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Over 5 million board feet

Half of South Lake timber sale lost in fire

By Gary Noland

Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc., Seeley Lake, learned last week that fire had ravaged over half of the large South Lake timber sale south of Lake Mountain and Lake Creek when the Canyon Creek Fire exploded out of the Scapegoat Wilderness over Labor Day.

Pyramid officials inspected the area last Wednesday, Sept. 15, and have estimated a loss of 5.3 million board feet of healthy timber in the various sale units.

Large crowd for coalition meeting here

A large crowd filled the Seeley Lake Community Hall to "standing room" only Tuesday night to hear speakers from the Five Valley Economic Coalition urge them to participate in the public debate on public land usage.

Mary Lou Wilke, president of the Missoula grass roots organization that is part of Communities for a Great Northwest, said the "...world is run by people who show up."

"If mills don't run, men don't work, and families don't eat," she said.

"Become involved. Talk, write letters to your legislators, get to know your candidates. The power is at the polls," she added.

Other speakers urging similar action and relating views from different perspectives were Bruce A. Vincent, executive director of Communities for a Great Northwest; Bob Armstrong, first vice-president of the Lincoln Economic Development Corporation; Warren Elli, timber lands and mineral officer of Flathead National Forest; and Bob Bushnell, president of the Montana Snowmobile Association.

Most speakers complained that a minority is disproportionately influencing decisions on land usage in the country and in Montana.

"There are some people who appeal virtually everything we do," said Elli of Flathead National Forest. "If we don't hear from you, we don't know what you want, and decisions are influenced by a small, vocal element of the public. We go heavily by what people tell us," he added.

According to Jerry Parker, Pyramid forester, the sale totaled 9.4 million board feet. Of that 1.2 million had been logged, 2.8 million was spared, and 5.3 million burned within the fire's perimeter.

"This is one of the finest sales ever put up in the district," Roger Johnson, Pyramid president, said. "The whole drainage is white wood product that sustained us in the 1980 recession."

There will be salvage efforts, but the portion in the fire will yield a lower quality product when harvested, Johnson said.

A Forest Service interdisciplinary team was meeting in Missoula the first of this week to study a reappraisal of the timber value following "catastrophic damage," Johnson said.

A significant factor, according to Johnson, will be the lost by-products of sawdust, shavings and chips, which are normally sold off to pulp mills. The charred timber will have a high carbon content incompatible with this use.

Pyramid processes three million board feet of lumber a month. It would take 14 truckloads daily for two months just to haul off this by-product, Johnson said.

Another problem is a blue stain that develops in the sapwood following a fire.

Salvage logistics would be "mindboggling," Johnson said. "It would have to be fast before the wood starts checking (cracking open) or bluing."

More roads would be needed and with winter coming on operations could not be carried out quickly and efficiently.

Larry Copenhaver, logger for Pyramid on this sale, moved men and equipment back into the area Monday of this week. "He's had a terrible expense of moving off and on the site," Johnson said.

The fire burned 6,700 acres outside the Scapegoat Wilderness.

"The main point is the loss of timber, long-term, in the rest of the drainage and the 6,700 acres that could have been future sales," Johnson added.

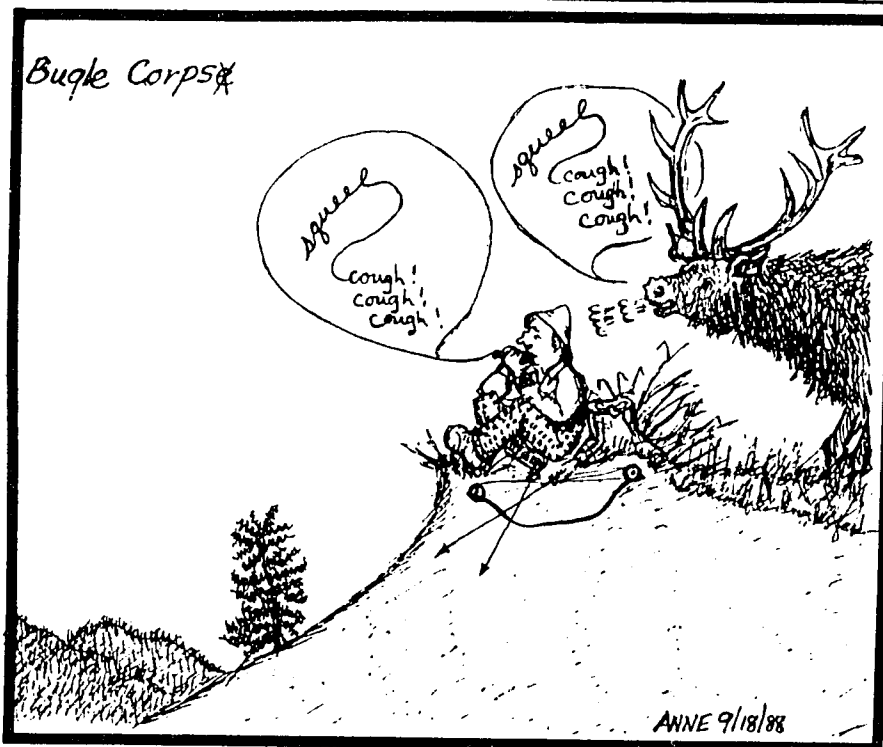
Restrictions Removed

Marcia Hogan, Lolo informational officer, said Tuesday all fire restrictions had been removed.



A VIEW of the Canyon Creek fire from the North Fork Road on Sept. 6 as it threatened the Cooper Lakes area. Photos below show the charred remains of once-healthy timber stands in the Pyramid Mountain South Lake timber sale area. Photos are courtesy of Jerry Parker, Pyramid forester, with the bottom two photos taken Wednesday, Sept. 14, when it was first possible to enter the area and assess damage.





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Editorial comment

'Chips' - bits & pieces

A sustained weather pattern of cooler temperatures and a drought broken by precipitation of rain and snow in the higher elevations appears to have wound down the '88 fire season.

