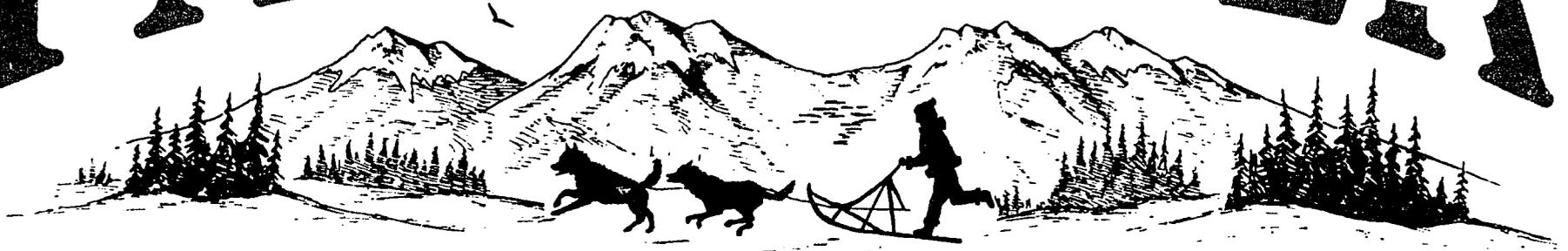


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## Vorhauer gives \$50,000 to UM Library

University of Montana Foundation Board Member Bruce Vorhauer made a \$50,000 gift Thursday, February 4th, to the UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library.

Vorhauer, who owns a home on Salmon Lake, is the former chairman of VLI Corp., and inventor of the contraceptive sponge.

Vorhauer designated the gift to the library in two parts: \$25,000 to establish the Sara Wright Library Endowment and \$25,000 to help the library deal with a funding crisis brought on by rampant inflation in the cost of journal subscriptions.

The endowment, commemorating Vorhauer's fiance who was killed in an auto accident, will help preserve archival materials, particularly those chronicling Montana's Indian tribes. The endowment will also allow the library to help tribal community colleges preserve their materials and develop oral histories.

The UM archives include historical photographs of the Flathead, Blackfeet and Crow and oral histories documenting Indian practices like the use of native plants.

The gift will also improve scholar's access to archival papers and manuscripts, including those of Duncan McDonald, Frank B. Linderman, Joseph Dixon, and Senators James Murray and Mike Mansfield.

Library Dean Ruth Patrick termed the other \$25,000 of Vorhauer's gift "emergency aid." She said increasing costs of journals and other serial publications will leave the library budget short \$100,000 in 1988-89, a deficit that would require canceling about 800 titles. Vorhauer's gift will save 200 of those subscriptions for one year.

## Vorhauer says "No" to politics — for now

Bruce Vorhauer, Salmon Lake resident, last week announced his decision not to run against Senator John Melcher in this year's election. Vorhauer had been considering filing for the Senate race, but said his varied business commitments would take priority over politics this year.



And the winners are...from left to right, Tim Chaney, Tom Chaney and Lane Dellwo, all from Seeley Lake. The youngsters participated in an informal ski race following a cross-country ski clinic held in conjunction with the OSCR 50-Kilometer Race held in Seeley Lake on Saturday.

## Pollution in Seeley Lake? Report is "inconclusive"

A report has recently been published which summarizes a two-day pollution study on Seeley Lake. The results of the study are "inconclusive," according to the report's author, Dr. Richard Hauer. Hauer, who is a researcher from U of M's Yellow Bay experimental station, conducted the study last August on behalf of the state's water quality bureau.

Hauer's findings suggest "that most home sites around the lake shore do not indicate" leaking septic systems. On the other hand, areas of heavy plant growth,

particularly along the southern shore, suggest that there may be some localized problems. Hauer concludes that a comprehensive dye study is required to definitively answer the pollution question. Such a study would require the injection of a tracer dye into septic systems and observing whether traces of the dye end up in the lake.

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## Snowball Softball Tourny Feb. 13th

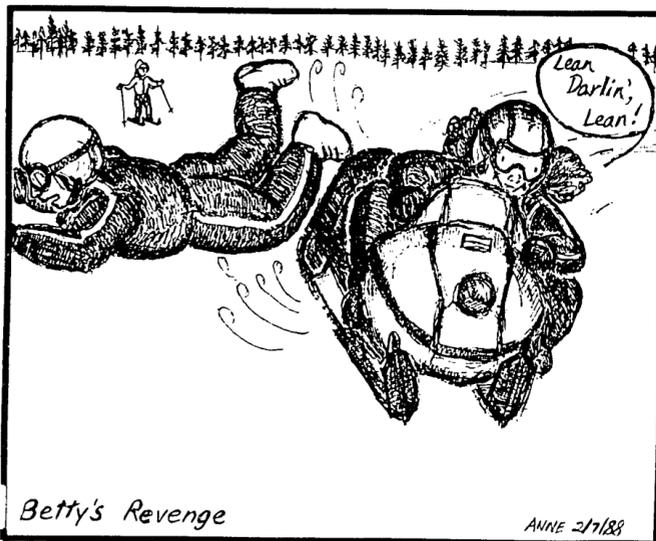
The 2nd Annual Snowball Softball Tournament sponsored by the Filling Station will be held Saturday, February 13th starting at 9am at the Seeley Lake Community Park.

The number of tournament entries is expected to double from six last year to at least twelve due to an expanded mailing list which includes all 40 teams that played in the Missoula Snow Joke softball tournament.

Team entry fee will be \$75 which will also cover cost of refreshments (beer and hot dogs) at the warming fire at the park, discount tickets, and a guarantee of two games. Entry forms are available at the Filling Station. Players should sign up early because there is a 12 team limit.

# OPINION

## Natty Bumpo



## Chapter 11 for the Chamber?

Not to put too fine a point on it, our Chamber of Commerce is broke. Perhaps the situation isn't as ominous as the above title suggests, but there is no doubt that the Chamber is in dire fiscal straits. Your columnist has an excellent perspective on the matter, since he is the newly-appointed treasurer of the group. (None of the other directors wanted the job—now I know why.)

Thanks to the cooperation and generosity of some local businesspeople late last week, the Chamber will be able to pay its bills in March. But the prospects for April aren't good. If you operate a local business and haven't renewed your Chamber membership, you ought to. You'll receive not only the benefits of Chamber membership, but will have the satisfaction of aiding your Chamber in a time of need. Membership is also open to interested individuals—indeed, individuals have always been an important constituency in the Chamber.

And, what are the benefits of the Chamber? Well, the Chamber's stated objective is to "advance the general welfare and prosperity of the Seeley/Swan Valley Area so that its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper." Judging from the events of the last few years, the Chamber has been doing a pretty good job—and, as our economy expands, we all benefit.

Then, there are all the special events which the Chamber sponsors or assists with. For instance, the Chamber has had a hand in most of our recent weekend events (apparently overtaxing our Spartan budget). Our businesses and our reputation benefit from these events—besides which, we all have a good time and derive a lot of satisfaction.

With the advent of the Community Council, the Chamber has now shed its ill-fitting political mantle and is free to focus on the more appropriate task of dealing with business issues. Simultaneously, there has been an infusion of fresh faces on the Chamber board and, expectably, fresh faces bring fresh ideas. This was in evidence last week when

newly-elected president Rod Kvamme presided over a truly informative and lively meeting (reported on elsewhere in this issue). Rod has lined up a series of guest speakers, and future meetings promise to be equally good. Rod is particularly keen on establishing educational programs to assist our local businesses.

