was full of smoke, and then cut through the floor with a chainsaw and quickly doused the flames.

Burmeister reminds homeowners to conduct regular safety checks of wood-heating systems, especially now that sub-zero weather has arrived. Firefighters from Seeley Lake have responded to four chimney-related fires in recent weeks.

The American Red Cross, Seeley Lake Fire Department Auxiliary, the

local Women's Club and various church organizations and individuals have all pitched in to help the Williamson family enjoy a fine holiday season despite the fire and resulting smoke damage to their food and clothing. Members of the Fire Department Auxiliary gathered clothing from Seeley Lake PTA members for the family. Several people donated quilts. The Seeley Lake Women's Club donated handcrafted toys and a quilt. Jim Wright from the American Red Cross in Missoula traveled to Seeley Lake to provide the family with Christmas gifts and money to wash clothes and replace smoke damaged food. Some people brought food and gifts anonymously. Many local businesses donated toys for the children—one family even brought a Christmas tree complete with decorations.

In all, the community response to the Williamson family was nearly overwhelming.

"They made our Christmas a lot brighter than it would have been," James Williamson said this week. The Williamson family had just moved to Seeley Lake, and life was hectic enough, he said, without the added problems associated with the fire. "I don't know what to say—except thanks. The community has been very helpful, and we are very grateful."

## Seeley Lake Community Council Multi-use building on agenda

Local resident Colin Moon has encouraged the Community Council to develop a multiple-use building for the community. Such a facility, which has been discussed for many years, would house local fire and security services, as well as provide office and meeting space for a number of local governing bodies.

The suggestion, which was made at last week's Council meeting, was well-received by the councilmen. They see such a facility as being an "annex" of the county courthouse where, periodically, residents could pay taxes or purchase licenses. The Council took formal action to include more detailed discussion of the matter at their next meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. on January 18 at the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

The Council also began deliberations on a "comprehensive plan." Outlines were prepared by various councilmen on three subjects: water, sewer, and forest management. The latter outline stresses the economic importance of timber to the community and the need to ensure sustained timber yield, while also providing recreational opportunities and protecting the environment.

These three subjects will be developed in more detail for the January meeting, and the Council encourages the community to attend and comment. The Council will introduce three additional subjects for preliminary discussion at the meeting: land use, road maintenance, and a multiple-use building.

Council policy for public comment was announced. There will be a comment period at the beginning and end of each meeting. The first period will be open to discussion of any topic. The concluding period will be limited to discussion of items on the agenda.

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SWAN VALLEY—During the week of January 4-8 Swan Valley Elementary students will be auditioning and practicing for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Students will present the performance to the public on January 8 at 7 p.m.

This Missoula Children's Theatre presentation is sponsored by the Swan Valley PTA and the Swan Valley School District with grants totalling \$325 provided by the Theatre in Schools program supported by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, The Montana Arts Council and the State of Montana. Total cost of the Children's Theatre program is \$1100. Swan Valley Elementary School District has contributed \$300, and the balance of about \$500 is being provided by the Swan Valley PTA, according to Susan Cox, PTA president.

Missoula Children's Theatre will provide two professional director/actors who will audition and cast the production throughout the coming week.

*The Wizard of Oz* is one of seven Missoula Children's Theatre productions on tour throughout the region. The MCT staff members with this production will travel throughout the western United States and Alberta, Canada presenting it in more than thirty communities this season. Each show is complete with set, props, costumes and make-up.

The two actor/directors will also be presenting a workshop titled *Introduction to Mime*. The workshop is open to the public on Wednesday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Swan Valley Elementary school. According to Sharon Lamar of Swan Valley PTA, this is a participatory workshop, not an assembly-type presentation.

## Memorial flag to be raised

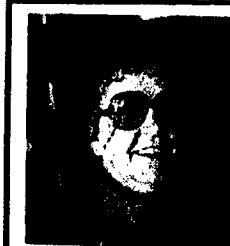
A memorial flag will be flown at the Swan Valley Community Hall from December 31, through January 2. Members of the Swan Valley American Legion, Post #63, will change flags and raise the memorial flag at 9 a.m. on December 31, in honor of Robert "Tuffy" Anderson, deceased veteran.