Since Saturday the area has experienced continually overcast skies with periods of steady drizzle in the valley. And, the sight of snow-dusted mountain peaks has melted away tensions built up when fires raged through Montana this long, hot summer.

Jerry Parker, forester with Pyramid Mountain Lumber, summed up the fire season this way after inspecting the damage done by the Canyon Creek fire when it raged out of the Scapegoat Wilderness:

"Well, I guess there's one way to put it. The fire situation this summer has been like a poker game. Mother Nature was dealing as usual and had full control of the deck. She dealt the Forest Service and Park Service a full house - Aces over Kings - and let them think they were in control. The kicker is, she dealt herself a Royal Flush and won the game."

There were some battles won, though, and everyone salutes the prompt and effective efforts of fire fighters in quickly stopping the Lake Alva fire last week. Only about eight miles north of Seeley Lake, the fire had a nasty potential and we were impressed as we watched the fire management team throw planes, helicopters, dozers, and a couple hundred fire-fighting men and women into the heat of battle and controlling the situation before it could get out of control.

Nature effortlessly provided plenty of fuel for this season's fires, but it took a lot of work on the human scale to provide fuel to fight the fires. That kind of fuel, tons of food to energize able firefighters, took hours of preparation and dedication by some very capable ladies at the Condon Work Center. Our thanks to Charles Goff, retired Forest Service, for compiling the information on their efforts in this week's Pathfinder story.

Plaudits are due Seeley-Swan football coach Dennis Schreiner, his staff, and the hard-hitting Blackhawks. After some easy openers, the Hawks, ranked third in the state, met fourth-ranked Phillipsburg, and rallied from a 14-0 early deficit to win 30-28 in a rain-drenched game last Saturday. A game like that really tests the mettle.

And, future high-schoolers, Seeley-Swan seventh and eighth graders won their first game 20-12, playing in a steady rain drizzle against the kids from Victor. A special note of recognition to Frank Wolfram and John Hebnes who volunteer their time to keep this program going.

Have a good week!

-Gary Noland

Snow on the mountains

Snow on the mountains, hallelujah! The outfitters are singing, the fire fighters get to take a break, and most of the rest of us are finally beginning to think about winter. We'll be forced to seriously consider putting up the rest of the firewood for this year, and I know a few neighbors who will be gathering their annual allotment of shaggy manes this week.

No bear stories this week, though I'm sure the hunters have a few to tell. One moose story. Elinor and Charlie Williamson watched a young bull moose walk through the knapweed next to the highway south of the Wilderness Gateway Inn last week. The critter had little horns, for a moose, anyway. "He wasn't what you'd call real handsome," Elinor chuckled. "Kind of long legged and skinny."

Back at home, Elinor also watched a bluebird family take one more bath before heading south. She counted five bluebirds in the bird bath near her home on September 17. Mom and the kids were getting "sparkly clean" for the long trip south.

The bull elk are really squealing this week, according to most reports.

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon
Swan Valley

The whitetail bucks are also beginning to turn their thoughts toward romance. We watched a young buck near the house this week as he shuffled, nose to the ground, along a trail regularly used by does and fawns.

This year's whitetail fawns are losing their spots and their coats are turning the grey shades of winter. The elk calves donned their winter apparel weeks ago. The coyotes are starting to look bushy and white. Their coats will be prime just about the time the larch needles turn gold. And that can't be too far away either. We noticed several trees already turning a pale yellow in the foothills. (And the aspen trees in Glacier Park are already in full, fall color.) The turning of the larch trees signals Indian

Summer. Time to catch up on the fishing before the lakes begin to freeze. Last chance to hike in your tennis shoes. Time to search out a few more dried flowers and pine cones before winter's snow arrives in earnest.

Speaking out!

The Pathfinder encourages letters to the editor on topics of public interest. Letters reflect the subjective opinion of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the publishers of Pathfinder. We suggest that letters be limited to around 300 words or less and carry the writer's name, address and telephone number (telephone numbers are for verification only and will not be published). Letters are subject to condensation and the right is reserved to reject or edit letters when deemed appropriate.

To The Editor:
(The following is a letter written to William Pederson, U.S. Forest Service, Swan Lake Ranger District, P.O. Box 370, Bigfork, Montana)

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Nature has attacked our forests with fire and wreaked havoc on the lands with drought adding to the marching devastation of the greenhouse effect. The time has come to make a careful examination of our methods and philosophy.

The proposed Sunset-Beaver area timber sale is a prime example of dollars wasted in providing roads, at taxpayer expense, to lands at such high elevations that reforestation is almost impossible, to say nothing of the fact that the timber harvest is not cost-effective.

Nor should lands adjoining wilderness areas be allowed to be stripped of the trees which provide shelter and habitat for critical wildlife. No clear-cutting should be allowed in this area; selective, carefully monitored timbering methods should be employed with no additional roading.

You have recently advised that, in addition to the unacceptable proposal for Sunset-Beaver, you are planning additional clear-cutting in the adjoining Cold-Glacier area. The preceding comments are applicable. We have personally witnessed the devastation inflicted by private industry on the borders of the wilderness area; further work in the area will give it the appearance of a war zone with Lindbergh Lake the centerpiece.

What happened to the image of the forest service as the protector of the lands and forest? There is no longer a service; it's a bureaucracy intent on waging war on what's left of our precious resources.

Sincerely,
John J. Greene
Swan Lake, Montana



Area weather is apparent from the welcome sight of rain, which means umbrellas for those persons who watched the seventh and eighth grade football team perform in Saturday's steady drizzle.

Open house Sept. 27 at post office

The Seeley Lake Post Office will hold an open house Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dennis Nemmers, postmaster, said refreshments will be served to visitors and he will be conducting mini-tours of the new facility for interested persons.

There also will be a door prize drawing for a stamp collecting kit.

