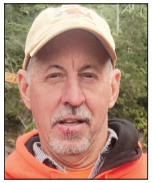


# Visions of rushing streams and wild trout



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THE NATURAL WORLD

Stream trout snuck up on me this year. It hasn't always been so. There was a time when a frantic feeling of anticipation accompanied opening day of trout fishing, when I'd wake up in the dark before the alarm went off with butterflies in my stomach.

My high school buddies and I hit a river trail before the morning sun lit up canyon walls, with a goal to be first on the water. When rivers ran high and roily, we'd hop barbed wire fences and drop a worm in feeder creeks that ran through pastures surrounded by "No Trespassing" signs — back when catching the biggest and most trout was the closest most of us got to sex.

Nowadays I'm more apt to start the season on the Umatilla River near our family cabin. The river runs bank-full, still charged with high-elevation snowmelt. Evidence of the February 2020 "100-year flood" is everywhere: brush pinned shoulder high in the crooks of streamside alder, meanders straightened, deep pools gouged out, log jams that stem the flow, and long, wide stretches of exposed cobble.

It's 6 a.m. opening day of trout season, 2021. No longer able to ignore light creeping under the window shade, I roll out of bed and start a pot of coffee. The cabin's porch thermometer reads 38 F and rain drips lightly from the metal roof. Three hours later, after a hearty breakfast of sausage, scrambled eggs, and day-old doughnut, I shove a fat log in the woodstove and head upriver. Air temperature has warmed to 42. The tops of fir trees toss in an upriver breeze.

The first stop is a braided section formed where rushing flow meets an immovable basalt formation and splits in two. To get to the



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**Dabbing a fly or using a bow-and-arrow cast to put a fly into small pools can lead to catching rainbow trout from feeder creeks when rivers run high and roily in the spring.**

best hole requires fording knee-deep water so cold my teeth chatter. The next challenge is tying a clinch knot against muted light when I put together a two-fly tandem: Renegade lead fly (its white hackle allows me to track my offering) and Prince Nymph dropper.

Light rain sprinkles the water's surface. A waterproof jacket would have been a better choice than a hooded sweatshirt. My favorite stream bird, the American dipper, chatters past. Cottonwood and willow shoots poke out from crevices of bare cobble as if to promise a riparian corridor will once again provide cooling shade for trout during the heat of summer.

The next hour is spent working current

margins, pocket pools, and shallow runs. There is no flash of trout on my best casts. I reflect back to Boy Scout days when I held "Atlas" salmon eggs in my mouth to speed up the process of re-baiting. (And a Band-Aid container stuffed with red wigglers in my canvas creel as backup.) Unfortunately, I'm stuck with a pair of wet hackle flies that trout show no interest in.

A half-mile hike warms my bones and leads me to a 50-yard-long, low-gradient pool that grandson Liam favors because it's always good for a brace of keepers. My latent casting skills improve. Trout usually look up for something to eat, but not today with dark clouds overhead and a smattering of rain.

Grandpa Harry was a smart man. "Let me know when the river comes down," he always said, as an excuse to not bring his fly rod out until an insect hatch was on the water.

Much has changed since I first wet a fly from streams that flow from the western flanks of the Blue Mountains. What was once a 10-trout harvest limit is down to two, where take is allowed. Opening day shifted forward from late April to late May and the minimum catch size of rainbow trout was increased from 6 to 8 inches. Both measures help increase the survival of steelhead smolts tardy in their seaward migration. Although these conservation practices have been in effect for more than 20 years, trout and steelhead populations remain low.

Two hours later I find myself 50 yards up a nearby tributary creek, on my hands and knees to maneuver past a majestic fir uprooted by the force of raging flow. Rainbow trout often seek temporary refuge in headwater or "feeder" creeks when mainstem discharge is high. I hooked a dozen small trout dabbing a fly in a quarter-mile stretch of the creek's stairstep pools one spring. Wash-tub-size boulders now stand on end. Shoreline vegetation is laid bare, leaving a path of loose cobble 20 yards wide. Lacking recent rainfall, the creek runs low in a newly carved channel. There's not enough water to hold a trout longer than 4 inches.

I come up empty but vow to return on a summer afternoon when the river has settled down and wild trout eagerly rise to the fly. The pleasure of opening day is not so much measured by the number of trout put in the creel as it's a welcome reminder the best days are yet to come.

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## ON THE SLATE

### SATURDAY, JUNE 5

**Prep boys basketball**  
Richland at Hermiston, 5 p.m.  
Enterprise at Echo, 11:30 a.m.  
Griswold at Cove, 6 p.m.  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Hermiston at Richland, 1 p.m.  
Enterprise at Echo, 10 a.m.  
**Prep wrestling**  
Richland, Hanford, Pasco, Chawana, Kennewick, Kamiakin, Southridge, Walla Walla at Hermiston, 9 a.m.

