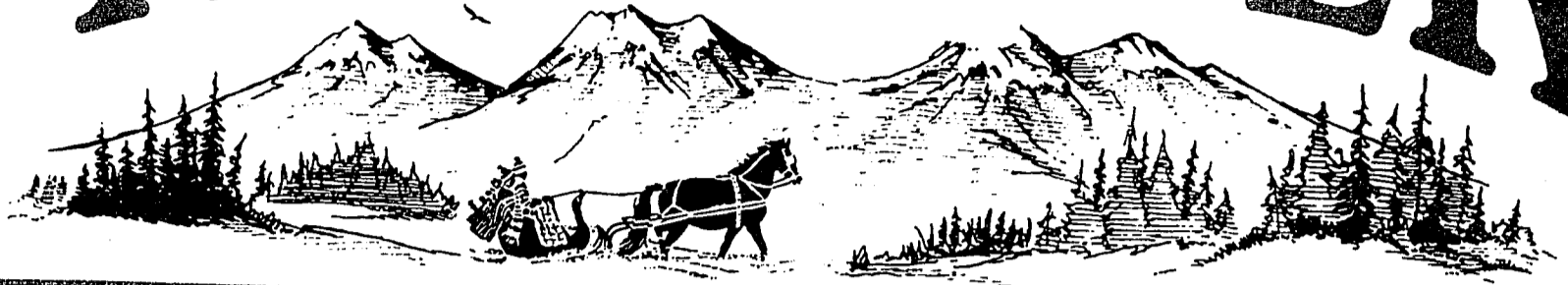


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Education, taxes, natural resource issues

Legislature faces a host of issues

By Suzanne Vernon

State legislators all across Montana are preparing to tackle some of the state's toughest problems when they go to work next week in Helena. The 51st session of the Montana Legislature begins January 2.

Funding for education will top the list of concerns, along with taxes and natural resources issues.

According to Rachel Vielleux, Missoula County Superintendent of Schools, there are dozens of educational funding alternatives that will be discussed during the legislative session. However, she said, Governor Schwinden's proposal will probably be the most talked about.

The Governor's proposal, part of which has the support of Nancy Keenan, newly elected Superintendent of Public Instruction, asks for a statewide levy of 140 mills to provide the state's portion of school funding. The proposal is positive, Vielleux said, because it includes a cap on spending for the districts with a greater tax base. "Our districts (Missoula County) will have more money available," she said.

The Governor's proposal would raise the school levy in the Swan Valley by 8 mills; but in Seeley Lake, the levy would drop by 20 mills.

In the Swan Valley, the other, more controversial portion of the Governor's proposal would actually create a drop in the levy.

"He (Governor) is asking that 'elementary schools be unified with their high schools,'" Vielleux said. "They used the word unified rather than the big 'C' word—consolidation."

With consolidation, Swan Valley residents, for example, would see an increased levy of 8 mills locally, but a decrease of 22 mills for the high school levy—a net decrease, Vielleux said.

But school consolidation "doesn't have a snowball's chance in hell," Vielleux exclaimed. "It just doesn't make sense to have one giant school district making decisions for all of our smaller schools," she added.

Vielleux speculates that the Governor's proposal will be a good starting

place as legislators try to solve school funding problems. The consolidation portion of his proposal, however, will probably see plenty of revision in committee, she said.

In other issues, local outfitters expect to make several trips to Helena this winter. Conservation groups have already begun to ask for changes in the way big game permits are issued to non-residents hunters. Current law allows a specified number of non-resident permits to be set aside for outfitter clients.

The Environmental Quality Council has already been asked to draft several versions of a Forest Practices Law, which, if enacted, would have a tremendous impact on the timber industry in the state. Details of the legislation have not yet been made public.

Debate over a sales tax, the possible elimination of property taxes, and the issue of gambling are all topics which are sure to come up during this session of the legislature, according to Janet Moore, House District 65 Representative from Condon. Moore has been in Florida recently, helping to care for her brother-in-law, who is suffering from terminal cancer. According to Janet's husband, Bud, the family is trying to arrange an air ambulance to fly Janet's brother-in-law from the veterans hospital in Miami to Montana. The brother-in-law has asked to be allowed to spend his last days in the Swan Valley.