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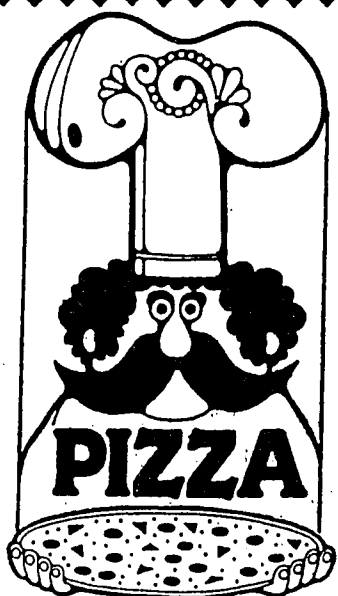
Events
September 26, Candidates Night, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake
September 27, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Membership "Time Out" Social Gathering, 7pm, Filling Station
September 27, Swan Valley Elem Open House, 7-8:30pm, Elm School, Condon

Public Meetings/Clubs & Organizations
September 23, VFW Organizational Mtg, 6pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake
September 27, Seeley Lake Refuse Board Mtg, 7pm, Fire Hall
Oct 4, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce General Membership Mtg, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake

Alcoholics Anonymous
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•Seeley Lake: Sun, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake; Wed, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd; Thur, Noon, 449 Grizzly Rd
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•Seeley Lake: Thur, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake
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Swan Lake Library (Swan Lake): Wed, 10am-6pm; Sat, 10am-3pm
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Other
September 21, GED Classes Begin (9-21 thru 11-23), 7pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon

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'Meet the candidates' Sept. 26

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Candidates Night on Monday, September 26, 1988 at the Community Hall at 7:00 p.m.

The candidates have been invited to this event as an opportunity to meet people in our community and express their views. They will be given 3-5 minutes to discuss what they consider to be the most significant issues; then, the floor will be open for public questions.

The deadline for response was September 15, 1988, and the following

candidates will be in attendance: Barbara Skelton (Democrat, Lt. Governor); John Light (Libertarian, Lt. Governor); Pete Story (Republican, Sec. of State); Janet Moore (Democrat, House District 65); Bob Pipinich (Democrat, Senate District 33); Buff Hultman (Republican, Senate District 33); Dan Mizner (Republican, House District 65); Larry Dodge (Libertarian, Sec. of State).

Bicycle Publication

The University of Montana is back in session. A lot of students bring their bikes and try to ride them in traffic for the first time since they got the car keys. Riding safely in traffic takes practice. The bicycle is a legal vehicle and therefore has certain rights as well as responsibilities.

A recent publication, *The University of Montana Cyclist's Guide*, was developed specifically for the new adult rider. This guide is available on campus at the Safety & Security Division. Copies are being distributed this week at the University Center. Get your free copy now. Information about sharing the walkways on campus, bike parking, proper locking, night riding and riding in traffic is included. This guide is also available to the general public at City Hall, 201 W. Spruce or call 721-4700, ext. 226.

Chamber social Sept. 27 at Filling Station

Seeley Lake Area chamber members will take "time out" for a social gathering on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

It will be a "...social gathering to share summer experiences and friendships," reads an invitation extended to all members.

The chamber will gather at The Filling Station at 7 p.m. with a \$2 cover charge for hors d'oeuvres, and members should RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 22. Call 677-2880 or return the bottom of a card that has been mailed to members.

Busy road to be closed for school kids

Heavy traffic just at the times when elementary school children are going to school in the mornings and leaving in the afternoon has prompted school officials to close traffic during these hours.

School Lane, a street connecting Pine and Juniper streets, will be closed beginning Oct. 3 from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and again from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. on school days only.

The school urges drivers to take notice and always drive with care when near the schools.

Hunter safety classes for youth

A hunter safety class for youths eleven years and older will be offered at the Seeley Lake Elementary School starting Tuesday, Sept. 27.

The classes will be taught by Frank Wolfram and will be conducted from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Wolfram is approved by the Montana Fish and Game and National Rifle Association to conduct the classes.

"We'll be teaching youngsters the proper handling of firearms, how to load and unload a gun, how to climb over fences while holding firearms, and other things to make a hunter safe," Wolfram said.

Also, several films will be shown on hunter safety, he said.

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State officers assist local VFW effort

by Dan Rumph

A successful VFW organizational meeting was held Saturday at the Community Hall. In attendance were the following: Jerry Collins, St. Cmndr. (Wolf Point); Al Kirkeby, Sr. Vice Cmndr. (Helena); Tom Pouliot, Jr. Vice Cmndr. (Helena); Larry Longfellow, Qr./Adj. (Helena); George Kolstad, Chief of Staff (Glasgow); Dan Norton, Insp. (Glendive); Fran Hippe, St. Aux. Pres. (Froid); Fred Olson, Nat. Vet. Serv. Officer (Ft. Harrison VA Hospital, Helena).

Several local veterans and their ladies attended. All the state dignitaries talked on subjects relating to VFW and auxiliary programs, and they answered questions concerning veterans entitlements. Fred Olson gave a very good presentation on Fort Harrison.

All in attendance were very pleased at the interest shown by all the state officers in assisting veterans of the Seeley Swan area to establish a VFW Post.

Another organizational meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. It is important for all area veterans and their ladies interested in forming a VFW Post to try to attend this meeting. Call Dan Rumph at 677-2694 for additional information.



EQUIPMENT EVACUATED—Logger Larry Copenhaver's equipment shown here after being moved out of the South Lake timber sale area after the Canyon Creek fire spread. Pyramid Photo by Jerry Parker.

35 Surplus elk archery permits

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks has announced that 35 archery-only permits for taking antlerless elk in Hunting District 284, which surrounds and incorporates the community of Lincoln, remain surplus after Montana's annual special license and permit drawings.

Hunters wishing to apply for one of these surplus permits, which are valid only during the general big game season from October 23 to November 27, should send their name, address, telephone number, date of birth, 1988 Conservation license number and 1988 elk license number, along with a \$2 drawing fee, to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Attn: Wildlife Division (HD 284), 1420 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620.

