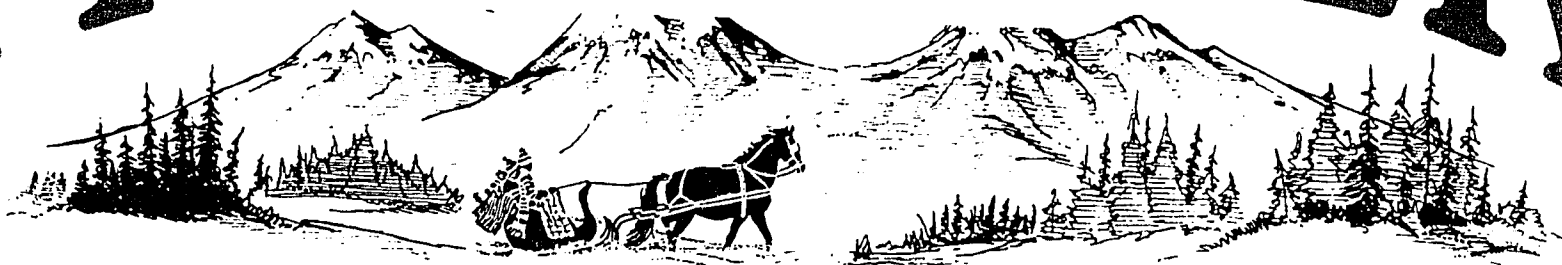


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**ATTEMPTING SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER**—Russ Pulliam tries in vain to coax a lone drake and mallard hen, both domestic, out of a rapidly freezing Seeley Lake last Thursday. Pulliam, who has fed the ducks this past summer, was called by Lauri Darrow after her father, Cy Baker, spotted the ducks leaving the south end of the lake.

The ducks, unable to fly, walked, ran and fluttered across the ice to the Big Larch campground area where the would-be rescuers (from left, Pulliam, Darrow, Baker and Joe Morris) gathered in 15-degree temperatures waiting for the ducks to take the bait. The ducks later evaded attempts by Pulliam to net them.

—G. Noland Photo

## Get Ready— YAMAFEST

The first of many winter events for sports enthusiasts gets underway in mid-January with the annual YAMAFEST snowmobiling festival.

The 1989 YAMAFEST starts Friday, January 13 with a cider and cheese party.

Drag racing on a 500-foot strip will feature stock, super stock, and modified classes.

In addition to serious racing there will be poker runs, a snowmobile liars contest, the ugliest suit contest, and demo rides

## Endurance race from Helena to Holland Lake—and back!

# Governor's Cup 500 renamed for Centennial

The Montana Centennial Sled Dog Race today announced the support of this event by the Montana Centennial Committee, Kessler Beer, Eagle Brand Pet Foods and Northern Energy, a Montana propane and appliance business.

The race is scheduled to start on Saturday afternoon, February 11, following the traditional Friday night banquet at Carroll College.

This race, being run for the fourth year is normally called The Governor's Cup, but has been temporarily renamed

to celebrate the passing of Montana's 100th birthday.

In addition to the corporate contributions, the race has taken on a new marketing effort to sell shirt and hats as an important element in their fundraising effort.

Compared to other similar events in this rapidly growing sport, this 500 mile event remains the longest endurance sled dog racing contest in the lower 48 states.

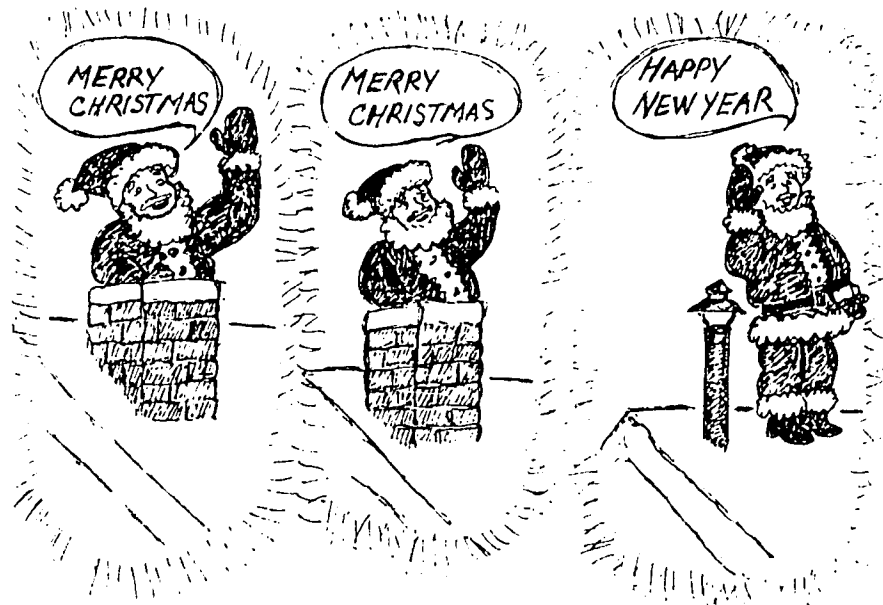
This year several hundred volunteers, including four snowmobile

clubs, will support the race which can last from four to six days, and runs from Helena to Holland Lake and back.

In announcing the recent support from the Centennial Commission, the race director noted, "We are extremely proud to be recognized as a part of the Centennial. With the corporate donations from Kessler, Eagle, and Northern Energy, we will be able to match last year's purse. We need one more sponsor to go over the top."

For further information, please contact Charles vanHook, Race Director, 406/442-3100.

