

Trout season opens April 28

High water, cold temperatures, muddy roads and snow have never slowed anglers in the past, and poor conditions will undoubtedly not stop them this year either, when Oregon's general trout season opens on April 28. A certain amount of misery is expected for opening weekend; but it will be largely ignored because there will be lots of good fishing to go along with it.

Many of Oregon's trout waters are now open year around and most others open on April 28. But there are a variety of waters that do not open until May 26, so anglers should pick up a copy of the 1984-85 angling regulations for detailed information. The booklets are available free where hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

There are a few errors in the angling regulations that may cause confusion. For the southeast zone, beginning on page 26, there is a listing for steelhead under the "Season and Catch Limit" section. That should read trout, not steelhead. On page 24 there is a season and catch limit code of "IG" under the warmwater game fish category for the John Day River mainstem. That code should read "IL". Many waters will be stocked with catchable-sized trout before opening weekend, including many lakes and reservoirs that are open year around. But others will not be stocked until later in the season after water and weather conditions have improved. Some waters are not stocked at all, but are managed for wild fish.

This summary of prospects for the opening weekend was compiled from the reports of 22 field biologists with the Department of Fish and Wildlife whose districts cover the fishing waters of the state. Although an attempt has been made to accurately reflect water, road and campground conditions, it should be remembered that weather on the days immediately prior to the opening can have a major influence on fishing prospects.

Northeast Region
Most northeast Oregon streams do not open until May 26. Check the angling regulations for details.

Exceptions which open April 28 include Willow Creek, Rhea Creek, Butter Creek and McKay Creek above McKay Reservoir. McKay Reservoir opened March 1.

RSVP volunteers to be honored at potluck today

By NEOLA MACKEY
All volunteers are invited to come to the Neighborhood Center Thursday to the recognition luncheon for RSVP volunteers. The potluck luncheon is being planned for noon today, April 26.

Wednesday May 2 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. the County Health Nurse will be available for blood pressure checks at the center. These clinics are held twice a month on the first Wednesday and third Tuesday and all ages are invited to take advantage of this service.

Janet Phillips from Adult and Family Service will be at the Center from 9 a.m. to 12

Ponds which are open year around, but which will be planted with trout prior to April 28 include, Cutsforth, Tatone, McNary, Weston and Hat Rock ponds. Access to all of these should be okay by the general season opener on the 28th.

Magone, Olive and Strawberry lakes and Canyon Meadows Reservoir should be inaccessible by vehicle for the April 28 opener. Bull Prairie Reservoir may be accessible.

Access should be all right to Row Creek Reservoir, Wine-Land Lake, Carpenter, Dollarhide and Long Creek ponds, and all should be stocked by April 28.

All streams in the John Day basin remain closed to trout angling until May 26, and trout 20 inches and larger are classified as steelhead in streams.

noon on Wednesday May 2, for those needing Food Stamps or A.D.C. (Aid for dependant Children)

The Thursday Social Ladies have enjoyed new faces on Thursdays and are looking forward to the Dorcas Society hosting the crafts and refreshments for the month of May. Everyone is invited to join the ladies on Thursday afternoon. The group has already undertaken projects for the next artifactory and sidewalk sale. Sales of their crafts are used to maintain their supplies for craft projects.

Extension plans tour

By BIRDINE TULLIS
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As soon as the spring sunshine arrives, you can bet on the Extension Homemaker's Council planning a tour.

This time their May 23 adventures will take you to the Portland area where you may choose to see OSMI, Japanese Gardens, Zoo, Rose Gardens, or Forestry Center.

Transportation will be by bus with reservations needed by May 11. Bus cost is \$20 each with departures from Heppner, Lexington, Boardman, and Arlington. Men as well as

women are encouraged to join the educational, spring tour.

In addition to the bus fee, individuals should be prepared to pay admission fees to the various spots of interest, as well as lunch and dinner or snack for the trip home.

To pre-register for the tour send your name, address and phone number to Extension Office, P.O. Box 397, Heppner 97836. Include a check for \$20 made payable to: Morrow Homemaker's Council.

Deadline is May 11 - reservations first come basis.

Heppner FFA members take top honors

Twenty two members from the Heppner FFA Chapter participated in the Oregon Beef Improvement Day at Hermiston on Friday, April 20.

The program included speakers on Beef and the meat industry as well as livestock judging.

Bob McEwen placed first and Tammy Hays placed second in hereford judging.

