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Jacobson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Jacobson, is employed as a seasonal road patrol supervisor in Glacier National Park. He and another, Ranger Lloyd Kortge, were both beaten in the incident. Kortge was treated for injuries and released.

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Kortge was knocked down but managed to reach his vehicle and get a shotgun. He returned to the bar and the attackers fled.

Witnesses said that Jacobson was knocked out, stomped on and sustained severe facial injuries. He has three fractures—chin, nose and above one eye. There was some damage to an eye socket but doctors felt that it would heal satisfactorily in time. Eight stitches were required to close cuts and blood had to be cleared from Jacobson's air passage.

Jacobson, said in a conversation with his parents Tuesday, that he did not regain consciousness until he was in the hospital. He is expected to be released from the hospital later this week and will return home. He had intended to attend the reunion of the Polson High School class of 1987 on Sunday.

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