Hunters who already hold a special elk permit obtained through the special license and permit drawings are not eligible to apply for one of these surplus permits.

Applications will be accepted through October 1. Permits will be issued through a drawing from all applications received shortly after October 1.

Adult Volleyball

Adult Volleyball (19 and over) will begin Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Elementary School gymnasium. There will be a small charge each night to cover replacement of damaged equipment and replacement or damage to school lights, etc. Gym shoes are required — do not wear shoes with soles that streak. For more information, call August and Sue Carlson.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*** Instead of stir-frying chicken and Chinese vegetables, steam 'em in individual foil packets. Season chicken breast, snow peas, red pepper, and other vegetables with ginger, garlic, sesame oil and soy sauce. Bake 12 minutes in a 500 degree oven; open carefully.

*** Most soufflés have an egg-yolk custard base. But if you thicken milk with flour instead of the yolks, you can create a low-cholesterol version.

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Hungry Bear
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Collared grizzly travels the Swan

South Fork Grizzly Study includes 14 collared bears

By Suzanne Vernon
Swan Valley

A radio-collared grizzly bear—one of 14 bears being monitored by wildlife biologists this year—recently traveled through the Swan Valley. Biologists trapped, tagged and collared several bears early last spring in the South Fork of the Flathead River drainage at the northern edge of the Bob Marshall Wilderness as part of the South Fork Grizzly study.

Most of the marked grizzlies have stayed close to the area where they were trapped. One, nine-year-old male, has wandered over to the Mission Range across the Swan Valley.

Biologists this summer amassed 272 radio relocations as they tracked the

collared bears. The Kalispell researchers estimate that about two-thirds of the relocations were specific enough to tie the bears to particular feeding situation. One of the objectives of the South Fork grizzly study is to determine the kind of country that is most essential for maintaining grizzly bears.

For the last six weeks the majority of grizzlies have been feeding on huckleberries at mid to high elevations. Field observations have picked up another six unmarked grizzlies in the 340 square mile study area.

Four photographic monitoring systems were built and tested during the month of August with surprisingly good initial results, according to Mike Aderhold, information officer with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Kalispell. "The technique for estimating population is recapture," Aderhold explained. The recapture has traditionally been done by trapping the

tagged animal again. Aderhold explained that, two years ago, biologists began to look at using infra red camera systems to photograph, rather than trap, animals who are attracted to bait. The animals trip an infra red sensor, an automatic camera takes pictures.

"Instead of trapping the animal, we take its picture," Aderhold said.

Researchers have picked up 107 photos of five individual grizzlies and three individual black bears. They also have photos of snowshoe hares, coyotes and a mountain lion.

The photo recapture technique has shown amazing promise as a research tool, Aderhold said. For example, field data had indicated that one of the female grizzlies being studied was mothering two cubs. Photos clearly show that the sow actually has three cubs at her side.

Swan Valley Elementary Newsnotes

September Citizenship Awards

First Grade: Katie Matthew; Second Grade: Brandon White; Third Grade: Jessie Shoup; Fourth Grade: Cody Jensen; Fifth Grade: Sarah Cox; Sixth Grade: Nick Mordja; Seventh Grade: Angie Himes; Eighth Grade: April Auchenbach.

Upcoming Events

September 27: Open House, 7:00-8:30 p.m.; September 21: GED Classes begin; September 30: Mid-Term; October 15: PTA Carnival

Open House

Our annual open house will be on September 27 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. This is a time to learn about new happenings at the school and to ask the teachers questions regarding classroom procedure, methods of grading and how you can help at home. Plan on joining us for this opening event!

Materials Request

The kindergarten through first and second grade classrooms are collecting the following items: fabric scraps, old keys, milk cartons (paper half gallon), margarine tubs, shoe boxes, and grocery bags. Thank you for your help with these items.

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THOUSANDS TO GO—Ladies at the Condon Work Center rallied in support of fire fighting crews this summer serving up over 20,000 meals that were shipped to men and women on several different fires. Shown here during one of those busy days are Leita Anderson, left, Virginia Kessler, and Barbara Frye.

S. Vernon Photo

What it takes in food!

Condon Center serves 20,000

by Charles Goff

Since the fire outbreaks started in northwestern Montana, the Condon Work Center, under the able management of Assistant Fire Management Officer Doug Russell, has been the focal point of food preparation for hundreds of firefighters and support personnel.

Leita Anderson, head cook at the Work Center Kitchen, has the responsibility of ordering supplies in huge quantities and determining the daily menu and its execution. Able food service assistants, for whom 12-hour plus shifts are the norm during the heat of the battle, include: Linda Guizzo, Lois Ecksted, Lilli Wood, Wanda Freyholtz, Edna Kesterson, Gem Christiansen, Margo Melton, Evie Anderson, Sherry Hulett, Bridget Kennedy, Claire Wood, Michele Kennedy, Darlene Kaser, Shawnee Pringle, Barbara Frye, Therese Casebolt, Delores Freyholtz, Virginia Kessler, Shelley Kaser, Val Styler and Leona Styler.

As of September 14, 1988, 20,500 meals have been prepared at the Work Center Kitchen for the following fires: Helen Cr., 62; Lodgepole Cr., 6807; Huckleberry, 1501; Dunham, 1206; Shaw Mountain, 486; Combat Cr., 16; Squeezer, 3034; Scout Lake, 24; Spring Slide, 325; Emery Cr., 908; Bethel Cr., 360; Coal Ridge, 40; Whistler, 1853; Deer Lick, 96; Canyon Cr., 1690; Red Bench, 20; Tamarack, 77; Lake Alva, 1852.

In addition to these fires, hundreds

of support personnel have been fed. Firefighters in the hundreds have been bedded down at the Work Center buildings, tents and the Community Hall, and clean fire shirts, pants and gloves have been dispensed. First aid has been handled by Joyce Himes of the Condon QRU unit, and more serious cases were taken to Missoula, Seeley Lake SOS or Kalispell.