Jr. High thinclads place 3rd

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

The lone junior high track teams competed in a six-way track meet on Friday, April 20. lone finished third with 78 points; however, they won the 14-15 age group with 58 points.

Jim Davison picked up lone's only points in the 10-11 age division with a second in the shot put.

Dustin Padberg won the high jump and Linda Morter won the 1,500 meters to pace the 12-13 age category. Se-

conds were earned by Brian Ball (200 meters) and Jill Conklin (long jump).

Ken Snider led the 14-15 years olds. He won the long jump and the discus and placed second in the discus. He also was on the winning 400 meter relay team of Doug Raaf, Tim Beeson, and Mike Scaff.

Kevin Ball took first place in the high jump and 800 meters, and was second in the 1,500. Also in the 1,500 meters, Mike Scaff took first.

Mustangs fail to earn 2nd victory

By TRAVIS HYATT

The Heppner Mustangs went to Umatilla last Tuesday hoping to gain their second victory. It didn't happen. The lack of hitting was evident in this game.

"This was probably our poorest offensive performance so far this season," said Coach Mike Royer, "three hits and no runs won't win too many games."

The game was close until the fourth inning. In the first Umatilla scored on a RBI double by Pat Squires scoring Steve Pankry who reached first on an error.

Donations coming in for sale

Among the things already donated for the Saturday, May 5, Heppner Methodist Church Lawn Sale are a 1963 Ford Stationwagon, several bicycles, a standing barbecue, a like-new blender, an electric typewriter, an adding machine, a desk telephone and an assortment of clothing.

Anyone still wishing to donate should call 676-9171 or 676-6446 to arrange for pickup

of items. There will be a fine assortment of cemetery decorations for sale. The church ladies promise a big assortment of baked goods and a very good luncheon in the church basement.

Proceeds from this annual yard sale are used for the improvement and upkeep of the local church and parsonage.

Virus found in wheat fields

By BOB COSTA
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Yellow dwarf virus disease can be found in many Morrow County winter wheat fields. The disease is most severe in fields planted in early to mid-September.

The disease is often called barley yellow dwarf, but it also affects wheat, oats, and a long list of other grasses. Symptoms of the disease include yellow and reddish colored leaves on stunted

plants. An infected field appears patchy with uneven sized plants. Symptoms can be confused with nitrogen deficiency. Disease symptoms seem to be exaggerated by other environmental stress.

Yield losses from yellow dwarf virus can be extremely variable but are usually in the range of 5-20 percent. Higher losses can occur.

The disease is caused by a virus spread by feeding aphids. Yield losses are most severe when plants are infected when they are small.

The most practical way to reduce losses from yellow dwarf virus in winter wheat is to delay seeding so that plants emerge after aphid populations are reduced by cool fall weather. However, later seeding reduces yield potential and can result in more soil erosion. Growers should not change successful management practices unless significant disease losses occur.

The success of insecticides to control aphids and reduce losses from yellow dwarf virus is yet to be proven.

For more information, contact the OSU Extension Office in Heppner.

Shirley Rugg buys high-selling bull



Shirley Rugg, (left) Heppner, Oregon, purchased the high-selling Beefmaster bull at the recent Kaffie Ranches Bull Sale, held at Hermiston, Oregon. The high-seller brought a \$5,250 bid to Kaffie

Ranches, Corpus Christi, Texas. The 54 BBU Beefmaster bulls sold to buyers from four Northwest states to average \$1,451.

Also pictured is Scott Atkins, manager of Kaffie Ranches.

Runner Tim Beeson placed first in the 400 meters and second in the 800 meters runs. Thrower Gary Rea earned a second place in the shot put and hurled the discus for a third.

Other throwers include Rondi Tews in the shot put (second) and the discus (third). Dough Roaf was also third in the discus.

"The kids did a great job competing. I was very proud of all of them," said coach Ron Mack.

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Swimmers Fun Day set Apr. 29

The Heppner Swim Team Parents are sponsoring a Fun Day, April 29, for all swim team members and other youth interested in team swimming as a summer activity, says a spokesperson for the team parents.

The fun day will include swimming at Blue Mountain Community College followed by a pizza party. Team members will also have a chance to meet their coach for the 1984 season. Cost will be \$3 per person for the day.

Swim team parents encourage participation in swim team activities because swimming is a healthy activity, and gives the youth a sense of accomplishment while teaching self-discipline, teamwork and loyalty.

Anyone interested in having his child participate in the Fun Day is asked to contact Nancy Brunch, 676-9420, or Sheridan Tarnasky, 676-5059.

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