In the meantime, the treasurer will be wrestling with the fiscal dilemma confronting the Chamber. With a little luck, and the customary fine support of our community, an editorial of this sort will never again be necessary.

—Dick Potter

## Airport economics

To the editor:

A "cost-benefit" or "community-benefit" formula is a method to determine whether or not a public program is worthwhile dollar- and cents-wise. The Army Corps of Engineers, for example, has developed a formula based on nearly one hundred years of experience to assess public works projects. Some capital improvement projects—public or private—which lend themselves to be evaluated by this "cost-benefit" or "community-benefit" ratio formula are roads, airports, parks, schools, and community halls.

The concept is relatively simple. The basic rule of thumb is that for every dollar spent in an economy, there is a rollover or multiplier factor of 2.5 times gross sales and payroll.

As an example, if a pilot pays \$10.00 to the local fixed base operator at the airport or seaplane base for fuel, tie down, or other service, that \$10.00 will generate \$25.00 worth of spending in the local community, benefiting other local businesses providing goods and services within that community.

Applying this formula to the Seeley Lake Airport and Lindey's Landing West SPB, the data used is based on the total amount of money people spent for purchases of aviation fuel and other airport/seaplane base services offered at Seeley Lake in 1987.

The total amount of sales and payroll generated in 1987 (1/1/87 thru 12/31/87) by aviation-related businesses at Seeley Lake was \$14,123.94. Applying the 2.5 rollover formula to the total data figure of \$14,123.94, we find a total "community-benefit" generated by aviation activities at Seeley Lake in 1987 to be worth \$35,309.85 to the community.

The aviation-related "community-benefit" amount of \$35,309.85 for the year 1987 is more than double the 1983 aviation-related "community-benefit" amount of \$16,018.50.

We at Lindey's Landing West SPB and the Missoula County-Seeley Lake Airport are pleased with the overall acceptance of our aviation operations.

Our growth and acceptance, we feel, is reflected to a large degree by the encouragement and support given by so many of you over these past few years. That support and encouragement has been greatly appreciated, and we take this opportunity to express our personal thanks to each of you. We also assure you that we will continue to operate our aviation activities at Seeley Lake in a responsible manner dictated by common sense, good judgment, and courtesy.

Lindey Lindemer  
Lindey's Landing West SPB  
Seeley Lake Airport FBO

## High Mountain Rangers — Swan Valley style

To the editor:

Although I had never suffered a broken bone, I knew my back was broken after I fell in a cross-country skiing accident New Year's Day just north of our cabin in a narrow stretch of timber. Fortunately, I didn't attempt to get up. Instead, I rolled in the feathery snow until I found a position on my right side in order to tolerate the pain. My skiing partner, Bonnie, ran to get my husband, Bud.

Alone in the snow, I prayed and thought of the QRU. Should we call the QRU? After all, it was a holiday. My neighbor volunteers would be with their families and friends. While it was okay, I thought, to call on God in such an hour, was it alright to call on them?

A half hour later, Bonnie returned with Bud and her son, Bobby. By now, the situation was totally out of my control. The pain ruled. Fortunately again, they didn't attempt to move me until we thought of our old toboggan and a sleeping bag. While Bonnie and her son ran back home to locate them, Bud stayed and gently shared his body warmth with me as the temperature hovered near zero.

An hour after the accident they carefully slid me onto the toboggan (the first step in a three-step rescue: toboggan, ambulance and helicopter). As they pulled me through the snow it sounded like my ears were on my ankles skiing down a hill (only one of many new sensations to follow).

Safe and warm inside our cabin, Bud called 911 after I had gone into shock. Of the dispatcher who answered, he later told me, "She knew exactly how to put it together. She said, 'I'll call the QRU and get the ambulance on the way from Seeley Lake to transport your wife to the helicopter.'"

Within 15 or 20 minutes of that call, our Deputy Sheriff, Scott McDonald, knocked on our remote cabin door, followed by the QRU. I'll never forget the faces of those concerned, competent, volunteer neighbors. They helped make the difference for me — to walk or to never walk again.

The QRU transported me to the emergency medical helicopter, which had landed on a snow-covered, country road. The pilot and his crew whisked me away to a Missoula hospital.

Ten days later, when I took my first step off the tilt table in the hospital's Physical Therapy room, I felt like a new baby taking my first steps. Thanks to God and the folks who cared enough to be prepared for my emergency (and for others to come), doctors tell me I will heal and I will walk again.

We have a real treasure here in our community — volunteers who make all the difference in our lives. Dozens of times in recent months I have heard about the actions of the Seeley Lake and Condon-Swan Valley Quick Response Units, LifeFlight and Alert crews and the Search and Rescue teams. I never imagined that one day they would perform such critical actions out of concern for my life, too.

We live on the edge of wilderness, yet, thanks to these people and their emergency dispatch system, the modern conveniences of urban hospitals are only a phone call away.

Janet Moore  
Condon

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**Events**  
Feb 15, PTA sponsored Roller Skating, 1-3pm, Swan Valley School  
**Other**  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
•Condon: Every Thursday night, Swan Valley Elementary school, 7:30pm  
•Seeley Lake: Every Sunday night, mill basement, Seeley Lake, 7pm  
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•Seeley Lake: Every Wednesday night, REA building, Seeley Lake, 7pm  
**Bookmobile:**  
•Feb 17: Potomac school, 10-11:30am; Sunset School, 12-1pm; Clearwater Junction, 1:30-2:30pm; Seeley Lake, 3-5:30pm.  
•Feb 18: Seeley Lake Elem, 9am-Noon; Seeley Lake Town, 12:45-2:30pm.  
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**Public Meetings**  
Feb 16, Seeley Lake Fire District, 7:30pm, Fire Hall  
Feb 18, Community Meeting, 7:30 pm, Swan Valley Elementary School  
Feb 18, Seeley Lake school trustees meet, 7:30pm, Seeley Lake Elementary library

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**Business of the Week OVANDO WELDING & PAINT**  
Wendell Weaver went to Wyoming Tech in Laramie, Wyoming to acquire training as a body technician. He started from scratch about ten years ago working just part-time. Wendell has lived in Ovando all his life and has owned Ovando Welding & Paint for 1-1/2 years. He says he's working full-time "plus" now.  
Located in Ovando, Ovando Welding & Paint is the only body shop in the immediate area. The shop also provides welding and fabrication, painting, glass replacement (windshields), and minor automotive and farm equipment mechanics. "Body work includes repairing dents, replacing body panels, glass replacement, painting, repair painting, and custom painting," he explained. Besides autos and trucks, other body jobs have included snowmobile hoods (including fiberglassing), motorcycles, horse trailers, and logging trucks.  
As sole owner and operator, Wendell says his work takes a little longer, but he believes he can justify the extra time involved with his quality work and competitive estimates. "Generally, a person will be required by insurance companies to get estimates for any body damage or glass replacement—I'll provide an estimate at no cost and no obligation." Wendell is eager to do a good job and willingly provides references and numerous photos of recent jobs.  
The welding and fabrication business has included making fireplace inserts, wood stoves, trailers, tailgates, bumpers, and even a horse-racing chariot for a fair in Deer Lodge.

