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Whitetail Harvest Up 39%

Despite warm, dry, sometimes noisy conditions, hunter success rates this weekend were fairly good in the Blackfoot and Clearwater Valleys. Hunter numbers were up 1% at the Bonner check station, and the elk harvest was up 5% over last year. The number of mule deer taken so far this year in the Missoula area is up 13%, and the whitetail harvest is up a whopping 39% over last year. Fish, Wildlife and Parks data from Bonner, Darby and Anaconda check stations showed record numbers of deer were harvested on Sunday.

Although the hunting season began with a running start in Region 2 of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, things appeared to be a little slower in the Kalispell division, which includes data collected in the Swan Valley. There were 12% fewer hunters in the northwestern region of Montana according to data collected at check stations in the Swan Valley, Fisher River and elsewhere near Kalispell. However, hunter success rates, especially in the Swan Valley, were up by as much as 43%.

Jim Cross of the Kalispell division of the MDFWP theorized that the closing of the cow elk season in the Swan Valley this year may have had some effect on the number of hunters here.

Specific data from local check stations is as follows:

Bonner

Total hunters: 1,499
Elk: 59
Mule Deer: 113
Whitetail deer: 197
Black Bear: 2

Swan Valley

(first day tallies)
Total hunters: 390
Elk: 0
Mule Deer: 1
Whitetail Deer: 49



IT'S HALLOWEEN TIME—Smaller children don't need much of a reminder as most of them, like Autumn, age 6, left, and Katie Biggins, 3 and one-half, Seeley Lake, are anticipating a fun week end and have created this halloween character with a pumpkin head, miscellaneous costumes, and stuffing. The scarecrow-type fellow sits in a chair by the driveway leading to the Mike and Betty Biggins home and welcomes youngsters who will be trick and treatin' this week end.

—G. Noland Photo

Hunter found dead near Swan Lake

A Swan Lake man who failed to return home from a morning hunt on Sunday was found dead by search and rescue volunteers Monday.

Jack Love, 55, apparently died of natural causes while hiking in the Lost Creek area of the Swan Valley. According to Jim McCauley of the Swan Lake Search and Rescue team, several volunteers, aided by search dogs from the Black Paw Search & Alpine Rescue from Bigfork, helped to find Mr. Love.

The search began late Sunday afternoon and continued through the night. Mr. Love was found early Monday morning.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Love are being handled by Weatherford Funeral Home of Kalispell. Services are tentatively being planned for later this week.

In separate incidents in the Swan Valley on Sunday, four other hunters were reported missing but were soon found—alive and well.

Fall backwards... clockwise, that is

Halloween party goers can celebrate Saturday knowing an extra hour of sleep awaits them Sunday morning.

Daylight savings time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday morning when, if not at an earlier retiring time, one should move the clock backwards one hour, as the nation, with a few exceptions, will go back to standard time the last Sunday in October.

Daylight time rules most of us from the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October.

"Spring forward, fall backward" is an easy way to remember which direction to turn your clock.

Natty Bumpo

TIMBER BEAST OR TREE HUGGER - WHICH COSTUME WILL YOU WEAR THIS YEAR?



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

- Events**
- October 29, Swan Valley PTA Carnival, 5-10pm, Elem. Gym
 - October 31, Happy Halloween
 - November 2, Career Fair for Seeley-Swan seniors & parents at Big Sky HS, 8:45am-1pm.
- Public Meetings/Clubs & Organizations**
- October 26, Seeley Lake Water Board meets 7pm at REA building
 - October 26, FS public meeting on grazing permits, 7:30pm Swan Valley Com. Hall
 - October 27, FS public meeting on grazing permits, 7:30pm, Flathead NF Supv. Office in Kalispell
 - October 30, Swan Valley Christian Singers, 7:30-9:30, Holy Cross Luth. Church
 - November 1, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce meets 7pm, Comm. Hall-featured guest speaker on Business Resource
 - November 1, Seeley Lake Women's Club meets 1:30pm-Comm. Hall
 - November 1, Salmon Prairie-Swan Lake Elem board meet
- November 3, Wilderness Sportsman's Club meets 7pm-Leisure Lodge**
- November 4, Friday Forum meets 8pm, Swan Valley Comm. Hall-Condon**
- Other**
- GED Classes (9-21 thru 11-23), 7pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon
 - Alcoholics Anonymous •Condon: Every Thur, 7:30pm, Swan Valley School
 - Seeley Lake: Sun, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake; Wed, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd; Thur, Noon, 449 Grizzly Rd
 - Young People's Meeting, Every Fri, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake
 - Al Anon •Seeley Lake: Thur, 7pm, 449 Grizzly Rd, Seeley Lake
 - Refuse Disposal Site, Sat. & Wed. only, 10am-4pm (winter hours) Seeley Lake Public Library (Seeley Lake): School Days, 9:45am-3:30pm (closed from 11:30am-Noon for lunch); Tue & Thur, 7pm-9pm; Sat, 10am-4pm
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Editorial comment Applaud a helping hand...

In the ninety days now that we've been assimilating ourselves, I've attended three meetings of the Community Council, the August, September and October meetings.

At two of those meetings several county officials and a county commissioner were present, sitting in unobtrusively, obviously interested in what might go on here, speaking only if called upon, and only then in an advisory capacity. We're learning, as we become more acquainted with past history and current trends, that county officials have been highly encouraging and supportive of local community efforts here.

Attending last week's meeting were Janet Stevens, county commissioner; John DeVore, administrative officer for the Missoula County Commissioners, and Pat O'Herron, rural planning officer for the county.

Also attending was Bill Leonard, a rural utility management specialist with Midwest Assistance Program (MAP), who works with communities in a nine-state association providing technical assistance.

Leonard drove home a point that's becoming more apparent: "You are extremely lucky," he said. "I'm working with 30 cities across Montana, and Seeley Lake is being aided by the county like I've never seen. Missoula County is doing a splendid job in working with the council. Most communities are totally lost on where to turn!"

With all the red tape and regulations any community of any size must deal with, in any endeavor these days, we couldn't agree more. The council and its various committees can pursue their tasks more positively and constructively, knowing the county will lend, enthusiastically, its technical and bureaucratic expertise when needed.

If it weren't for that, the Council could quickly become lost, and, as Leonard said, not know "...where to turn."

For those commissioners and administrative officials who've made the lonely trek to Seeley Lake on Monday evenings, we applaud the helping hand that's been offered, and look forward to seeing more of you.

-Gary Noland

Windy Days, Empty Nests

A terrific wind blew through the Swan Valley on Friday night, leaving downed trees and branches strewn across the roads. The determined wind came in gusts, gaining strength from midnight until dawn. A few tin roofs are probably a little worse for wear, and large trees are down in a number of places. Electricity was restored to most homes by Saturday morning.

The gusty wind stripped the branches of the aspen, cottonwood and apple trees. Yesterday, even the brush looked bare. The red and orange autumn leaves now cover the ground several inches deep in places. A few stragglers still twirl from the branches, twisting and turning in the breeze.

Anchored to the naked branches are the woven gray nests of summer. Yesterday we noticed a tiny nest about 15

Country Journal by Suzanne Vernon Swan Valley

feet off the ground hanging from the limb of a small cottonwood tree. Is it a hummingbird nest? It looks about two inches wide and maybe three inches deep. We have found a few similar nests. This one is higher in the tree than the others.

The needles of the larch trees are beginning to fall now, too. The lakes are rimmed with gold along the shorelines. After the next storm (there's one predicted this week) we should begin to find "porcupine eggs" rolled into balls just below the surface of the water on Seeley, Salmon and Placid Lakes just to name a few.

Fishing Report

Fishermen at Seeley Lake are still catching a few nice rainbow trout out of the lake. Salmon snagging has picked up in the Clearwater River, with several reports of successful fishermen there. The state biologists and folks from Somers hatchery are working to collect salmon eggs at several lakes, including Placid this week.

One fisherman stopping by Dan's Discount in Seeley Lake boasted a 10-pound bull trout caught in the Clearwater River. He was fishing with a lure

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Deplores hypocrisy of seatbelt law

To the Editor:

About three times more lives are lost yearly by abortions as compared to auto accident deaths. And we must remember that deaths by abortion are not accidental, but by murder.

And yet, who gets on the bandwagon to attempt a decrease to this colossal loss of lives?

Rather, there is an element of society that is power hungry and advocate people control. Saddle the innocent, make them wear seat belts to slow the lesser loss of lives caused mostly by drunken drivers, seems to be their soap-box oratory.

What kind of hypocrisy is this? I often wonder how come our lawmakers in Helena, when in session, are so bashful about putting through some drunk driving laws with some teeth in them. If they would get their priorities straight, maybe the voting public would take a chance on sending them there every year.

Sincerely,
Palmer Undheim
Malta, MT

Racicot receives his endorsement

To the Editor:

Once again this election year we are being subjected, at the state and national levels, to lackluster, mediocre, tweedledum-tweedledee candidates (by both major political parties). In contrast, it is indeed refreshing for us here in Montana to have the opportunity this year to cast our ballots for an individual like Marc Racicot.