Forest Service retirees, Herb Styler, Bud Moore, Boyd Kessler, Dave Owen and Charlie Goff, have returned to the fold handling diverse assignments as needed during the crisis.

The magnitude of the meal preparation can best be described by a few sample menus, such as a typical breakfast of 100 dozen eggs, 90 pounds of either ham, bacon or sausage, 40

loaves of bread or a dinner menu consisting of 450 T-bone steaks or pork chops, 100 pounds of baked potatoes, 6 gallons of vegetables, 6 gallons of peaches, pears or apricots and salad — sack lunches include 2 meat and cheese sandwiches, juice, candy bars, 6 cookies and an orange or apple.

Cards of appreciation signed by fire crews and verbal thanks for the excellent meals attest to the popularity of the Work Center Kitchen and its crew. No cases of food poisoning or related illnesses also attest to the cleanliness of food preparation under adverse conditions at the Center.

This facility is one of the few Forest Service facilities left that is capable of handling situations of this magnitude during a time of need.

UM President's Lecture Series Begins 22nd

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The University of Montana's 1988-89 President's Lecture Series will begin Thursday, September 22, with G. H. L. LeMay's discussion of "Mrs Thatcher and the Transformation of British Politics."

LeMay, a fellow and senior tutor in politics at Oxford University's Worcester College, will lecture at 8:00 p.m. in the Montana Theatre.

Established last year by UM President James Koch, the free public series brings distinguished speakers to campus to present their views on vital issues.

In addition to LeMay's lecture, the series will include: Thursday, October 6, "Memory and the Problem of Tradition in American Culture," by Michael Kammen, Cornell University American history and culture professor, 8:00 p.m., Montana Theatre and Tuesday, November 15, "The Africans: A View from Within," by Ali Mazrui, University of Michigan professor of political science and Afroamerican and African studies, 8:00 p.m., Montana Theatre.

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For early season closure Refunds go to non-residents

by Suzanne Vernon
Swan Valley

Out of state hunters who traveled to Montana earlier this month, but who were unable to hunt because of state-imposed restrictions, will be able to obtain refunds from the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

The refunds will be for the amount of the non-resident hunting licenses only. The combination big game, non-resident hunting license costs \$450 with other licenses totalling lesser amounts.

Until October 1, 1988, the MD-FWP will refund all surrendered, unused nonresident licenses for seasons that were scheduled to open September 1 or 3, 1988, but which were closed because of extreme fire hazards across the state. The request for refund must be accompanied by a letter of justification as to why the license could not be used. Letters MUST BE POSTMARKED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1988.

Resident hunters who hold unlimited sheep licenses in Hunting Districts 300 and 301 were eligible for a refund if they sent their unused licenses to the Helena office of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Letters had to be postmarked no later than midnight September 20, 1988.

Several airlines companies have also offered to refund ticket prices to non-resident hunters who were affected by early season closures. The cooperation of several airline carriers that serve Montana will ensure that the sting felt by those nonresident hunters who had already purchased tickets to fly to Montana for the start of several fall hunting seasons that have been delayed will not be quite so painful.

Delta, United, Continental and Northwest Airlines all have offered to re-issue tickets for a later trip or refund tickets costs to those nonresident hunters affected by the season opening delays. They will only be offered to

those affected hunters holding tickets for confirmed flights on or before September 15 and who present official letters from the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks to airline representatives verifying that they are license holders affected by the season delays.

Gene Allen, administrator of the Field Services Division for the state wildlife agency, said that horizon Air will consider similar refunds or ticket reissuance on a case-by-case basis.

On Wednesday, August 31, the Montana Fish and Game Commission, at the request of Governor Ted Schwinden, agreed to delay the traditional early September opening of several of the state's hunting seasons because of the extensive fire danger. Last week, many restrictions were lifted and the season were opened because of rain and snow storms across the state.

Two trout limit now in effect for Clearwater

Swan River, Flathead not affected by new regs

By Suzanne Vernon
Swan Valley

Restrictions which had completely closed the woods to hunters, fishermen and timber workers were lifted this week. However, tighter fishing regulations which were issued on September 3 are still in effect for all streams in the Clark Fork River drainage, including the streams near Seeley Lake in the Clearwater Valley.

The fishing limits for trout in the west-central portion of Montana have been reduced to two fish under 14 inches long per day and in possession.

Earlier regulations allowed five fish per day and in possession, only one of which was over 14 inches.

The Flathead River system, including the Swan River, is not affected by the new regulations. According to Mike Aderhold, information officer with the Montana

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Kalispell, the Flathead River system

is "probably the healthiest water system in the state."

The new regs have been implemented because of the drought conditions and low water levels throughout the Clark Fork River system. Most of the larger trout have been forced, by drought and low water conditions, to live in a relatively few large holes in rivers and streams. They are unusually vulnerable to predators (and fishermen) at the present time.

Aderhold pointed out that trout in the Swan River and its tributaries are also affected by the low water, but present fishing regulations are helping to protect them. Most of the Swan River is subject to catch and release restrictions. Many of the tributaries are already closed.

The new restrictions will be in effect through February 28, 1989, subject to all other existing exceptions and restrictions.

The general fishing season closes November 30, 1988. The changes affect all streams in the Clark Fork drainage (including the Clark Fork River above the mouth of the Flathead River), the Blackfoot River, Little Blackfoot and the Clearwater River drainages.



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Jim, Lisa, Hayley and Andrew Blackburn

Non-resident combination licenses available

The fire-prompted delay in several Montana hunting seasons has made some nonresident big game hunting licenses available to out-of-state sportsmen.

At the request of Governor Ted Schwinden, on August 31 the Montana Fish and Game Commission agreed to delay the early September opening of several hunting seasons due to the extreme fire danger in the state. These seasons opened at noon on September 12 after the Commission voted to open the seasons and the Governor subsequently lifted his statewide ban on nonessential outdoor activities.

