

Wranglers list year end results

Heppner Wranglers Club lists the following year end results for their playdays:

Five and under: first-Brett Barber; second-Megan Bergstrom; third-Kelsi Greenup; fourth-Lacey Davis; most improved-Don Adams.

6-7 year olds: first-Blake Knowles; second-Joe Papineau; third-Shad Hisler; fourth-Amy Papineau; most improved-Matt Bergstrom.

8-10 year olds: first-Angela Munkers; second-Brian Knowles; third-Dawn Boor; fourth-Casey Evans; most improved-Stormy Howard.

11-13 year olds: first-Kelsi Evans; second-Tiffany Munkers; third-Jossie Evans; fourth-Char Coe; most improved-Stephanie

Haguewood.

14-18 year olds: first-Holly Eckman; second-Jenni Ashbeck; third-Nikki Brisbois; fourth-Shelly Ashbeck; most improved-Shelly Ashbeck.

19 & over: first-Mary Knowles; second-Angie Ashbeck; third-Kristy Crowell; fourth-Judy Jepsen.

Anyone wishing to purchase pictures taken at Wranglers should contact Judy Barber, 676-5037 for more information.

Everyone is invited to gear up the Wrangler trail ride, Saturday, July 21.

For more information call 676-5037 or 676-5878. You don't have to be a member to participate, said a Wrangler spokesperson.



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Free camping fishing days set

Family Fishing Fun" is the theme for this year's National Fishing Week June 4-10. In celebration of National Fishing Week, the Pacific Northwest Region of the U.S. Forest Service will offer free camping to coincide with free fishing days provided by the states of Oregon and Washington.

The Forest Service will offer free camping June 8 and 9 in most national forest fee campgrounds. Oregon will offer free fishing June 9 and Washington will offer free fishing June 9 and 10.

In addition to free fishing and camping, approximately 40 fishing derbies will be held in both states. The derbies are designed to provide an opportunity for children to fish and have fun and provide a setting for family outdoor recreation activity. Most derbies will include fishing instruction, contests, games, prizes and "fish" hats. The fishing derbies are sponsored by the Forest Service, the states of Oregon and Washington, conservation organizations, and local community groups and businesses.



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Reading program set at Ione

By Anne Morter

Many new adult and children's books were brought for the annual book shower. Christy Crowell announced that there will be a summer reading program to be started in June. Library hours will be Monday

and Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. A book sale of duplicate books will be held at the Fourth of July Celebration in the basement of the Catholic Church. The spring money maker food sale for the Ione Public Library took in about \$300.

VBS June 15-22

Children three years old to sixth grade are invited to attend vacation Bible school June 18-22.

"Journey with Jesus Vacation Bible School" sponsored by the United Methodist, Lutheran and Episcopal Churches, is free of charge. Everyone is invited to attend.

People are being asked to bring in cans and bottles to help with expenses and donations will also be accepted. More helpers are also needed.

Contact Georgia Van Winkle, 676-5249 for more information.

Learn about Cycle Oregon

Questions about Cycle Oregon III...attend the Tuesday June 12 Heppner Chamber of Commerce Luncheon meeting at the Elks. Organizations, churches, etc. interested in participating should send a representative. Claudia Hughes, chamber manager, and Cara Costa, Heppner mayor are working together to coordinate this major Heppner event.

"It will take everyone working together to pull it off, but if Gilcrest with a population of 500 did it, we can too," says Hughes. "This is an opportunity to show our pride in our community by giving the 2000 visitors a big Heppner welcome." Our goal is to hear 2000 voices saying "we'll be back," as they pedal off to Fossil, September 10.

1990-91 school calendar set

School will begin September 4, the day after Labor day, this year, according to the 1990-91 school calendar adopted May 21 by the Morrow County School Board. The 1990-91 school year will end June 7.

Tree giveaway June 11, 12, 13

On June 11, 12 and 13, the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District will be giving away free Ponderosa Pine trees. The trees are seedlings and will be bare root. They are in a bundle of 25 and the minimum order is 25 trees. Those interested will need to bring a bag or something to carry them home in.

Call ahead at 676-5452 and ask for Cindi, to reserve orders or stop by the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation at 430 Lexington/Heppner Highway to pick up trees.