## Natty Bumpo



## SAMMY'S NIGHTMARE

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### Editorial Comment

## Chips . . . bits & pieces

Last chance. Wednesday night (Dec. 21) at Dan's Discount. If your youngster didn't get to see Santa at The Saloon or Liquid Louie's, or even if he (or she) did, catch him again. Ole St. Nick has many aliases. At The Saloon he was AKA John Mullenax. At Dan's Discount he is AKA C. B. Rich. Persistent questioning has been unsuccessful in revealing his AKA at Liquid Louie's—is this possibly the real one? Anyway, thanks guys!

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A familiar sign on Highway 83 is no more and I wonder if there's more to it than meets the eye. Several weeks back I noted this bold lettering: "Ma says change the sign. . . so I did. We dine at 5 p.m." That's the kind of straight forward humor one gets at The Hungry Bear Chalet with host and hostess Jack and Laura Bogar whose sign fell victim to the big blow last week. Now Jack has a little more work cut out for him than just changing the sign and this might take some more urging by Laura. Rest assured, they still "...dine at 5," sign or no sign, and you won't be disappointed.

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We've had lots of Christmas greeting ads last week and this week and Millie has been working late into the nights on your special message. Not being too familiar with local names, in the rush of things we tend to go by common phonetic spellings and tripped up on Roger Wade Studio's ad. We did get Roger and Samantha okay, but Marycaye and Ashli eluded us. Next week, there's still time to wish your clients or friends greetings for 1989, coming up shortly.

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I had to depart early from a Community Council meeting Monday evening and tread icy roads to Missoula to meet a special plane carrying a special visitor—one of the most avid weekly readers of the Pathfinder. My son, Brent, is one of those "special" people who's resided in supervised homes from Kansas to California since his early youth. We have two weeks together and that will make for a special Christmas. From Brent and I, we hope you have a very special Christmas too.

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Here's hoping for a "whiter" one.

—Gary Noland

## Kudos for MEC Crews

To the Editor:

At one point the other day, Hiway 83 was blocked by our trees and Kraft Creek Road was blocked by our neighbor's trees, and for a little while that morning, it was great! No traffic, peaceful.

That morning, beginning at zero-dark-thirty, all day, all night and all the next day, the R.E.A. guys literally risked their lives to restore power. To Bart and Don, and your buddies that helped out, a sincere thank you. All too often people scream at you when the power blinks. All too often these same people forget the dangers of working on a powerline in 60-mile per hour winds, or rain, or driving sleet, or blinding snow storms. Blinking power is a way of life in Swan Valley. It wasn't very long ago we didn't have even blinking power. It is indeed a pleasure to call you guys friends. Here's wishing you the best for the holidays.

Ken Wolff  
Swan Valley

## More on water system

To the Editor:

The December 1 issue of the Pathfinder contained a letter from Bob Scott stating that the Water Board does not agree with all of my conclusions regarding the water system. I'll respond to some items in this letter and the balance in a future letter.

It stated that I had down-played the success of the leak detection program. This surprises me. I have been pushing for fixing the large water waste problem for the last three years. I wrote a report to the Water Board outlining the magnitude of the problem in 1985. Again, in 1987, I wrote a report on the water system and urged that the waste be corrected. In the spring of 1988, in two Water Board meetings, I restated my feelings that the leaks needed fixing. And now that Bud Anderson has been able to reduce the average use from more than 2,000 gallons per day to less than 400 gallons per day, a savings of more than 500,000 gallons per day, how can I down-play the success. The facts speak for themselves—1988 was the most successful year the water district has ever had. It was this success plus the work that the general manager had accomplished in previous years in getting the pumps and equipment, including the pump house itself, in top shape that let me to conclude that the water system is in great shape. This does not mean that the system has no remaining leaks. IT DOES! It does not mean that the system won't freeze up again. IT WILL! It does not mean that major leaks won't again develop. THEY WILL! Nevertheless, the system is in the best shape it has ever been in!

Can the Water Board or the general manager identify any time in the past when the system has been in better shape? Can they identify any other rural water system in the state of Montana that is in any better shape?

I am aware of the concern that the team (general manager and Water Board) have regarding the risks associated with pipes—be they AC or PVC—not being buried 6 feet or greater and, also, the concern of bedding that is not to specification. But let's not forget that pipes at 4 feet, when covered by undis-

turbed snow, will probably not freeze as fast as pipes at 6 feet in saturated soil with no snow cover. Also, it is my understanding that the "shallow" pipes have been in the system for some time and have not as yet caused a problem. Someday they might—only time will tell. As for the bedding issue, it is my understanding that problems caused by poor bedding generally show up within a year or so after installation. To date, how many problems can be specifically tied to improper bedding? None that I can find in reviewing the last 15 years of District records. Again, I am aware of the concerns but I'm still of the opinion that the system is in great shape.

The point that 600 feet of pipe was replaced in Black Bear Lane is a good one. It does not effect my assessment of the system being in great shape, since the replacement occurred prior to my assessment. I could argue that all 600 feet did not need to be replaced. I could argue that even though the best available leak location failed to pinpoint the leaks, other approaches could have been used to reduce the amount of pipe requiring replacement. I could, but I won't, because the success of 1988 would make me a nit-picker. The real point is that some leaks are very difficult to pinpoint and can wind up being expensive to repair. Even leak location systems costing \$1,000.00 per day are sometimes ineffective.

I'll address the rationale for my concluding that the district is financially sound and why a rate reduction is in order in my next letter. That letter will be followed by a letter outlining my rationale for claiming that adding storage to the system is not a cost effective thing to do nor is it necessary to raise pressure in the few hydrants that are "insufficient." The voters should think twice before voting "yes" on these two improvements.