I am writing this letter of endorsement and support in my capacity as a private citizen. Nevertheless, I must mention that, for the past ten (10) years, I have worked very closely with Assistant Attorney General Marc Racicot while he has been Chief of the County Prosecutor Services Bureau within the Montana Department of Justice.

Marc has been very effective in this role. He is the most dedicated, intelligent, competent, ethical and honest public official it has ever been my pleasure to work with in my thirty-two (32) years in the law enforcement field. I have always found him to be level-headed, sensible and fair-minded. Equally as important, he is a warm, loving caring human being and a wonderful husband and father.

The people of the State of Montana have for many years already benefited greatly from Marc's untiring efforts on their behalf.

On November 8th, I urge you to go to the polls and to elect Marc Racicot as Montana's next Attorney General.

Fritz O. Behr
Helena, MT

CHICKEN Double Front

Democratic ticket all the way

To the Editor:

Lets all of us vote a straight Democratic Ticket from Governor to President. where does the Bush-Quayle get off speaking and hounding on the pledge alligence and that other crap. We are interested in what he is going to do here at the United States, besides spending on scrap iron which will all be obsolete in five years, and then be practically given away. Pledge allegiance on one side, and draft dodger on the other side one wonders if the Bush-Quayle combo will have a better memory than the Reagan-Bush Duo had. Never has their been so much underhanded deceit since Nixon, and the trio of Harding.

Brings to mind, in a grocery store a week ago. I was at the check-out counter; just ahead of me was a very thin young woman with a small girl, three of four years old being waited on. I could not help but notice that she paid for small package of groceries with food stamps. It brought to mind and I couldn't help thinking, also that the Reagan administration had given the billionaire's and the millionaire's the biggest welfare ticket in history. And by the same token has been cutting back on welfare for the likes of this thin young woman, and many other like her. Bush is offering at least a huge tax break for people like her. On the child care deal, but he is offering the two wage earners a good deal on the same child care on the

House Leader supports Moore

To the Editor:

The citizens of House District 65 are fortunate to have Janet Moore as their legislator.

As Speaker of the House and House Minority Leader, I have worked closely with Janet in Helena. Janet has worked very hard, and no one in the House of Representatives speaks more forcefully or cares more deeply about the people she represents.

Even when Janet was very ill and in the hospital, she called me every day, making sure she kept up on the issues important to people in District 65, and making sure that she cast her vote on those crucial issues.

Janet's illness didn't keep her from doing her job and doing it well. It wasn't easy, but she did it. I knew she would, because Janet wouldn't have it any other way.

John Vincent
House Minority Leader
Montana House of Representatives

other side. Who knows, perhaps one of your own could one day be in a like situation. We never know how it comes about, maybe swindled by some sharpie.

I have been making it on my own for a good many years. I have had the good fortune of good health, a strong body, which was a great help. Everyone is not endowed with this good fortune as I have been and so for 58 years I have been able to get a close look at out administrators in government. The Reagan-Bush cut tax's along with these tax cut's they gave the promise. They can make it up by collecting from the tax dodgers, the uncollected taxes. Now George ridicule's Dukakis for coming forth with just that. The Reagan-Bush Administration in 1980, and again in 1984 made a very many promises and statements none of which were kept. None of which they intended to keep, except the tax cuts for the wealthy. Perhaps it was needed maybe-maybe not. Cutting out the far subsidy may be a very bad move, you people of today may have no idea of it's purpose, and what it was intended. The drought and dust storms of the thirties brought it on.

The Democratic Administration have made America the United States strong and great. We Senior Citizens of today inherited a nation in a Great Depression. Lacking in good roads, schools, rural electricity, water conservation. The Democrats brought all this to us and what a difference it has made here in America. There was starvation then, here in the United States, mostly in the big cities. This is where Farm Subsidy comes in. It buys the crops, pays the farmers for them, helps to feed the poor and the hungry, stores it away in the good years to use in the bad years like 1988. Let us not get another Republican Administration in, to do away with it. It is only Good Business and good sense.

Otto Haglund
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Caring for wild game in warm weather

by Vince Yannone
Montana Dept. Fish, Wildlife & Parks

As fall approaches, the nights get colder and the days get shorter. In October it still remains warm in the daytime, but when the sun goes down, you need a long-sleeved shirt or a sweater to stay comfortable in the out-of-doors.

For the farmer, it's the time of year to harvest crops. Ranchers begin to consider selling some livestock, kids are back in school and many people start cutting firewood for the long winter.

For another large segment of the population in Montana, it's time to hunt and, personally, that is my favorite time of year. It's hard for me to work at my job during the fall. As I travel to work in the mornings, I think about

walking in an open high-country meadow and seeing a large bull elk with his harem. As the season progresses, it seems as if my whole body chemistry changes. I don't even want to come into work. I only want to hunt from early morning to night. Oftentimes, it's satisfying just to be out checking the moist valley bottoms, the meadows, the high mountain peaks and everything in between for deer and elk, because for me the hunting experience is more than just having an opportunity to kill an animal.

Mornings are the magic time. I like to watch the sun come up and feel the cold fall air upon my face. Hunting is good times with your friends, getting your body into good physical shape for miles of walking and climbing, a big breakfast to help get you started up the mountain, and it is much more. I could go on, but I won't because my editor has told me I'm supposed to be telling you about how to take care of your game meat in warm weather.

Anyway, I was in the Bob Marshall Wilderness last year during the bow season when temperatures were 90 degrees. The flies were bad and the nights were warm. It was no time to be hunting 20 miles into the back country, without knowing what to do with a

harvested animal carcass. Under these conditions, the first rule of thumb is: Use Your Head! If circumstances are against you getting your game out without spoilage — don't shoot. You will probably have another chance to bag an animal.

When you have harvested an animal in warm weather, your most important task is to dissipate the heat from carcass. The simplest way is to field dress the animal, get it into the shade and then remove the skin from the carcass. I have seen elk and moose that have spoiled in near-freezing temperatures because the skin was not opened up or removed to properly cool the animal carcass. If a tree is available, hoist the animal off the ground so the air can circulate around the entire carcass. Otherwise, place the dressed and skinned carcass over a rock or log, or anything else that will allow the air to cool the meat.

I always carry a small rope hoist, a can of Crisco and some cheese cloth in my day pack. After I hang the meat and it cools, I coat the carcass with Crisco and then wrap it in the cheese cloth. I have found that this helps keep flies off the meat and it helps to keep it clean. When I get home, I remove the cheese cloth and wipe off the Crisco. It makes for an easy clean-up.

Hunters love to tell stories, so let me tell you this one about a warm-weather, early-season hunt in the Bob Marshall Wilderness I had a few seasons ago. The temperatures were cool when we packed in and set up our base camp, but it soon turned warm. The days were marked by 85 degree temperatures in the early afternoon.

The trip, however, was cut short when my hunting partner shot an elk in a high alpine meadow. The fun was over—we had to get the meat out.

After field dressing the animal, we dragged it into the shade and used a rope hoist attached to a tree to elevate it off the ground. The skin was removed. We

then quartered the carcass to help cool the animal quickly.

As afternoon approached, the temperatures got warmer. If we were going to save the meat, we knew we would need to do something fast. We boned the quartered carcass and put the meat into plastic garbage bags and then placed the bags in a mountain stream.

The meat, which hadn't yet cooled down, cooled immediately. We then secured the four large bags in the stream and waited.

In the early evening, when the air temperature had cooled noticeably, we began the 4-1/2 mile hike to our truck. Making a "meat run" at night is best because the cooler temperatures help to halt meat spoilage. We each took a sack of meat, a sleeping bag, a rifle and some other equipment on our pack boards. The remaining two bags of meat were left in the stream.

After depositing the two bags of meat in a locker in a nearby town, we spent the night at the truck.

The following day, we packed back to our hunting camp to retrieve the rest of our meat and equipment. When we got to the stream, one sack of meat was gone. Bear tracks along the stream indicated that some savvy bear had found our stash and had chomped down on our elk steaks. We packed up the remaining meat and equipment and proceeded to the truck.

The moral is, if you're going to hunt in warm weather, be prepared to take care of your harvested animal. The most important thing to remember is to cool the meat down as soon as possible. Take equipment with you to butcher the animals on the spot. A meat saw, rope hoist, cheese cloth, game bags, knife sharpener and meat sacks are the bare essentials. Yet, if it's too warm the best advice is 'don't hunt'. There will be other days. As we Montanans say, if you don't like the weather, just wait five minutes and it will change.