Newly elected State Senator, Bob Pipinich from District 33, was not available for comment Tuesday morning. Senator Pipinich is now working at Stone Container Corporation, and will be taking a leave of absence from his job their to work in Helena during the legislative session.

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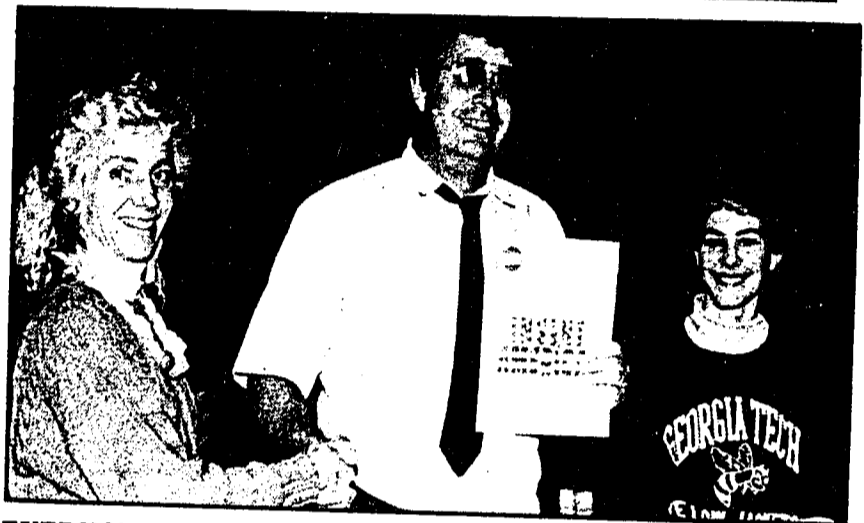
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EVERYONE WINS—Debbie Fassnacht, left, received a \$500 classroom grant. John Hebnes, Seeley Lake Elementary principal accepts a \$1000 grant for the school, and Kia Jette was awarded \$200 in the Invent America program.

—Kathy Davis Photos

Young inventor inspired by accident

By Kathy Davis

Kia Jette is probably the only 12-year-old in Seeley Lake that will be applying for a patent.

She was selected as the 1988 state award winner for the "Invent America" competition with her design of an arrowhead protector.

Kia's inspiration for her invention came when her brother, Jeff, had a serious accident with an arrow tip as he was assembling the razor-sharp tip into the shaft of an arrow.

His accident required 25 stitches.

On the way to the hospital, a very concerned Kia thought of designing some kind of protector. As a result of her accomplishment, she received a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond and congratulatory letters from President-Elect George Bush and Montana congressman, Pat Williams.

Kia is the daughter of Caroline Jette, Seeley Lake, and Frank Jette, Swan Valley.

Kia probably will use the money for college. "I'd really like to spend in on clothes," she added.

This is the third year for participation in the "Invent America" program, sponsored by Pepsi Corp. and other businesses.

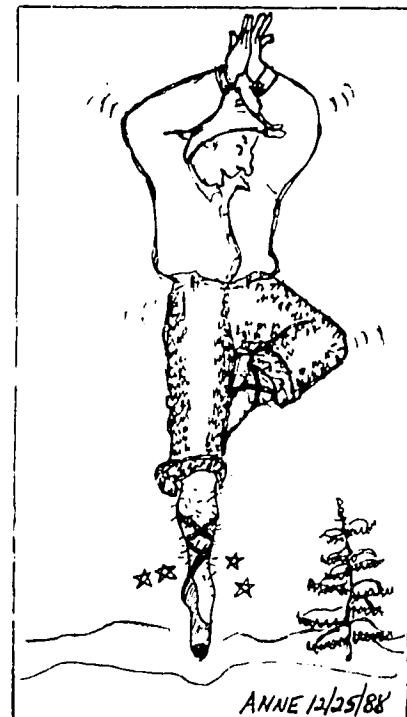
Science teacher Debbie Fassnacht was awarded a classroom grant of \$500 and the school a \$1000 grant.

In January Fassnacht and Gayle Gordon, fourth grade teacher, will travel to Washington D.C. to attend an Invent America creativity conference.



—Kia Jette—
with arrowhead protector
invention

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Editorial comment

A Christmas passes . . .

