

# OUTDOORS AND MORE!



## The Fishing Line- by Dave Curphey

I wonder if it was Captain Ahab who said "The big ones always get away". If he was, he couldn't of been any closer to the truth.

Last week my son, Josh and nephew Jimmy found a honey hole at Medco Pond while out in a canoe. They caught and released around thirty trout and a bunch of bass. Josh "claims" to have hooked into an older brood trout, about thirty inches long. He had him on for about 5 minutes and as it went under the canoe, his line snapped. Hey! He does have a witness.

Fishing from shore at Medco Pond has been slow for trout, but a lot of bluegills for the little fishermen.

Willow Lake has been fair for trout and I hear the catfish are biting good. Along the shore by the campground is good for cat fishing at night with a lantern. Be sure to bring lots of nightcrawlers and hang on tight, some cats are near twenty inches.

Lost Creek Lake has been real good for trout and some nice bass are being caught. Last week I caught several bass, one weighed in at 5 pounds, the other 3 pounds.

The Upper Rogue had a real good run of Chinook salmon, but the bite has been real slow lately. As of July 15<sup>th</sup> the count is up to nearly twenty-nine thousand over Gold Ray Dam. Also, the summer run steelhead are getting plentiful with over thirteen thousand already in the Upper Rogue.

Well folks, that was the lighter side of my report, now the dark side. Several months ago, a proposal was made to restrict the Upper Rogue from Gold Ray Dam to Cole Rivers Fish Hatchery to fly fishing only, from September 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>. I feel this is

very unfair to the vast majority of fishermen who like to "put a little meat in the freezer." Also, it would have a devastating affect on the local economy in the Upper Rogue area.

I ask you to write or call these people below and express your opinions on this matter. I am sure going to do this!

Senator Ron Wyden  
Federal Court House  
310 West Sixth Street  
Medford, OR. 97501  
(541) 858-5122

Governor John Kitzhaber  
State Capital  
Salem, Or. 97310-0370  
(503) 378-3111

Representative Susan Morgan  
730 N.E. Leon Drive  
Myrtle Creek, OR. 97457  
(541) 863-6212

Along with this proposal, there are several others, and I will post them on the bulletin board at the Butte Falls Grocery Store. Your support in keeping our local fisheries open is greatly needed.

So, until next time, good luck on your fishing.

P.S. Josh, gimme some hush money or I'll tell everybody where your honey hole is!

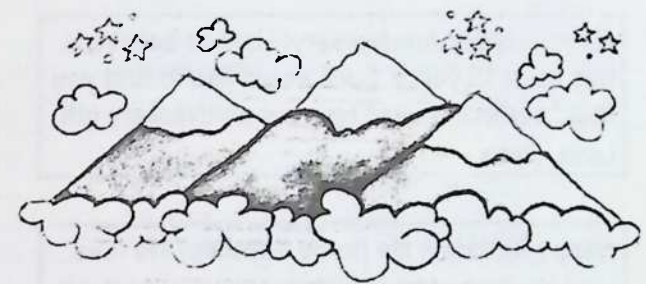
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## Scrambled McManus

The newest and possibly the last play written by Patrick McManus and performed by Tim Behrens will be at the Ginger Rogers Craterian Theater February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

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If you like stories of the outdoors, you'll love this!

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## Fisherman's Prayer

I pray that I may live to fish  
until my dying day.

And when it comes to that  
last cast, I then most  
humbly pray,

When in the Lords great  
landing net and peacefully  
asleep

That in His Mercy I be  
judged

Big Enough To Keep!