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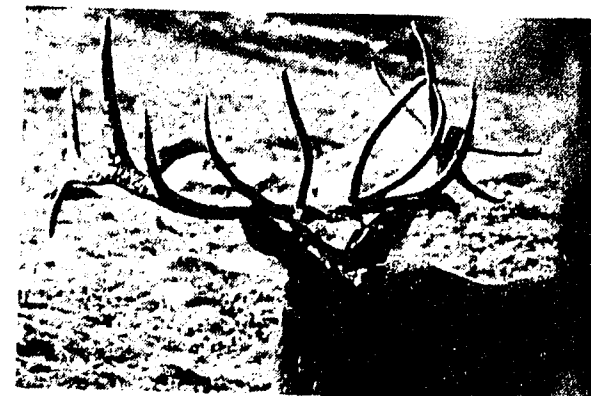
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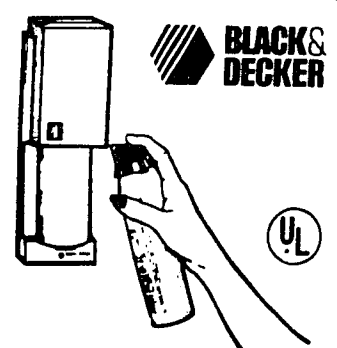
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Information for hunters
Hunting regulations vary in districts

Hunters need to be aware of the special hunting regulations in various Hunting Districts (HD's)
 Special elk regulations apply to archery and rifle hunters in two areas in the upper Blackfoot Valley again this fall; as well as an area east of Deer Lodge; a special deer hunting regulation in a loop starting and ending in Drummond and a deer and elk hunting district limited to 'permit holders only' in the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range.

the area. They hope that by protecting spike bulls, the opportunity to harvest "trophy" bulls will increase in the future.
H.D. 215 - East of Deer Lodge:
 The special elk hunting regulations affecting both archery and rifle hunters are in effect in H.D. 215, east of Deer Lodge again this fall.
 The 1988 elk hunting regulations in H.D. 215 are:
 Sept. 3-Oct. 16—Archery only for branch-antlered (BAB) or antlerless elk. SPIKE BULLS ARE PROTECTED during this season.
 Oct. 23-Nov. 27—Rifle or archery hunting for BAB except permit holders may take an antlerless elk. SPIKE BULLS ARE PROTECTED during this season.
H.D. 291-bounded by the roads from Drummond to Helmsville to Avon to Garrison and back to Drummond:
 Hunters need to be aware of the special deer hunting regulations in H.D. 291.

The deer hunting regulations for H.D. 291 include:
 Oct. 23-Oct. 30—anyone may hunt deer of either sex.
 Oct. 31-Nov. 27—ONLY SPECIAL PERMIT OR B TAG HOLDERS MAY HUNT DEER. Buck permit holders may only harvest antlered bucks. B tag holders may only harvest antlerless deer.
 Fifty special antlered buck-only permits were issued through a drawing after the June 1 application deadline. After October 30 no one may hunt deer in HD 291, except the 50 special-permit holders and 300 B license holders authorized to take antlerless deer.
 The special regulations are an attempt to limit the buck harvest and increase the buck numbers in the hunting district and control the antlerless portion of the deer population.
 Elk hunting is not restricted in this district.
H.D. 282-including the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range:
 All deer and elk hunting in Hunting District 282, including

H.D. 280 & H.D. 281-Blackfoot Valley:
 The special elk hunting regulations are in H.D. 280, the Scapegoat Wilderness north of Lincoln, and H.D. 281, an area north of Highway 200 from near the community of Ovando to Rogers Pass.
 The regulations in these two areas are:
 H.D. 281: Sept. 3-Oct. 16—Archery only for branch-antlered bulls (BAB) or antlerless elk only. SPIKE BULLS ARE PROTECTED during this season.
 H.D. 281: Oct. 23-Nov. 27—Rifle or archery hunting for BA 3 except permit holders may take an antlerless elk. SPIKE BULLS ARE PROTECTED during this season.
 H.D. 280: Sept. 3-Oct. 16—Archery only for BAB or antlerless elk only. SPIKE BULLS ARE PROTECTED during this season.
 H.D. 280: Sept. 15-Nov. 27—Rifle or archery hunting for BAB elk, except permit holders may take an antlerless elk. SPIKE BULLS ARE PROTECTED during this season in both hunting districts.
 The legal definition of a branch-antlered bull is "any elk having an antler or antlers with a visible branching of one or more extensions from the main antler. An extension or branch on at least one side must be four inches in length or more measured from the main antler."
 The special regulations were proposed to the Fish and Game Commission by sportsmen from around

The Montana Fish and Game Commission approved this permit system for limiting hunters in March after a public comment period. The system established to reduce hunting pressure to keep the elk on the game range and off adjacent private land where they are mostly unavailable to hunters.
 The 100 deer permits and 50 elk permits for the first two weeks of the season and 15 elk permits were issued for the third week.

Big Game Hunters:
Is your outfitter legal on NF ?

All outfitters and guides who conduct big game hunting activities or provide commercial hunting services on National Forest land must have a valid Forest Service special-use permit and a State of Montana outfitter license, according to Forest Service and Montana Department of Commerce officials.
 Permit authorization is required for guiding hunters, or for providing day-use hunting trips, drop camps and overnight camps on National Forest. A permit is also required for game retrieval services.
 Providing outfitter and guide services on National Forest lands without proper permit and license authorization is a violation of Federal and State law, and will be strongly enforced by agency officials. Illegal, or "rogue" outfitting is a serious problem which causes conflicts with legitimate outfitters and the non-guided hunting public.
 Big game hunters who use any outfitter and guide services are advised by Federal and State enforcement officials to determine if their outfitter or guide has the necessary permit and license. Hunters who suspect their outfitter or guide may not be legally authorized should contact the local Forest Service District Ranger.
 Outfitters and guides who may have questions about permit requirements should contact the local Forest Service District Ranger.
 Questions about State licensing should be directed to the Montana Department of Commerce, Board of Outfitters, Helena, Montana, Phone (406) 444-3738.

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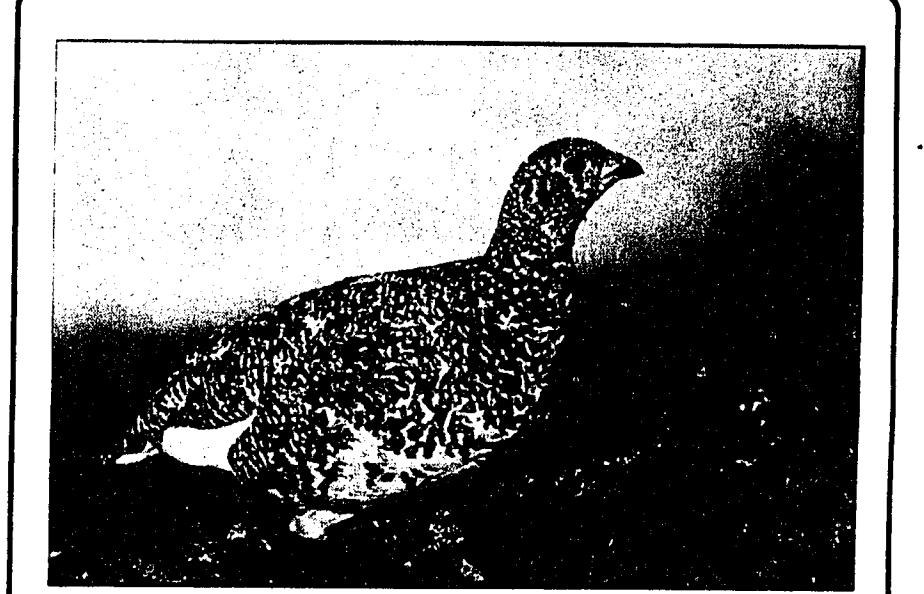

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Elk populations 'continue to increase' according to FWP

by Bill Thomas, FWP

Elk population trends in west-central Montana "continue to increase" according to John Firebaugh, regional wildlife manager for Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Biologists with FWP monitor the elk population annually, by a variety of indicators including "trend counts." Trend counts are by no means a total count of the entire elk herd in an area. Rather, they are only an indication that gives us a feeling for how the populations are doing in relation to past counts. The "trend counts" are made in April from aircraft over the same sites, at about the same time each year while the elk are still on the winter range before the calving season.

This year biologists flew over and counted elk on 126 sites across west central Montana. They observed a record of 12,545 elk. That count represents a continuation of an increasing trend over the last 13 years. Firebaugh attributes much of the increase to four factors: weather, hunting regulations, limited hunting success and additional sites counted.

Weather—over the last several years, the winters have been mild—reducing winter mortality to a minimum. Spring and summer precipitation has produced good forage on winter, summer and fall ranges.

Hunting regulations—Region wide hunting for antlerless elk has been restricted to special permit holders since

1981. This permit system has provided protection from over-harvesting the productive female segment of the population. In relation to the increasing elk population, wildlife managers have increased the number of antlerless elk permits issued from 2,385 in 1981 to 5,870 this fall. 1,025 more permits were issued this year than last year. Historically, only about 35 percent of the hunters who receive an antlerless elk permit harvest an elk, but in 1986 success increased to 43%, while last year it dropped to 31%. Statistics also show that about 90 percent of the permit holders that get an elk, take an antlerless elk.