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**Country Journal**  
by Suzanne Vernon

**CORRECTION**  
Last week's Pathfinder listed musher's times for the Seeley Lake 200 for the third day only. The correct finishing times for mushers in the Seeley Lake "200" are:  
1st Grant Beck-16:43:07  
2nd Doug Willet-18:03:31  
3rd Butch Parr-18:50:31  
4th Pat Shane-19:07:34  
5th Jack Beckstrom-19:41:17  
6th Kenny Hess-22:02:49  
7th Jerry Sedoris-22:32:19  
8th Roland Westpahl-23:01:13  
9th Dave Armstrong-26:22:55  
10th John Grundy-28:56:52  
Larry Brunzlick and Ron Ogden scratched on the last day of the race and did not finish "in the money" as reported in last week's Pathfinder.

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Ron Johnson (left) presented this sweatshirt to last place finisher Pat Caffrey during the OSCR Banquet last Saturday night. Caffrey successfully defended his title from last year and vows to return in 1989 and try again, unless, he says, this year's win (loss?) results in "psychological repercussions".



Brent Ehrlich won the 1988 OSCR 50-kilometer Cross-Country Ski Race last weekend in Seeley Lake.



Al Slaight is congratulated by his wife, Jean, after finishing the 10K race held Saturday in conjunction with OSCR. 60-year-old Slaight finished second in the 40 and over division.



## OSCR racers faced tough trail

by Suzanne Vernon

Over 60 smiling skiers crossed the OSCR finish line this year, but nearly all of the entrants in the 50-kilometer cross-country race commented on the tough course and the slow conditions.

Just finishing the race was an accomplishment this year, according to Eric Lundberg, one of several Seeley Lake residents who skied the course. Lundberg is also the publicity coordinator for OSCR.

"It was probably the hardest course in OSCR history," Lundberg explained, adding that four to six inches of fresh snow covered the course Saturday morning. "There were no breaks, even the downhill stretches were slow," he said.

But marathon racers seem to love a challenge and nobody heard any complaints about the course, Lundberg added.

25-year-old Brent Ehrlich from Bozeman won the 50 K race with a time of three hours, 29 minutes and 40.5 seconds. That was about a half an hour slower than last year's winning time.

Mike McGovern, Missoula, took second place honors with a time of three hours, 32 minutes, and 24.7 seconds. Rene Fuglestad, Missoula, placed third with a time of three hours, 32 minutes and 30.3 seconds.

Amelia Amish from Ennis came in first in the women's divisions with a time of three hours, 55 minutes and 51.9 seconds. Margaret Smith placed second among the women finishers with a time of four hours, three minutes and seven and a half seconds. Karen Longhart of Kalispell was third with a time of four hours, 41 minutes and 43.2 seconds.

George Gearhart, Mike McGrew and Eric Lundberg were the top local racers in the 50-kilometer race. Other local residents who skied the course were Lynn Carey, Geanette Cebulski, Renee Lundberg and Pat Caffrey. (Caffrey returned this year to defend his title as last place finisher.) 16-year-old Tor Dahl of Condon was the youngest racer to finish

the course. The oldest OSCR racer was 55-year-old Don Jelinek from Great Falls.

A 10-kilometer race was held in conjunction with OSCR. Mike Vetter of Seeley Lake won that race with a time of 40 minutes, 58.9 seconds. The youngest skier in the 10-K race was 8-year-old Matt Schneider. 73-year-old Phil Wright from Missoula took "oldest" skier honors.

Winners in each race division were honored at the OSCR banquet Saturday night. Dan Cainan of Seeley Lake was also recognized for his help over the past six years. Cainan has operated and manned his own aid station since OSCR began. Race organizers have presented Cainan with a gift certificate for two dinners at the Hungry Bear Steak House.

Top finishers in 50-kilometer and 10-kilometer divisions follow.

**50-kilometer race.**  
**Female age 16-29:**  
Amelia Amish, 3:55:51.9; Karen Longhart, 4:41:43.5; Ruth Roberson, 6:04:26.4.

**Female 30-39:**  
Margaret Smith, 4:03:07.5; Theresa Mooney, 4:59:38.3; Teresa Gort, 5:30:17.1.

**Male 16-29:**  
Brent Ehrlich, 3:29:40.5; Mike McGovern, 3:32:24.7; Larry Sandefur, 3:37:10.5.

**Male 30-39:**  
Mark Hollinger, 3:36:35.6; Jim Buckley, 3:39:41.7; Bert Mitman, 3:47:32.2;

**Male 40+:**  
Rene Fuglestad, 3:32:30.3; George Gearhart, 3:50:44.7; Richard Morris, 4:01:27.2;

**10-kilometer race**  
**Overall men's.** Mike Vetter, 40:58.9; Jim Hatcher, 45:40:01; Robert Rasmussen, 49:12.2.

**Overall women's.** Mary Stevenson, 1:01:39.4; Cyd Kats, 1:10:28.1; Teri Wear, 1:11:58.1.

**Female 30-39:**  
Cyd Kats, Teri Wear, Clarisse Landry, 1:20:07.7.

**Female 40+:**  
Mary Stevenson, 1:01:39.4; Linda Hawk, 1:24:59.7;

**Male 15 & under:**  
John Madden, 58:17.1; Charles Madden, 1:03:12.4; David Harrison, 1:10:03.6.

**Male 16-22:**  
Shanon Rammell, 53:04.9.

**Male 30-39:**  
Mike Vetter, 40:58.9; Jim Hatcher, 45:40.1.

**Male 40+:**  
Robert Rasmussen, 49:12.2; Al Slaight, 1:06:15.7; Phil Wright, 1:13:53.5.



S. Vernon photo

George Gearhart (above) was the first of the local racers to finish the OSCR 50-kilometer Race in Seeley Lake last Saturday. Above right, over 60 cross-country skis competed in OSCR (the Ovando-Seeley-Citizens Race). Right, Mike Vetter of Seeley Lake won the 10-kilometer ski race held in conjunction with OSCR on Saturday.



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# OUTDOORS



By  
Laura  
Bogar

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

\*\*\* Elegant tarts are easy with frozen puff pastry and fresh or frozen fruit. Enjoy the compliments, but don't tell how easy it was.

\*\*\* Keep flavored butters on hand in the freezer to add a special touch to simple dishes. In the processor mix 4 ounces of butter to about 3 tablespoons minced fresh herbs, plus a little lemon juice or wine, salt and pepper. Shape into a roll, wrap well, and use within two months.

\*\*\* Try 4 ounces butter with 1 tablespoon each tarragon, parsley and chives—or with 3 tablespoons basil, 1 small clove garlic, 1-1/2 tablespoons lemon juice and a touch of salt—or boil a minced shallot in 1 ounce of wine until wine is reduced to 1/3; let cool and mix with tarragon and butter.

\*\*\* Supper in a hurry starts with broccoli florets from the salad bar. Saute 2 to 3 cloves minced garlic in 4 tablespoons olive oil, add 4 cups broccoli and 1/2 cup chicken broth. Cover and let cook 3 minutes. Toss with hot pasta and lots of grated parmesan.

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## Local sportsmen comment on elk regulations

Half a dozen fish and game officials were in Seeley Lake last Thursday evening for the annual public hearing on big game hunting regulations. The hearing was conducted in conjunction with the Wilderness Sportsman's Club, and about thirty local residents were in attendance.

Elk dominated the discussion, and the sportsmen wasted no time in letting the officials know that they were opposed to a proposal for a shorter hunting season in districts north of the Swan. Local outfitter Jack Rich summed it up: The shorter season would "dump extra hunters here during Thanksgiving week."