### MONDAY, JUNE 7

**Prep boys basketball**  
Heppner at Weston-McEwen, 7:30 p.m.  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Heppner at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 8

**Prep boys basketball**  
Pendleton at Crook County, 7 p.m.  
Ione/Arlington at Sherman, 7:30 p.m.  
Mitchell/Spray at Echo, 7:30 p.m.  
Umatilla at Nixyaawii, 7:30 p.m.  
Stanfield at Riverside, 7:30 p.m.  
McLoughlin at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Crook County at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.  
McLoughlin at Irrigon, 6 p.m.  
Stanfield at Riverside, 6 p.m.  
Umatilla at Nixyaawii, 6 p.m.  
Ione/Arlington at Sherman, 6 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

Joseph at Echo, 6 p.m.  
**Prep wrestling**  
Heppner, Irrigon at Riverside, 5 p.m.  
**Prep bowling**  
Walla Walla at Hermiston, 3:30 p.m.  
**Prep boys basketball**  
Nixyaawii at Baker, 7:30 p.m.  
Umatilla JV at Griswold, 6 p.m.  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Nixyaawii at Baker, 6 p.m.  
**Prep wrestling**  
Hanford at Hermiston, 5 p.m.  
Pendleton, McLoughlin at La Grande, TBD

### THURSDAY, JUNE 10

**Prep boys basketball**

Kennewick at Hermiston, 7 p.m.  
Riverside at Heppner, 7:30 p.m.  
Grant Union at Weston-McEwen, 7:30 p.m.  
Irrigon at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.  
**Prep girls basketball**  
Hermiston at Kennewick, 7 p.m.  
Riverside at Heppner, 6 p.m.  
Irrigon at Stanfield, 6 p.m.  
Powder Valley at Nixyaawii, 6 p.m.  
**Prep wrestling**  
Heppner at Riverside, 5 p.m.  
**Prep bowling**  
Hermiston at Richland, 3:30 p.m.  
**Prep swimming**  
Hermiston at MCC Championships, Richland, TBD  
IMC meet at Pendleton, noon

## 20 of 30 MLB teams reach 85% vaccinations

**NEW YORK** — Two-thirds of Major League Baseball's 30 teams have been able to relax coronavirus protocols after four additional clubs qualified and raised the total to 20 franchises reaching 85% vaccinations for players and other on-field personnel.

The commissioner's office and the players' association said Friday, June 4, that two additional teams reached the 85% level of

having received final doses and will be able to relax protocols within the next two weeks once they are fully vaccinated.

Relaxed protocols include dropping the requirements for facemasks in dugouts and bullpens and loosening restrictions on mobility during road trips.

MLB said 85.2% of Tier 1 individuals such as players, managers, coaches, trainers and support person-

nel had been partially or fully vaccinated, up just 0.7% from the previous week, and 82.9% had been fully vaccinated, up 1.7% from the previous week.

There were two positive tests among 9,291 tests in the past week, a 0.02% positive rate.

So far this season, there have been 64 positive tests among 185,551 tests, a 0.03% positive rate.

— *The Associated Press*

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**

A public meeting of the Boardman Urban Renewal Agency will be held on June 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm via live broadcast from the Boardman City Hall Council Chambers, Boardman, Oregon. The meeting link is located at [www.cityofboardman.com](http://www.cityofboardman.com). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as approved by the Boardman Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained from Boardman City Hall, located at 200 City Center Circle, Boardman, Oregon, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, or on the city website. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as used the preceding year.  
Contact: M. Barajas Telephone: (541) 481-9252 Email: [finance@cityofboardman.com](mailto:finance@cityofboardman.com)

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES		
	Actual Amount 2019-20	Adopted Budget This Year 2020-21	Approved Budget Next Year 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	25,856	29,000	127,900
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	2,700,000	2,000,000
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
All Other Resources Except Division of Tax & Special Levy	1,825	1,800	1,300
Revenue from Division of Tax	131,964	130,150	142,825
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>159,645</b>	<b>2,860,950</b>	<b>2,272,025</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION	FINANCIAL SUMMARY-REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM		
	Actual Amount 2019-20	Adopted Budget This Year 2020-21	Approved Budget Next Year 2021-22
Materials and Services	130,000	319,600	259,550
Capital Outlay	0	1,987,350	1,730,500
Debt Service	0	264,000	0
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
Contingencies	29,645	290,000	281,975
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>159,645</b>	<b>2,860,950</b>	<b>2,272,025</b>

Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program	STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING		
	Actual Amount 2019-20	Adopted Budget This Year 2020-21	Approved Budget Next Year 2021-22
General Operations	159,645	609,600	541,525
0.0 FTE			
Capital Outlay	0	1,987,350	1,730,500
0.0 FTE			
Debt Service	0	264,000	0
0.0 FTE			
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>159,645</b>	<b>2,860,950</b>	<b>2,272,025</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>		<b>0</b>	

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