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Carnegie Library goes high tech

Patrons of the Big Timber Carnegie Library will notice some changes when they visit beginning Monday, October 6, the start of Library Card Sign-up Month.

One, they will be issued a library card, a first for the facility and its patrons, and two, they will see the employees scanning their selections into a new computer system being implemented at the library.

Once implemented the new system will be able to provide patrons with more detailed information about their own accounts, according to Carnegie Library Director Lauren McMullen.

McMullen and Assistant Librarian Ursula Ostneberg are looking forward to the changes the system will mean for patrons, employees and Library Board members.

Beginning Monday, patrons who come into the library will be given a library card bearing a picture of the building, as well as a smaller card which they can attach to their key chains.

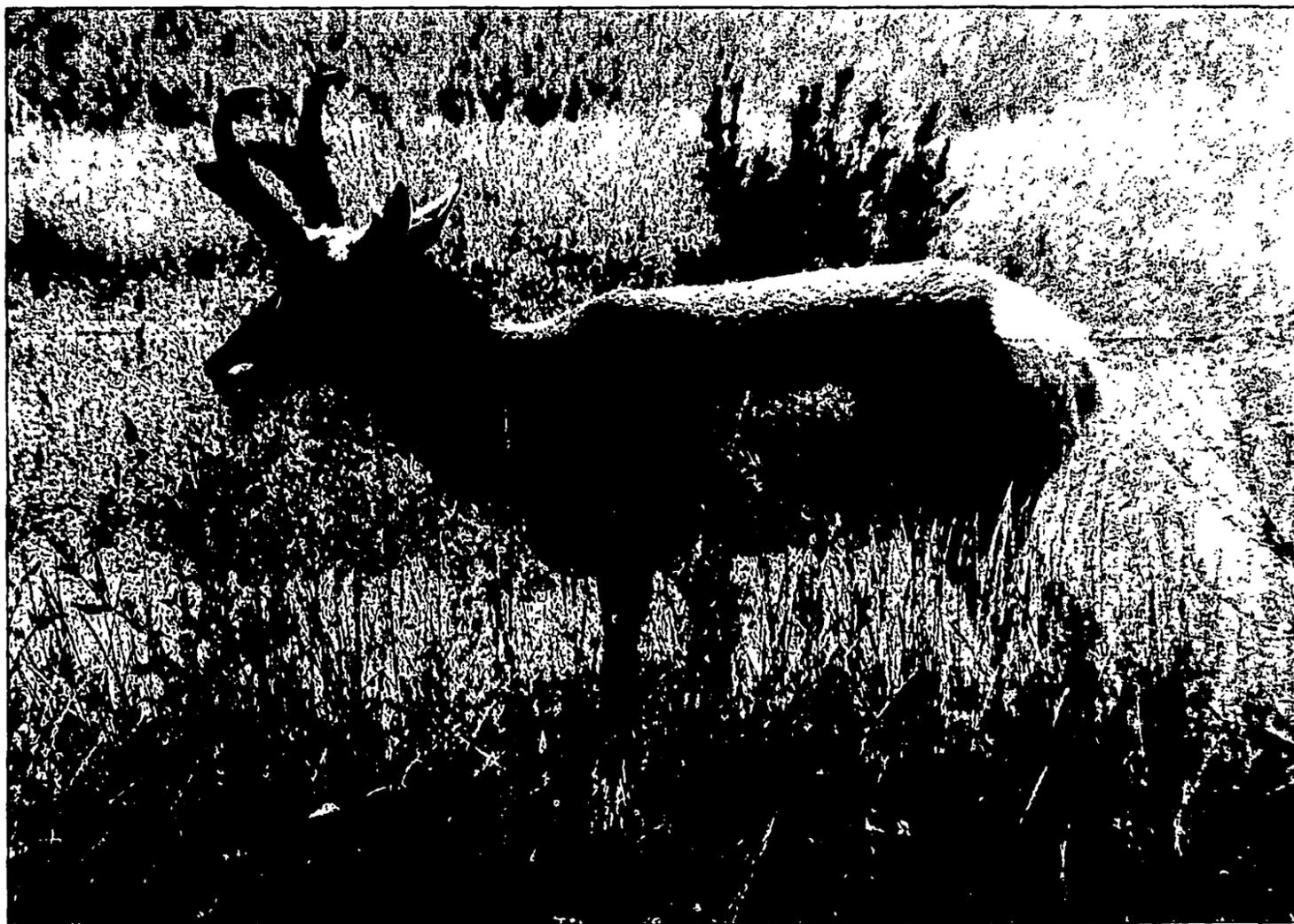
The cards resemble those distributed by some grocery stores to their frequent customers.

The library cards will be free to patrons although there will be a charge to replace a lost card.

McMullen says everyone is encouraged to get their own card, and they have enough cards in stock for every person in the county to have one. Ultimately, it will be up to parents to decide if children receive their own card. Some parents, she feels, will determine small children may not be able to keep up with a library card.

Already the new system means patrons can use their computer to access the home page for the Montana Library Network by typing in "<http://montanalibraries.org>".

Once at the home page, a listing of 23 libraries around the state may be accessed. In addition to information on the Carnegie



(Dale Oberly Photo)

Antelope everywhere

Bounding antelope abound in all corners of Sweet Grass County this fall. Take a little drive in any direction - but particularly north of Big Timber - and you'll be rewarded with a glimpse of these picturesque critters.

Warrants list publication equals tips

Results have been obtained from the Warrants List published in the August 1st Pioneer, according to Sweet Grass County Court Compliance Officer Crystal Coffey-Avey.

Coffey-Avey stated 16 warrants have been removed from the list since it was printed in newspapers in Great Falls, Helena, Bozeman, and Big Timber.

This means the person was found and the warrant served, or the person came forward and took the necessary action.

The publishing of the list also

resulted in calls from people who had new addresses or other information for some of those named.

Coffey-Avey said the Credit Bureau in Helena called as a result of the publication of a partial list in a Helena paper.

They were able to furnish current addresses for three of the people listed.

Six additional calls were received from other sources, including some family members of those listed.

When her office receives updated

information on someone, Coffey-Avey stated she will send a letter to the person telling them an outstanding warrant exists.

In one instance following the publication of the list, she stated, a woman whose name was listed received her letter on Friday, called Coffey-Avey on Monday, and the warrant was dismissed on Wednesday after she had paid the fines and fees charged for contempt (If a person is issued a ticket and they do not pay the fine or settle it in court and ignore warnings they receive, they are considered to be in contempt and

extra fees are added).

To illustrate how fines can add up, Coffey-Avey tells of one man who had paid all but \$10 still owed. By the time she was able to get in touch with him, she stated, contempt charges had added \$100 to the \$10 originally owed.

Some law enforcement agencies have contacted Coffey-Avey to let her know a person named is serving time in either a prison or jail.

In a case like this, possession being nine-tenths of the law, the

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