By the way, it sure is hard to give some fellars a pat on the back.  
Leo Perro  
Retired (mostly) Systems Engineer  
Seeley Lake

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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

December 21, Swan Valley PTA Toy Sale, Swan Valley Elm School, Condon  
December 21, Santa's Arrival at Dan's Discount, 7pm, Seeley Lake  
December 25, Holland Lake Lodge Christmas Day Potluck, 4pm, Hol-land Lake Lodge

### Public Meetings/Clubs & Organizations

December 22, TOPS, 10am, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake  
December 22, SL Elem Bd Mtg, 7:30pm, Elem School, Seeley Lake  
December 27, SL Refuse Bd Mtg, 7pm, Fire Hall, Seeley Lake  
December 27, SL Women's Club, 1:30pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake  
December 28, SL Water Bd, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake  
December 29, TOPS, 10am, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake

### Other

School Christmas Breaks  
-December 21 through January 2, Seeley-Swan High School

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and Swan Valley Elem School, Classes resume January 3  
-December 21 through January 1, Seeley Lake Elem School, Classes resume January 2  
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)  
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**EMERGENCY:**  
Dial 911 if you live in Seeley Lake, Condon, Greenough or Ovando. Swan Lake residents dial 886-2324 (Fire, QRU or Search & Rescue)

## Project Feeder Watch

Bird feeders have popped up everywhere this week, on front lawns, on fences and even on the back porch. The friendly winter birds that the feeders attract create an all-season "Merry Christmas" for most of us.

Last weekend, while visiting at our neighbors' house, we watched the chickadees and woodpeckers happily pecking away at the chunk of suet hung above the porch railing. A squirrel would come up every few minutes to snatch a salt-free peanut. As the sun went down and cast a pink glow over the mountains, a surprise visitor stopped by to say hello and enjoy a Christmas treat.

Have you ever watched a snowshoe hare eat sunflower seeds? Those long whiskers get going just about every direction but forward. His cheeks filled up with the shells—I don't know if he ever swallowed! Maybe he spit the seeds. He also stole a peanut.

Well, we've seen rabbits eat a lot of things—the first crocuses of spring, my garden lettuce and of course, the carrot tops. But never, ever, have I watched a white snowshoe hare leap up onto a window feeder and help himself to squirrel food!

We recently received a news release from Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. They are conducting a nation-wide "Project Feeder Watch" and are asking for reports from people who regularly attend their own, or their neighbor's, bird feeders. Do you think they'd believe the bunny story? It's worth a try!

If you would like to join the feeder watch program they ask that you send \$9 to Project FeederWatch, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York,

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14850. They'll send you information and materials for the project. They are collecting data about why bird numbers change from year to year; what effects weather and backyard habitat have on feeder visits; and where birds go when they abandon your feeder.

Meanwhile last week, in between the holiday visits, the ice on the lakes finally began to "get tight". On the smaller lakes, there is a good two inches of clear ice around the edges, thanks to the zero-or-lower temperatures on Saturday and Sunday. However, Holland Lake, Lindbergh, Swan and Seeley Lake still had some open water on Monday. Holland Lake is usually iced over by December 15, according to Howard Uhl at the Lodge.

What message is ever better told  
Holiday greeting never get old  
When repeated always clear  
Lasting echoes through the year  
Holding ties that will not sever  
Living today - remembered forever  
Lennart B. Anderson



Wishing all our friends and neighbors a very Merry Christmas.

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**MARX CONSTRUCTION**

Larry & Addrien Marx

## Council gears up for sewer survey

At its monthly meeting Monday night, the Seeley Lake Community Council reviewed wording changes on a draft survey document that will be mailed in January to residents as part of a study for a proposed Seeley Lake sewer system.

Bud Johnson, council chairman, said that a letter will be drafted and mailed to everyone in the study area prior to the survey mailing.

### Faith Lutheran Christmas Eve services scheduled

A special Christmas Eve service of carols and candles will be presented at Faith Lutheran Church, Condon at 7:30 p.m. and at 9:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Seeley Lake. Then, on Sunday a Christmas Day festival service is scheduled at Seeley Lake for 8:30 a.m. and at Condon at 11:15 a.m. The community is invited to all of the services.

The letter will outline and explain the study. It may be mailed out right after the first of the year, he said.

A draft survey questionnaire, six pages in length, was reviewed for possible changes. The questionnaire will be mailed out following the letter, Johnson said.

In other business the council reviewed changes in the comprehensive plan which is in the final stages of development.

The document which focuses on community objectives in such areas as water quality, sewage disposal, land use, law enforcement, housing and many other areas has been reviewed by various county officers and agencies.

These officials have suggested deletions and additions to the plan and many of these were considered Monday evening. This process will take several weeks yet before a final draft is presented for public review.

## State seeks five new game wardens

Retirements, promotions and transfers among Montana's game warden ranks have prompted state fish and wildlife officials to put out a call for applicants to fill five vacant warden positions. These vacancies will be filled by June 1, 1989. Women and minorities are highly encouraged to apply.

Individuals seeking to apply for these positions must meet all the basic qualifications for employment as a state game warden.

Applicants possessing a Basic Peace Officer Certificate issued by the Montana Board of Crime Control or the equivalent from another state will

receive preference over applicants without a certificate.

All applicants will be required to take both written and oral examinations at times and places to be announced.

Complete position descriptions, rules of employment and official applications are available at all Montana Job Service offices as well as Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks regional offices statewide.

