

## EASTERN OREGON OUTDOORS



by Mark Baggett



### Outfitter Shares Tips for Elk Hunting Success

An old adage among anglers suggests that 10 percent of the fishermen catch 90 percent of the fish. Grant County outfitter John Cole of Long Creek feels the same success ratio could be applied to elk hunters.

"The hunters that get an elk every year are definitely doing something right," Cole said. "These guys that kill a bull once every eight or nine years are the ones relying on luck—just walking out there and lucking into one. To be consistent in hunting elk—and to have consistent opportunities to kill elk—as far as I'm concerned, a person's got to do a few things right."

Apparently, Cole and his guides do a few things right. Cole, who operates two different types of rifle hunts—a trophy bull (six-point or better) hunt in the Northside Unit and a general bull hunt in the Heppner Unit—claims to achieve over 90 percent success every year for each hunt.

While Cole admits that much of the high success his hunters enjoy can be attributed to the fact that his hunts take place on private ground, Cole says that an elk is an elk, regardless of where he is found, and there is one tactic any hunter can use to increase his odds of collecting a bull.

"The key to killing bull elk with any consistency is to locate the bull before he locates you," Cole said. "If you can hunt an elk to where you know where he is 100 percent of the time, well, that's half the battle."

For Cole and his hunters this means applying the same tactics that many trophy mule deer hunters use: glassing literally miles of country at sunup from high vantage points with spotting scopes or high-powered binoculars. After a bull has been spotted, a plan can be formulated for an effective stalk.

"You can sit in one spot and hunt an area with a spotting scope that would take you all day to hike," Cole said. "If you just go to wandering around out there blind and hope to walk into a bull, you might hike 500 miles before you ever see one."

"Let's say you're a mile and a half from a little draw that has a couple of bulls feeding on the side of it," Cole explained. "If you just take off on a blind hike without glassing or knowing those bulls were there, your chances of hitting that little draw are damn slim to none. But if you'd been glassing you would know very well they were out there and had fed back into that little draw. And when you work into those elk you are going to have the wind right and you're going to be awake—and you're going to stand a pretty good chance of getting them killed."

Cole said elk are most easily spotted within first few minutes of daylight, as the elk are apt to still be feeding or on their way to bed down. Since very little feed grows in the heavily timbered bedding areas, the animals are often visible as they feed or travel through small openings.

"Like right now with all this fall green-up: any of these slopes that are facing west or south that have any opening to them at all are going to be the places these elk are feeding. It might be right in the head of a canyon or it might be halfway down, but it's going to be in a place where that sun has had a chance to hit and let this moisture start some green feed."

Cole said glassing also works well throughout the day in areas which receive heavy hunting pressure. By watching for elk other hunters unknowingly jump up, the glassing hunter can pinpoint the game's new location and initiate a stalk.

"There are a lot of people who are die-hard brush busters," Cole said. "They might get to hear several elk, but they're not going to see very many. These fellas out on a point at the edge of a canyon or any high place where they can keep glassing a bunch of country from 1/4 mile to two or three miles are the old boys that are going to see the elk."

## Lexington News

By Delpha Jones, 989-8189

--G.W.A. of the Lexington Grange met at Kate's Pizza Parlor on Tuesday for the regular meeting.

They also discussed Pomona Grange which will be at the Lexington Grange Hall on Saturday, Oct. 28, starting at 10:30 a.m. There will be a business meeting, cake walk and an election of officers. On Thursday, Nov. 9 the Lexington Grange will prepare the dinner for the Columbia Basin Electric meeting at the fairgrounds. Those attending the grange meeting were Geri Martin, Kathy Clark, Jean Nelson, Frances Smouse, Delpha Jones, Josie Peck, Verna Brinda and Dorothy Jackson.

--Faye Ruhl is at home after a visit with her son and family in Roseburg.

--A birthday party was enjoyed by Heather Yocum at the home of her grandparents on Saturday. Those present were Nicole Jones of Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Bill West and children from Echo; Heathers parents Jack and Renee Yocum of Heppner and her grandparents.

--Cecil and Delpha Jones, Kenneth Jones, Jim and Vicky Bowen from Goldendale, WA and Connie Eng met Charlene Whitney and Max Akers from Portland in The Dalles on Friday evening and enjoyed an early birthday dinner for Charlene. The group enjoyed a fine dinner and an evening of visiting at the steak house.

--Three Links Club met at the home of Leila Palmer on Thursday for the regular meeting with the president Dorothy Burcham presiding. Plans were made for the fall bazaar and a table at the artfactory. Those attending were Dorothy Burcham, president Joyce Buchanan, secretary-treasurer Leila Palmer, Annetta Padberg and Delpha Jones. The door prize was won by Dorothy Burcham.

--Lexington Grange met on Monday evening with Master Lyle Peck presiding. A potluck dinner was enjoyed at 6:30 p.m. followed by slides taken recently by Eldon and Barbara Gilbert of their trip through the San Juan Islands. Following this Deane Seeger, Morrow County Planner spoke to the group on land management and some of the new laws pending in legislation. The dining area was decorated in a Halloween motif with lighted Jack-o-lanterns and figures on the tables around the room. Supper committee members were Bob and Luella Taylor and Cecil and Delpha Jones. The meeting was called to order and the business dispensed with, a transfer

for Janet and Donald Breeding from the Orient, Grange was approved, and all were reminded of the Old Time Fiddlers' concert on Saturday. Members and friends were urged to come and enjoy the evening. Pomona Grange was discussed. Dale Teter of Ontario and captain of the installing team for Malheur will be at the Lexington Hall Sunday, Dec. 10 for installation of Pomona and subordinate members. They have been in this area before and have done a fine job so it is hoped that members will mark this date on the calendar and plan on being there. An election of officers will be held at the Nov. meeting.

