

Steelheaders to meet in Fossil

The John Day River chapter of the Northwest Steelheaders will meet Thurs., Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Shamrock in Fossil.

Scheduled speaker will be Jim Martin chief of fisheries for the state of Oregon. Other topics include gill nets in the

Columbia River and a talk by Ken Jernstedt, chairman of the Fish and Wildlife commission. The public is invited to attend. There will be door prizes.

Condon native invited to monitor elections

A Condon native has been named as the National Council of Churches' representative to an international ecumenical observation mission invited to monitor the Nicaraguan elections.

Marie Rietmann of Portland will be based in Managua throughout the three months preceding the February 25, 1990 elections. She will join representatives of the Latin American Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation. The delegation begins its work the first of December.

Rietmann says, "this is a critical juncture in Nicaragua's war-torn history. I am deeply honored to have the opportunity to represent the churches of the United States in this capacity."

The 32-year-old native of Condon leaves Portland the morning of November 30 for her Nicaraguan assignment.

The mission's purposes will be to observe the electoral process, investigate reports of abnormalities, complaints and other critical situations throughout the country, and share that information on an ongoing basis with their constituencies in the U.S. Europe and Latin America.

A lifelong member of the United Church of Christ, Rietmann has just finished directing an international relief and development project for Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and the Council for Human Rights in Latin America. Before that, she was a member of the national staff of the United Church Board for World Ministries in their New York and Washington, D.C. offices. She is a 1980 graduate of Oregon State University and has extensive experience in Oregon and national public policy-making bodies.

Rietmann's appointment is in cooperation with the United Church Board for World Ministries (the global mission arm of the United Church of Christ) and the Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

While in Nicaragua, Rietmann will be in frequent communication with Margaret Thomas, Portland Office Director of the Council for

Human Rights in Latin America and her colleagues at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon as well as others throughout the country.

Lexington Grange elects officers

By Delpha Jones

Lexington Grange met on Monday evening for the regular meeting starting with a potluck dinner. The business of the evening was the election of officers for the coming year with the following taking office: master, Joe Yocom; overseer, Wilbur Jackson; lecturer, Delpha Jones; steward, Eldon Gilbert; assistant steward, Kenneth Smouse; L.A.S., Judy Stevens; chaplain, Mildred Wright; treasurer, Cecil Jones; secretary, Jean Nelson; gatekeeper, Glover Peck; Ceres, Dorothy Jackson; Pomona, Verna Brinda; Flora, Marie Steagall; ex committee, Barton Clark, Lyle Peck

and Joyce Buchanan. The master appointed the auditing committee of Ken Smouse, Cecil Jones, Lyle Peck, Joe Yocom and Wilbur Jackson.


The Christmas meeting will be Monday, Dec. 18 at which time members are asked to bring food or a needed article for the Neighborhood Center. There will also be Santa Claus and treats for both children and adults.

Installation of all subordinate and Pomona members will be Dec. 10 at the Lexington Hall with Dale Teeter and installing team of Ontario here to put on the work. There will be a potluck dinner at 1 p.m.

Meetings set on scenic rivers

Public meetings in Ukiah and Pendleton will be held to answer questions and gather input for the Northeast Oregon Wild and Scenic Rivers planning efforts. The four-person team for the combined Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman Na-

tional Forest rivers will be at the North Fork John Day District office in Ukiah, December 5, public meeting 7-9 p.m. and at the Pendleton Indian Hills Red Lion, December 6, open house 3-6 p.m. public meeting 7-9 p.m.



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by Mark Baggett

Fall Green-up Bolsters Winter Deer Survival

Many eastern Oregon deer hunters this year witnessed firsthand the dramatic, deer-killing effects of the drought conditions of 1987 and 1988 followed by the harsh winter of 1988/89. Good populations of huntable bucks were simply not available in many areas of the region.

But this year, finally, the rains came. And the resulting green forage that emerged late this summer, known as the "fall green-up," has biologists and wildlife managers optimistic that the deer's improved physical condition this fall will lead to increased fawn production and survival among many troubled herds.

"I would suspect that with any kind of normal-type winter," said Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's chief wildlife biologist Rod Ingram, "we ought to come through in pretty good shape for the spring (fawn) drop next year, and with fairly good survival of what's out there now."

According to Vic Coggins, ODFW District Wildlife Biologist from Enterprise, poor forage conditions during fall can be as detrimental to herd populations as severe winters. When the two occur in succession, the results can be staggering.

"It does two things," Coggins explained earlier this fall. "First, a drought fall, what we've found, will greatly reduce twinning rate, so you have a lot less fawns produced. And the other thing is that the size of the fawn is usually small because the doe is trying to put everything into just living, so survival rate on small fawns is really poor. And then the milk supply, of course, is not good, and then you get these severe winters plus these droughts, and about the time they're maybe starting to gain a little bit if they've survived the predation and everything else, the forage starts drying up, the milk supplies drop, and pretty soon you've got no fawns."

"Predation is an important factor anymore too; I know it is," Coggins continued. "But you couple all of it together and you've got a deer herd in trouble. And I've got a bunch of them (in trouble) right now, but I've got a little hope that with this fall forage maybe next year we'll be able to start having some fawns again."

Coggins emphasized that even severe winters can be survived by greater numbers of deer if fall forage conditions allow them to begin the winter in excellent condition.

"I'd have to agree," said Rod Ingram. "If (last fall) we'd have had deer in the condition they're in this year, our losses wouldn't have been anywhere near as bad as what we saw." Ingram said that deer stop gaining body weight and their condition begins to recede during November each year, even when aided by supplemental feeding programs.

"They virtually begin starving to death from November on. Their reserves (stored body fat) will keep them alive until March and April when they start to see some relief. If you don't have too bad of a winter or if they've got a lot of reserves, they come through in good shape. If not, they use up all their reserves and they starve to death."

Ingram said that while conditions appear to be improving, the young bucks becoming available for next year's deer season are still the product of last spring's fawn crop, the result of which will not be known until biologists complete their herd-composition surveys in mid-December. Unless fawn production was much higher than expected, Ingram looks for the 1990 deer season to be subject to reduce tag numbers and/or shortened seasons similar to those imposed in 1989.

"There are probably some areas that are not as bad as we thought they were going to be, but we probably still do not have a good fawn crop. If I had to guess off the top of my head, I'd say it'll probably be a pretty conservative hunting season next year."

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