

EASTERN OREGON OUTDOORS



by Mark Baggett



Commission Turns Down Proposals for New Limited-entry Hunts

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission recently rejected proposals by Department of Fish and Wildlife staff biologists to add eight eastern Oregon deer-hunt units and six elk hunting units to the list of controlled, limited-entry big-game areas for 1990.

Staff wildlife biologists said at the February 10 meeting to adopt the 1990 hunt rules that extensive loss of habitat and escapement due to timber harvest and road building have led to the depletion in numbers of mature bucks and

bulls in many areas of eastern Oregon, and recommend limited-entry hunting in those areas to increase survival rates of the males and ensure future herd recruitment. For mule deer, biologists proposed that the hunt-units of Ukiah, East and West Mt. Emily, Chesnimnus, Sumpter, West Beulah, Interstate and Warner become limited entry, and that Fossil no. 1, Heppner no. 1 and 2, Ukiah and Desolation no. 1 and 2 become controlled hunts for elk.

The commission declined to adopt these proposals, however, after hearing extensive public testimony opposing additional limited entry. According to Commission Chairman Ken Jernstedt, the commission recognizes the need for some form of affirmative action, but advised ODFW staff to seek public comment and to involve the public in formatting a solution.

"Limited entry is a controversial issue," Jernstedt said. "I don't like it—it's a blunt tool—it interferes with hunting patterns that many parties and families have come to expect, but I'm concerned that we're butting up against a number of other factors which are going to disrupt the traditional expectations of the people who have unlimited access to wherever they want to hunt."

The commission also set seasons and tag numbers for most other controlled hunts. General seasons will be set June 2.

Regulations, season dates and tag numbers for most controlled hunts will appear in the 1990 EARLY BIG GAME SYNOPSIS, slated for distribution in mid-March. Since applications for most controlled hunts must be postmarked no later than April 2, below is a preview of available hunts for controlled buck deer, controlled bull elk and controlled either-sex elk for those wishing to begin scheduling vacations:

1990 E. OREGON CONTROLLED BUCK DEER HUNTS

(Sept. 29 - Oct. 10, except High Cascade)

HUNT	1990 Tags	1989 Tags
High Cascade	4,000	3,500
Murderers Creek	2,000	1,500
Northside	2,000	1,500
Starkey Esp. Forest	25	100
Catherine Creek	800	400
Hells Canyon Wilderness	50	100
Pine Creek	150	150
Keating	600	400
Lookout Mtn.	100	150
Malheur River	2,000	2,000
Trout Creek Mtns	200	200
Steens Mtn.	800	800
Beatys Butte	400	400
Silvies	2,000	2,000

Buck hunt proposals rejected for limited entry: Ukiah, E. Mt. Emily, W. Mt. Emily, Chesnimnus, Sumpter, W. Beulah, Interstate, Warner—all general season.

1990 E. Oregon Controlled Bull Elk Hunts

First season: Oct. 31 - Nov. 4
Second Season: Nov. 10-18

Hunt	1990 Tags	1989 Tags
Maury 1st & 2nd	70	70
Ochoco 1st & 2nd	900	900
Grizzly 1st & 2nd	350	350
Murders Creek (1st)	800	800
Northside (1st)	850	850
Chesnimnus (2nd)	1,500	1,500
Snake River 1st & 2nd, 3 pt. +	550	550
Beulah (1st)	1,000	1,000
N. Malheur Riv 1st & 2nd	500	500
Silvies 1st & 2nd	500	500

Bull hunt proposals rejected for limited entry: Fossil 1st, Heppner 1st & 2nd, Ukiah, Desolation 1st & 2nd, all general season.

1990 E. OREGON CONTROLLED EITHER - SEX ELK HUNTS

All run Nov. 10-18, except High Desert hunts)

Hunt	1990 Tags	1989 Tags
W. Murderers Creek	600	600
E. Murderers Creek	400	400
W. Northside	500	500
E. Northside	850	850
N. Beulah	700	700
S. Beulah	400	400
High Desert (1st-Sept. 15-23)	100	100
High Desert (2nd-Oct. 31-Nov. 18)	400	400

D.A.'s Report

The District Attorney's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the week of Feb. 19-23:

Richard Weaver, 20, Prineville, had his probation revoked and reinstated on February 23, as a result of a probation violation which had occurred in January in Prineville. Weaver admitted committing theft of a vehicle in Crook County, and was sentenced to 60 days in the Morrow County Jail by Circuit Judge Pro-Tem Ralph Currin. Weaver received credit for time served of 24 days. The balance was suspended on the condition that he submit to mental health evaluation and treatment as directed, and fully comply with the terms of his probation. Weaver has additional charges in Crook County as a result of the incident.

Ronald Harris, 31, Boardman, pled guilty to two counts of fourth degree assault in front of Judge Ralph Currin on Feb. 23. The charges were the result of a June, 1989, incident. Judge Currin sentenced Harris to one year in the Morrow County Jail on each count, suspended execution of sentence, and placed Harris on two years formal probation on the condition that he submit to mental health evaluation and treatment as directed, have no further contact with the victims or their immediate family and pay a \$40 victim-witness assessment.

Jesus Montenegro, Boardman, pled guilty to second-degree sexual abuse before Judge Pro-Tem Ralph Currin on Feb. 21. The charges arose as a result of a May, 1989, incident in Boardman. Judge Currin sentenced Montenegro to one year in the Morrow County Jail, suspended execution of sentence, and placed him on five years formal probation on the condition that he be evaluated as a sex offender and submit to sex offender treatment as directed, have no contact with the victim or victim's family, and obey all laws.

