

EASTERN OREGON OUTDOORS



by Mark Baggett

New Publication Provides Consumer Info for Out- doors Lovers

If there is one thing that can be said of outdoors folk—especially eastern Oregon outdoors folks, since we take our "outdoorsing" very seriously—it's that we tend to be extremely equipment conscious.

Not that we often get down in the dirt and "wrassle" over whether the better boot lace is made of nylon or leather, but unlike the novice, once-a-year-type camper with more money than common sense who is easily spotted emerging from sporting-goods stores with whatever looks fashionable, we tend to be somewhat picky about our goodies. Looking for the most functional as well as the best value, we'll peruse countless catalogs and sporting goods displays until we're sure we have found the best piece of equipment to suit our particular needs.

Realizing that serious outdoorsmen are such suckers for utility, the folks at Belvoir Publications have introduced "Outdoor Equipment Review," a new monthly, "Consumer Reports"-type magazine aimed at us tightwad outdoor addicts who demand the most for our money.

According to OER editor Steve Netherby (himself an incurable, life-long outdoor equipment scrutinizer and a camping columnist for "Field & Stream" for some 20 years), the crew at OER puts the products they test through the rigors on actual expeditions—from the tops of the Rocky Mountains to the bonefish flats of Florida. Then in the magazine, they rate each product tested, giving the proficiencies and pitfalls of each. To qualify their results, OER details all test procedures used.

My sample copy (July, 1990) contained test reports on a wide variety of outdoor-equipment products, though much of the gear was of little interest to this particular eastern-Oregon outdoors nut (such as rain gear, square-stern canoes or high-priced, pack-type fly rods.) They did, however examine nine different AA-cell, mini flashlights, and found that the same light that occupies a permanent spot in my fanny pack, the Mini-Maglite, rated best overall. Kind of gave me the feeling that I—and the magazine—are on the right track.

At any rate, the next few issues sound interesting. According to a "Coming in OER" preview in the July issue, the magazine will look at waterproof hunting boots, binoculars, hunting tents, four-door 4x4's, pack rifles, quiet hunting clothes, water filters and a host of other outdoor necessities. In addition, the magazine plans to evaluate the three top outdoor catalogs for hunters and fishermen, exposing their weaknesses and strengths, comparing prices, service and so on. And they claim they'll do this from an outdoorswoman's standpoint as well.

Subscriptions to "Outdoor Equipment Review" are priced at \$24 per year (12 monthly issues), by writing the subscription office at P.O. Box 2076, Knoxville, IA 50138.

Speaking of outdoor catalogs, it's no secret that by choosing to live here in the "sticks" means shopping by mail for a large part of our equipment, particularly the "specialized" stuff. Usually, this equates to a minimum "fidget time" of two weeks before our playthings arrive. But not always...

Hansen's Fish 'N' Stuff of Prineville offers a large catalog (available by calling 1-800-669-1840) of camping, fishing and boating supplies from right here in eastern Oregon. Stocking a sizeable selection of Bass Pro Shop supplies, the "mom and pop" operation, run by J.C. and Debbie Hansen, features prices comparable to the national catalog. The company specializes in bass-fishing equipment, but stocks gear for the salmonid angler as well.

I tried these folks out recently, ordering some hard-to-find grubs and other goodies. A day and a half later, I was examining my merchandise. Anytime an angler here in Oregon's woolly outback can get that kind of turnaround on an order, it's news.

Record Heat, Algae Kills Snake River Fish

Excessively warm water temperatures, low river flows and a heavy algal bloom is being blamed for a rather sudden fish kill along a portion of the popular Snake River last month, according to sources from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

According to Al Van Vooren, IDFG State Fisheries biologist, a team of specialists from both states were sent to the Snake in mid-July to investigate the cause of death of several varieties of fish species—including 28 white sturgeon—found dead along the seven-mile stretch of river between Farewell Bend and Spring Camp, near Huntington.

"Our greatest concern is the 28 sturgeon that we were able to confirm dead, and take the lengths and everything of," Van Vooren said. "The other fish that were also killed were catfish, trout, crappie, smallmouth (bass)—but in undetermined quantities; the water wasn't covered white with them and we don't necessarily suspect it was a total kill on those species."

Van Vooren said the site of the kill—the upper reaches of Brownlee Reservoir—is typical of the type of area sturgeon generally prefer to inhabit: the "transition" water where a river first becomes the headwaters of an impoundment. Most of the dead sturgeon measured between 3 1/2 and 7 feet in length.

According to the biologist, very warm water temperatures and low river flows can deplete levels of saturated oxygen in water, while the warm water and excessive nutrients can contribute to heavy growth of "blooms" of algae. When the algae gets so thick as to shade green underwater plants, photosynthesis ceases and the plants no longer release oxygen into the water. Also, while algae itself release oxygen into the water during daylight hours, the process is reversed at night and heavy levels of carbon dioxide are discharged. When the short-lived algae dies, more carbon dioxide is released and, if oxygen levels are already dangerously low, fish within the area face potential suffocation.

