

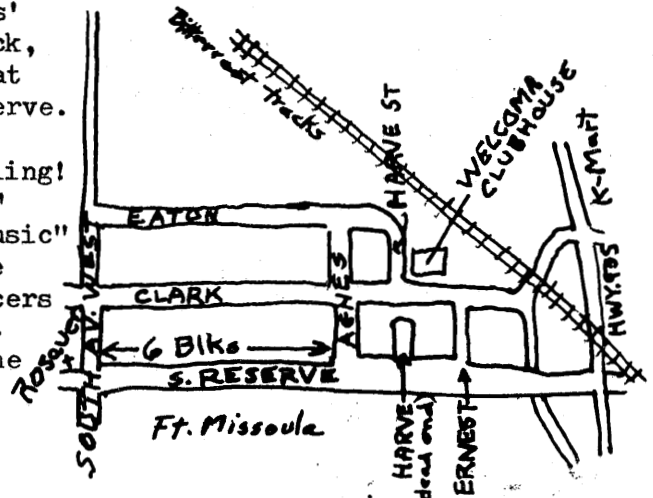
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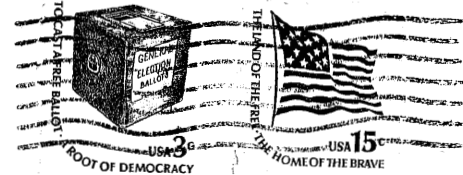
APRIL 8, WED.: The Rocky Mountaineers' April meeting will be a family pot luck, 6:30 p.m., at the Welcoma Club House at Clark and Harve Streets, just off Reserve. (See map.) A busy program includes elections, slides, summer trip scheduling! "Birds and Flowers Seen in the Spring" by Virginia Vincent, and "Slides to Music" by Arnold Finklin will be viewed. The nominating committee for 1981/82 officers will present the following candidates. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

- President - Rob Holden
- Vice President -
- Secretary - "Andy" Beals
- Treasurer - Arnold Finklin



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LOW GAP ?

We went to Low Gap...Low Gap? Mountaineers always climb to the heights! Ah, but not we five who traipsed through Packer Meadows on our cross-country skis. We managed all 4½ miles to Low Gap, where the Lolo Pass-Elk Meadows Road drops over a low ridge into the Brushy Fork drainage.

There is even, this winter of low snow pack, a sign proclaiming the saddle east of Packer Meadows as Low Gap. 'Tis a pleasant trip, rising very gradually, alternating sunny and forested areas. March 22nd it was slightly icy 'til noon, then the well-packed track softened to the consistency of wet cotton. There is an average of two feet of snow, and the visitor center attendants figured on two to three more weeks of skiing for the Lolo Pass area.

The intrepid tourists were Mary Ambrose, "Andy" Beals, Jean Pfeiffer, Betty Rosenkranz and Virginia Vincent.

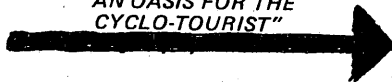
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*"Congratulations from the Mountaineers!"*

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THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS OF WESTERN MONTANA, P. O. Box 4262, Missoula, MT 59806, welcome all persons interested in hiking, camping, ski-touring, snowshoeing, river floating, bicycling, and technical climbing--summer, autumn, winter and spring. Subscription to the MOUNTAIN EAR is by membership::

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Virginia Vincent.....543-8078

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**CALENDAR**

April 4, Sat.

Bitterroot River float trip for rafters and canoeists. Suggest intermediate skill level for canoeists. Float from Chief Looking Glass Park to Lolo, 10 miles. Call Don Davidson at 543-3684 by Thursday, April 2. Meet at the K-Mart parking lot at 8 a.m.

April 5, Sun.

*(Change from March issue)*

Spring shakedown! Hike as far as you can along the north shore trail--four miles to upper end and falls. LEAVE 8:30 a.m. from K-Mart/IHOP parking lot. Pool cars for 140 mile round trip, and share gas costs. Leader, Virginia Vincent, 543-8078.

April 5, Sun.

Here's your chance to plant Douglas fir and Ponderosa pine without a Forest Service contract. To wit, Myra Bair needs 20 enthusiastic characters to plant 100 trees each on her East Missoula property on the side of Mount Jumbo. The event will begin Sunday a.m. Your reward--lunch. Call Myra at 728-3616 for directions. Such a deal!

April 11, Sat.

Moderate walk, appropriate for families, with Barbara McElwain. Call her at 251-5753 by Thursday.

April 18, Sat.

Sleeping Child Hot Springs swimming and supper with your host, Ralph Flockerzi. Call him at 549-9986. Meet at 1 p.m. at K-Mart.

April 26, Sun. Ledge walk in Blodgett Canyon for spring flowers. Moderate difficulty, 6 miles round trip, off-trail. LEAVE at 8 a.m. from K-Mart/IHOP parking lot. Possible late return. Virginia Vincent, leader, 543-8078.

May 2, Sat. Canoe day and picnic. Call Sharon Howe, at 543-4200.

The TRAILHEAD Telemark Figure 8 Contest Sunday, April 5, at 10 a.m. Hoodoo Pass, South of Superior Anyone may enter--More information at 501 South Higgins, 543-6966

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On-Water Canoe & Kayak Demonstrations Every Saturday, 2-6 p.m. Contact The TRAILHEAD, 543-6966  
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Watch for May 17 Clearwater River Canoe Trip! Call Sharon Howe.

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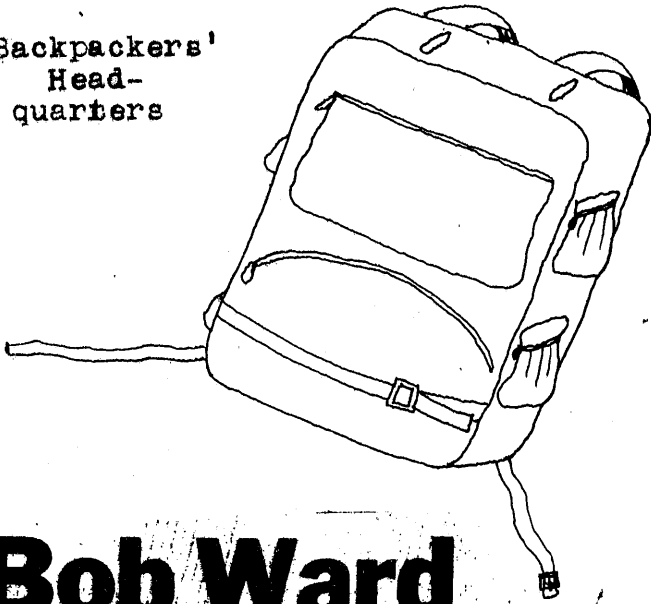


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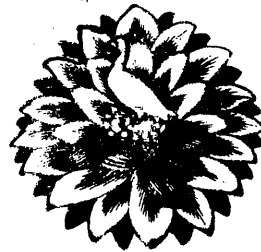
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