EASTERN OREGON OUTDOORS



by Mark Baggett



Increased Pressure Could Hurt John Day Bass Fishery

Several years ago, few anglers within eastern Oregon had not heard of, if not experienced, the fabulous smallmouth bass fishing to be found on the lower two thirds of the John Day River. And today, many serious smallmouth anglers across the nation will often name the John Day as a trophy hotspot. Claims like, "...one of the premier smallmouth streams in North America" and "...100-fish days" have appeared in fishing publications nationwide, focusing a great deal of attention

on the river in recent years. So like it or not, the secret is out.

Despite nasty weather, literally hundreds of anglers appeared along the banks of the John Day over Memorial Day weekend, usually the starting point of the bass-fishing rush there. Almost every wide spot along highway 26 between Kimberly and Service Creek held at least a couple of camps at one time or another, and the parking area at Service Creek Bridge (a popular launching point for the float to Twickenham) was so crammed with vehicles and empty boat trailers that I wondered how most of them would manage to get out. It is doubtful the scenario was much different at other major access points, such as Twickenham, Clamo, or Cottonwood Bridge.

And therein lies a potential problem. If we enjoy the fishery too much, we could damage it. Current regulations which limit anglers to five bass per day (of which only two may be over 17 inches in length) certainly help in preventing overharvest, but as visitation to the John Day continues to increase, anglers may well have to consider additional measures to protect it as a trophy fishery.

"I think our biggest problem," said Kay Moore, who, together with his father, operates Water Otters guide service, "is, you know, the river gets most of its use in the springtime—right now—and that's obviously when the fish are spawning. It needs to really be stressed, I think, that those spawners be released."

At the mention of spawning bass, most people think of sow-bellied, roe-laden females. In truth, most of the nesting activity is done by the males, those from nine to ten inches in length or larger. They prepare the nest site and, after having coaxed one or more females to deposit eggs there, do most of the guarding of the fertilized eggs and emergent fry. These fish are incredibly aggressive toward anything that comes near the nest, making them particularly vulnerable to anglers. If a nesting bass is taken from his bed and not allowed to return, the entire nest of some 2,000 eggs or young fry will be wiped out by predators within hours. With all the variables that affect spawning success—inclement weather, fluctuating water and silt levels and countless predators such as the northern squawfish, any consideration these bass can get from anglers during this critical period can only help.

I doubt if anyone likes to eat white-meated, warmwater fish any more than I do, and my family consumes plenty every year. But rather than kill enough bass to satisfy our appetites, I'll try to make one or two "meat" trips each year to an area where the crappies really need thinning out (the Snake River is hard to beat) and load up on the things by the bucketfuls. It's a great feeling to be able to release most of the bass I catch each year and still enjoy succulent, white-meated filets year round.

Obviously, catch-and-release isn't for everyone, and there certainly can be no guilt associated with enjoying the fruits of your success at the dinner table. But considering the angling pressure that's been heaped on the John Day in recent years, and that it takes from six to eight years for a smallmouth to grow to four pounds, more and more concerned bass anglers these days are finding that watching a young, potential trophy swim away is ultimately more gratifying than having their photo on the gas station braggin' board with just another stringer of dead fish.

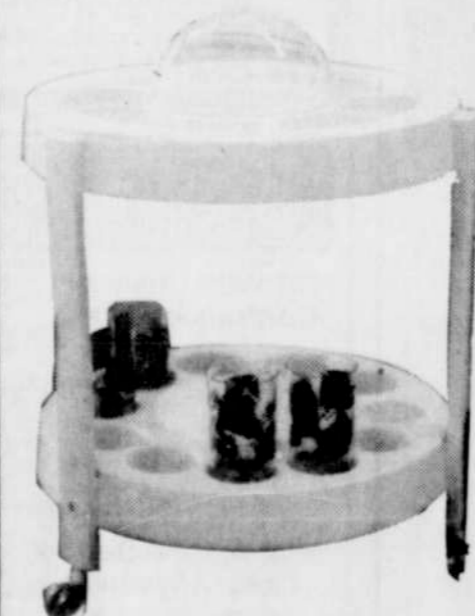
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