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JOB OPENING NOTICE OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE: Safety and Loss Control Assistant

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative (OTEC) with headquarters in Baker City, Oregon, has an immediate opening for a Safety and Loss Control Assistant in its Baker City office. This position provides efficient and effective administrative functions and support to the Safety and Loss control department that promotes positive public relations and service to our members as well as OTEC employees. High school diploma or equivalent and a minimum of four years of general office experience is required. Applicants must demonstrate proficiency with all Microsoft Office Products to include; Word, Publisher, Excel and PowerPoint and skills in operating general office equipment as well as file management. Minimum keyboarding speed of 60 wpm is preferred; however, quality of work is given priority. Strong skills include; both verbal and written communication, organization, planning and scheduling. Utility experience a plus.

All interested parties are required to apply through WorkSource Oregon Employment Department, Baker City Office, 1575 Dewey Avenue, Baker City, Or, 541-523-6331. The closing date is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

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LEGAL NOTICE

DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

Medical Springs Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors will hold its regular monthly board meeting at Pondosa Station, on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 7 PM to discuss fire department operations.

REAL ESTATE

HOUSE for SALE! 2 bdrm, 1 bath - Baker City - \$96,500. Indulge yourself (or your mother-in-law). Pare down but boost the style. All new inside & out. Bold design. Vibrant features. Super efficient. All electric. Easy maintenance. Minimal utility costs. Family-owned since 1987. Beautiful Kitchen. Pantry. New Appliances. Laundry. Dbl pane wdws. Fabulous electric fireplace console. Custom drapery. New furnishings are optional. Covered Redwood Deck for morning coffee in the sun. Attached garage with auto-door. Separate Storage Bldg on concrete pad. Fenced Lot 100' x 50'/Lawn/Trees/Roses/Garden space. Near stores, restaurants, pharmacies. Built in 1968. 940 sq ft plus 364 sq ft garage. Owner is moving. See Craigslist for Photos. Phone 541-523-5617.

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YARD SALES

COMMUNITY YARD SALE in Richland, OR in conjunction with Eagle Valley Days on the same day: Saturday, June 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Look for signs. Maps available at any yard sale. Antiques, generator, furniture and much more. Parade in Richland at 10 a.m., with a sale in the park and food. Also, community yard sale in Halfway, same date.

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GREAT YARD SALE! 42506 New Bridge Rd, Richland, Saturday June 20th, 9 to 3. Lots of clean, nice items in good shape. No junk! Antiques, round table, child's desk, youth bed, wicker stand up mirror, pair of beautiful parlor chairs, wrought iron head and foot board, brass head board, Laura Ashley bedding.....more, more, more!

Look for signs.
**Nine sales in Richland, two sales in Halfway.
WORTH THE TRIP!**

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Navigating the hunting unit



THE OUTDOOR COLUMN
By Todd Arriola

As I made an attempt to navigate carefully through sagebrush, grass, trees and rocks in order to search for bears and cougars in the Sumpter Wildlife Management Unit recently, I couldn't help thinking about the process of simply knowing where one is.

That is, where one is in relation to property lines and maps, not where one is at generally in life, though that topic tends to have to be addressed now and then.

At the time I was looking for these predators, I had a map of the Sumpter Unit with me handy, which shows private and public property boundaries, Unit boundaries, roads, waterways, etc. All of this information collectively helped to determine where I was at, and which route I ultimately decided to take to complete my mini safari.

I used a pickup to travel via a main road, and also to then head off onto some different roads, which were

decent roads, with a small amount of debris in the way periodically. Every road I traveled on was shown on the map, but this isn't always the case, as maps need updating from time to time.

As I drove, I thought about scenes

from the HBO crime series *The Wire*, emphasizing a question some characters would be asked. "Where are you?" was the question, to which the response was immediately expected, including an address, the correct floor of a building if applicable, and the direction they were faced or were heading. The answer might be something like "2204 Ash Street, first floor, heading east." This is a great habit to practice, not only in an urban setting, but also in the wild: awareness of your surroundings.

Fences, barbed wire or not, are objects that should automatically make one stop and think about land ownership.

They don't guarantee a change in ownership from one side to the other, and they don't guarantee there is a clear property change in general, but in most cases, they're there for a

very good reason. These can also help determine where you're located.

GPS units and other devices are a part of our modern world, and these can also be used to determine property ownership, and for location purposes. Call me old school (or maybe just a bit stubborn), but I haven't quite made the leap to regular GPS usage, or to downloading a suitable application to my cell phone (yet). If I can get my cell phone's battery to last more than half a day on a regular basis, that in itself is usually cause enough for celebration. That's something to consider when using electronic devices—always have backup.

As I made my way down one of the roads I saw on the map, I ran into (not literally) a metal gate, which was locked. That was a fairly clear sign that I had reached what appeared to be private property, not only on the map, but in general.

Also, admittedly, I knew there would be a gate, most likely locked, because I knew landowners in the area. Thus, I confirmed what the map showed, though once again, maps aren't always correct, or as precise as you'd like them to be.