Limited hunting success—The

weather during the last several hunting seasons has limited the hunting success. Warm, dry weather during the season resulted in noisy hunting conditions. The lack of snow for tracking and moving elk to lower elevations also limited success. "Last year we had very poor hunting conditions and so a decrease in harvest. As we expected, the trend counts this spring showed another increase.

Additional sites counted—Over the last 20 years more sites have been added to the trend count routes. Some sites that now have elk didn't years ago and conversely some with elk weren't counted in the past and now are a part of the trend routes each year.

In most cases, the overall continued increases in west-central Montana elk herds located in Region Two has been a welcome trend. One exception, however, has been landowners who have found that local increases in elk numbers have become a problem for them. The response of FWP has been to help these landowners by setting special early or late seasons or by issuing more antlerless permits that are localized to key in on the particular herd that are causing the problems. These efforts allow the department to "surgically" reduce the problem elk while allowing the rest of the elk herds in a large area to continue to moderately increase.

Generally, the specific hunting districts in the four large drainage areas of Region Two show the same increasing trends.

Upper Clark Fork (including H.D. 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216 and 291 in the Rock Creek, Drummond, Deer Lodge, Philipsburg and Anaconda areas.) Forty-five sites are "counted" each spring. The trend shows a 238 percent increase from 1216 elk counted in 1978 to 4105 this spring. The 1978 count was not as complete as those made in recent years, but the trend still indicates a substantial increase.

Lower Clark Fork (including H.D. 201 and 203 near Alberton, Superior, St. Regis, Fish Creek and Blue Mountain.) Thirteen sites are counted each spring. The trend shows a 341 percent increase from 305 elk "counted" in 1978 to 1345 in 1988. Most of the recent increases have been observed in the upper Fish Creek Drainage. H.D. 200 and 202 have only been "counted" sporadically over the years and are not included in the trend counts.

Bitterroot Valley (forty-five sites in H.D. 204, 261, 240, 250 and 270.) These sites have shown an increasing trend from "counts" of 2620 elk in 1978 to over 4000 this spring. This represents a 61 percent increase over the last 11 years.

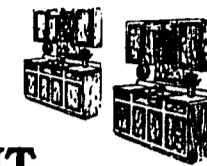
Blackfoot Drainage (including 23 spring "counting" sites in H.D. 281, 282, 283, 285, 292 and 293.) Here the trend has been a dramatic increase from 566 elk "counted" in 1978 to 3071 in 1988. This overall trend constitutes a 433 percent increase over the last 11 years.

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As election time draws near, political candidates are popping up on the streets of Seeley Lake and the Seeley Swan area, and last week one could find Marc Racicot (pronounced Roscoe) pounding the pavement.

Racicot, republican candidate for attorney general, stopped at the Pathfinder's office Tuesday morning and planned on spending the rest of the day stumping door to door in the Seeley Swan before going on to Kalispell.

Racicot, raised in Libby and a 1970 graduate of Carroll College in Helena, attended law school at the University of Montana in Missoula, graduating there in 1973.

He and his wife, Theresa, have five children.

After graduating from law school, Racicot served three years in the U.S. Army, and was chief prosecutor for a

large military jurisdiction in Europe.

He worked for a year and a half with the Missoula County Attorney's office, and in 1977 became the first person to hold the position of special prosecutor in the Montana Attorney General's office. He has held that position for the past 11 years.

One of the cases he prosecuted was the famous "Mountain Men" trial in Madison County. A book and a nationally televised movie helped make the trial widely known.

As special prosecutor, Racicot has been involved in prosecutions in over 300 criminal cases, including 50 murder cases. Of the 41 felony cases he has taken to trial, he has obtained conviction in 39 cases, a 95% conviction rate.

He expressed his primary concerns are with drug abuse, child abuse, violent crime and the proper use of state lands.

Chamber meeting on new resource

The General Membership meeting of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce on November 1st, will feature Robert A. Heffner, Director—Small Business Assistance Division (Department of Commerce) as the guest speaker.

The topic will be: "Montana's Newest Business Resource: The Small Business Development Center". A brief overview will be followed by discussion of specific services available and how to access them.

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he was a management consultant and business advocate, as Business Retention Officer for the Montana Department of Commerce.

Before entering government service, Heffner accumulated ten years experience as a small business owner, six years in residential construction and remodeling, and four years owning and operating a specialty food shop. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's in urban and regional planning.

Heffner and his family have been Montana residents for seven years, five of those years in Missoula.

He currently lives, with his wife and three sons, in Helena. In his free time, he is an avid backpacker, skier and fly fisherman.

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to share this informative evening with us.

Local artist's work accepted for New York City art show



Jeff O'Boyle & "Autumn Groundcover"

Jeff O'Boyle's *Autumn Groundcover* to be displayed in November

by Suzanne Vernon

Seeley Lake artist, Jeff O'Boyle, creates paintings based on his views of the Montana landscape—the fallen leaves of autumn; the wild birds near the lake; the rippling water of the Clearwater River.

The American Artists Professional League recently accepted one of O'Boyle's paintings, called "Autumn Groundcover", for display during their annual show. The prestigious organization promotes traditional realism in American art. Several awards will be given in various categories during the 10-day show in Manhattan. O'Boyle's work qualified for display, but award winners have not yet been notified, he said recently.

O'Boyle has been drawing and painting since he was a young child growing up in Iowa. "My great uncle Dan gave me a Mickey Mouse learn-to-draw book. That's where I learned to draw basic structures of shapes," he chuckled. O'Boyle spent most of his youth in "the city", less than six blocks from the Mississippi River. "Then Mom moved us to the country," he explained. That's where O'Boyle first became interested in the outdoors. He spent a lot of time hiking around the creeks. "It was like a rebirth," he said. "I haven't been able to shake it. I don't want to shake it."

O'Boyle majored in art in college. In the late 1970s he traveled to Australia where he taught art to high school students in Sidney. From Australia, he moved to Montana, then Hawaii, and this year, he and his wife, Monja, and their young son, Cale, moved back to Seeley Lake.

O'Boyle has been motivated by the places where he has found tranquility and solitude—the wild, old growth forests of the Rocky Mountains; the crystal clear rivers of New Zealand; the rain forests of Hawaii. "Wherever I've

gone, I've always been drawn to mountains, rivers and streams."

O'Boyle says there's a natural beauty in the landscape here. "I've found Montana has the best blend of people and landscapes," he smiled. "You can't help but be influenced by it." Because of O'Boyle's teaching background, he has worked in various art media, everything from ceramics to sculpture and graphics. He always returns to painting with oils. "There's something traditional about oils," he explained.

O'Boyle's distinctive paintings—most of them are huge, mural size works—are the result of a marriage of two styles: impressionism and realism. With oil on canvas, he blends the abstract with the specific: Aqua clouds reflected in a puddle beside two California quail; Pink autumn leaves drifting above the sienna hues of the forest floor. He enjoys painting life-size scenes of rocks, leaves and waterfalls. His technique enables him to share the details of the landscape. It's those details, he believes, that spark emotion.

When O'Boyle isn't painting or working to support his family, he enjoys hunting, fishing and photography. He uses his camera a lot to help him remember the details of the places he visits. "I try to use my recollection of scenes to create landscapes," he said. He uses plant shades to determine values, then often adds non-local color to his work. The technique works, as is evidenced by his recent acceptance to the New York City show.

Jeff currently earns a living building houses. He works for Ted Linford of Seeley Lake. However, someday, he hopes to spend more time painting and would eventually like to return to teaching.

"I want to share the things that I treasure," he said, referring to his love for art and his ability to recreate the landscapes of Montana. Right now, O'Boyle accepts only a limited number of commission requests.

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	Dollar Amounts in Thousands		C100	M11	Thou
	1988	1987			
ASSETS					
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions					
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin					
b. Interest-bearing balances			357		1.b.
2. Securities (from Schedule RC-D)			594		2.
a. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell			987		
b. Federal funds sold			980		3.a.
c. Securities purchased under agreements to resell			NONE		3.b.
3. Loans and lease financing receivables			NONE		3.c.
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income (from Schedule RC-C)			1,810		4.a.
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses			23		4.b.
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve			NONE		4.c.
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)			1,787		4.d.
4. Assets held in trading accounts			NONE		5.
5. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)			306		6.
6. Other real estate owned			NONE		7.
7. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies			NONE		8.
8. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding			NONE		9.
9. Intangible assets (from Schedule RC-M)			NONE		10.
10. Other assets (from Schedule RC-E)			54		11.
11. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)			5,065		12.a.
12. Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (from Schedule RC-M)			NONE		12.b.
12.c. Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 12 a and 12 b)			5,065		12.c.
LIABILITIES					
13. Deposits:					
a. In domestic offices (sum of totals of columns A and C from Schedule RC-E)			3,895		13.a.
(1) Noninterest-bearing			961		13.a.(1)
(2) Interest-bearing			2,934		13.a.(2)
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs					
(1) Noninterest-bearing					
(2) Interest-bearing					
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase:					
a. Federal funds purchased			NONE		14.a.
b. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase			NONE		14.b.
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury					15.
16. Other borrowed money					16.
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases					17.
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding					18.
19. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits					19.
20. Other liabilities (from Schedule RC-G)			25		20.
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)			3,920		21.
22. Limited-life preferred stock					22.
EQUITY CAPITAL					
23. Perpetual preferred stock					23.
24. Common stock			400		24.
25. Surplus			30		25.
26. Undivided profits and capital reserves			44		26.
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments					27.
28. a. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)			1,145		28.a.
b. Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (from Schedule RC-M)			NONE		28.b.
c. Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 28 a and 28 b)			1,145		28.c.
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 21, 22, and 28 c)			5,065		29.