All too soon it's over. Our first Christmas in the Seeley Swan. In year's past we've been almost glad when the holiday ended, sighing with relief when the annual battle with traffic and shopping mall crowds was over.

This Christmas has passed more gently. It's been a busy time with all the activities, but the pace has been more in tune with the season of snow that covers our landscape and quiets the noise.

This has been our first white Christmas in many years and we stole a day to play. The dog and the kids carved a track down the hill, upsetting the sled on a rock too large for the fresh powder to cover.

A machine on skis carried us swiftly up winding, mountain roads, unfolding a panorama of white-capped forests sheltering mule deer browsing in lower elevations.

The Swans and the Missions with their harsh peaks starkly white against a blue blanket of sky inspired wonder of the Maker of all this as our eyes kept straying from the road in front of us to sweep the horizon.

When the sun dropped behind the peaks and the temperature fell, we soaked up the warmth of neighbors and friends in sharing a cup of hot cider, the babble of Christmas cheer, and a table of freshly baked bread.

We grabbed pleasure in choosing a hand-made gift, crafted locally, to place under the tree. And, singers and young Christmas carolers reminded us of the religious significance of the time.

We've enjoyed being here with you this season. It's a Christmas that has passed all too quickly.

—Gary Noland

Silent nights, squeaky snow

Snow fell quietly on December 23, welcoming the Christmas holiday with fat snowflakes. The wind was calm, with barely a breeze to tease the edges of the white curtain. On Christmas Eve the moon pierced the night, lighting a few flakes as they glittered. At midnight, the numbers below sixteen inches on the snow stick were buried in white.

By Christmas Day the mercury dropped well below zero and stayed there. The snow had settled from fluffy to crunch. When we finally pulled on our boots and ventured outside, the white stuff squeaked beneath our feet.

I love winter. The cold wraps the woods in frosted frames. The afternoon sun begs us to gather our sleds and hike up the hill. It's impossible not to smile when the polarized rays dance through the trees and make the branches sparkle. The icy air is still. The blue sky that begins where the shining mountain ends, goes on forever.

We found plenty of company outdoors during the holiday. Tracks of the snowshoe hares led us to small hollows in the brush. A trail made by smaller, bounding, feet told us where a marten had spent the day. The chickadees followed us, curious about weeds and seeds where we had tramped near the willows.

The deer and elk are enjoying the fruits of the wind storm two weeks ago. Every downed lodgepole has been pawed and stripped clean of the black moss that grew on the branches. In other areas, we saw where the elk had stretched their necks to nibble the "witch's hair" hanging from healthy, upright trees. You could see where the hooves of the elk had scraped the bark as they reached for their supper.

Last night, before we buttoned the house for the night, we stepped outside

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon
Swan Valley

to look at the stars. The snow again squeaked as we gathered an arm-load of wood. As we paused on the steps, the woods were soon silent—no Santas, no sleighs, no reindeer. We welcomed winter with a long drink of clean air, and a sleepy sigh of thanks.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing our friends and patrons all the health and happiness 1988 has to offer!

GLEN'S AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE

Another viewpoint— Who's to blame?

To the Editor:

Keith Hammer, of the Swan View Coalition, where does the blame lie? Of three parties involved I really would not say the U.S. Forest Service is totally at fault. They are the middlemen trying to please all the parties as best they can in a heated dispute over use of public lands.

I doubt the blame would fall on the sawmills themselves, as they are learning how "to play the game" of swaying public opinion just to stay alive.

So, of the three parties involved, there seems to be only one obvious candidate. Since you call them environmentalists, I shall, too.

To sway public opinion you must present an unfounded amount of literature to back your attacks. The literature must be factual but can be presented in a misleading manner. Statements such as "the Flathead National Forest had 34 timber sales, free of appeals," suggest there are more than enough timber sales if they were bid upon. Tell us instead how many million board feet were in the sale. How long would these sales operate a mill such as Darby Lumber Co. or Stoltze-Conner in Darby? Tell us how many sales were actually let out and how many did get appealed. Was it economically feasible for the mill to show a profit after hauling the timber 200 or 300 miles? These questions need to be answered in order to give a proper view of the problem, unless you are trying to simply sway public opinion.

The public you are trying to win are reasonable, sensible people. They look at Yellowstone Park and the "former" Scapegoat Wilderness and ask, "What do you mean let it burn?"