Applications must be received at the Helena headquarters of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks no later than 5 p.m., Friday, December 30, 1988.

## Radio broadcast turned him to preaching

By Suzanne Vernon

On Sunday, Christmas Day, millions of people around the world will celebrate the birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Preachers will step up to the pulpit in Seeley Lake, Condon and Swan Lake and share the gospel message with their friends, families and neighbors.

But for many, there will be doubts about the integrity of the church in America. Preachers today are making news in national publications. The headlines reflect corruption in the church. This "news" doesn't surprise at least one of the old-timers in the business.

"They are preaching churchianity without a lot of Christianity," according to Pastor H.L. Inabnit of Seeley Lake. "Satan is wearing the New Age and other coats, and he's deceiving Christians." He adds that the devil hits people with ability the hardest.

"None of us can stand up and boast. That's a hazard, and the devil is out after every aggressive Christian. He's on their trail."

Pastor Inabnit, now 82 years old, has spent the past 50 years teaching people about the Bible and preaching the gospel message from the pulpit. He recently finished writing a book about his life, *Plow to Pulpit*. The book provides insights about Montana history—from the Great Depression through World War II and into the New Age—a view from behind the pulpit that few people see or understand.

Inabnit calls himself a "two-by-four preacher".

"I didn't get much of that fancy schooling," he laughs. He grew up on his parents' huge, sprawling cattle ranch in the East Flathead country north of Bozeman. With his five brothers and one sister, he helped operate the family sawmill, wrangled cattle and dodged bootleggers as a teenager. While in his mid-twenties, he heard the gospel message on a radio broadcast and decided then and there that he would serve the Lord. That action forever changed his life.

"I thought I was gonna be a cattle rancher, like my Pop. But the Lord had different things in mind," he laughs.

Pastor Inabnit has helped to build nine churches in Montana. For about twenty years of his career he presented radio broadcasts of the gospel message to people in Bozeman, Missoula and Kalispell. He and his wife, Ruth, started youth groups, Bible studies, and helped to organize the Lake Blaine Bible Camp south of Kalispell. They helped to establish the Baptist Church at Seeley Lake in 1953. In recent years, Pastor and Ruth Inabnit moved back to Seeley Lake to retire. When they aren't working on writing books, they enjoy visiting with friends, supplying for various churches in western Montana, and also keep busy with woodworking projects. The Inabnits built their own home and a guest house almost entirely of mill ends from Pyramid Lumber Co.

Today, Pastor Inabnit can recite nearly the entire Bible from memory. He has written half a dozen books about the Bible, including one about the book of Genesis that appears to be turning

some heads in the upper ranks of Bible scholars.

Inabnit hesitates to judge churches, but he agrees that there is a dangerous trend among many modern groups to stray away from the words of scripture. That trend is causing problems in many churches.

"The norm among Christians is to stay by the Bible", Inabnit says. "A lot of people think that if you're good—honest and upright—you'll go to heaven. That's not true. Nicodemus was probably as good a man as ever walked and Christ said he must be born again. Everybody must be born again. That's from John 3: 7."

How does one become born again? "You gotta pray the sinner's prayer—get down on your knees and ask the Lord to save your soul."

Inabnit explained that the hardest people to win to Christ are the good people—the church people. "I've seen more people come to Christ in jails and rest homes and hospitals and prisons than I've seen come to Christ in churches."

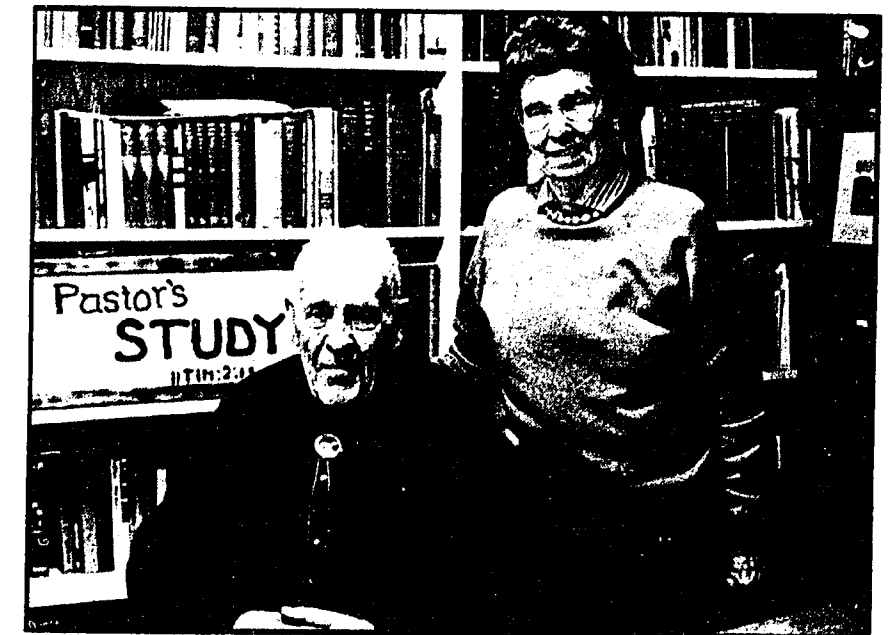
He says that, ideally, a church should be like a restaurant. "The ministry from the pulpit is the setting of the table. But you gotta keep 'em in the restaurant," he said. First, he explained, you bring people to Christ with the gospel message. "Then we need to teach people in Christ. Thirdly, churches need to send people out for Christ."

Inabnit said that he often visits with young preachers. He shares with them some of the hard lessons he had to learn during the early years of his ministry.