**Hunting District 282**  
There was only lukewarm support for a proposal to extend the season one week in District 282 (Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range). Under the proposal, twenty-five antlerless permits would be issued for the week. Jack Rich pointed out that the late hunt could disrupt migration into the area and that it might be preferable to simply expand the number of permits during the regular two-week hunt. Game range manager, Mike Thompson, countered that it wasn't very long ago that the area's season was extended to the present two weeks and that there was "lots of concern that didn't pan out." According to Thompson, the idea behind adding a third week is to provide more recreation and to taper off the increase of the herd—which has increased steadily in recent years to its present size of 1500.

Thompson also mentioned that negotiations are underway by the Nature Conservancy to purchase the Dreyer Ranch and add it to the game range. If the purchase is completed, the Nature Conservancy would re-sell the land to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks when funds become available from a statute enacted by the last legislature.

A portion of the game range is owned by Champion International, for which the Department has only the grazing rights. According to Thompson, a land swap is being worked out whereby fish and game would end up as the owner of the Champion property.

**Hunting District 285**  
Most of the discussion centered on hunting conditions in District 285, which is the Seeley area east of Highway 83. Longtime resident and outfitter, C.B. Rich, observed that the elk migration route has shifted eastward from Morrell Creek over the last thirty years. He attributes the shift to lack of cover arising from clearcuts. Mike Thompson acknowledged that his data indicate only about 20% of the herd is presently migrating through the Morrell area.

Sportsman's Club official, Jim Knowles, reminded the group that road closures have an important effect on the migration route. He pointed out that, a year earlier, the club had offered to donate gates on a "matching" basis with area landowners, but that no one had pursued the offer. Bill Thomas, fish and game information officer from Missoula, said that road closures are "the most important issue" confronting the district and that fish and game is still interested in the club's proposal. He suggested that the club and the department should work together to resolve the issues affecting elk.

One of those issues, according to a consensus of the group, is the need for better coordination of timber harvesting. "Checkerboard" ownership has led to the harvests noted by C.B. Rich, and which have created gaps in cover along the migration route.

## Weather

**SEELEY LAKE** — The Seeley Lake Ranger Station recorded 31 inches of snow on the ground last Sunday. That's the most snow on the ground at the ranger station all winter, though warm temperatures this week have settled that total to less than 30 inches.

The month of January brought few surprises and about average snowfall. Cumulative snowfall for the month totaled 30 inches, bringing the total cumulative for the winter to 50.85 inches. Total precipitation was 1.72 inches, which compares with a high of 6.39 inches recorded in 1969 and a low of .56 inches recorded in 1981.

January temperatures dipped to minus 21 degrees Fahrenheit on the 19th of the month. High temperature for the month was 41 degrees recorded on January 29.

**SWAN VALLEY** — January precipitation at Lindbergh Lake was "a lot better than last year" according to weather observer Marty Kux. However, the precipitation he has recorded in the Swan Valley is still below average.

Total precipitation for last month was 2.4 inches. That compares to .99 inches recorded in January 1987, a record high of 7.9 inches in January 1971, and a record low of .59 inches recorded in 1985.

Cumulative snowfall recorded in January totaled 30 inches. "That's less than the long term average but twice as much as last year," Kux noted. On January 31, there was 20 inches of snow on the ground at Lindbergh Lake. (He added that there was 31 inches of snow on the ground at Lindbergh Lake on Monday night. In the first eight days of February, Kux has recorded a total of 22 inches of new snow, about half of which has melted or settled.) Kux pointed out that, in recent years, the highest recorded snow on the ground at Lindbergh Lake has been about 40 inches.

Record snowfall for the month of January occurred in 1982 with 79.3 inches during that one month. Record low snowfall for the month was 11 inches recorded in 1985.

Temperatures last month averaged a little bit cooler than normal, Kux said. The average high temperature for January was 28.6 degrees, and the average low temperature was 11.2 degrees. The overall average temperature was 19.9 degrees Fahrenheit. Highest temperature for the month was 44 degrees recorded on January 28. Lowest temperature for the month was minus 12 degrees recorded on January 14.

## Critter Chatter

by Ken Wolff

Eagles are the largest members of the hawk family of birds. There are 59 species of eagles in four groups. Eagles live on every continent except Antarctica; from deserts to high mountains, near water and on the plains, in heavy forest cover and in marshes. Four species of eagles reside in the western hemisphere. Eagles vary greatly in size and color. Some are bright multi-colors, others a dull single color. The smallest eagle (the little eagle of Australia) has a three-foot wing span, while a female harpy eagle of South America may have an 8-1/2 foot wing spread. Eagles eat frogs, snakes, fish, carrion, birds and small mammals. Most eagles can carry prey that weighs about one quarter of their body weight.

The four groups of eagles are: Snake eagles (12 species). These are small to medium size birds. Their distribution is widespread and they eat primarily snakes, frogs and lizards.

Harpy eagles (6 species). These are all very large birds. They live mainly in South America. Their diet is primarily monkeys and tree sloths.

Fish and sea eagles (11 species). These are large to very large birds and all live near water — inland lakes and rivers and the sea. Diet consists mainly of fish, water birds, and carrion. The American bald eagle is a member of this group.

Booted eagles (30 species). These vary in size from small to very large birds. Unlike the naked legs and ankles of other eagles, booted eagles have feathers extending down their legs to the feet. Members of this group live almost everywhere in the world that eagles can live. Booted eagles eat primarily small mammals. The golden eagle is a member of this group. Seventy percent of a golden's diet is rabbits.

Both American bald and golden eagles frequent the Swan Valley and

surrounding areas. The bald is primarily a migratory bird, while the golden is a resident. Bald eagles may migrate as far south as Central America, and like their cousins the rough-legged hawks, are most commonly seen in Montana in winter months as they pass south. All eagles are diurnal (daytime feeders).

Bald eagles are the ravens of the hawk family, while the golden is a true hunter that reluctantly eats carrion. Bald eagles rarely soar, while the golden may soar for hours to great heights. A golden may reach 150 miles per hour in a dive, striking prey with twice the force of a rifle bullet. Bald eagles prefer to sit in trees, watching for and feeding on decaying fish, carrion or waterbirds.

While the golden rips and tears at its meal, sometimes swallowing chunks of meat much larger than its head, the bald eagle is a dainty eater by comparison. The bald eagle has attained speeds of more than 100 m.p.h. when chased by a small falcon.

Female eagles, like most raptors, are larger than males. In the case of the harpy, almost twice as large. A female harpy may weigh 20 pounds, while the male may weigh 10. Female bald and golden eagles weigh about the same; 10-14 pounds with wing spans to seven and a half feet. Males of both species average about eight or nine pounds with wingspans to six and a half feet.

We were treated to a special Christmas this year when a family of three bald eagles rested in our tallest spruce tree for most of an afternoon. The "baby", an immature female, tried to settle on the spire of the tree, and kept losing her balance like a clumsy teenager. They spent the afternoon eating carrion from a fresh road kill, resting, and finally headed due south at a steady 35 mph.

(Note: Ken Wolff currently has two grounded eagles at his facility in the Swan Valley: a bald eagle with only one wing, and a blind golden eagle, which will soon travel to a new home in Alabama.)

## Beaver Creek sale approved

A small timber sale proposed in the Beaver Creek area of the Swan Valley has been recommended for sale and harvest by Swan Lake District Ranger Bill Pederson.

Overstory timber which consists of seed trees which were not harvested when the area was logged in 1981 account for most of the 70,000-board-foot sale volume. The sale is included in the district's small sales program. To date, foresters have received no negative comments about the proposed sale, according to the Decision Notice recently issued by Pederson.