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HUGS NOT DRUGS—Carol Ferguson, (above) chemical dependency counselor and supervisor at the Swan River Forest Camp, Swan Valley, poses with "Mac" the bear that likes "hugs, not drugs". Ferguson is coordinating several local programs this month, including the posting of red ribbons along Highway 83. The Red Ribbon Campaign is designed to create an awareness of the problems of alcohol and drug abuse. The Red Ribbon became the symbol to reduce the demand for drugs when Federal Agent Enrique Camarena was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985.

The Red Ribbon Campaign



REWARDS OF THE SEARCH—Thunder, Missoula County's specially trained police dog, (right) is rewarded by being able to play tug-of-war with his handler, Bob Parcell. Parcell and Thunder are wrestling over the marijuana toy which is used to train dogs to sniff out drugs. Carol Ferguson (center) is coordinating several local programs being sponsored this month as part of the Red Ribbon Campaign led by the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth.

Bald eagle migration in Glacier National Park

Migrating bald eagles have arrived in Glacier National Park each autumn since 1939 to feed on spawning kokanee salmon. The eagles that gather in the park are migrating from northwestern Canada to wintering areas south of Glacier. The bald eagle stopover had been concentrating along Lower McDonald Creek until recent years when low numbers of salmon in the lower creek area shifted the feeding activity to the more stable salmon population at the upper Lake McDonald and Creek area.

A major decline in the kokanee salmon population in Flathead Lake has greatly reduced the number of spawning salmon in park waters. This decline has forced the bald eagles to shorten their stay in Glacier and move south earlier. Last fall only 47 bald eagles gathered along Upper and Lower McDonald creek and Lake McDonald, compared to 520 in 1985. The reason for the decline in the salmon population is being investigated by state biologists.

Salmon counts in the lower McDonald Creek and the Flathead River are extremely low again this year. Biologists are anticipating a late kokanee salmon run at the upper Lake McDonald and Creek area this fall and, should this run occur, bald eagles will congregate in this area to feed.

Although the eagle numbers are expected to be low, several eagles have been observed flying through and feeding in the park. Visitors should be aware that very few eagles can be observed near the Apgar or Upper McDonald Creek Bridge viewing areas at this time.

In an effort to minimize disturbance to the migrating eagles that do arrive this fall, beginning Saturday, October 8th, the Lower McDonald Creek area will be closed to visitor activities. Even though there will be fewer eagles than most previous years, closure of the creek area will provide important protection for the birds while they compete for the limited food. The area closed includes the Creek and adjacent areas between Apgar and the confluence with the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. Should conditions warrant, additional closures will be implemented as the season progresses.

The Visitor Center at Apgar is open daily through the first week of December and on weekends during the winter. For weather updates and viewing conditions you can call 888-5441. The Camas Road will remain open to through traffic until closed by snow. However, Superintendent Gil Lusk requests the cooperation of the public to limit any unnecessary travel on the Camas Road to help maintain quality viewing for the public on the Apgar Bridge. Those needing to cross the bridge, please respect the 15 mph speed limit.

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MOTHER CELEBRATES 100!—Ella Goodbread's mother, Adeline Spicer Cleveland, was the most senior of all the seniors she joined for lunch here Monday at the Community Hall. Adeline had celebrated her 100th birthday on October 11 and appeared to be enjoying her sixth day past the century mark.

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'Mom' turns 100 years

Ella Goodbread, Seeley Lake, is justifiably proud. Few people can claim to have a mother who just celebrated the century-mark birthday.

Adeline Spicer Cleveland, Ella's mother, came here to visit after celebrating her 100th on October 11 of this year in Clare, Michigan, where she's been a long-time resident.

Born in Providence Township, Lucas County, Ohio, Adeline attended grammar and high school in Grand Rapids, Ohio, graduating in 1908.

She came to Michigan to visit family members in 1908 where she met Harry Cleveland at a party.

They were married on December 22, 1909 and moved to Arthur Township. They farmed and lived in a log cabin where their three oldest children were born.

They later bought and moved to an 80-acre farm just north of Clare where their seven remaining children were born.

Mr. Cleveland was a rural mail carrier from the Clare Post Office and was an ordained minister for the local Church of God. He also held other pastorates after his retirement from the postal service. Mr. Cleveland died June 27, 1966.

Adeline's nine living children are: Archie, of Clare; Mildred Hanes, Charlotte, Michigan; Wilma Pasco, Owosso, Michigan; Ernie, Clare; Bernie, Corona, California; June Mersman, Nevada, Iowa; Ella Goodbread, Seeley Lake, Montana; Ardith Hebling, Wakeceny, Kansas; Ruth Owens, Clare.

These families have 23 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and eleven great-great grandchildren.

Ella said her mother, who has a Scottish background, has a strong desire to make a trip to Scotland, and that here nine children probably will pool resources and make that trip possible.

Ann Mary is a County Commissioner who loves Missoula.

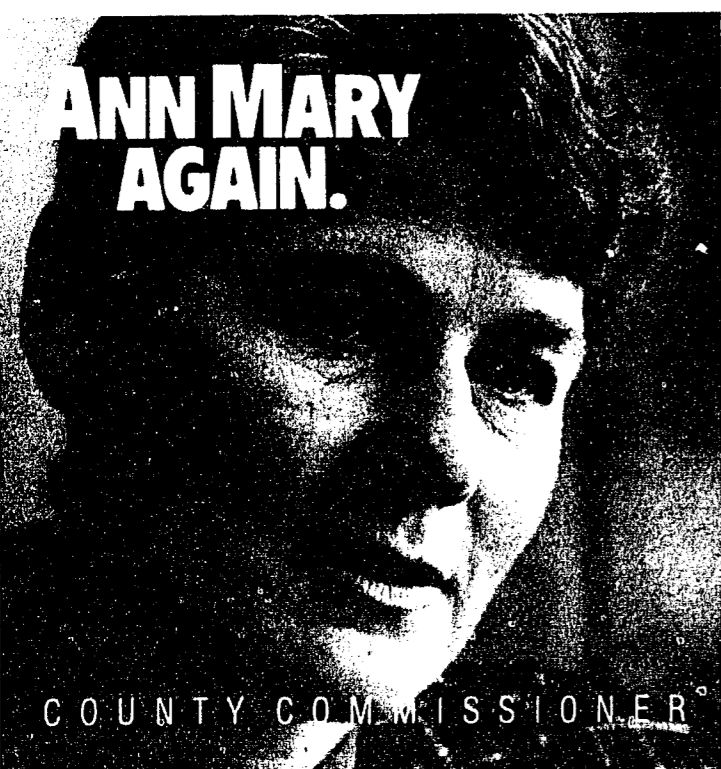
She's lived here all her life—her family homesteaded in the Frenchtown Valley over a century ago.

As a State Legislator, she was the first woman in Montana history to be elected House Majority Leader.

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Condon to have Arts & Crafts Show

The Condon Community Club will have their Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, November 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Swan Valley Community Hall in Condon.

Local artists and craft persons who would like to display their items are asked to call Dixie Parker at 754-2416 or Carrie Parker at 754-2471. There will be a small charge for table space and card tables and some larger tables will be available.