"You come out of Bible school sort of visionary—the idea that 'I'm gonna do a great deal for God.' Pretty soon it dawns on you that God's gonna do a great thing for you. Quite a difference."

"The basic thing to ask yourself about any preacher is this: Is he doing the job for Christ?"

Some modern-day church leaders



Pastor H. L. Inabnit and his wife, Ruth. Retired after 50 years, Inabnit offers some advice for modern churches.

S. Vernon Photo

enjoy extraordinary, materialistic lifestyles, Inabnit said. Most Christian preachers, he explained, know that their chosen careers will probably not bring them financial wealth. "We are rich in spirit; our rewards are in heaven," he chuckled.

Inabnit wouldn't have been able to support his family by working only as a preacher. He worked at other jobs throughout his ministry to put food on the table for his wife, six children, his mother, and mother-in-law.

"I don't think we made a ten dollar bill the whole time," he joked. "But we didn't go in debt either." His salary as a preacher sometimes dipped to as low as \$26 a month.

"That was February, at Dry Creek, during the Great Depression," he said. People in his congregation were good to him. Even though they couldn't offer money they brought fresh meat, bacon and potatoes. Inabnit opened a sawmill that winter with equipment from the old home ranch. That sawmill, it turned

out, was a real work of God. "I wouldn't have been able to reach the men without it," he said, adding that the small country churches in that area near Bozeman were made up of women and children. By the time Inabnit left Dry Creek, there were just as many men as women in the congregation.

"I don't think it hurts a preacher to work. If he's poor, he'll talk to the Lord a little more. Jesus said, 'My Father works, and I work.'"

Does Pastor Inabnit have any regrets about his fifty years behind the pulpit?

"None. I think it's the greatest business in the world."

Inabnit printed only a small quantity of his book, *Plow to Pulpit*, in order to have the story available for Christmas. Most of those copies have already been sold to family members and friends. This winter, he hopes to publish an edited version of his book which will be available locally and at Christian book stores throughout Montana.

Wishing you a Wonderful Holiday Season and a New Year full of happiness and prosperity.  
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## Santa visits children in Seeley Lake and Condon

—Above, part of a throng of children at the Saloon who lined up to request their favorite gifts

—At left, the jolly old man arrives at Liquid Louie's in Condon

—Below, a Condon youngster seems a little shy in the presence of the bearded one



## Find your Christmas tree in the forest

A winter outing on the National Forest lands to carefully select and cut just the right Christmas tree is a ritual observed by many Forest users.

Within Flathead National Forest boundaries, you do not need a permit to cut a Christmas tree for personal use. If you are unsure of land ownership, maps showing the Forest boundary are available at any District office or the Supervisor's office in Kalispell.

The Lolo National Forest policy is somewhat different in that it varies from district to district. The Seeley Lake Ranger District does not require a permit to cut a Christmas tree for personal use. Maps showing the district boundary are available at the Ranger Station office.

Areas to avoid while Christmas tree cutting are: campgrounds, well traveled roads, areas of concentrated use and sites posted "closed" to Christmas tree cutting.

You will find a wide variety of trees available to fit your decorating needs. The most popular species are Douglas-fir, alpine fir, grand fir and lodgepole pine. These trees hold their needles longer after cutting than another popular tree, the Engelmann spruce. A handy species identification guide, Trees of Northwest Montana, is available at any Flathead National Forest administrative office to help in identifying tree species.

Please use caution while driving Forest roads, especially in the winter. Remember, the only plowed roads are those being used by logging traffic. It is a good idea to check with your local Ranger District before leaving home to identify areas with winter logging activity.

When you arrive back home, store your tree in a cool, shady location until you are ready to decorate it. To keep your tree fresh indoors, recut the stump area and place it in a stand containing water.



—Cindy Sanguins of The Saloon helps Santa with this frightening first visit—

**Cindy Sanguins**  
 and everyone who helped out at the Saloon's Christmas Party  
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# Press kit promotes musher races in Seeley Swan

by Anne Dahl

A press kit is being sent to 1,000 publications, travel writers, and television and radio stations. The forty-page document is designed to increase nation-wide excitement for Montana's sled dog races, according to Charles vanHook of Helena, a promoter for the Governor's 500 (called the Centennial 500 this year). A press kit provides

information to encourage publicity.

Glacier Country Tourism Commission, the northwest Montana group responsible for spending a portion of the money collected from the accommodations tax, is contributing \$1,000 to the project.

Gold West Country, southwest Montana's tourism group, is also

contributing \$1,000. And another \$2,000 is being raised by the event organizers.

The press kit includes information about three area sled dog races: the Holland Lake Race-to-the-Lake, January 21-22; the Seeley Lake 200, January 26-29; and the Centennial 500, which begins in Helena but has stopovers in

Seeley Lake and at Holland Lake, February 11-16.

Besides providing information about the races, it will promote related activities taking place in the region during January and February, and encourage travel writers and the media to take an interest in other northwest Montana attractions.

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## Upcoming SV elementary events

Upcoming Events

December 21: PTA Toy Sale, PTA Hot Lunch, School Out at 1:30 p.m.; December 22-January 1: Christmas Break; January 3: School Resumes at Regular Time; January 5: BB Game (Seeley at Swan, 4:30 p.m.); January 7: BB Game (Helmville at 10:00 a.m. and Ovando at 2:00 p.m.).

November Citizenship Awards

First Grade: Christopher Anderson; Second Grade: Andy McDonald; Third Grade: Boomer Alexander; Fourth Grade: Leah Lapka; Fifth Grade: Brooke Mason; Sixth Grade: Nick Mordja; Seventh Grade: Angie Himes and Boone Jensen; Eighth Grade: Stacy Holmes and Jesse Kehr.