The decision is subject to appeal for 45 days after the date of signing, which was January 27, 1988. For more information contact the Swan Lake Ranger District, 837-5081.

## Armstrong wins Swan spelling bee

Mike Armstrong placed first and Stacy Holmes was second in the Swan Valley School spelling bee held last week. Mike is the son of Mike and Sherry Armstrong, Holland Lake. Stacy is the daughter of Mike and Sue Holmes, Swan Valley. Mike will compete in the county-wide spelling bee to be held in Missoula, February 26, 1988, at 2:00 p.m. Winners of that competition go to the statewide competition with a chance to win a trip to Washington D.C. where the National competition will be held.

## AARP announces speech contest

The annual American Association of Retired Persons speech contest will be held March 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Swan Valley Community Hall. All fifth through eighth graders are invited to participate.

## Log Haulers will meet Saturday

The Montana Log Haulers Association will meet at the Moose Lodge on LaSalle Road in Kalispell on February 13 at 2 p.m. Local residents who are interested in attending the meeting may call Max Greenough, 754-2386, Swan Valley, for more information.

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# OUTDOORS

## The Bull Trout: Montana's Travelin' Fish

By John Fraley

When the bull elk are bugling, and the cottonwood leaves and larch needles are changing color, bull trout from Flathead Lake are making gravel nests or "redds" the size of a pickup bed in small tributary streams of the North and Middle forks of the Flathead River.

Montana's bull trout is larger than its coastal cousin, the Dolly Varden. Formerly called Dolly Varden, the bull trout is one of the largest native game fish in Montana. They range up to 3 feet in length and 25 pounds in weight. In Flathead Lake, these fish mature at age five to eight years, then migrate upstream as much as 150 miles to spawn. Young bull trout remain in their natal streams for one to three years before migrating downstream to the lake.

Montana has recognized the uniqueness of its migratory bull trout by classifying them as a "Species of Special Concern." The bull trout was so classified because of the species' limited numbers and confined U.S. distribution as well as its sensitivity to environmental degradation. Small bull trout also have a tendency to hybridize with eastern brook trout.

In Montana, trophy-size bull trout (fish greater than 8 pounds) are found in relatively large numbers only in Flathead Lake and its river system (including the Swan Drainage). Smaller numbers of large bull trout also live in the Kootenai and Clark Fork river system. In fact, in November the Montana Fish and Game Commission reduced the bull trout limit in the Kootenai drainage to one per day to encourage growth in that population.

Bull trout are particular in their choice of spawning areas. They select flat sections of mountain streams which have beds of clean gravel and areas of upwelling groundwater. Hiding cover in the form of logs and undercut banks also is important. These strict requirements make good spawning habitat limited and valuable.

Suitable stream habitat for rearing bull trout also is limited. Young bull trout require cold, clean water, as well as tributaries with good cover (rocks and woody debris) and relatively little sediment. Most young bull trout in the Flathead system are restricted to tribu-

tries that have average summer afternoon temperatures cooler than a chilly 59 degrees Fahrenheit.

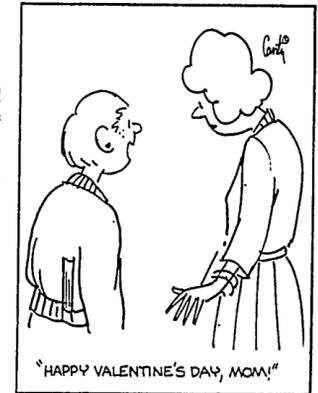
Each year, biologists employed by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks monitor the health of the bull trout population in the Flathead river system by counting the number of spawning sites, or redds, in key index streams in the North and Middle fork drainages. Biologists believe that the number of redds in the creeks reflects the number of bull trout migrants from Flathead Lake which successfully spawned (at a ratio of about three spawners per completed redd). The same creeks are surveyed each year, so the redd counts serve as an index over time of the spawning run from Flathead Lake.

The redd counts just completed for 1987 are encouraging. The 1987 count of 276 redds in North Fork index tributaries is about 30 percent higher than the 1979-1986 average of 216. The survey index tributaries in the Middle Fork drainage turned up 149 redds, slightly better than the 1979-1986 average of 140. Apparently, better than average numbers of bull trout from Flathead Lake migrated upstream and successfully spawned in 1987.

Nearby, redds in the Swan drainage, built by bull trout migrating upstream from Swan Lake, also are up. Biologists found 289 redds in four index tributaries, 38 percent more than the 1982-1986 average of 209.

A second index concerning the status of the bull trout population is the number of juvenile bull trout in two key nursery streams of the North and Middle fork drainages. Each year biologists electrofish the same section of each stream and estimate the number of one to three year old bull trout. The estimate for 1987 in Coal Creek was 180 young bull trout, the highest number yet recorded. Previous estimates from the 1982-1986 period ranged from 89 to 167 fish. Morrison Creek, in the Middle Fork drainage, also supported a record number of young bull trout in 1987. The 1987 estimate of 138 was higher than the range of 91 to 114 fish recorded from 1980-1986. These 1987 estimates indicate that good numbers of young bull trout will be migrating downstream to Flathead Lake in the next several years.

### ALL ABOUT TOWN



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## Snomobilavous starts Saturday

Snomobilavous — the annual snowmobile festival sponsored by the Driftriders Snowmobile Club — starts Saturday in Seeley Lake.

Area motels are beginning to fill up for the weekend as people plan for the winter events which begin Saturday morning with a Snowball Softball Tournament at the Community Park.

Snowmobile games for children and adults will begin at 1 p.m. at the old heliport site west of Seeley Lake. Trail rides will also be conducted and a poker run is scheduled for late afternoon.

Saturday night local residents will sponsor a spaghetti feed, followed by the Fireman's Ball, sponsored by the Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary. Folks may sign up Saturday night for trail rides on Sunday, according to Driftriders president, John Trotter. For more information call 677-2481 or 677-9219.

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## Seeley Lake Driftriders 12th Annual

# SNOWMOBILAVOUS

February 13, 14 & 15

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Note: All events to be held at Heliport)

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Concession Stands at Heliport  
 Chili, Hot Dogs, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Pop

- 1:00 p.m. \* GUIDED TRAIL RIDES \*
- \* SNOWMOBILE GAMES \*
- 4:00 p.m. POKER RUN - starting at Heliport  
- to Community Hall
- 6:00 p.m. SPAGHETTI FEED  
- at Community Hall
- 9:00 p.m. FIREMAN'S BALL  
- at Community Hall  
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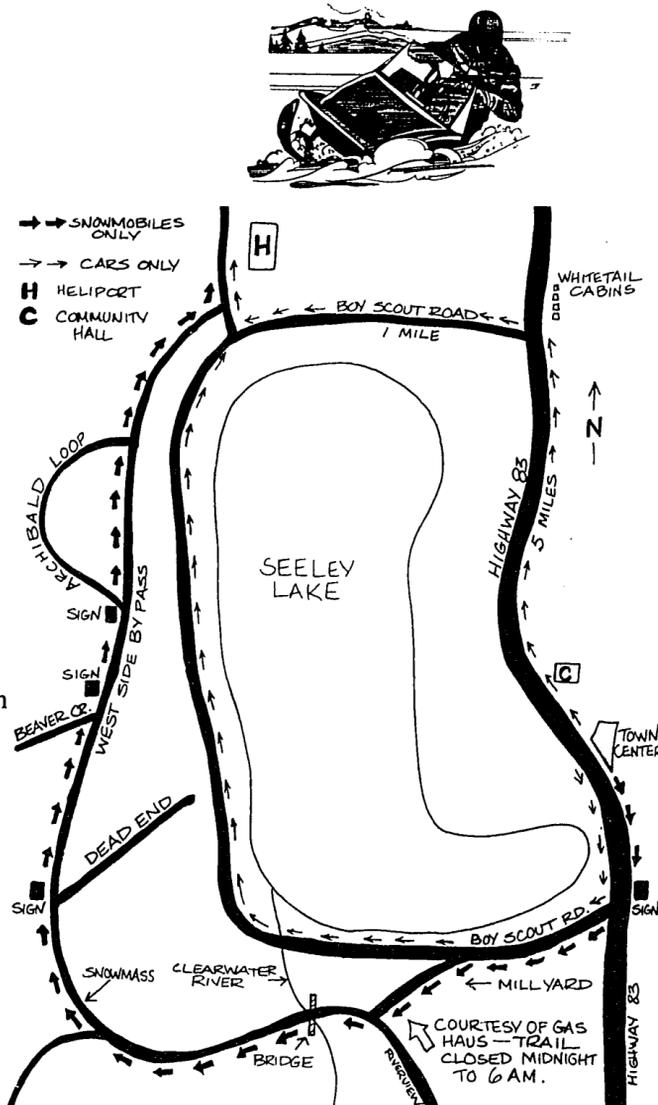
#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