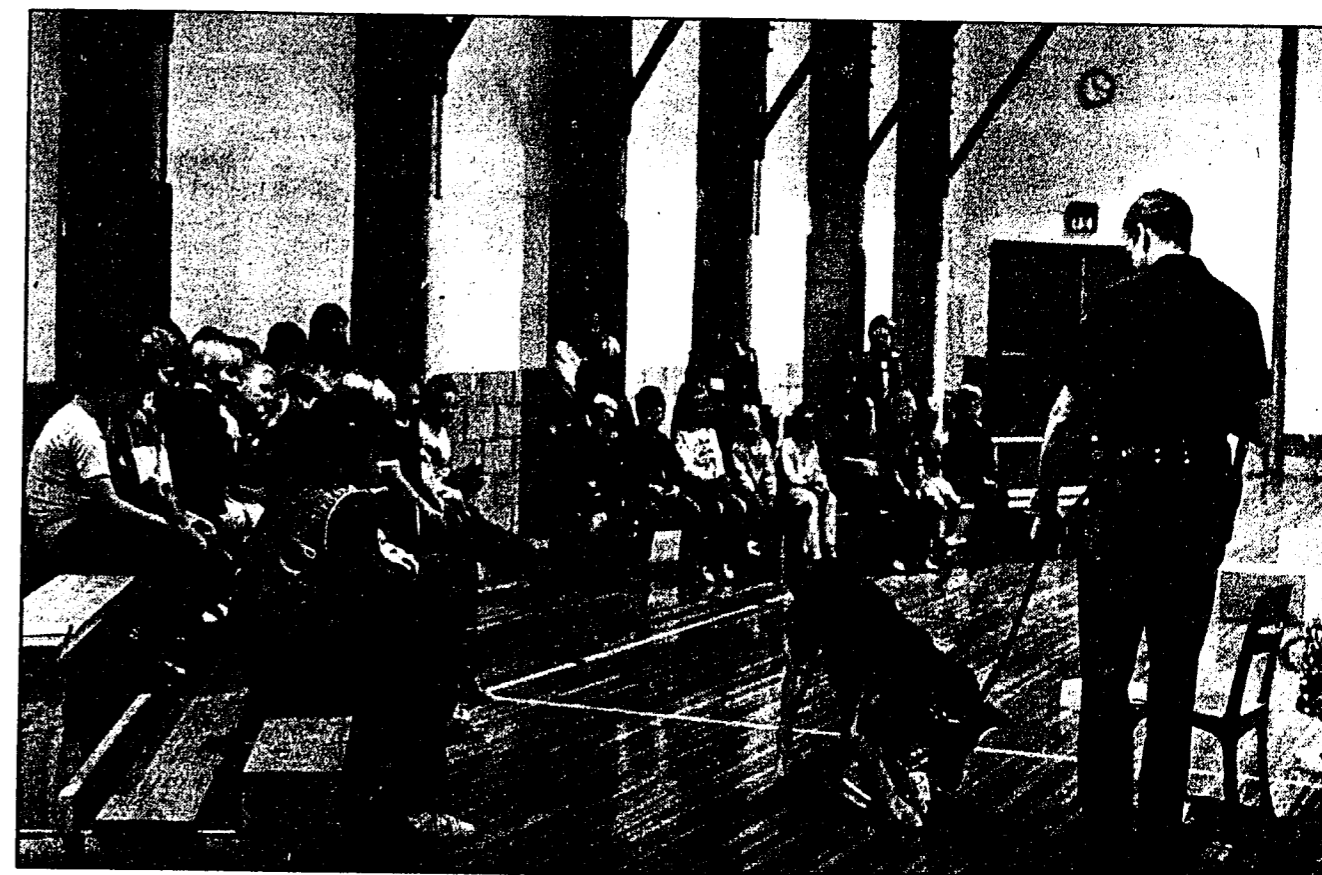
Coffee and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Swan Valley PTA Carnival

The Swan Valley PTA Carnival will be this coming Saturday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Swan Valley Elementary School gymnasium.

There will be BINGO with some really great prizes and fun and games for all ages. Concessions will be available throughout the evening.

The Carnival is the PTA's main fund raiser and all proceeds go back into the Swan Valley Elementary for the youth programs.



WHERE'S THE DOPE?—Thunder the police dog demonstrates his highly specialized skills during a recent program held at Swan Valley Elementary School. The program was also conducted at Salmon Prairie and Seeley Lake schools as part of the Red Ribbon Campaign designed to create an awareness of the problems of alcohol and drug abuse. Bob Parcell with the Missoula County Sheriff's Department is Thunder's handler. The dog has been trained to sniff out marijuana and other drugs and also to help search and rescue teams track lost persons. In this photo, Thunder is after his marijuana "toy" which had been hidden earlier underneath one of several cardboard boxes.

Swan Valley man arrested on 12-year old warrant

by Suzanne Vernon

FBI authorities last week arrested a Swan Valley man wanted for 12 years on a California felony warrant.

Robert Lee Brockett was picked up last week on a federal warrant for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution on felony drug charges in Modesto, California.

FBI authorities said that Brockett was living in the Swan Valley under an alias, Ronald Lee Bader.

Toby Harding, acting special agent in charge of the Montana-Idaho FBI division in Butte, said that Brockett had left California 12 years ago while on probation in connection with a charge of felony drug sales in Modesto, California. Authorities reportedly received an anonymous tip as to Brockett's whereabouts and identity.

Detailed information was sketchy and difficult to obtain as the Pathfinder went to press Tuesday evening.

Fish, Wildlife & Parks - News

TIP-MONT-LINE 1-800-847-6668

by Bill Thomas

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks toll-free hotline for reporting property damage and violations of fish and game laws is in operation for this fall's hunting season. TIP-MONT is the acronym for Turn Poachers-Montana.

The department requests that landowners or sportsmen who observe fish violations or game violations or property vandalism, attempt to contact their local game warden or the county

sheriff's office. If local assistance cannot be contacted, then TIP-MONT should be used. The TIP-MONT telephone number is printed on all hunting and fishing licenses. The number is 1-800-847-6668 and is a 24-hour toll-free number.

The TIP-MONT number is specifically for reporting violations that, in the long run, close private land to hunting. It is not an information line. Persons who need information about licenses, hunting regulations, camping or anything relevant to the department should feel free to contact regional offices of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

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Swan Valley Grazing Permit Meeting

According to Flathead National Forest Supervisor Ed Brannon there will be a review and revision of all term and temporary grazing permits for cattle

grazing on the Flathead National Forest. Term grazing permits were issued in 1979 for a ten year term which expires on December 31, 1988. The permits will be revised to more fully comply with the management direction established in the 1986 Flathead National Forest Management Plan. The public is cordially invited to attend the meetings that will be held as

follows:
10-26-88-7:30 p.m. at Swan Valley Community Hall, Condon
10-27-88-7:30 p.m. at Flathead N.F. Supervisor's Office, Kalispell
Cattle grazing on the Flathead National Forest is usually done in conjunction with the grazing of Plum Creek Timberlands, Inc., under a Cooperative Grazing Agreement.

Livestock Report

The feeder market was steady to softer on plain cattle last week. The market was steady on good cows; full cows were hard to sell. Results from last Thursday's sale at Robbins Livestock Auction in Missoula are as follows:

Slaughter Cows: Utility and Commercial Cows—40.00 to 43.00; High Yielding Cows—41.00 to 45.00; Canner and Cutter Cows—38.00 to 42.00; Thin Shelly Canner Cows—36.00 to 39.00.
Slaughter Bulls: YG #1—55.00 to 61.00; YG #2—53.00 to 57.00; Feeder Bulls—50.00 to 60.00.
Stocker Cows and heiferettes: Med/Lge Frame, 800-1150 lbs. 55.00 to 65.00.
Steer Calves: 300-400 pounds—90.00 to 105.00; 400-500 pounds—85.00 to 91.00; 500-650 pounds—81.00 to 86.00.
Heifer Calves: 300-400 pounds—80.00 to 90.00; 400-500 pounds—76.00 to 85.00; 500-650 pounds—75.00 to 81.00;
Yearling Steers: 675-750 pounds—72.00 to 78.00; 750-850 pounds—71.00 to 76.00; 850-1,000 pounds—66.00 to 74.00; 1050-1200 pounds—59.00 to 66.00.
Yearling Heifers: 675-750 pounds—72.00 to 77.00; 750-850 pounds—71.00 to 75.00; 850-1,000 pounds—66.00 to 71.00.
Holstein Steers: 300-500 pounds—65.00 to 70.00; 500-700 pounds—63.00 to 67.00; 700-900 pounds—60.00 to 66.00; 900-1100 pounds—56.00 to 61.00.
Stock Cows and Pairs: First Calf Heifers—NONE; Large frame cows—NONE; Medium Frame Cows—\$610 to \$660; Aged Stock Cows with Calves at Side— to \$670; Young Stock Cows with Calves at Side: NONE; Older Cows with Calves at side NONE.
Baby Calves: Beef Calves—\$200.00 to \$270.00; Dairy Calves—\$100 to \$150.

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Do our lawmakers have a responsibility to pass laws that protect citizens from life threatening situations? Of course. We expect them to do as much. That's why we have such laws as seat belts and hunters orange.

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Many 'roadhunters' for Jesus

Most hunters today like to minimize exertion and let the hunted do the legwork. In roadhunting, hunters are willing to take the chance of game animals crossing the road just as they drive by.

Most Christians today choose to do roadhunting for Jesus. We prefer to escape the concerted energy and attention needed to pursue spiritual truth. We would rather have it served in a comfortable and convenient way. Also, we tend to roadhunt for Jesus in the way we serve him. We don't want to neglect the poor, the needy, the mistreated, but we don't want to go out of our way to locate them. If they stumble across our path, we may stop and lend a hand.

Jesus could have done the ultimate in roadhunting. He could have devised a space vessel to ride near the edges of the

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Pastor Rod Kvamme
Seeley Lake

world, but not close enough to be made uncomfortable by it. Then he could have zoomed back to the right hand of the Father without having gotten the least bit sweaty or dirty. Instead, he walked in valleys of despair and up hills that held crosses. The payoff was the way of salvation for the whole world.