The aforementioned GPS units can provide some great detail, as I witnessed last year, when I stumbled onto another hunter in the Lookout Mountain Unit

who had one such device. I had a map, and I could tell that there were different property divisions in the area where we were attempting unsuccessfully to locate antelope, but with his GPS unit, he could tell me who owned all of the properties around us. That's very handy. And, I learned that he's the brother of someone I knew in high school, a few years ahead of me. It's a small world.

One of the methods I used on my hunting trip was to walk along ridge lines, because I knew I could easily keep track of where I was going.

I didn't walk along the peaks, because I obviously didn't want to provide a silhouette of myself, but just below them. And, a compass is a very valuable tool, along with a map, or even without one.

I can't say I've always known exactly where I was at, or where I was going for that matter, but I felt a responsibility to determine that, as accurately as possible. It's an understatement to say that landowners will appreciate that consideration, and you'll avoid legal trouble as well.

Whether it's an urban or rural setting, pavement or pine trees, we all should constantly be able to answer the question, "Where are you?"

Good luck with your adventures!

—WEEKLY RECREATION REPORT—

BAKER COUNTY VIEWING

Bighorn sheep can be seen in the Burnt River Canyon west of Durkee or along the Snake River Road south of Richland. Young lambs can be seen this time of year with ewes across most of the bigbhorn sheep range. The best viewing is in the early morning and late in the

evening. Please remember to leave wildlife alone. It is crucial for their survival to keep human interactions to a minimum.

Bald and golden eagles can be seen along the Snake River. Take the Snake River Road between Richland and Huntington.

BAKER COUNTY HUNTING

Cougars can be found throughout Baker County but hunters should target areas with high concentrations of deer and elk. Setting up on a fresh kill or using distress calls can all be productive techniques. Hunters are required to check in the hide of any cougar taken, with skull and proof of sex attached. Remember to pick up a

2015 tag. Coyote numbers are good throughout the district. Try calling in early morning and late afternoon. Remember to ask for permission before hunting on private properties. Check on Forest Service Rd 39 construction and detour route information before heading out that direction.

Sniper Challenge

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The Awards Ceremony. "This town has been great," said Huisman to the group. Most of the shooters were visibly stiffer and considerably more sunburned than two days before.

Sunday at 5 p.m., after the shooting had stopped and bags of brass had been collected, the remaining participants, organizers, vendors, friends and family gathered at the National Guard Armory on Campbell Street to hear who had placed where.

About \$80K worth of prizes, from high-end suppressors to uppers and lowers, were donated by sponsors who generously support the event.

Marine legend Chuck Mawhinney, who still holds the most confirmed sniper kills among the United States Marines, said, "I've been cooking for two days!" Mawhinney provided the barbecue meal, served by his wife, Robin, and friend Deni Speelman.

A United States Marine Corps Scout Sniper with the 5th Marine Regiment in Vietnam, Pfc. Mawhin-



Photo courtesy of Cold Bore Ops

Southern Indiana's John McQuay, owner of 8541 Tactical, looks ahead to his next event.

ney is known for 103 confirmed enemy kills with 216 "probables" in the line of duty, protecting fellow Marines—in just sixteen months of action. (By comparison, Navy SEAL Chris Kyle of "American Sniper" fame had 160 confirmed kills out of 255 probables.) Mawhinney retired out of his fleet shop management position with the Forest Service here in Baker City some years back, and was surrounded by warm circles of law enforcement and military friends throughout the evening.

As names were announced, the winners were called to the front of the room in order to select their choice of prize.

First "Top Gun" and second place prizes were set aside specially, with the best shooter of the weekend walking away

with a \$6,000 rifle. This .308 caliber rifle was built by "Moon" at Crescent Customs Defiance, and featured a Proof Research carbon fiber barrel (18") and Manners T4A folding stock with mini-chassis.

Top Gun went to an Oregon State Police SWAT sniper.

Second place was earned by a member of the 1st Special Forces Group, third place to Micah Huyett of Baker City, fourth place to the 10th Special Forces Group, and fifth place to a member of the Bellevue, Washington SWAT.

Cold Bore Ops videographer and photographer, "Sam," was also given special mention for his work on the event.

Two rifle raffles, one raising \$3,950 for the Warrior Dog project and the other raising \$2K for The



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Micah Huyett (far right) takes a quick break with fellow competitors.

Green Berets, were drawn with winners residing in Seattle, Washington and Bloomington, Illinois.

Dave McCoy, Larry Solisz, and the rest of the Powder River Sportsmen's Club were also thanked for their support of the event as the evening came to a close.

Time will tell if the Oregon Sniper Challenge returns here, and if it will increase to a yearly event rather than every other year.

Already, though, there is talk of another new event in Baker City, a night shoot organized by the company, Red Frog, with assistance from Cold Bore Ops, closer to fall.

More information on



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Sgt. Mike Regan of Baker City readies for his next course of fire.

Cold Bore Ops, the Oregon Sniper Shoot and other future events can be found online at www.coldbore-ops.com.