\* GUIDED TRAIL RIDES \*

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 11:00 a.m. RIDE TO KOZY KORNER for lunch  
- leave from Community Hall

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### Landowners can now sponsor non-resident hunters

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is now compiling a list of those Montana landowners interested in sponsoring non-resident sportsmen who desire to hunt deer on their lands next fall.

As a result of the passage of House bill 535 by the 1987 Montana Legislature, 6,000 new deer-combination licenses, which include conservation, nonresident deer "A", upland bird hunting and fishing licenses, will be available to nonresident sportsmen this year. Two thousand of these licenses, by law, are reserved for those nonresidents who will secure the services of a licensed outfitter. 2,000 are reserved for those who will hunt with a landowner sponsor only on the sponsor's property, and 2,000 are available for all other nonresidents.

Certificates will be available in early January for landowners who desire to sponsor a nonresident. The landowner must certify that they will direct the applicant's hunting only on his land and furnish reports to the Department.

Landowners will be responsible for forwarding the certificates to the hunters they desire to sponsor. Applicants are to attach the certificate to their application and submit both to the Department. Nonresidents should contact the Department now to be placed on a mailing list to receive applications. Licenses will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis beginning on March 15.

Landowners desiring to have their names placed on the list to receive certificates should also contact the Department's Special Licensing Section 1420 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620; Phone 444-2950.

### Commerce Dept. responsible for outfitter info

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks notes that because of a change in administrative responsibilities authorized by the 1987 Montana Legislature, all of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks responsibilities regarding "outfitters" were transferred to the Department of Commerce effective October 1, 1987.

As a result, persons requesting information concerning outfitter or guide licensing procedures, testing dates, etc., as well as others desiring information concerning licensed outfitters and guides in Montana, should now contact the Board of Outfitters, Montana Department of Commerce, 1424 9th Ave., Helena, MT 59620, phone 444-3738.

### Want to know more about Montana's Open Meeting Law? Here's how...

The League of Women Voters of Missoula is offering a new service to the community. LWV member Mary Onishuk will share her expertise on the Montana Open Meeting Law with any interested community groups which might be affected by the law.

Any groups funded in part or in whole by public funds, or expending public funds, are covered by the requirements of the law.

You may contact Onishuk at 251-2754, or LWV Speakers Bureau Coordinator, Carolyn Eagle at 728-2400, (extension 32) or 549-1230.



Jack Hooker from the Whitetail Ranch near Ovando (right) is pictured here with Grant Beck, winner of last week's Seeley Lake 200 Sled Dog Race. Hooker is the Trail Boss for the 1988 Governor's Cup 500 Sled Dog Race. Musher's competing in that event spent several hours between Seeley Lake and Holland Lake this week. Holland Lake is the halfway point of the 500-mile race. Linwood Fiedler from Helena was in the lead Tuesday night. Seeley Lake musher Bruce Graham was close behind and many of the mushers were expected in Seeley Lake for their mandatory 12-hour layovers sometime before dawn Wednesday.

### Keep the home fires burning—safely

The best-designed, best-built wood stoves could cause more harm than good, if they're not used properly and cleaned regularly, reminds a Montana State University extension safety specialist.

Proper use starts with proper burning. The drier the wood the better, and go easy with the wood, instead of filling up the firebox and dampering the fire down, burn just a couple logs at a time. You'll have to add wood more often, but, with less and drier wood, your stove will burn hotter. A hotter fire will help prevent a lot of creosote build-up, which can lead to dangerous chimney fires.

Wood burns in three stages: 1st stage-moisture is driven off as the wood begins to burn; 2nd stage-at about 500 degrees F. volatile vapors are given off; 3rd stage begins at a temperature of about 1,000 degrees F where the volatile vapors are burned out and the wood turns to charcoal.

The 3rd stage is the time to damper the fire down. When the firebox is overloaded, the stove gets too hot. As a result, many people damper the fire before the wood reaches the 3rd stage of combustion. This can cause an increase in the build-up of creosote, which accumulates most rapidly when the wood is burned at low temperatures, when the fire is smoldering and right after wood is added to a fire.

Compensate for this by opening the draft for several minutes to let the fire burn hot and with a long open flame before adding fresh wood. Then leave the dampers open for several minutes again after adding wood, allowing the wood to ignite and burn fully.

In the morning after an overnight low burn, open the draft to let the fire burn hot for 15 minutes and repeat later in the day. At least weekly, open the draft wide to let the fire burn full blast for about 10 minutes. This should help

clear away normal creosote accumulations.

Chimney fires can be caused by improperly installed flues, the wrong type of pipe and inadequate clearance between the chimney and flammable material. The most common however, is improper cleaning of chimneys.

Checking the chimney at least once a month and cleaning it when creosote builds up 1/4 inch or more is recommended.

Do not use "home-made" chimney cleaning devices. When cleaning a chimney from the roof, use a brush with a rigid handle, like a fiberglass rod or tubing with a flexible leader. Don't use a pipe as it could touch overhead wires, causing a severe shock or worse. Don't use a bag of chicken wire, a chain or the top of a birch tree—they're ineffective and can damage joints and liners of a masonry chimney.

To clean the chimney, pass the brush through the chimney a number of times in the same direction or use a scrubbing motion.

Don't forget to clean the stove pipes. Remove the sections of an inside flue and clean them outside with a wire chimney or flue brush. Also, remove the creosote build-up from the breech and the loose accumulation in the firebox.

What if the chimney does catch fire? Call the Fire Department immediately (911). Then throw a handful of baking soda, or coarse salt into the fire box, or partially discharge a dry chemical fire extinguisher into the fire box, then close the dampers and air vents to cut off air to the fire. You can also throw baking soda or coarse salt down the chimney, if you can get up on the roof. As a last resort, you can spray water into the stove and close the door. However, this could damage the stove by causing the metal to warp or crack.

If you would like more information on wood stove safety, you may order the free Extension publication, "Auxiliary Heating Systems," Bulletin 1197, available from your Missoula County Extension office.