--Jean Nelson has been visiting this past week with her daughter and husband and friends in the Salem area.

--Dorothy Burcham has been recuperating at her home from minor surgery the past week.

--Mike Burcham recently visited his mother from his home in Pendleton.

--Mike Jones is about on crutches suffering from a knee injury.

--The Blue Mountain Fiddlers concert held at the Lexington Grange Hall was most enjoyable. A chicken and noodle dinner was served preceding the concert. The Grange is happy to be able to get this group each year for entertainment, and plans are being made for them to return next year.

--Lois Allyn was called to Portland recently by the illness of her brother there.

--Gay and Ray Papineau have returned home after some time spent with their horses at the tracks in various places in the northwest.

--Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Thursday evening for the regular meeting. Plans were made for the Artfactory table in Heppner and initiation practice which is scheduled for Thursday afternoon from 1-3 p.m. A food sale will be held Friday morning at Del's Market starting at 9 a.m. It was decided that due to conflicting dates the card party planned for the first Saturday in November has been changed to the second Saturday.

--Joyce Buchanan and Virginia Peck were recent business visitors in Portland and report that they stopped and visited with Lewis Halvorsen at St. Vincent's Hospital where Dot was in intensive care following heart surgery. She is reported on the mend.

--Leila Palmer, Virginia Peck and Joyce Buchanan attended the district Garden Club meeting in Condon on Friday.

--Jean Nelson is at home after a visit with her daughter and husband and other friends in the valley.

--Earl Miller from Seaview, Washington, is visiting at the Cecil Jones ranch.

--Let's not forget the pumpkin decorating contest sponsored by the Lexington Garden Bugs. This is a real fun time to show your artistic ability. Pumpkins will be judged and prizes given and will be on display at the V and G Tavern.

--Leila Palmer was hostess to a pinochle party and Sunday supper at her home. Those present for the evening were Helen Pettyjohn, Geneva Palmer, Marianne and Lee Palmer, Bob and Sharon Harrison.

Joyce Buchanan, Cecil and Delpha Jones, Mary and Harold Wright, Lyle and Virginia Peck, and Muriel and Elmer Palmer, who will be leaving soon for Arizona where they spend the winters. Prizes were: mens high-Cecil Jones, second high-Elmer Palmer; women's high-Sharon Harrison and second high-Delpha Jones.

--Pomona Grange will meet on Saturday at the Lexington Grange Hall starting at 10 a.m. This is an election of officers. All the grangers need their members if they are to continue as granges. The grange is a family organization and a legislative body where resolutions are prepared for the Legislature, and a place where children are allowed. There are nearly always potluck dinners and lots of fellowship. All members are urged to attend both the subordinate and Pomona meetings. Dinner will be served at noon, followed by a cake walk and a program.

## Les Schwab assistant manager



Charlie Grabell, 39 from Stanfield, has been appointed the assistant manager of Les Schwab in Heppner. Oct 23 was his first day on the job.

Grabell, who has been with Les Schwab for 12 years, transfers from the Hermiston office where he was in sales and service.

He and his wife Elizabeth have two sons, 19 and 16 and a daughter 13.

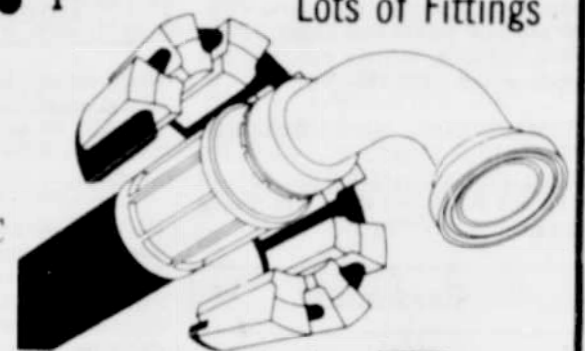
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## The Adventures of Grazelda & Clem

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Grazelda quizzed, "Hey Clem, where are all them folks gettin all them good things to eat and drink and all that gas and oil to have their good times?"

Clem perked up, "Well haven't you heard love? Most folks in this part of the northwest know you get all them things down at Miller's Mini-Mart & Chevron. Plus them folks down there will tell you anything."

Grazelda scoffed, "I'll bet they will, that must be why you're about the smartest man this side of the Pecos, right?"

Clem pondered, "Oh gee hon, I don't know about this side of the Pecos. Probably just this side of the Columbia!"



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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is the goal of all organizations that deal with the prevention of drug abuse to motivate people to more active participation in programs to eliminate this problem from our community; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to reduce the demand for drugs; and

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth and Heppner Schools and Community are planning a series of activities aimed at focusing public attention upon the seriousness of the problem, and specifically the National Red Ribbon Campaign which offers citizens the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to drug free lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, business, government, law enforcement, schools, religious institutions, service organizations, youth, physicians, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long campaign;

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby declare the week of October 22-29, 1989 as Red Ribbon Week and encourage our citizens to participate in drug prevention education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a drug free community.

*Carol L. Costa*  
Mayor, City of Heppner  
October 18, 1989