We have the option of only roadhunting the edges of kingdom wisdom and service, but then we will never know the richer experience of walking the steeper trails with the Lord.

Veteran Officer schedules visits

Len Leibinger, Service Officer, Montana Veterans Affairs Division, Missoula, Montana, announces he will be available to veterans and their dependents on the following schedule, Wednesday, November 16th:

Lincoln Senior Citizens Center from 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m.
Ovando Post Office from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Seeley Lake First Valley Bank from 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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, October 31
Witch's brew & Hob Goblin Stew
Tuesday, November 1
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Wednesday, November 2
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The use of canned pumpkin in these cookies makes them nutritious, too. Pumpkin is naturally rich in vitamin A in the form of beta-carotene, which plays a major role in a variety of healthy body functions.

These colorful pumpkin cookies are perfect to serve at any Halloween party or any time at all. Serve with a hot beverage or milk.

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| 1 cup softened butter | 2 cups sugar |
| 1 egg yolk | 1 cup canned pumpkin |
| 3 cups flour | 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice |
| 2 teaspoons ground ginger | 1/2 teaspoon salt |

Cream butter; gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add egg yolk; mix well. Combine dry ingredients in a small bowl. Add dry ingredients and pumpkin alternately to butter/sugar mixture, mixing well after each addition. Cover; chill dough until firm.

To bake: Cut rolls into 1/4-inch slices. Place on lightly greased cookie sheet; pat to spread slightly.

Reserve some slices to make stems. Cut reserved slices into fourths. Shape and press into top of cookie slice to form stem.

Bake in preheated 350° F oven for 16 to 18 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on racks.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

FOOTBALL

Seeley Swan High School
October 29, 1:30
Seeley at Ennis

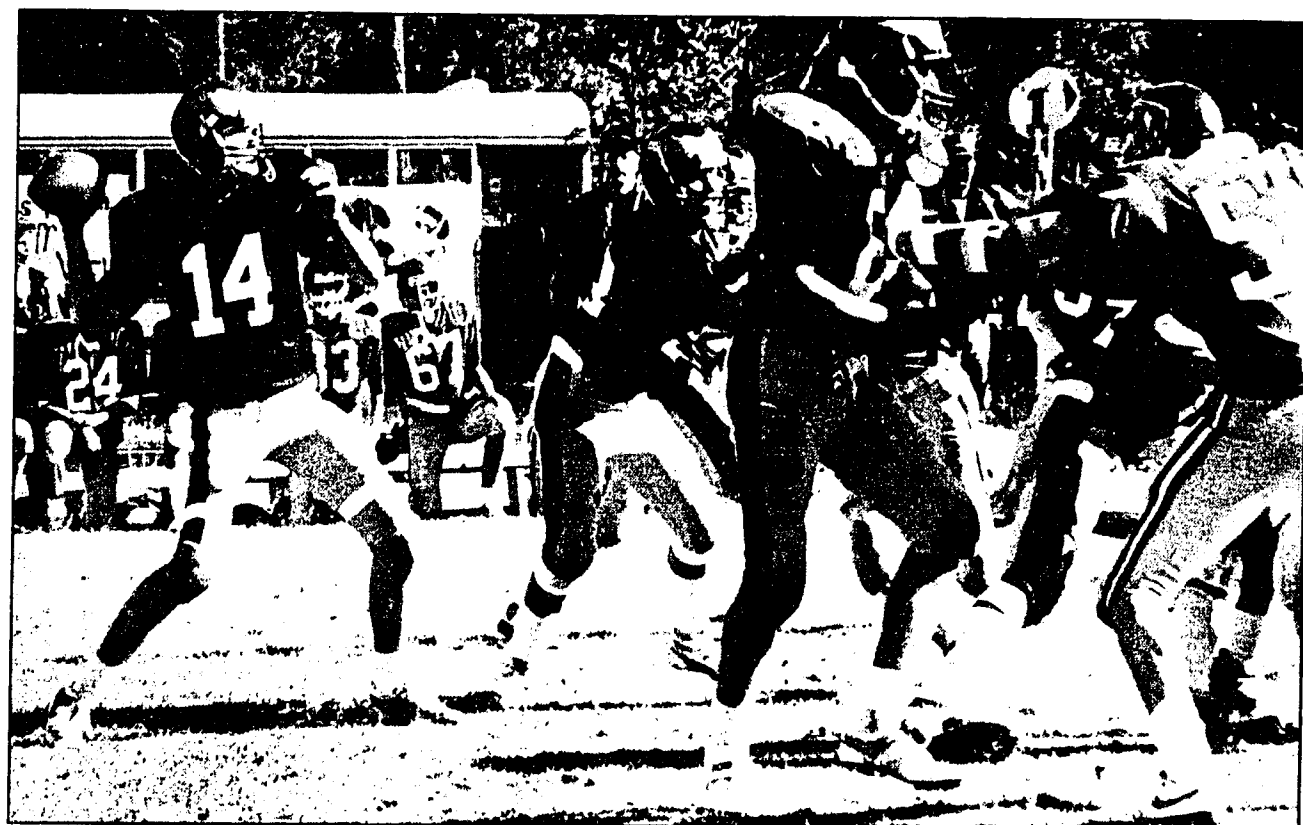
GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Corvallis at Seeley
October 29, 6:00 pm
Alberton at Seeley
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Seeley at Lincoln



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LOOKING DOWNFIELD for a hopeful receiver is Blackhawk quarterback Dustin Gordon who is ready to unleash the pigskin in Saturday's playoff game here with Park City. The Hawk's passing attack, led by Gordon, has complemented the team's running attack this season. The Hawks, after defeating Park City, move into another playoff round Saturday when they play Ennis at Ennis.

-G. Noland Photo

Blackhawks advance to Class C quarterfinals

by Lad Barney

The Seeley-Swan Blackhawk's football team advanced to the State Class C quarterfinals by defeating the Panthers from Park City 44-20 on Saturday, October 22.

After a sluggish start during the

first half, Seeley exploded with two big plays from Leelyn Cahoon and Barry DeLeo to take a commanding lead of 30-6. The closest the Panthers managed to come was ten points (30-20), then the Blackhawks put the game away for good.

The rushing attack for the Hawks was awesome once again under the powerful duo of Leelyn Cahoon and Barry DeLeo. Cahoon had four rushing touchdowns, two of which were for 60 and 63 yards. DeLeo had a 75-yard kickoff return early in the third quarter of the game. In the last three games, Leelyn Cahoon has racked up more than 630 yards rushing (236 yards coming from Saturday's game.)

The passing game for the

Blackhawks was led by senior quarterback Dustin Gordon, who threw for one touchdown to Levko Siloti and was 6 of 13 for 94 yards. Seeley's hounding defense held Park City to only two touchdowns in the last three quarters and Seeley had six.

Park City was paced by Troy Combs who had two rushing touchdowns consisting of 23 and 30 yards respectively. Combs was injured late in the fourth quarter and flown to the hospital in Missoula.

Next week the Blackhawks travel to Ennis to take on the No. 3 ranked Mustangs in a quarterfinal match. The Mustangs ended the Drummond football season by defeating them 34-16 in another playoff game.



-Roger Miller-

Roger Miller— Captain of Montana State Cross country Team

Roger Miller, a senior at MSU from Seeley Lake is the 1988 captain of the cross country team as well as the team's top runner.

The team has competed in four meets so far at Big Sky, Bozeman, Denver and Portland. Miller is the lone senior in the top seven runners and placed 18th at the Big Sky Conference meet in 1987. He is aiming for a Top-10 finish and All Conference Selection in 1988.

Coach Rob Stark says, "Roger is an extremely dependable runner who has made exceptional progress in the course of his college career."

Miller is the son of Jerry and Carol Miller of Seeley — and is better known as the bother of "Nick."

Lady Hawks now 10-3

by Billie Copenhaver

Wednesday night the Seeley-Swan Blackhawks traveled to Augusta to receive their third defeat of the season. The Hawk's record dropped to 10-3 while the Elk's record improved to 13-1.

The Hawk scoring was led by Sandy DeLeo with 20 points and Billie Copenhaver followed with 13. The Elks were led by T. Krane with 15 and J. Arps for 11.

This loss set the Hawks back a little, leaving them with the challenge of having to win all of their remaining conference games to take 1st in their conference going into the District Tournament in three weeks. One of these wins includes defeating 2nd ranked Class B, Frenchtown.

Cross Country team does well at State

by Pete Timpano

At the State meet in Helena on October 22, Nick Miller exploded to an 8th place finish with a time of 17:21. Close behind was Tor Dahl at 14th place and a time of 17:40. Matt Raible finished in the 48th position with a time of 19:44.

Coach Baretta was very pleased with all of their performances and he states that Nick Miller is definitely an outstanding freshman.

Due to high winds on the course, racing was difficult.

Career fair invites seniors to explore options

Seniors from fifteen regional high schools will have an opportunity to explore career and higher education options at the Career Fair, Wednesday, November 2, 1988, at Big Sky High School Gymnasium.