Then, the so-called environmentalists try to pacify the public by finding a so-called professional to stand up and say, "It looks bad now, but this is actually good." If it's so good, why were controlled burns outlawed?

The only two things that were good about these fires and the terrible injustice in them was that they finally woke up some people and they are not liking what they see happening.

So, "blame" I can say, of the 3 parties, the so-called "environmentalists" are the major shareholder.

Steven M. Schaller
Seeley Lake

More disagreement with water board

To the Editor:

This letter addresses the Water Boards' statement that the water district is not so financially sound. It states that there was a loss of \$30,015.70. Hogwash!

The \$30,000 loss is as phony as a three-dollar bill. The record used by the board shows an income of \$124,456.94. It also shows a total expenditure of \$106,638.13. The difference \$17,818.44. This is money to the good!

Consider this: the board had more than \$70,000 of the people's money stashed away at the beginning of the year; they spent at least \$25,000 fixing leaks; they did not dip into the \$70,000; and they still managed to have \$17,000 left over! I stand corrected — THE DISTRICT IS NOT FINANCIALLY SOUND — IT'S FAT!! The people are getting ripped off. The district took in at least \$40,000 more than was needed. Lets reduce rates and charges!

The board's letter prompted me to obtain records for the 10 report periods. I have made a superficial analysis of them. I conclude that the records are: "hard to understand"; "misleading"; "inaccurate"; and "insufficient."

Let me give an example — the first report gives a year-to-date value for water sales - district. If the report brought forward the sales from the first of the year then the sales were down a lot in the first of the year. Looking further, the Expense item — "utilities". No utilities were paid until the second report. Strange! Next — "salaries". The salary paid out for the first three months is about the same as it is for each month thereafter. I looked at many other items and concluded that the first report period did not bring forward all the data. Therefore the starting YTD values are wrong. This means that every entry other than 0 in all forty pages are wrong. I have documented many cases that support my conclusion and they are available to anyone that will send a self-

addressed and stamped envelope.

My last conclusion was that the reports are "insufficient." I can recall many times various board members complained that the reports were useless to them when they are trying to understand the financial conditions. I recall one article in the Pathfinder where one board member was reported having concern that the district was going broke and maybe we should refinance.

I understand the frustration. These reports do not show retained earnings, cash flow, change in assets, change in liabilities or the change in people's equity. Without these disclosures, how can the board judge the financial state of the district?

My next letter will address 'Hydrants with insufficient pressure and storage that is marginal.'

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

Events

- January 13-15, Yamafest at Seeley
- January 21-22, 'Race to the Lake' Dog sled races at Holland Lake
- January 26-29, '200' Sled Dog Race at Seeley
- February 4, OSCR Cross-country ski event
- February 11, Governor's Centennial '500' Dog sled race

Public Meetings/Clubs & Organizations

- December 28, SL Water Bd, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake
- December 29, TOPS, 10am, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake
- January 3, Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce meets, 7pm, Com. Hall
- January 3, Seeley Lake Women's Club meets 1:30pm, Com. Hall
- January 3, Salmon Prairie-Swan Lake Elem. Bd. meets

Other

- School Christmas Breaks: -December 21 through January

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Area students on honor rolls

Mitchell Vocational Technical School in Mitchell, South Dakota, has announced their Fall, 1988 quarter honor roll.

David Friede, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Friede of Ovando, Montana is on the Superior Honor Roll in the Power Line Construction & Maintenance program. This honor roll is based on a GPA of 3.5 and above.

The University of Montana announces that 1,500 students made the 1988 fall quarter Dean's List (3.5 or above). Of those students, 657 earned a grade-point of 4.0 (straight A).

Receiving straight A's for the fall quarter were area students Linda Bowers of Seeley Lake, majoring in elementary education, and Cosie Johnson of Greenough, also majoring in elementary education.

Barbara Raible of Condon, majoring in forestry, received a GPA of 3.5 or above.

Two SSHA students chosen Academic all-state

by DeAnna Dreyer

Recently two students of Seeley-Swan High School were chosen for Academic All-state for the fall quarter of 1988.

The recipients were Debbie Johnson, daughter of Dennis Johnson of Seeley Lake and Pat Johnson of Missoula and Tom Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Marx of Seeley Lake.