"The next day (of the kill), in that area where the dead fish were, there was two parts per million (ppm) of oxygen on the surface," Van Vooren said, "and six feet below the surface there was zero oxygen. Generally, you can figure that anything less than five parts per million is not real healthy for fish; they can live in less than that, but they're under stress. Down below three (ppm), most species have a tough time living; they have to be dormant, almost, to survive. And different species have more (or less) sensitivity to it."

Van Vooren said that since the initial investigation, departmental teams have checked up the Snake River as far as Walters Ferry and down through Brownlee Reservoir to Woodhead Park and have found no significant dangers to fish, although it appeared a somewhat milder "oxygen sag" was moving slowly down the reservoir.

"And in the area of the kill," he added, "it has since recovered and now rather being low in oxygen, we're up to a super-saturation of 12 to 13 ppm."

Except for the sturgeon losses, effects from the kill are expected to be minimal. Van Vooren said that within a few days of the incident, anglers were doing well on bass and crappie near the site and that IDFG officials were able to catch eight catfish on hook and line from the Farewell Bend area in an hour's time.

"We think we're past it," Van Vooren said, "but there is still some very perplexing parts to it. Maybe it was just an unfortunate combination of events, but those sturgeon have survived out there for fifty years and longer through summer heat and low flows and whatnot; whether there was more involved, we may never know."

Barbecue held at hospital



Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home residents and their families enjoy barbecued hamburgers at their annual picnic July 26.

Bank to sell state fair tickets

Once again First Interstate Bank will be the exclusive agent for Oregon State Fair advance ticket sales. Tickets will be sold at all First Interstate branches from August 1 through August 22.

Adult tickets regularly priced at \$6 will cost \$4.50 and children's tickets will cost \$1. For each ticket sold a donation will be made to children's projects in the state.

Last year First Interstate branches raised approximately \$32,000 for children's projects.

Lynda Baker earns B.S. at SOSOC

Lynda G. Baker formerly of Heppner is one of 989 individuals who completed graduation requirements of a bachelor's, master's or associate's degree at Southern Oregon State College during the 1989-90 year.

Baker earned a B.S. degree in elementary education.

Commencement ceremonies were held in Ashland's Lithia Park Saturday, June 2. SOSOC offers its 4,800 students a broad-based curriculum through the undergraduate and graduate programs of its nine schools of study.

4-H News

Two Trackers

By Mandy Gutierrez, Reporter

The Two Trackers have had a busy 4-H year with numerous riding classes and club sponsored events. Members have been riding every Sunday afternoon working on showmanship, western and English jumping, and record books. Members are now working on fair projects. The highlight of the year was the competitive trail ride the club sponsored.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

*Finley Buttes Landfill is really shaping up and will be ready for Morrow County in September. Our arid countryside is ideal for the landfill project. What an amazing system, layer upon layers of soil/clay, synthetic liner, soil, gravel, geotextile fabric and leachate collection pipe for each cell, with the final result being land returned to its original state. It was an eye opener for those attending the barbecue and tour on Saturday at Boardman Marina. People went home with a greater appreciation of the process.

*Are you getting ready for our annual Morrow County Fair and Rodeo? "Blue Jeans and Country Scenes" is the theme that offers creativity in all directions. Open that premium book and see what talents you have to offer to make our county fair bigger and better than ever. You make the difference. Heppner Chamber will have a display, man the rodeo gate, and direct the parade.

*Cycle Oregon III...just a little over a month away. Gil Earnst from Gilcrest, who hosted last year, will be visiting Heppner Saturday, August 4 at 9 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Parish Hall, to share his "expertise" with committee chairpersons and heads of organizations who have a designated job assignment. It is imperative that someone be present to represent each area. Cattleman and women are considering how to prepare 2500 steaks and the Masons are looking at cracking some 60 dozen eggs for 3000 pieces of french toast. Other organizations are lining up ovens for potatoes, figuring out how to prepare salad for 2000, how to transport lunches, and baking monster cookies and muffins. When we've successfully accomplished this project, folks, we can do anything.

*August Chamber Calendar: board meeting Tuesday, August 7, at the Elks at 11 a.m. followed by the regular meeting with Frank Pearson, Kinzua Corporation, addressing Chamber. As we have done the past few years, Chamber will meet on Thursday, August 16, at the fair rather than Tuesday; then on Wednesday, August 22, we will join the Senators at the senior Center for lunch and to hear Dave Robertson for Senator Hatfield. Tuesday, August 28, it will be back to the Elks.