Luis Rodriguez, Boardman, pled guilty before Judge Currin on February 21 to giving false information to a police officer as a result of a May, 1989, incident near Boardman. Rodriguez also pled guilty to harassment in a separate case involving the harassment of a family near Boardman, also in May, 1989. Judge Currin sentenced Rodriguez to six months in the Morrow County Jail, suspended on the condition that he pay a fine of \$500, be placed on probation for one year, have no contact with the victim or the victim's family, and obey all laws.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



By Jane Rawlins

To those asking why they couldn't find this bulletin board in the paper these past two weeks, the answer is that sometimes when a lot is going on there just isn't room for us. But we'll keep trying.

Two items that merit repeating are: a reminder to turn in the legal services survey sheets to our office because these determine the workshop topics the Area Agency on Aging with Pendleton Legal Services will present here without charge to seniors. One item among many offered is how to understand and handle problems with medical billing and recognition and appreciation for Mr. Isted and the band and to Mrs. Calvert and her second graders who entertained us delightfully at the appreciation luncheon given for church volunteer servers. They were great.

The Senior Center Board reports that for personal reasons John Wood has resigned from the board. John has given generously of time, effort, and hard work in this center and has been treasurer since May, '89. We will miss him. New board members elected last week are Helen Crawford of Ione and Betty McDonald of Heppner. Betty was elected treasurer. We welcome them aboard.

This week: Come by our front window and see the quilters "Irish Chain" quilt. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Other St. Pat's weekend plans here are to serve breakfast at the fairgrounds from 7:30 to 10 a.m., pie, coffee, potato soup and homemade bread in our center dining room from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and to run Irish videos in our sitting room through the day. We really want to put a float in the parade if we can find a small trailer to pull behind Darrel Vinson's '58 Chevy. Help, help.

Thursday: March 1-the activities committee meets in the office at 1 p.m. Members include Helen Gilliam, Sue Vinson, Irene Schroeder, Shirley Haugen, Harriet, Betty, Millie Evans, Marilyn Bergstrom and Daisy Collins. They rate recognition for their good work.

Next week: March 5 to 10: Monday: Quilters at 1 p.m., Heppner Garden Club meets in the sitting room at 6:30 p.m. and Blue Mountain Community College knitting at 7:30 p.m. in the dining room.

Wednesday: free blood pressure check by Robanai Disque around noon. Noon dinner menu: tuna/noodle casserole, mixed vegetables, carrot and pineapple salad, hot rolls and chilled pears.

The Nutrition Site Committee meets in the office at 1 p.m. Another driver has volunteered for the Dollaride Car, Mrs. Harold Huber (Delta) of Lexington. We promise rides on Tuesdays and Thursdays but try us for other times too. We want more volunteer drivers to add days that seniors can count on definitely. Out of town trips are also possible.

Harold Stevens receives 50-year pin



Harold Stevens who became a Mason in 1939 with the help of Archie Ball, Sr., receives his 50-year pin. Pictured left to right: (back) Wilbur Jackson, Howard Bryant and Archie Ball. Front-Paul Jones, Harold Stevens and Don Ball.

Garden club to meet Monday

The regular meeting of Heppner Garden Club will be Monday, March 5, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

Eva Lou Greiner of Condon, who is chairman of birds and butterflies studies for Blue Mountain District

number 10 will speak about birds. A potluck dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses are Marianne Kahl, Daisy Collins and Mary Goheen.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

'Business as usual' for savings & loan

Heppner Benjamin Franklin Federal Savings and Loan manager Terrie Cutsforth says "It's business as usual," following the institution's take-over by federal regulators because the thrift failed to meet federal requirements of the new sav-

ings and loan law.

"It shouldn't affect us at all," she said. Benj. Franklin will maintain normal business hours and will guarantee all deposits up to \$100,000.

Little League board to meet

The Willow Creek Little League Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at Kate's Pizza. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Oops!!!

The G-T's reporter inadvertently omitted Kevin Kilkenny's name and statistics from last week's article about the Heppner freshmen basketball team. The GT regrets the error and herewith are Kevin Kilkenny's statistics for the year: Kevin Kilkenny: games, 14; points 50; points per game, 3.6; free throws made, 5; free throw attempts 10; free throw percentage, 50%.

Hearing Tests Set For Heppner Area FOR NERVE DEAFNESS

HEPPNER-Electronic hearing tests will be given by Ruud's Hearing Aid Service at Gonty's on Wednesday March 6 from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Philip Ruud, hearing aid specialist will be available to give these free hearing tests at Gonty's.

Anyone who has trouble hearing is welcome to have a test using the latest electronic equipment to determine if his loss is one which may be helped. Some of the causes of hearing loss will be explained, and diagrams of how the ear works will be shown.

The free hearing test will be given Wednesday from 10 AM to 1 PM at Gonty's in Heppner. To avoid waiting please call 676-9264 for an appointment. In-home testing is also available.

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Now for the bright side. We will be reducing prices on all of our shoe inventory at the same time 3-1-90. We will introduce a two-pricing system. The first will show our old or suggested retail price and the second will show our new lower prices. We invite you to check our everyday lower prices against competition. We strive to continue to serve your shoe needs and maybe through lower everyday prices increase your savings on name brand merchandise and still offer solutions to your footwear problems.

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