Community Services Announcement

Just a reminder that the winter adult gym nights are in full swing with basketball on Tuesday evenings and

volleyball on Thursday evenings. For only \$1.00 per adult you can enjoy an evening of exercise and fun!

Measles

Missoula County is expecting an outbreak of measles in the near future. They are recommending that your child be re-vaccinated if he/she was vaccinated before the age of fifteen months. This is only a recommendation at this time, but it may become a requirement soon. Vaccinations are available at the County Health Department for about \$6.00.

Happy Holidays

This is the last Friday Newsnote until next year (January 6, 1989). Happy Holidays and Best Wishes to each and every family from the staff at Swan Valley School.



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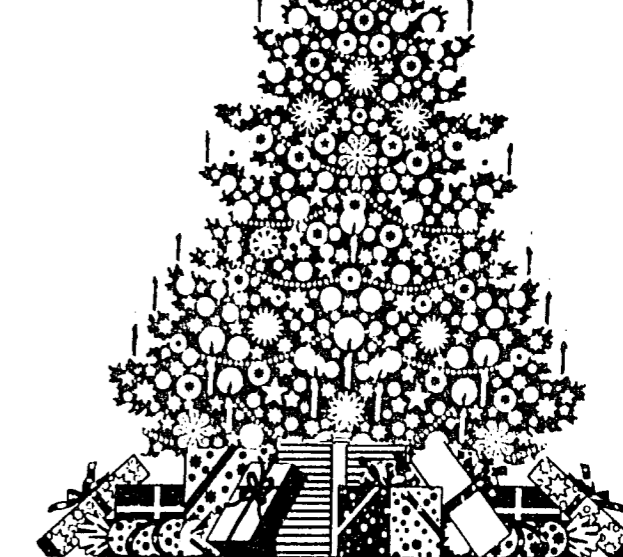
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## Bass Tournery possible in Seeley Lake

The Montana B.A.S.S. Federation has proposed to hold a Mr. Bass Tournament on May 20-21, 1989, from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at Seeley Lake. The Montana Fish and Game Commission will consider the proposal at its January 25-26, 1989 meeting.

At least 50 participants are expected to compete for a cash prize of \$500 and

merchandise worth approximately \$2,000. Winners will be determined by the most points received based on the length of fish caught. The proposed entry fee is \$25.

In making its decision, the Commission must consider what impacts the proposed tournament might have on the fishery and aquatic resources

of the area.

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks will be soliciting comments from persons interested in, or potentially affected by, the derby through January 6, 1989. Comments should be sent to the Fisheries Division, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620.

## Forest Service Payments up in counties

Missoula, MT: Forty-seven counties in Montana, northern Idaho, eastern Washington, western South Dakota, and North Dakota will share in payments totaling \$15,475,393.81 which is 25 percent of the FY 1988 revenue earned by the National Forests within the Northern Region.

Payments were up considerably in Missoula, Lake and Powell counties over FY 1987 payments. Missoula County received \$358,415 for FY 1988 (FY 1987 was \$279,057); Powell County received \$362,275 for FY 1988 (FY 1987 was \$251,803); and Lake County received \$166,301 (FY 1987 was \$89,073).

Forest Service revenue is from timber sales, grazing fees, land-use fees, recreation charges, utility fees, mineral revenues, and admission and user fees. The base from which shares were figured also includes credits made to timber purchasers for building roads, salvage sale fund collections, and sale area betterment collections.

Regionally, National Forest revenues increased 13 percent comparing FY 1988 with FY 1987. The Flathead and Deer Lodge National Forests share of receipts show increases which can be attributed to accelerated logging activity due to improved market conditions and 5-year extension programs nearing completion.

In contrast, other Forests show reductions into the counties due to the sales selected for logging by timber companies. Reduced volume available on certain forests also appeared to have an effect on companies moving to other forests.

Counties share in the receipts of the individual National Forests in accordance with the acreage of National Forest within the county.

## Turkey hunting areas expanded

A new western Montana turkey hunting area with 25 more special hunting permits is on tap for turkey hunters this spring if the Montana Fish and Game Commission adopts the tentative 1989 Spring Turkey Hunting Regulations in January.

The new turkey hunting area will lie along the St. Regis and lower Clark Fork rivers in Mineral and western Missoula counties in deer and elk hunting districts 200, 201 and 202.

In addition, the tentative spring turkey regulations, set by the commission in Bozeman on December 9, call for an expansion of spring turkey hunting in central and eastern Montana in areas where special hunting permits are not required.

The spring turkey hunting season is tentatively set to run from April 15 through May 7, 1989.

Copies of the tentative spring turkey hunting regulations can be obtained from the DFWP, Wildlife Division, 1420 E. Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620. For more information, call 406/444-2612.

## Meadow Gold sponsors youth exchange

High school juniors from virtually every high school in Montana will have an opportunity to become personal participants in Montana's Centennial Year Observance, through a special program sponsored by Meadow Gold Dairies and the Montana Statehood Centennial Commission.

This "Centennial Youth Ambassador Program" is slated for April 15-29, 1989, when two juniors, one boy and one girl, from every participating high school in western Montana will spend two weeks living and attending a high school in eastern Montana, and vice versa.

Exchange periods will include speaking engagements at schools, civic groups and local media interviews with exchange students.

Any high school wishing to participate may select ambassador delegates for the exchange.