## COMMUNITY

### Seeley Lake Chamber Owen discusses aid for small businesses

A community's Chamber of Commerce can assist small businesses in a number of ways, but the bottom line is "make sure it's a damned good town to do business in." That advice was offered to the local Chamber last week by Dave Owen, executive director of the Missoula Chamber of Commerce. Owen recounted a number of projects which he has undertaken to assist small businesses, noting that 60% of the businesses in Missoula are categorized as "small."

One of the most significant ways a Chamber can help its member businesses is to establish a link with the Small Business Administration, according to Owen. By establishing itself as an SBA Resource Center, a Chamber can not only facilitate SBA lending but, also, can access expertise on the development of business plans and provide copies of free SBA publications on a wide range of topics. Owen indicated

that the Missoula Chamber maintains an extensive library of SBA publications.

Because of our large retirement population, Owen believes that the Valley would be a good area for establishing a SCORE Chapter (Service Corps of Retired Executives). SCORE representatives typically have a wealth of experience and knowledge to share with small businesses.

One of the most successful Missoula programs has been the Small Business Exchange. This consists of a lunchtime discussion by local businesspeople on a particular topic. Usually, there is a discussion leader who introduces a subject for ten minutes or so, followed by a question and answer session among the participants.

At the conclusion of Owen's remarks, Chamber president Rod Kvamme invited discussion on establishing a local Small Business Council to pursue some of Owen's ideas. The Chamber membership endorsed this idea and a Council was established, chaired by Jim Cowan and Robin Marks-Idol.

### Stork Report

Congratulations to Carlin and Danette Rammell, Seeley Lake, on the birth of their baby boy, Ryan Thane Rammell. Ryan was born in Missoula on February 2 and weighed in at 8 pounds 5-1/2 ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches long.

Congratulations to Bruce & Teresa Friede on the birth of a new baby girl. Dana Marie Friede was born on February 4 in Missoula. She weighed six pounds, 13 ounces, and will join her big brother Brandon at home north of Seeley Lake.

Congratulations also to Rollie and Lynda Mathew, Swan Valley, on the birth of a baby boy. Andrew Charles was born on February 4 and weighed in at 8-1/2 pounds.



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### Young bowhunters need safety course

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The 1987 Montana Legislature passed a law requiring that youths under 18 present a bowhunter education certificate to obtain an archery stamp beginning this fall. Youngsters who have already passed and received a certificate from an approved course (by the National Bowhunter Education Foundation) must submit that certificate to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks to receive a Montana bowhunter education certificate.

Classes are scheduled to be held this winter and spring, but not during the summer, so youngsters and their parents should watch or listen for notices on times and places of classes in our area. Those who desire more information on either hunter or bowhunter education should contact the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Recreation Safety Education Program, 1420 E. 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620, phone 444-4046.



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### Cornucopia by Michele Potter

Opal Bartley of Seeley Lake submitted this Fudge Sheet Cake recipe several months ago. With all the holidays, I thought it would be a good recipe to save for Valentine's Day. If you're a chocolate lover, you'll go crazy over this cake. The cake itself is so moist and delicious that it really doesn't even need to be frosted, but the frosting adds a special touch. This from-scratch-cake is as easy to make as any box mix, with far superior results!

This recipe was a Bartley "family favorite." Opal says, "The recipe comes from years back - it's very rich and fudgy - cut in small pieces, we ate it like brownies."

#### Bartley Fudge Sheet Cake

<b>Cake:</b>	
8 ounces butter (2 cubes)	1/2 cup fresh buttermilk
4 tablespoons cocoa	2 eggs
1 cup water	1 teaspoon soda
2 cups flour	1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups sugar	

<b>Frosting:</b>	
4 ounces butter (1 cube)	1 pound powdered sugar
4 tablespoons cocoa	1 teaspoon vanilla
6 tablespoons milk	1/2 to 1 cup nuts

**Cake:** melt in saucepan and bring to boil butter, cocoa and water. Pour mixture over flour and sugar; mix well. Add buttermilk, eggs, soda and vanilla. Mix well and pour into greased rectangular (13x9x2") baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 25-30 minutes. Check for doneness with toothpick.

**Frosting:** prepare frosting 5 minutes before cake is done. In saucepan, boil butter, cocoa and milk. Pour mixture over powdered sugar; mix well. Stir in vanilla and nuts. Spread frosting immediately on hot cake.

Just a note about substitutions: if you don't have buttermilk on hand you could substitute with soured milk (1 tablespoon lemon juice or vinegar plus enough fresh whole milk to make 1 cup). BUT...it's been my experience to wait until I can get to the grocery store to get fresh buttermilk. The end result with buttermilk is much better. And, you can always use that extra buttermilk to make biscuits and pancakes! Save the soured milk substitution suggestion for an emergency.

The Hershey's Cocoa people say that their cocoa is derived exclusively from the cocoa bean, it's unsweetened, and it contains no other ingredients. Caffeine occurs naturally in the cocoa bean. Write for nutrition information and recipes: Consumer Information Department, Hershey Foods Corporation, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033.

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## SCHOOL SPORTS

### BOYS BASKETBALL

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February 12, 6:15 pm  
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February 13, 6:15 pm  
Seeley at Victor

February 19, 5:30 pm  
Big Sky So. at Seeley

February 20, 6:15 pm  
Alberton at Seeley

### BASKETBALL

Seeley Lake Elementary School

February 11, 4:00 pm  
Valley Christian at Seeley (Eagles & JV)

February 13  
Conference Tourney at Seeley

### BASKETBALL

Swan Valley Elementary School

February 13  
League Play-Offs at Seeley Lake

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Seeley-Swan High School

February 12, 5:00 pm  
Seeley at Victor

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## Hawks hushed by Prospectors

by Billie Copenhaver

Saturday night, after an intense battle, the Seeley-Swan Blackhawks fell to the Granite Prospectors in double overtime. The collision ended 87-85.

Guard, Joe Bender created the first overtime, hitting an outside shot, tying it up 75-75 and answered again later on in the overtime to send the Hawks and Prospectors into three more minutes of intense basketball with the Prospectors coming out on top. Bender was high scorer for the Hawks with 37 points while Bill VanVallis contributed 13. Ken Beattie led the Prospectors with 26 and Mike Cutler added 19.

This game was the last major obstacle the Hawks had to face before Districts and came up a little too short. This game was also the most important game of the season. If the Hawks would have won, they would have been a shoe-in to take the Conference title.

## Blackhawk volleyball update

Submitted by Terry Bartlett,  
Lorena Cahoon and Britnie Hebnes

The Lady Blackhawk volleyball team traveled to Drummond on Jan 28th and then to the Charlo Tournament on Jan. 29th. The Drummond meet gave the team their second victory of the season. The first game of the match began slow, causing the Hawks to lose 8-15. Then, the Lady Hawks pulled together winning the next two games with both the scores ending 16-14. Tommie Jo Dreyer had four aces and three kills. Kristen Paxton had two kills, Sandy Deleo had three aces and one stuff block and Britnie Hebnes had two stuff blocks.

At the Charlo Tournament the Seeley girls placed fourth out of six teams. Seeley lost to Philipsburg in the first matchup 15-8 and 15-4. Sandy Deleo was chosen for the All-Tournament team.

## Hawks fly past Eagles

by Duane Kauffman

On Friday, February 5th the Blackhawks basketball team traveled to St. Ignatius to play the Two Eagle River Eagles. The Hawks took the early lead and never looked back as they beat the Eagles 91-46. The Hawks leading scorers were Dustin Gordon and Les Meyer each scoring 20 points. The Eagles were led in scoring by Mike Morigeau with 16 points and Pat Carpenter with 12 points.