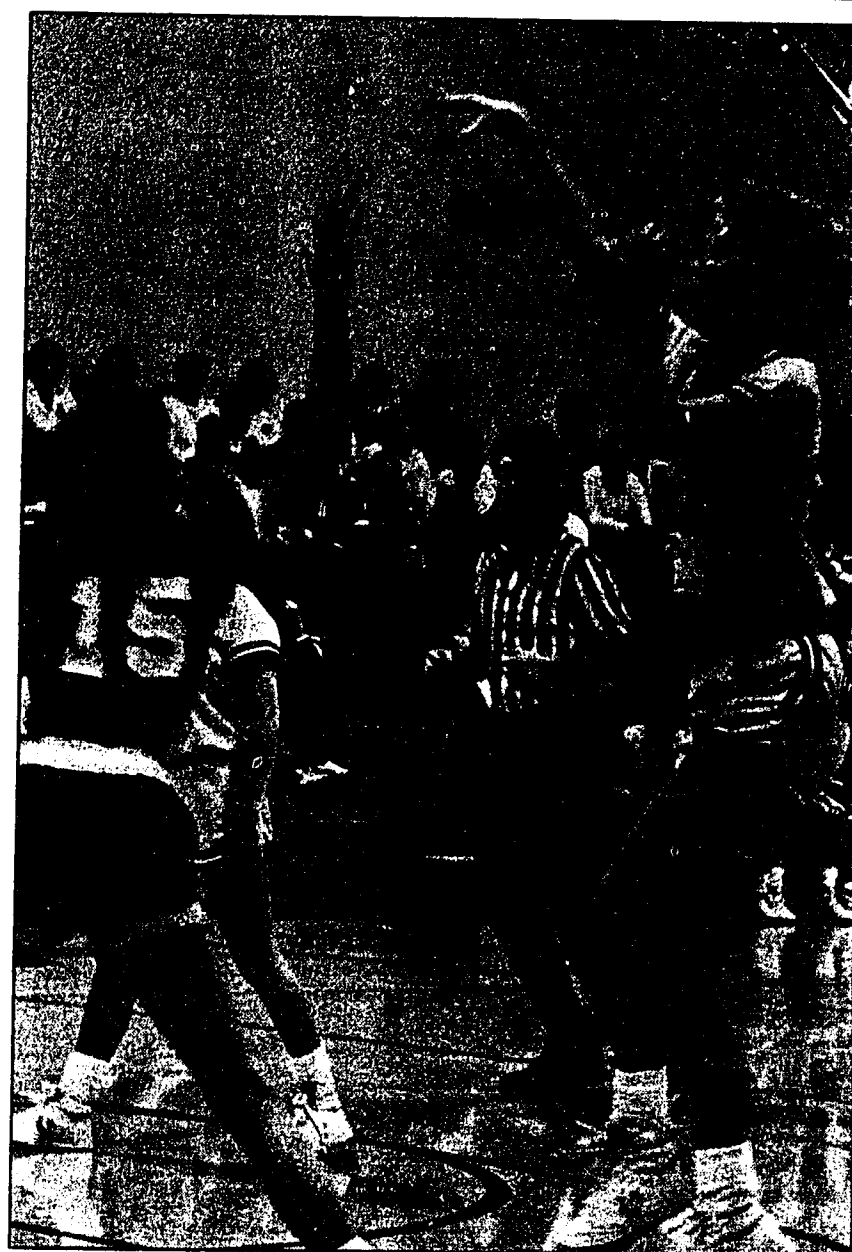
Parents are encouraged to come as well. Seniors will be bussed to Big Sky and given about 1-1/2 hours to talk with representatives from many careers and post-high school educational institutions, both from Montana and from out of state.

This is one of twenty Career Fairs held throughout the state by the Montana Post Secondary Educational Opportunities Committee.

Seniors and parents invited to this Fair are from Plains, Alberton, Frenchtown, Big Sky, Hellgate, Sentinel, Seeley-Swan, Victor, Thompson Falls, Loyola-Sacred Heart, Stevensville, Superior, Drummond and Florence Carleton High schools.

Representatives from 50 colleges and schools and many career areas will be available. Parents are welcome to come anytime during the 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. day.

For more information contact Joan McCracken, Big Sky High School at 728-2401.



DEBBIE JOHNSON lofts one from the field in a recent Ladyhawk victory over Philipsburg. The ladyhawks will be performing for local fans in two home games this week end against Corvallis on Friday night and Alberton on Saturday night. Both performances get underway at 6 p.m. in the high school gym.

-G. Noland Photo

Hawks beat Victor

by Debbie Johnson

The Blackhawks improved their record to 11-3 on Friday night when they defeated the Victor Pirates 63-22.

The Hawk scoring was led by Sandy DeLeo and Brittnie Hebnes, each with 13 points, and Debbie Johnson with 10. The Pirates, who now have a record of 0-16, were led in scoring by Becky Stevens with 12 points.

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It is legal to shoot a collared deer or elk

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks reminds sportsmen that tagged or collared big game animals are legal game. In addition, sportsmen who bag a marked animal can help supply the DFWP with important information by turning in the tag or collar to a DFWP employee.

"We put a lot of money and effort into our marking programs, and the net benefit of these research programs is to improve the resource for sportsmen and to help improve Montana's recreational opportunities," said Arnold Olsen, head of the DFWP's Wildlife Division. "It would be helpful to us if sportsmen would return the tags and radio collars from the game they've taken so we can use the important information they provide."

Sportsmen can also send the tag or collar, along with his or her name, address and phone number to: Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Wildlife Division, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620.

Landowner dictates hunt on private land

Most of Montana's hunters know the golden rule of hunting big game on private land: "Thou shalt not hunt on private property without landowner permission."

What might come as somewhat of a surprise, however, is that what you can and cannot hunt on private property also is at the discretion of the landowner.

According to an opinion issued by Montana Attorney General Mike Greely in 1986, "a hunter who has been given permission to enter onto private property to hunt only for a specific kind of big-game animal and who exceeds that permission by hunting another kind of animal may be charged with failure to obtain the landowner's permission."

In other words, if a rancher allows you to hunt on his land, but stipulates that you can only harvest an antlerless whitetail, you would be in violation of the law if you shot a four-point buck.

The landowner's right to control hunting on his property is protected in Montana by two statutes: the criminal trespass law and the law requiring all big game hunters to obtain landowner permission.

Unused nonresident combination licenses available

Due to the fire-prompted delay in several Montana hunting seasons, some nonresident big game combination hunting licenses remain available to out-of-state sportsmen.

According to Jim Herman, chief of the License Bureau for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Helena, as of October 20, a total of 252 Nonresident Big Game Combination Licenses were available to sportsmen who would like to purchase one. Herman said the Department is continuing to solicit names of nonresident sportsmen interested in obtaining one of these licenses. No Deer Combination Licenses are available to nonresidents at this time, he said.

The Big Game Combination License is the only one available to nonresidents for elk hunting. The \$450 combination license includes a prerequisite Conservation License, as well as licenses for taking one elk, one deer and one black bear, upland bird hunting and fishing.

As of October 17, the Department had refunded license fees for 400 nonresident combination licenses — 350 of the Combination Big Game Licenses and 50 Deer Combination Licenses. In addition, fees for 400 other types of licenses, including fishing licenses, antelope licenses and unlimited sheep licenses had been refunded to nonresident sportsmen as a result of the fire delays or according to standard refund policies. In total, the Department has refunded approximately \$240,000 this year to nonresidents who purchased licenses, he said. Nonresidents had until September 30 to request a refund due to the fire delays.

Nonresidents who are interested in obtaining one of the available Big Game Combination Licenses should call the Department at (406) 444-2950. Those contacting the Department will be issued available licenses on a first-come, first-served basis.

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-By Eddie Coyle

The Coyle Collection

EARLY DAY GUEST RANCH operator, Chip Dunlap, (left) was photographed in 1954 by Seeley Lake cameraman, Eddie Coyle. Dunlap owned the Swan River Ranch in the Swan Valley. The ranch is now called the Montana Double Diamond Guest Ranch and is operated by Stuart and Barbara Eschenbacher.

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An environmental analysis of the effects of the down trees and proposed salvage actions is available for review at the following Department of State Lands Offices:

1) Swan River State Forest Headquarters located 12 miles south of Swan Lake on Highway 83.

2) Northwestern Land Office located 1 mile north of Kalispell Regional Hospital on Highway 93.

3) Division of Forestry located at 2705 Spurgin Road in Missoula.

Written comments are requested by November 18, 1988.
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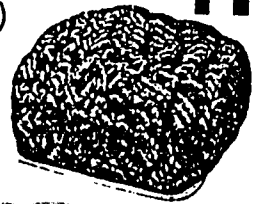
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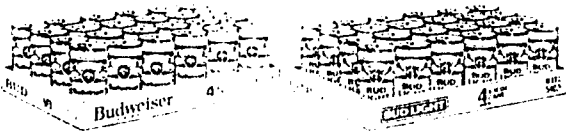
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