Enjoy the remainder of summer...it's going fast.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Morrow County Assessor's Office is accepting sealed bids for a 4x4 utility vehicle. Bid specifications can be obtained by calling this office at 676-9061 ext 30 or by writing to Morrow County Assessor, Box 247, Heppner, Oregon 97836. Bid deadline is 5:00 p.m. August 7, 1990. Bid opening will be 9:30 a.m. August 8, 1990 in Room 104 Morrow County Courthouse. Morrow County reserves the right to accept or reject all or part of any bid. Morrow County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age and handicapped status in employment or the provision of services.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS
Columbia Basic Electric Cooperative, Inc. is notifying all members that nominations are open for the following four director's positions:

ZONE NO. 3. That territory served or to be served by the Cooperative lying East of the Morrow-Gilliam County line and North of the Baseline.

ZONE NO. 4. That territory served or to be served by the Cooperative lying East of the Morrow-Gilliam County line, South of the Baseline, North of the Township line between Township 2 South and 3 South.

ZONE No. 6. CONDON ZONE. That territory served or to be served by the Cooperative within the incorporated city limits of Condon, Oregon.

ZONE NO. 8. HEPPNER ZONE. That territory served or to be served by the Cooperative within the incorporated city limits of Heppner, Oregon.

The members of the nominating committee are:

Zone No. 3: Virginia Grieb, Lexington, Oregon 989-8585 (3 year term)

Zone No. 4: Don Bennett, Heppner, Oregon, 676-9771 (3 year term)

Zone No. 6: Jack Reser, Condon, Oregon, 384-4284 (2 year term)

Zone No. 8: Ed Tarnasky, Heppner, Oregon, 676-5059 (3 year term)

The nominating committee will accept nominations up to and including the last day of August.

Nominees must be members of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. They must reside in, and receive service in, the Zone in which they will be running.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Morrow County is accepting sealed bids for providing to the County the following:

1. Tires: truck, passenger, equipment.
2. Batteries
3. Lubricants
4. Heating Oil
5. Anti-freeze

Bids will be opened on Tuesday, August 14, 1990 at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Works office at Lexington, Oregon. Morrow County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, National origin, sex, religion, age, and handicapped status in employment or the provision of services.

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Beginning Wednesday August 1st, Del's Market, Lexington, will be open from **8:00 A.M. until 7:30 P.M.** to better serve our customers.
Our 12 pc. chicken dinner **ONLY \$7.95**
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I CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to Dr. Ed Berretta, the hospital staff and the ambulance crew for their quick response when I was sick.
Everyone was very kind.

Rosella Tholberg
8-1-1p

We would like to thank MCGG, John Boyer, neighbors and friends for their quick response to our fire on the Pieper place. Your help and experience prevented what could have been a great disaster. Once again, our deepest appreciation for all your help.

Sincerely,
Bill and Cindy Greenup and boys
8-1-1nc

2 NOTICES

Capture that special moment with a photograph. Weddings, dances, class reunions, birth announcements, team pictures and more. Call Joyce Hughes 676-9959 evenings. 7-25-tfc

Cycle III Beds Needed
We still need beds for cyclists, Sept. 9. Phone Judie 676-9663 Heppner T.V. Office. 8-1-tfc

4 HELP WANTED

Morrow County Public Works will be accepting applications at the public works office located in Lexington, Oregon for a Labor-Service position until August 7, 1990 at 5:00 p.m. Morrow County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, National origin, sex, religion, age, and handicapped status in employment or the provisions of services.

The Heppner Ranger District is now accepting applications for a part time clerical/receptionist position under the Senior Community Service Employment Program. No experience necessary.

Applicants must be 55 years of age or older and meet certain income level requirements.

Applications and more information may be obtained from the Heppner Ranger District Office, or by calling 676-9187. Closing date is August 17, 1990. 7-11-5c

Free travel benefits. Cruise ships and casinos now hiring. All positions. Call (1) 602-838-8885 Ext. Y-12315. 7-18-4p

HELP WANTED: Clean snack shack Tues.-Fri. night. Call 676-9851. 7-25-tfc

HELP WANTED: Carpenter helper/laborer 3-5 years experience. Tool bags. Immediate opening for two if qualified. Lone, OR. 676-5412 ask for Terry. 7-25-2c

WANTED: night watchman for Morrow Co. Fair and Rodeo Aug. 15-19. 10 p.m.-5 a.m. Call Fair office 676-9474. 7-18-tfc

Attention: Government jobs-your area. \$17,840-\$69,485. Call (1) 602-838-8885 Ext. R-12315. 7-25-4p
Attention: Postal jobs. Start \$11.41/hour. For application info call (1) 602-838-8885, Ext. M-12315, 6 a.m.-10 p.m., 7 days. 7-25-4p

5 WORK WANTED

WANTED: Someone that can cook, clean house, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 676-9429. 7-5-tfc

Horseshoeing, call Lynn Murray, 422-7208 early morning or evenings. 5-2-tfc

Cleaning, painting, wallpapering & etc. Call Lauri Hire, 676-5251. 5-23-tfAug.

6 WANTED

Child sitter needed for two girls. Starting end of August. Approximately 30 hours-Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Price negotiable, leave message, 676-5042. 8-1-2c
Dependable babysitter wanted Tuesday evenings, 676-9939 after 5 p.m. or 676-9228. 8-1-tfc