## Lady Hawks prevail over Savages

by Melanie Rammell

On Saturday, February 7, the Lady Hawks volleyball team traveled to Hot Springs to play the Savages. The Hawks won the first two matches with the scores of 15-11 and 15-10. Tommy Dreyer led the Hawks with seven kills followed by Sandy Deleo with two. Kaylee Mahaffey, Melanie Rammell and Chris Kell also pitched in with one kill a piece. Sandy boosted the score with three aces. Melanie had two aces and Tommy, Kaylee and Kristen Paxton each had one. The Lady Blackhawks are now 4 and 3. They have won their last four games and will be playing Victor and Hot Springs February 12 & 13.

## Bill to modify asbestos regs may help local schools

Senator Max Baucus (D-MT), Chairman of the Senate Hazardous Waste and Toxic Substances subcommittee, recently introduced legislation to extend the deadline for schools to submit asbestos removal plans to the Environmental Protection Agency.

"Protecting our children from asbestos is a top priority, but you don't get the job done by putting a regulatory hammerlock on schools," Baucus said. "We're all committed to getting rid of asbestos. School systems just need more time to devise plans--asbestos removal is a very complicated and costly process." Local schools are now faced with funding asbestos studies during a time of budget cutbacks.

Under current regulations, school districts must submit removal plans to the state health departments by this De-

## PTA members clarify Reflections contest

Local PTA members organize and conduct the annual Reflections program which recognizes students for their creative arts abilities.

However, after last week's article in Pathfinder, PTA members have made it clear that each school and each separate PTA in Montana conducts their own Reflections contest and student winners from those local chapters are submitted to the state and ultimately, national, competitions. (Last week's article listed the general state guidelines and gave the name of the state chairman, Billie McDonald, Swan Valley.)

In other words, the Swan Valley and the Seeley Lake PTA groups each have separate programs with separate chairmen and separate deadlines.

Hence, in the Swan Valley, interested students or parents should contact Dixie Parker, 754-2416, for more information about the Swan Valley PTA's Reflections contest. Their entry deadline is March 1, 1988.

In Seeley Lake, interested students or parents should contact Carol Bourne, 677-2145, for more information about that contest. Their entry deadline is February 19, 1988, with judging to be held on February 22.

Districts that miss the deadline can be fined between \$5,000 and \$25,000 per day. The Baucus Asbestos Emergency Response Act extends that deadline by one year. The bill also gives school districts an additional year to implement their plans to remove asbestos.

According to EPA officials, asbestos in schools does not pose a direct threat to children until it is disturbed or damaged by building maintenance repair or other activities. As long as asbestos materials are maintained in good condition, children are relatively safe from exposure.

"We know there is a serious problem," Baucus said. "Our school officials aren't trying to avoid their responsibilities, they just need a little more time to fix the problem."

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## Families needed for exchange students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE) is seeking local families to host boys and girls from Scandinavia, France, Spain, Germany, Holland, Great Britain, Switzerland, Japan, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, 15 to 18 years of age, coming to this area for the upcoming high school year. These personable and academically select exchange students are bright, curious and anxious to learn about this country through living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their newly adopted host family.

The students are fluent in English and are sponsored by ASSE, a non-profit, public benefit organization, affiliated with the Swedish and Finnish Departments of Education. ASSE also cooperates with the Canadian Provincial Ministries of Education and is approved by the Australian and New Zealand Departments of Education.

The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year. Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings his or her own personal spending money and expects to bear his or her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyle.

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ASSE is also seeking local high school students to become ASSE exchange students abroad. Students should be between 15 and 18 years old and interested in living with a host family, attending school and learning about the lands and people of Scandinavia, France, Spain, Germany, Holland, Britain, Switzerland, Canada, Australia or New Zealand. Students should have a good academic record and desire to experience another culture and language through living with a warm and giving volunteer family. Academic year and shorter term summer vacation programs are available.

Persons interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family or becoming a student abroad should contact ASSE's local representative, Peggy Bodmer, 406-721-4777

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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.

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The Montana Fish and Game Commission and the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks are seeking public comment on the state's proposed 1988 hunting license rules.

The rules proposed contain only a few revisions to those that were in place for recent hunting seasons.

The most important changes proposed are these:

- to require all applicants for special drawing elk permits to purchase a general elk license prior to making an application.

- to implement procedures required by HB 535 dealing with the new nonresident deer-combination licenses. Sportsmen who obtain one of the 2,000 licenses in the landowner-sponsored category are restricted to hunting only on the sponsor's land. Consequently, a nonresident who desires to hunt upland birds or wild turkey off the landowner sponsor's property must first purchase an unrestricted nonresident bird license, which is valid statewide. A wild turkey license also is required by those who desire to hunt turkeys. In addition, a deer-combination license holder can apply for a deer permit only if the permit would be valid on the sponsor's property. This permit can be used only on the sponsor's property.

Persons interested in receiving a complete copy of the proposed rules should write to the Legal Office, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 1420 East 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620; phone 444-4594.

Written comments on the proposal should be sent to the same address no later than February 26, 1988. The Commission will adopt final rules at its March 4th meeting in Helena.



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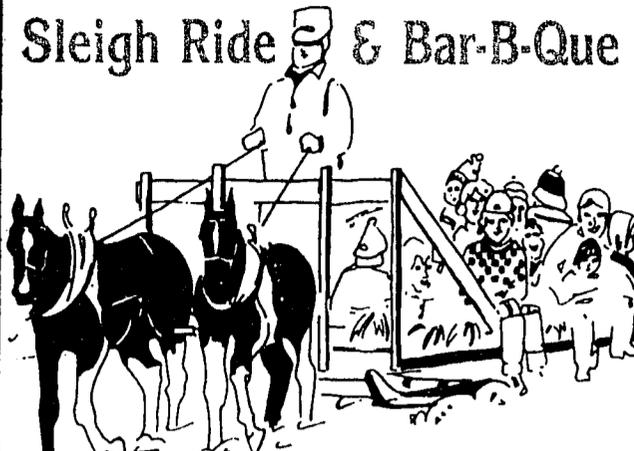
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Junior high school students in grades seven and eight will compete in physical and biological sciences within their grade levels.

The top boy and girl in the high school category will win gold medals and an expense-paid trip to the International Science and Engineering Fair, scheduled for May 8-14 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Top award winners in the seventh and eighth grade categories will receive silver and bronze medals. A silver medal will be awarded for the best exhibit by a high school freshman. All awards will be presented at a banquet at noon April 9 in the University Center Ballroom.

Registration forms and science fair information were mailed to science teachers the first week in January. Applications must be received by April 1.

High school students planning to do research on humans must have the approval of the Institutional Review Board at their local school.

In addition, students conducting research on humans, vertebrates, recombinant DNA or tissue must receive approval from the Scientific Review Committee of the Montana Science Fair.

Seventh and eight grade students conducting experiments with vertebrates need no special certification. Science teachers are encouraged to ensure sound judgement and humane treatment of subjects in the experiments.

The Montana Science Fair, sponsored by UM with support from the Missoula Exchange Club, was founded in 1956 by Reuben Diettert, professor emeritus of botany. Diettert directed the fair for 18 years.

For more information, contact Professor Randolph Jeppesen, Director of the Science Fair, at the Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59812, 243-5179 or 243-2073.

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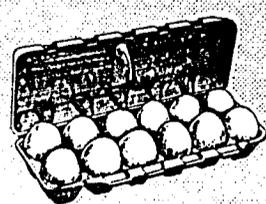
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