According to Jim Herman, chief of the Licensing Bureau for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Helena, two types of licenses are available: nonresident combination big game

licenses, the only licenses with which nonresidents can hunt elk, and nonresident combination deer licenses. These licenses were purchased by nonresidents who were subsequently unable to use them because of the season delays.

Herman explained that some licenses are now available and that more are expected.

Herman said nonresidents who would like to purchase a license should call the Department at (406) 444-2950. A list of sportsmen will be developed from all who call and these individuals will be contacted by the Department on a first-come, first-served basis as licenses become available.

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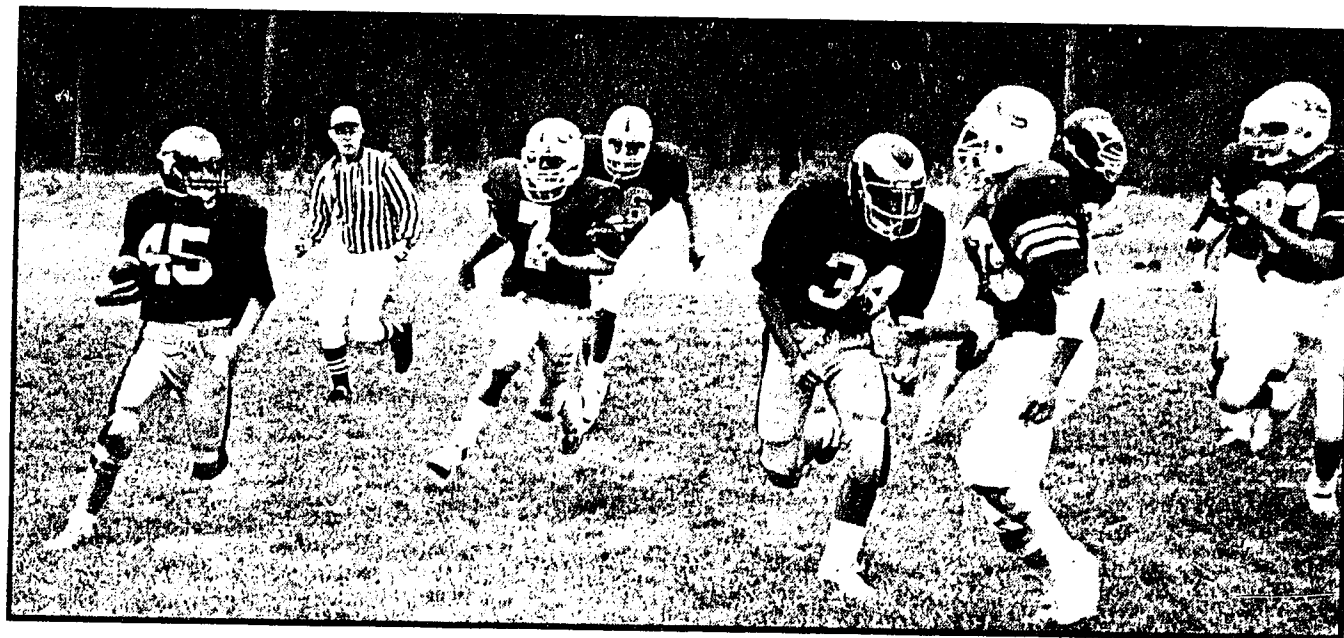
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WITH EYES ON THE ENDZONE—Jeff Posthumus, no. 45, glances over the defense as he gathers steam on an end sweep with Bryan Peyton, no. 34, leading the blocking. The play fell short of scoring, but the Blackhawk Jr. Varsity scored again just before the end of the half, shutting out Phillipsburg 52-0 in a game here Monday afternoon.

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30-28 over Phillipsburg

Hawks win a tough game

by Ron Gossard

In an exciting hard-fought game, the Seeley-Swan Blackhawks defeated the Phillipsburg Prospectors, 30-28. A very tough Blackhawk defense and a balanced offensive attack led the Seeley football team to victory.

After allowing two early Phillipsburg touchdowns, the Hawk defense shut down the Prospectors' running game (their main strength) in the second half. Phillipsburg could only get 2 yards on 18 carries in the second half. Barry DeLeo and Kvande Anderson led the defense with 13 and 12 tackles, respectively. The Prospectors pulled to 30-28 with 1:32 remaining in the game. Seeley proved to be too tough for Phillipsburg—

the Prospectors were unable to get the two-point conversion that would have tied the game.

MCHS leadership camp members

by Mike Meehan

Something new happened this summer in Seeley for Missoula County high school students. The first ever MCHS Leadership Camp took place with students participating from each of the four county high schools: Hellgate, Big Sky, Sentinel and Seeley-Swan.

