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Missoula's intrepid bicyclists apparently are right on schedule in their effort to complete their 500-mile trip from Virginia City to Missoula via Yellowstone National Park.

Frank Winkler, 49, and his son Wesley, 17, and another 17-year-old, Thomas J. Pontrelli, all of Missoula, left Virginia City Sunday morning during a snowstorm and arrived safely in West Thumb, Wyo., in the Park at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

Reporting by postcard from West Yellowstone Monday morning, Frank Winkler, who is a night printer in the University of Montana Printing Department, said there was a "coating of frost on our sleeping bags this morning." He said the temperature reading was 30 degrees above zero in Quake Lake Camp, where they stayed Sunday night.

Tuesday afternoon the trio wrote from Canyon Village on the east side of Yellowstone Park.

"We are tired, hot and enjoying ourselves," the Winklers and Pontrelli said. The only unpleasant experience they reported was "a flat tire."

The trio is slated to camp at Wilsall or Ringling, north of Livingston, Thursday night. Also on the itinerary are stops at Townsend or Canyon Ferry Dam, Friday night, and at the MacDonald Pass Campground, west of Helena, Saturday night.

The cyclists are slated to arrive back in Missoula from their eight-day vacation jaunt on Sunday.

Young Winkler and Pontrelli will be seniors at Sentinel High School this fall.

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