Ambassador students will essentially "swap places" with each other by attending the same classes in the new school. Size of schools will not be taken into consideration when exchanges are assigned, so that it is possible that a student from Billings might change places with a student from Plains.

Parents/guardians of students will, as a rule, serve as host families to exchange students. If other host families are needed, the local or nearest Rotary Service Club will arrange for suitable housing. However, it will be the responsibility of the hosting school to confirm hosting families.

Meadow Gold Dairies will pay for students' transportation costs from bus terminal to bus terminal.

## Mens' basketball

by Michael Biggins

The two first place teams stayed tied at the close of the fall season by easily beating their opponents.

Craig Tanner's Trickshooters ran roughshod over Dominic Casano's Hitmen by the score 98-66.

Kent Hane's Hoopsters put the poor shooting Ballbouncers away, 94-64.

I would like to thank Jeremy Hebnes and Lori Hane for scoring the games, Roger Perrier for being our scorekeeper and the weekly extra man for some of the teams. I would also like to thank all of the players on the four teams. This was our first basketball league in Seeley Lake, and although there were a few hurdles to jump, I believe we accomplished the main goal—to have a good time playing basketball.

Final standings:

	Won	Lost
Hane	9	3
Tanner	9	3
Biggins	4	8
Casano	2	9

## Co-rec basketball

by Michael Biggins

In the past I have put out calls asking for all good men who can dribble to sign up on teams for a men's basketball league. The reality is that I need to change that a little and ask for all good men and women who can dribble to sign up if they are interested in playing on a basketball league.

Sometimes we had trouble putting four teams on the court with enough players during the men's fall league. As is sometimes the case when men try to do something without women, we do not always succeed. My wife says, "That is always the case." Well, whatever the case, I am trying to put together a winter co-rec basketball league that will play January through March. If you are interested, give Michael Biggins a call, 677-2166 (evenings).



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## Surtax expires Dec. 31 More money in your pocket

Montanans will have more take-home pay next year, when the 10 percent state surtax expires December 31, 1988. Montana Department of Revenue officials said today.

The surtax was enacted by the 1987 Montana Legislature for calendar years 1987 and 1988. Governor Ted Schwinden's Executive Budget for Fiscal Years 1990-91 recommends a balanced budget without continuing the surtax.

With the expiration of the surtax, state tax withholding tables will be revised. A single worker with an annual

income of \$20,000 can expect a \$76 increase in take-home pay; while a family of four with an income of \$35,000 will gain \$141 annually without the surtax.

The Department of Revenue will send out a tax booklet with the new 1989 tax tables at the end of December. The booklet will be mailed to all businesses registered with the Department's Business Tax section. Business owners who do not receive the booklet by the second week of January may order one by calling 406/444-3388.

## Estimated tax payments due Jan. 17

The Internal Revenue Service reminds people who make estimated tax payments that the fourth installment for 1988 is due on January 17, 1989.

The payment should be sent to the IRS along with the fourth quarter voucher from Form 1040ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals. To be sure that the payment is properly credited to your account, write your social security number and the words, "1988 Form 1040ES" on the check.

Usually, people who are self-employed or who have income not

covered by withholding, such as interest, dividends, or rental income, are required to make estimated tax payments. If you had two jobs at the same time this year or were laid off and received unemployment benefits, you may need to make estimated payments. A good rule of thumb, the IRS says, is to make an estimated tax payment by the January deadline if you expect to owe \$500 or more in federal tax at the end of this year. To avoid a penalty, you must pay at least 90 percent of your tax liability this year.

## SPORTS CALENDAR BOYS BASKETBALL

**Seeley-Swan High School**  
December 22, 5:00/6:30  
Flathead Christian - JV & Jr. Hl at Seeley  
December 23, 6:00  
Two Eagle River A&C at Seeley  
January 6, 6:00  
Lincoln A&B at Seeley

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Swan Valley Elementary School**  
January 5 4:30  
Seeley 1 A & B at Swan Valley

### BOYS BASKETBALL

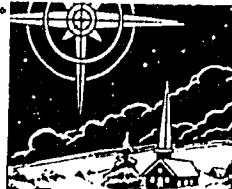
**Seeley Lake Elementary School**  
Augusta at Seeley High  
December 22, 5:00  
Flathead Christian at Seeley High  
January 5, 4:30  
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January 7, 11:00  
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## A poem for Christmas

It's Christmas time in Seeley Lake,  
a delightful time of year;  
It's when the shortbread cookies bake  
and short ribs from our deer.

When snow comes down in heavy flakes  
six inches at a time.  
When Andrew's snowman that he makes  
enjoys the winter clime.

The heavy pine smell from the mill  
makes breathing very pleasant;  
With every breath we get our fill  
of nature's perfume fragrant.

It's time to burn the dead lodgepole,  
and warm ourselves with mill ends;  
When the cold sneaks in the small  
keyhole,  
and the draft our feet offends.

It's nature call to read a book,  
or watch the summer reruns,  
To put a turkey in to cook,  
or mend the tattered homespuns.

For some to seek a cooler sport  
of snowmobiles or dog sleds;  
For kids to build a deep snow fort  
or ride the hills in bobsleds.

## PASSAGES

D. Paul Hickman, pastor  
Fundamental Baptist Church

It's time to count the blessings too,  
of a year that's quickly passing;  
To seek for something tried and true  
as we see our days amassing.

For God has not in this last year  
His people e'er forsaken;  
His ear was bent for Him to hear  
our call when we were shaken.

The winter has a special chill  
for the one who must sit alone;  
Who has his hands on the window sill,  
or her eyes upon the phone.