Debbie was a varsity girls basketball player. She received a 4.0 for the fall quarter. Tom was a varsity football player and received a 3.6 for the fall quarter.

The award is given to high school athletes who earn a varsity letter in a MHSAA sponsored sport and attain a 3.5 or better grade point average during their current sports quarter.



Local Five Valley Coalition ladies delivered turkeys to families in the Seeley Swan area. Front row, from left, are Joan Dellwo, Dixie Meyer, Deann Gehrke, Patti Bartlett Dunlap, and Geri Dellwo. At left in back row are Diane Parker, Rhea Johnson, and Becky Gehrke.

-G. Noland Photo

National forests report on Christmas trees

Commercial Christmas trees are sold by the Forest Service in the fall by sealed or oral bids. Last year (fiscal year 1988) 33,565 Christmas trees valued at \$70,075 were sold for commercial harvest and personal use.

MCHS Band to Rose Parade

The Missoula High School Band has received an invitation to march in the 101st Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA on January 1, 1990. The invitation was issued by phone on November 29, 1988 by Ed Pearson, Chairman of the Tournament of Roses music committee.

Five Valley Coalition members distribute turkeys

A local working committee of the Five Valley Economic Coalition coordinated with the Missoula chapter in an effort called "Turkey Day," to distribute to the needy over 300 turkeys for Christmas.

Last Thursday the local committee distributed 16 turkeys to families in the Seeley Swan area.

The Five Valley Economic Coalition was formed by a group of citizens concerned over natural resource issues.

Pattie Dunlap of the local committee said the coalition is people helping people, communities helping communities.

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January 5, 4:30
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January 7, 10:00
Swan Valley A & B
at Helmsville
January 7, 2:00
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Marion E. Gordon-Helmville

Marion E. Gordon, 87, of Helmsville, died of natural causes Saturday, December 24, 1988 at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

She was born August 6, 1901, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to William and Johanna Ryan. She attended schools in Yakima, Washington, Ovando and graduated from Powell County High School in Deer Lodge. After attending colleges in Dillon and Missoula, she started teaching in 1922. She taught in rural schools in Powell and Granite counties until retiring in 1963.

On May 26, 1925, she married James Gordon in Deer Lodge. They lived in the Helmsville area since their marriage.

She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella and St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Balzarini, Billings; a sister, Alyce Reichelt, Fort Shaw; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1952, a daughter, Connie, in 1977 and a grandson, John Nelson, in 1985.

Mass of the Resurrection will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 29, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. Thomas Fenlon as celebrant. Burial will follow at Helmsville Cemetery under the direction of Jewell Funeral Home of Deer Lodge.

Bible rosary will be recited 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

The family suggests memorials to the church.

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Sometimes it's hard to give it away as this youngster looks rather suspiciously on Santa Claus and the treats he passed out.

Not everyone paid attention to the choir director when the Swan Valley Christian singers sang carols in front of Dan's Discount.

Remiscent of "Fiddler on the Roof," but Rod Kvamme and Chris Wallace went no higher than the loft at The Stage Station to entertain with classical strains while Frank and Geri Netherton of The Stage Station provided drinks of hot apple cider for everyone



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THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS at Swan Valley Elementary nearly stole the show last week during the school's annual Christmas program. Pictured from left to right are Erika Styler, Crystal Wood, Brek Nebel, Shyanne Feucht, Matt Russell, Dana Vernarsky, Lindsey Matthew and Jamie Polsen. The students received lots of encouragement from (left to right) Verla Crippen, Shirle White, and Cindy Goodman (seated with their backs toward the audience).



Sandy Baker prompts her youngsters as the Seeley Lake Pre-School children, dressed in ethnic costumes, performed "Christmas Around the World" to the delight of parents and visitors

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THE SANTA CLAUS TWINS—Jonathan Matthew (far right) was one of the "twin" Santas in the third & fourth graders' Christmas play last week at Swan Valley Elementary School. The "other" Santa (far left) is played by Cody Jensen. The play was directed by teacher Diann Ericson.