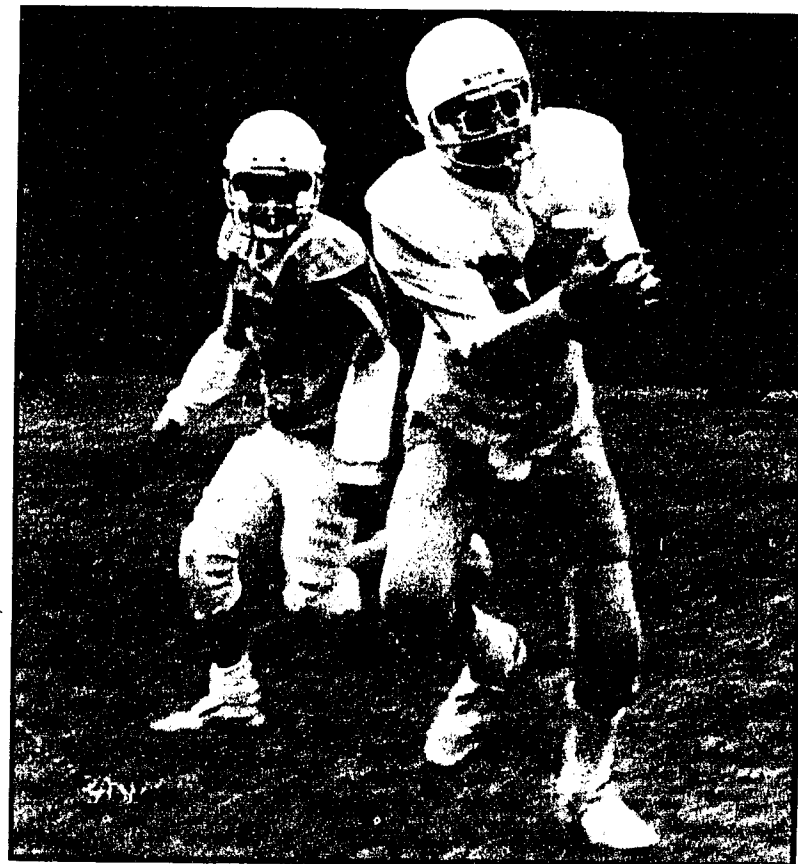
Seeley's leadership organizational members are Mike Meehan, Bill VanVallis, Ron Gossard, Tricia Parker, Peter Timpano, Scott Olson, Tracy Malone, Jack Shoupe, Doug Overman, Jason Marshall, Lorena Cahoon, Sandi Cebulski and Cindy Baker. The Seeley-Swan chapter met last Thursday and decided to be in charge of Spirit Week and the Pep Rally on Friday. Ron Gossard was voted leader of the group and Mike Meehan was voted secretary.

Granite downs Lady Hawks

by Sandy DeLeo

A lack of continuity in the Blackhawks' game cost them the game. They were defeated by the Granite Golds, 77-64. The Golds were led in scoring by Carla Beattie with 37 and Bobbie Stephens with 23.

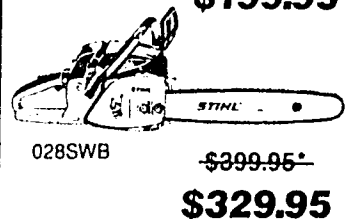
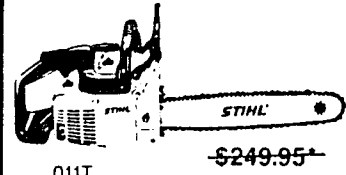
The Hawks overall offense was fair, but their defense was very poor. Jenny Klebenow was high scorer with 17 points, Sandy DeLeo with 16, and Debbie Johnson with 13. The game, as a whole, was played poorly by the Blackhawks. The Lady Hawks are now 3-2.



'I GOT IT'—John Woodworth hauls in a pass in the first half of the seventh and eighth grade game against Victor last Saturday. The play was good for many yards, falling just short of scoring. Seeley Lake went on to win in the second half 20-12. The next home game for the future high-schoolers will be with Arlee at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8.

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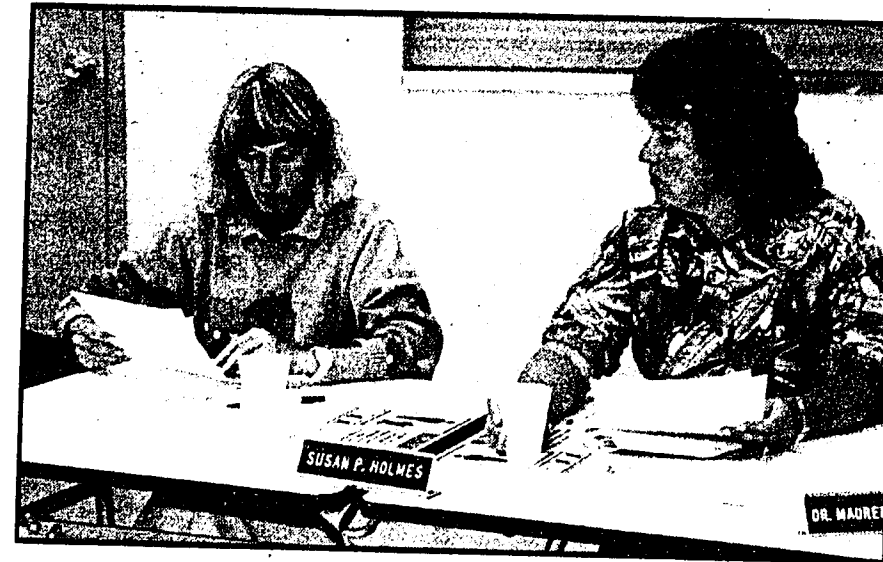


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Delayed hunting season extended

In a conference call Monday evening, September 12, the Montana Fish and Game Commission voted to extend some of those seasons it had delayed on August 31 because of extreme fire danger. All seasons that were delayed opened at noon on September 12 when Governor Ted Schwinden lifted his ban on all nonessential recreational activities in the state.

Those seasons extended by the Commission are:

- Special archery-only season for elk, deer, antelope and black bear: extended through October 21. This season was set to close on October 16. The exceptions are that the special deer and elk archery-only seasons in Hunting Districts 150, 151 and 280 were not extended. In addition, the special archery antelope season was extended with the provision that beginning October 9, archers must wear 400 square inches of hunter orange above the waist while hunting in any antelope hunting district

where firearms are permitted to be used.

- Bighorn sheep: extended through November 13, or until established quotas are reached, in unlimited sheep Hunting Districts 300 and 301. These seasons were set to close on October 30.

- Upland game bird seasons: Area 1 (southwestern Montana), sharptail and sage grouse extended one week through October 23; Area 2 (north central and eastern Montana), sharptail and sage grouse extended one week through December 11; Statewide, partridge extended one week through December 11.

The seasons for hunting wild turkeys, ring-necked pheasants, and morning doves and the falconry season were not changed.

Questions on season extensions should be directed to the nearest Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks office.

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"The park's backcountry will remain closed," Lusk said, "because of continuing extreme fire danger and limited personnel to handle additional emergencies."

Open fires throughout the park are banned including ones in fireplaces, woodburning stoves and barbecues.