This will be the first memorial flag to be flown at the new flagpole site at Swan Valley Community Hall near Condon. Families who would like a memorial flag flown in honor of a deceased veteran should contact Bob Reed or Dave Nebel, Swan Valley.



## Styler benefit Saturday

Pam Styler, senior at Seeley-Swan High School, has been selected as a cheerleader for the Hula Bowl to be held in Hawaii on January 16. Local residents have organized a benefit auction and raffle to help finance Pam's trip. The auction and drawing will be held Saturday, January 8, at the Crystal Pistol Saloon near Condon.



By  
Laura  
Bogar

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

\*\*\* Want delicious coleslaw with fewer calories? Drain 1 cup yogurt in a sieve lined with cheesecloth or a paper coffee filter (it takes about an hour). Mix it with 1/4 cup low-calorie mayonnaise, a small grated onion, dry mustard, vinegar, salt and pepper to taste. Toss into 2 quarts shredded cabbage and carrots.

\*\*\* Potato pancakes look more interesting on the plate if a couple of carrots are shredded in with the potatoes.

\*\*\* You won't cry when slicing onions if your knife is sharp enough — good advice from Chef-Teacher Pierre Franey.

\*\*\* A food chemist in Wisconsin has come up with a natural film that will keep wet frozen food from dry — pizza filling separate from the crust, for instance. The film dissolves in the oven as the food is cooked.

\*\*\* Egg salad is easier if you mash up the eggs with a pastry blender. Use the versatile tool to cut and to blend.

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The auction will feature a half-beef donated by Mike and Sue Holmes, Swan Valley. Throughout the evening, items which include handcrafted ceramics, wall mirrors, a ham and turkey will also be auctioned to the highest bidder.

In addition to the auction, Holland Lake Outfitters is offering a summer Breakfast Ride to the winner of a benefit raffle. Tickets are being sold by Pam and her mother, Linda Styler, and several high school students. The winner will be drawn on Saturday night.

The Seeley Lake PTA has already contributed \$500 and an anonymous donor contributed \$100 toward the \$1200 necessary for Pam's trip. In addition, Pam will need personal spending money while in Hawaii. She will leave Montana on January 8, compete in various cheerleading events, cheer at the Hula Bowl on January 16, and return home on January 19. Local residents will not be able to watch the Hula Bowl unless they have access to a satellite television system, according to Linda Styler. The game will not be broadcast on local stations.

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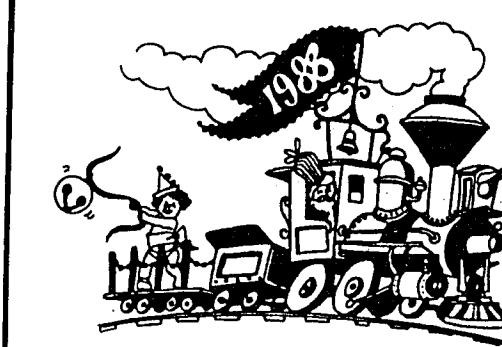
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## Cornucopia by Michele Potter

Last year, I asked Sara Macon (formerly of Georgia and now a Seeley Lake resident) why folks from the South eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day. Legend has it, she said, "the peas will bring health, wealth and good luck for the coming year, and people eat them whether they believe that or not!"

This year, I thought I'd pursue the black-eyed pea legend once again. If you eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day, do they bring you good luck throughout the new year? According to Ron Johnson (also formerly of Georgia and now a Seeley Lake resident): "For every pea that you eat, you get a dollar in the coming year." Ron believes the tradition started back in the Depression years. "You'd have to eat a lot of peas these days, but back then a dollar went a long ways," he added.

Toni Hale (formerly of Texas and now a Seeley Lake resident) submitted the following recipes for black-eyed peas. With so many people eating peas, there must be something to that legend. . . .