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 Seth Enes, a senior at Seeley-Swan High School and Aaron Flanagan, a sophomore at Hellgate High School each won \$100 Bess Reed Memorial Awards for their art work.
 The awards are given by the Soroptomist Club. Winners are selected from those who submit three of their works to the Club's reviewing committee.
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 If you are interested in a position on the Fire Board, applications are available at the Timberline Building.
 Applications must be into the Elections Office at the Missoula County Courthouse by Thursday, 5:00 p.m., January 12, 1989.

Swan Song
 Mikael Jason Gossard
 Apparent crib death has taken the life of the infant son of Steve and Debbie Gossard of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Steve, a former resident of Seeley Lake, is assigned to Tinker Air Force Base.

Mikael Jason Gossard, born October 11, 1988 in Midwest City, Oklahoma, died at home on December 23, 1988 at the age of 2-1/2 months.
 Up until two weeks prior to his death, the baby had been a patient at the Oklahoma Children's Memorial Neonatal Hospital due to esophagus and trachea as well as other difficulties from birth.
 Maternal grandparents are Jim and Carol Opie of 3205 Princeton, Butte, Montana. Paternal grandparents are Boyd and Pat Gossard of Seeley Lake, Montana.

The funeral is tentatively set for Tuesday, December 27, 1988 in Butte. Dugan and Dolan Funeral Home in Butte is in charge of arrangements.

Baptist Church musical program
 by Pastor D. Paul Hickman

The Fundamental Baptist Church of Seeley Lake is pleased to announce the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Kent (and Debbie) Berghuis to present a musical program. They will be coming to the church on Wednesday evening, January 4, 1989, at 7:30 p.m.
 Along with their pianist, Miss Shirley Silcott, they will be presenting gospel duets, solos, and trombone solos. They are members of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Missoula and are attending Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Iowa. They are presenting a "mini-tour" to the churches of Montana while they are on Christmas vacation.
 The public is invited and encouraged to come to this special musical event. For transportation or further information, please call the Fundamental Baptist Church at 677-2268.

Statewide human interest newspaper planned

The *Montana Journal*, a regional human interest newspaper, will soon be published by Mountain Investments Corporation, a Montana corporation since 1982. Owner Mike Haser is a native of Montana, born in Malta, and currently manages Inner-Mountain Entertainment and Marketing in Missoula.

The management of the *Montana Journal* will continue to reflect the philosophy of previous issues and the *Journal's* devotion to Montana, that philosophy being to illustrate pride in Montana, in its diversity and unusual character, and, particularly, in its people, who are both interesting and capable.

The new *Montana Journal* will strive to present its readers with the same quality entertaining and non-controversial features. To this end, the *Journal* is continuing to draw articles and photos from the community at large.

New plans for the *Montana Journal* are to increase distribution state-wide, to supplement the publication with more articles and to create a new look. The *Montana Journal* in addition hopes to be the solution to some of the problems that "Made in Montana" craftspeople and other Montana business people face: (1) effective advertising distribution, and (2) cost-effective advertising rates.

The *Montana Journal* plans to offer low advertising rates for "Made in Montana" products and to be able to showcase in our publication the fine products made by area artisans and craftspeople.

The *Montana Journal* is published by IMM in Missoula, Montana, P.O. Box 4087, Missoula, Montana 59806, 406-728-5520.

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This past fall while the air turned blue from smoke over the land and disagreeable conversation arose over its use, I thought: what a blessing I'm not in control of many square miles of forest. You see, my ten acres has quickly disqualified me from the land baron category; thus, I was exempt from stewardship. It was so easy to dismiss myself from any responsibility. Laid back and being typically human, I could easily see everyone else's mistakes, but my day would arrive soon enough.

Casting a greedy developing-type eye upon "my land" I considered the three fenced acres where there was only feed for the deer, the graceful creatures seemed to sense that corner of land was theirs.

In the midst of my schemes, that gentle inner voice said: "Don't be looking over there; consider the 70% you are living upon!" My first reaction naturally was to argue with this voice of conviction. After all, weren't we supposed to subdue the land and rule over the creatures? I read that somewhere in Genesis.

My thoughts soon took me to my savings account down behind the root-cellar. There among the lodgepole are old Fords I need for parts — and tires, washing machines, scrap iron, wire and only the Lord Himself knows what all! True, I need most of it or my friends and neighbors might, but maybe I better sort it out better and haul some to the dump where it can be covered. I don't want to clutter God's space anymore than is necessary.