Visitor information is available at park visitor centers at Logan Pass through September 18, at Apgar through September 30 and St. Mary through October 2. Food and lodging

will be available at Rising Sun and Apgar until September 26. Auto campgrounds at these locations also will be open through September 30.

Smoke from the Red Bench Fire burning in the northwest corner of the park has reduced visibility in the park. However, good weather and the changing fall colors make this an excellent time to visit Glacier National Park.

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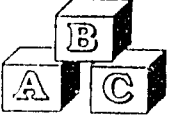
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There is an age-old notion about heaven and hell. In most people's minds heaven is the reward for being good and hell is the punishment for being bad—like an eternal ice cream cone or an eternal spanking promised to good and bad children. How ironic then that Jesus spent the bulk of his ministry consoling and renewing the "bad" which included the poor, the outcast, tax gatherers, prostitutes, the sick, afflicted with evil spirits and all other categories of "sinners." At times, he even called them blessed.

To the "good" which included the established "churchpeople" of his day and the religious leaders (the priests, pastors and preachers of his day) he said things like, "hypocrites you are like whitewashed tombs, clean on the outside but inside nothing but bones," and "blind guides," and rather bluntly "how shall you escape the sentence of hell?" (Read Matthew Ch. 23 for all the

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exciting details.)
So what gives? Does Jesus have things backwards or do we? Misconceptions about church and religion notwithstanding, it seems Jesus came preaching good news, not bad. He came to tell us of reconciliation, freedom, mercy and love—not to burden us with enslavement, judgement and guilt. Jesus' first sermon was short and simple: The time is fulfilled, God's Kingdom is here; repent and believe in the good news!

The good news is this: anyone willing to stake their life on the fact that Jesus is Lord and Savior, willing to follow Him shall receive life abundant and eternal. Anyone who likes to play religious games, complete with pretensions that they can please God with their goodness, is nothing but (to be theological and precise) a damned fool.

Stork's Report

Congratulations to Pam and Loren Rose, proud parents of a new daughter, Megan Rac, born on August 24. Megan weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. She joins her two brothers, Andrew and Erik. Gerald and Coralie Linder of Roundup, Montana and Don and Helen Rose of Alamogordo, New Mexico are grandparents.

Cora Rost Enjoys 100th Birthday


Friends and relatives gathered at the Community Nursing Home in Missoula on September 15 to help Cora Rost celebrate her 100th birthday. She was honored with a cake decorated for the occasion. Cora wore a corsage that she had received from her great grandson's wedding. She received flowers and cards from many friends and relatives. She also received a letter of congratulations from President and Nancy Reagan. Cora is the mother of Wilma Jacobsen, the grandmother of Gary Jacobsen, and the great grandmother of Tim Jacobsen and Sheila Jacobsen.

Senior Nutrition Program Menu

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. Reservations please, 677-2008.

Monday, September 26
Spaghetti
Tuesday, September 27
Pork Roast
Wednesday, September 28
Chicken 'n Noodles
Bingo, sponsored by the Senior Citizens, is on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7pm at the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

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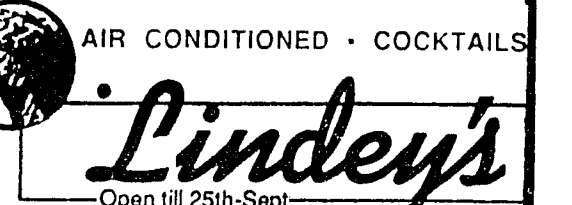


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Traditionally associated with the seafood/clam soup of New England, the term "chowder" may refer to any hearty soup in which chunks of ingredients—particularly corn and potatoes—are still intact after cooking is completed.

Corn and Potato Chowder

2 small red potatoes, about 6 ounces, scrubbed, or 1 sweet potato, about 6 ounces, scrubbed	2 cups heavy cream
Salt	1-1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter
6 ears fresh corn (about 3-1/2 cups corn kernels)	6 scallions, sliced thin
3 cups chicken stock, preferably homemade	1 red bell pepper, finely diced
	Pepper
	1 cup smoked sausage or bulk sausage, cooked and crumbled

Put the potatoes in a saucepan of lightly salted water and bring to a boil. Boil until tender, about 10 minutes. When cool, peel and dice into 1/4-inch cubes.

Cut the corn kernels from the cobs and set 1/2 cup aside for finishing the soup. Heat the remaining kernels, the chicken stock and cream in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat for 5 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium-low and continue to cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes.


Put the corn and cream mixture in a blender, and blend on high speed to liquefy. Strain into the same saucepan, pressing to extract all the liquid from the kernels.

Heat the butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add the scallion, reserved corn and red pepper and sauté until soft, 5 minutes. Add to the cream mixture with the potatoes and simmer, stirring occasionally, until corn is tender and the soup is hot, 10 to 12 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. To serve, ladle hot soup into bowls. Top each with a spoonful of sausage.


NOTE: Corn soup tends to thicken when refrigerated, so if you prepare it in advance, you may need to thin it with water when you reheat it.

Variation: Substitute smoked fish for the sausage. Skin and debone the fish and cut it into bite-size pieces. You should have about 1-1/2 cups. Add the fish shortly before serving and heat for 10 minutes. Do not boil.

Corn and Potato Chowder recipe from *Foods of the Sun: Cooking of the West and Southwest* (Harper & Row) by Anne Lindsay Greer.

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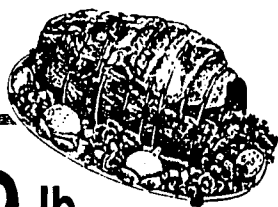
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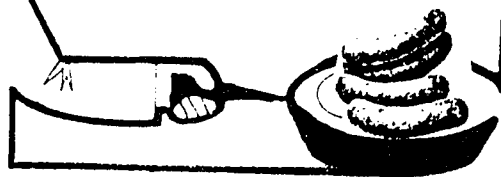


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