### Black-Eyed Peas Delicious

1 pound dried black-eyed peas  
1 clove garlic, cut in half  
Salt pork chunk (approx. 1-1/2" x 3")  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
2 cloves garlic, mashed  
2 bell peppers, chopped

2 onions, chopped  
1/2 teaspoon ground sage  
2 bay leaves  
3 tablespoons cider vinegar  
1 teaspoon salt  
Black pepper to taste

Wash and pick over peas. Cover with water and soak overnight. Drain and place peas in kettle with fresh water to cover. Add garlic halves and salt pork. Simmer peas until tender (in winter, I let it bubble on the woodstove). Sometimes a brownish film will form on top; just scoop it out and discard. Add more water, if necessary. When peas are about done, heat oil in a skillet. Add mashed garlic, bell pepper, onions, sage and bay leaves. Cook until vegetables are tender. Add vinegar, salt and pepper. Pour vegetable mixture into peas. Blend and simmer for a few minutes before serving. Remove bay leaves and serve. Serves 6-8. Black-eyed peas are best accompanied by cornbread (for sopping up the pot liquor).

### Texas Caviar

2 1-lb cans black-eyed peas, drained  
1/2 cup olive oil  
1/4 cup wine vinegar  
1 clove garlic, whole

1/4 cup onion, thinly sliced  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Put all ingredients in a tightly covered jar. Let stand in refrigerator for 2-3 days. Serve cold with crackers as an appetizer or in small portions as a side dish.

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## PASSAGES

Pastor Robert Morris  
Community Bible Church  
Seeley Lake

The New Year's season is a very interesting time of year for a pastor. It is the one time that very little urging is needed to try to get people to think of changing some things in their lives.

There is a feeling of having a new and fresh chance to make things happen that we have sought so long to accomplish or to change habits that we dislike. It is a great feeling to know that you can start again with a New Year and leave the old mistakes or habits behind; that you can change things now!

The only problem with this feeling, or the resolutions we make, is that most of the time we become discouraged or give up bringing about the wanted changes. There is only one way that we can be assured of a fresh new start and that is through Jesus Christ. *II Corinthians 5:17* says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

My mother used to tell a story about a lady who had a pet pig. She wanted so badly to make a beautiful,

clean, nice pet out of it. She washed it, primped it, put perfume on it, and even put a ribbon on the pig's tail. One day, as she was taking it for a walk, she happened to pass a big messy mud puddle. Immediately, the pig pulled away from the lady and ran right in, rolling around and making a mess of itself as every pig loves to do.

The moral of the story is that you can change the outside but, until you are changed from the inside out, the change is not complete. *Romans 3:23* tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. So, we know that only the Lord can bring about the inside change needed to have the fresh start that we desire.

This New Year let us make that move and ask Christ to forgive our shortcomings and change us from the inside out, so that we can realize the success in our lives that God wants us to have!

Happy New Year!

### Word processing class scheduled

Beginning January 12, a computer word processing class will be held each Tuesday night at Seeley Lake Elementary School. The class is strictly a word processing class with the emphasis on "Word Juggler". Other areas to be covered include "Apple Works" and "Apple Writer".

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## SNOW REPORT

*Snowmobilers* will be happy to hear that most trails in the Clearwater Valley are now groomed. Volunteers recently placed signs on many of the routes. Maps may be obtained from Seeley Lake businesses or from the Seeley Lake Ranger District. Trails groomed to date include: West Morrell, Rice Ridge, West Side Bypass, Mount Henry/Marshall Lake loop, Lake Elsin and Archibald loop. The Cottonwood Lakes route needs more snow before

grooming will be effective there. The groomer operator works during the week, but not on weekends due to heavy snowmobile use on major trails.

*Cross-country skiers* will also find excellent snow conditions in both the Clearwater and Swan valleys. The cold weather has made some trails quite fast, and has also caused some settling of the powder snow at higher elevations. Skiers are also encouraged to try the Seeley Creek trail network near the Elkhorn Cafe north of Seeley Lake. Most of the trails are maintained by volunteers and personnel at the Seeley Lake Ranger District.


## MSA convention starts next week

Folks are starting to register for next week's snowmobile convention to be held in Seeley Lake. The event, sponsored by the Montana Snowmobile Association, is expected to draw about 150 snowmobilers and their families.

According to Vera Schmidt, spokesperson for the Drifters Snowmobile Club in Seeley Lake, people

must register to participate in any of the trail rides scheduled for January 9 and 10. Registration forms are available at the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, Dan's Discount and local snowmobile shops, she said.

All rides will begin at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. Some of the trail rides will be up to 100 miles long. A wine and cheese reception, Saturday night banquet and drawing for a new snowmobile are also scheduled.



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