I had to admit that I took the Creator's goodness for granted. I soon realized that indeed my plans were not always God's plans. In my zeal to make use of everything I had forgotten to

PASSAGES
 by Dale Terrillion
 Montana Christian Loggers Association

consult the owner—the King of Creation. He not only owns the animals on a thousand hills, but the hills as well.

Once realizing that I alone am responsible for what I've been put in charge of, my stewardship has new meaning. It takes hard work and common sense planning to care for God's country. We know for certain that we will all be held accountable. We read in Second Corinthians, "For we must all appear before the Judgement seat of Christ, that each may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

I'm so thankful that a wretch like me will on that day have a mediator.

Veterans officer available Jan. 11

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, January 11, 1989: Lincoln Senior Citizens Center from 10:00—12:00 p.m.; Ovando Post Office from 1:30—2:00 p.m.; and Seeley Lake First Valley Bank from 2:45—4:00 p.m.

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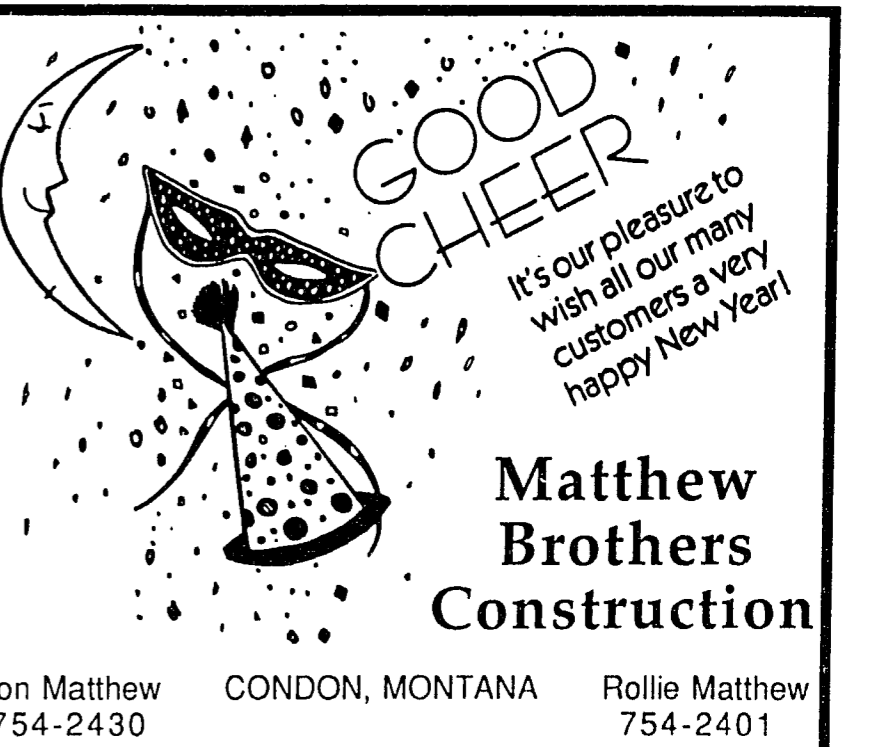
- 1 (11 3/4-ounce) package No Bake Cheesecake
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 2-3/4 cups cold milk
- 3/4 cup heavy cream, whipped
- Cranberries
- Blend together graham cracker crumbs, sugar and margarine; reserve 1 tablespoon crumb mixture. Press remaining crumb mixture on bottom and side of 9 inch pie plate; Chill
- Prepare pudding according to package directions using remaining milk. Fold in whipped cream. Spread over cheesecake. Sprinkle with reserved crumbs; Chill 2 hours or until set. Created by Faye Egan and her staff at the Nabisco Brands Consumer Food Center.

- Barbecued Beef**
- 1 pound ground beef
 - 1/4 cup water
 - 1 teaspoon dry mustard
 - 1 tablespoon oil
 - 1/2 cup catsup
 - salt to taste
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 - 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 1/4 cup thinly sliced celery
 - 1 tablespoon vinegar
 - 1 small onion - chopped
- Cook meat, onion and celery in oil, till meat is no longer red. Add other ingredients and heat to simmering point. Serve over hamburger buns. Recipe compliments of Mildred Chaffin, Seeley Lake Woman's Club Cookbook.

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