Make this winter a special treat,  
if you know such a shut-in;  
A Christmas gift that can't be beat,  
a light that you can let in.

A bag of groceries and a smile,  
a carol and a gift too;  
Take off your shoes and stay awhile,  
for friendship has no curfew.

-D. P. H.

## Catholic Church Christmas mass

The Catholic communities of the Seeley-Swan Mission have a special Christmas mass schedule: Condon Christmas Eve mass, 5:00 p.m., Saturday, December 24, Faith Lutheran Church; Seeley Lake Christmas Eve mass, 8:00 p.m., Saturday, December 24, The Living Water Catholic Church; and Condon Christmas Day mass, 10:00 a.m., Sunday, December 25 at The Sycamore Tree.

Confession schedule: Seeley Lake, December 23, 7-9:00 p.m. at The Living Water Catholic Church; Condon, December 24, 1-3:00 p.m. at The Sycamore Tree.

Members of The Living Water Catholic Church will trim a Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. Parishioners and guests are asked to come early and please bring tree ornaments and hooks to trim the tree.

On Sunday, January 1, 1989, the New Year's day mass will be celebrated at regular Sunday hours: Condon, 8:45 a.m., Faith Lutheran Church and Seeley Lake, 11:00 a.m., The Living Water Catholic Church.

## Senior Nutrition Program Menu

The following noon meals, which are open to the public, will be served next week promptly at noon on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. Reservations please, 677-2008.

Monday, December 26  
Holiday - No Meal  
Tuesday, December 27  
Sausage Gravy & Biscuits  
Wednesday, December 28  
Meatballs

Bingo, sponsored by the Senior Citizens, is on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7pm at the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

## Stork Report

Congratulations to Bill and Terry Bronson on the birth of a new baby boy. Travis Bronson was born December 7 and weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

## Cornucopia *by Millie Jette*



The holidays are a special time for letting good friends and neighbors know you care. This year, make them one of those festive yuletide food gifts. Rich Chocolate Pumpkin Truffles and Holiday Almond Treats are scrumptious little sweets, perfect for yuletide indulgences. Both are easy to make and should be prepared ahead to allow the flavors to blend to the fullest.

### Rich Chocolate Pumpkin Truffles

2-1/2 cups crushed vanilla wafers	1 cup ground almonds, toasted
3/4 cup sifted powdered sugar,	2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 cup (6 ounces) chocolate pieces	1/2 cup Libby's Pumpkin
1/3 cup coffee liqueur or apple juice	

In medium bowl, combine vanilla wafer crumbs, ground almonds, 1/2 cup powdered sugar, and cinnamon. Blend in melted chocolate, pumpkin, and coffee liqueur. Form into one-inch balls. Refrigerate. Dust with remaining 1/4 cup powdered sugar just before serving.

### Holiday Almond Treats

2-1/2 cups crushed vanilla wafers	1-3/4 cups ground almond toasted
1/2 cup sifted powdered sugar	1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 cup Libby's Pumpkin Pie Mix	1/3 cup almond liqueur or apple juice

In medium bowl, blend vanilla wafer crumbs, 1 cup ground almonds, powdered sugar, add cinnamon. Stir in pumpkin pie mix and almond liqueur. Form into 1-inch balls. Roll in remaining 3/4 ground almonds. Refrigerate.

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POSITION OPEN FOR SEELEY LAKE WATER DISTRICT MANAGER. Pick up job description and application at office in REA building, north of Seeley Lake, weekdays, 8:30am to 12:30pm. Deadline for application return: 12/27/88.

**NOTICES**  
PTA COMMUNITY CALENDARS are here! Pick up at Glen's Automotive now till January.  
NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN for one 3-year position on the Board of Trustees of the S.O.S. Health Center. Persons interested come by Health Center for petition of nomination or call 677-2277 for more information.

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This advance notice is given to afford all interested parties time to examine the sale area before winter weather makes reasonable examination impracticable. Information and maps concerning the sales may be obtained from the District Ranger, Swan Lake Ranger District, P.O. Box 370, Bigfork, Montana. Final minimum rates, bidding provisions, and other sale conditions will be announced at the time of final advertisement.

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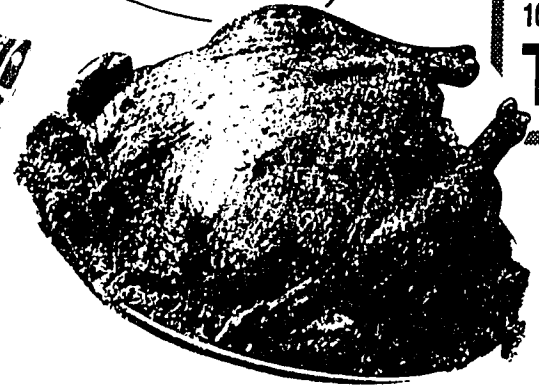
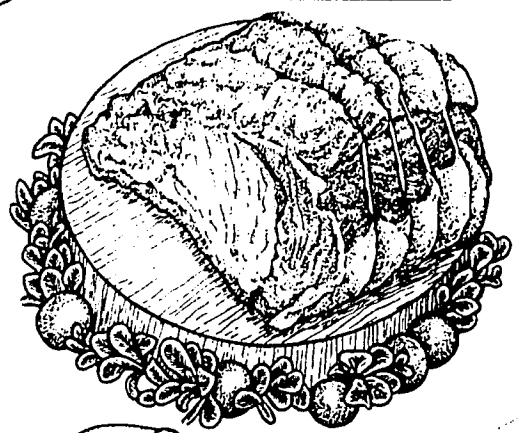
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