

Forty return for alumni volleyball tournament

The first annual Heppner High School Volleyball Alumni Tournament was termed a success by organizers with around 40 players coming back. Only four women were unable to attend because of weather conditions.

Those home for the holidays and volleyball and basketball tournament who traveled the farthest were Julie Grieb, 1979, from Washington, D.C., Margaret Kincaid '81, Hays, Kansas and Debbie Holland Peterson '77 Burns.

The team of 85 consisting of years 77, 81, 85, 90, won the most games in their matches throughout the day. Players with most seniority were Pat-

ty Matheny, '72, Peggy Lauritsen, '72, Missy Gates '86 and Kelli Hammond Reid, '81 were known for their bullet serves.

Official Walt Pilgrim, commented that the players have been able to maintain a good skill level after graduating.

An alumni volleyball T-shirt was also sent by tournament players to Diane Holland, '78 former player who has been ill.

"Things went very well," said organizer Susie Hisler. "There are always things you can do to make it better for next year and we will try to make a few changes."

Burning of the Greens Jan. 7

The annual Burning of the Greens, sponsored by the Lone Garden Club, will be held Monday, January 7, at 2:15 p.m. behind Woolery Park in Lone.

Those bringing trees are asked to leave them behind the park.

Boardman man shoots self

A Boardman man, Charles Lynn Stacy, 26, died of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound on Dec. 31, according to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace.

Wallace said that the shooting occurred at a private Boardman residence at 3:25 p.m. He said that the matter is still under investigation.

Death Notice

Dee Bohanan-Word has been received of the death of Dee Bohanan, 51, Columbia, Missouri. She was the sister of Anna Mae Steagall of Heppner.

Obituary

Alfred 'Fred' Nelson

The funeral service for Alfred "Fred" H. Nelson Jr. will be Friday, January 4 at 1 p.m. at the Lone United Church of Christ. Cremation will follow.

Mr. Nelson, 74, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 1990, at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. He lived and farmed on Base Line Road north of Lexington for 68 years. He moved to Pendleton in 1984 after retiring.

He was born Aug. 21, 1916 in Heppner to Alfred and Bertha Morgan Nelson. He attended the Devine one-room school two miles east of his home farm and graduated from Lone High School in 1934. He married Helen Ransdell on Oct. 25, 1941, in Portland.

He served on the board of directors for Jordan Elevator Co. in Lone, was a 60-year member of the Lexington Grange, was a member of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, the Morrow County Grain Growers Co-op and the board of directors of the Lexington Oil Co-op. He also served on the Lone School Board.

He and his brother, Norman, won the Morrow County Conservation Men of the Year award in 1956. He also was a 4-H leader. Family members said he was a progressive farmer and was always willing to help young people and his neighbors.

He was a member of the United Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife in Pendleton; two sons, Kenneth of Lexington and Keith of Aloha; a daughter Karen Cross of Salem; two sisters, Clara Slonecker and Ellen Mason, both of Oak Grove and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, 1124 Columbia St. Seattle, WA 98104, directly or through Burns Mortuary, Box 489, Pendleton, or to the United Church of Christ Memorial Fund or the Pendleton Presbyterian Church Building Fund.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes Chamber Manager

Happy New Year. One person who shall remain nameless greeted '91 with a broken pipe spilling water all over the floor, a cat "tossing its cookies" in the middle of the carpet, and a spouse with a broken toe who watched 12 hours of non-stop football. Hope this was no indication of things to come in '91.

* Ready or not, the new year is here. New and retiring board members will join forces January 12 to set goals, elect officers and draw up the Heppner Chamber 1991 plan of work. Input from the membership will be welcomed during the January 8 business meeting. It's your chamber, your community, and your goals.

* Mark your calendars now to kick off Town and Country week January 15 with the Chamber of Commerce annual luncheon and installation of officers. Cookery demonstration by a professional chef and wine tasting will take place Thursday, January 17, and Friday will feature numerous group meetings, a panel luncheon on Measure 5, a speaker from the Oregon Lands Coalition, and the social hour and banquet with awards.

queen's coronation, and guest speaker. Banquet tickets will be available beginning next week at the Heppner Chamber office, Morrow County Extension office and Morrow County Grain Growers.

* Responses have been coming to the VISION 2000 committee regarding Heppner "eyesores". As someone said, "With a white blanket

over everything it's looking good but when the world turns color again, we'll have to work on those spots that detract from Heppner's small town beauty." A few volunteer weekends will make a big difference.

Thought for the week: "Protect the birds, the dove brings peace and the stork tax exemptions."

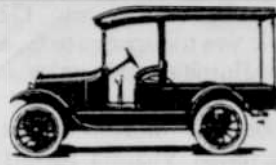
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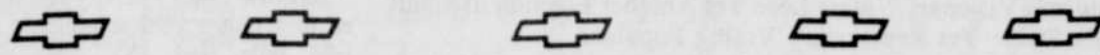
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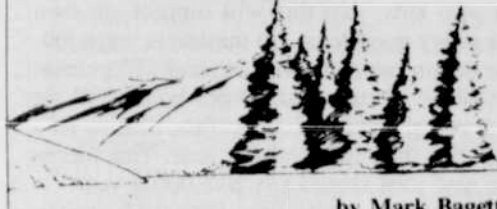
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EASTERN OREGON OUTDOORS



by Mark Baggett



Sportsmen Should Consider Resolutions for '91

human race, could stand to address a few shortcomings within their own ranks, flawless though they seem. For those who, after hours of soul searching, could find not a single improvement to resolve, the list below might offer some guidance:

Be a Better Sport—No more secretly pouring boat gas into your partner's bottle of fish attractant when you are being outfished. When he hooks each fish, simply smile and compliment him on his angling prowess. Of course, this does little to quell the ill feelings welling in your craw, but you can always "accidentally" kick over his opened tackle box later.

Curb Boasting—When you are the one doing the outfishing, loud, boisterous bragging is generally considered unnecessary (and can get your tackle box kicked over). Soft guffaws and mild innuendos mixed evenly with your screams of delight will usually suffice—but keep your tackle box closed, nonetheless.

Be Objective—Try to understand the other side's point of view, or at least don't condemn them for their convictions. I took offense recently to a passage from a book on flyfishing for trout which described the bass as "...a trash fish sought by anglers in floating Pontiac Firebirds." I felt this was uncalled for; I prefer to think of my boat as a 'Vette.

On the other hand, I must admit to being guilty of social bigotry this past year when I replaced the powered hand soap in the restrooms of an anti-hunting demonstration with Berkley Alive (turns into thick, foul-smelling fish slime when mixed with water). I suppose I'll have to work on that.

Be Courteous—Saving your bacon grease to distribute near other hunting camps to attract bears and skunks does not constitute courtesy. Some people just do not appreciate watchable wildlife so near their living quarters and could even develop an allergic reaction to the shed hairs which often accumulate.

Likewise, watering your pack animals at another camp's drinking-water source is also rather ill mannered, since horses and mules are usually less than discriminating about where they perform certain bodily functions. Exercise the courtesy of leading your stock 10 or 15 feet upstream where any unsightly accidents will be hidden from view.

Be Safety Conscious—Safety should play a major role in all outdoor activities. Before icefishing, for example, test the rigidity of the ice by sliding a large, heavy tackle box as far out onto the lake as possible, then returning to your pickup to wait. If the ice holds the stampeding hoards of anglers which will appear out of nowhere to grab the box, consider it safe. Simply affixing your name to the box in advance allows you to reclaim it for future use.

Be Honest—If you catch and release a potential record fish or pass up an unusually large trophy while hunting, don't be bashful—say so. For some reason, most sportsmen have the habit of being vague or overly conservative in their descriptions of trophies for which they have no physical proof. Be honest. No one will disbelieve you. I could even take this honesty thing a bit further by unashamedly admitting that I'm now ending this week's column so that I might go play with my new rifle, tackle box and other Christmas goodies. Happy New Year.

Thanks to all of our friends and business associates in the Heppner area.

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