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Fishin' With Bruce and Ben

I just love a fishin' trip. It doesn't matter if it's for steelhead on the Grande Ronde at Troy, for trout on the Lostine above Lap Over or for Walleye on the Columbia out of Boardman. These are all great places for action, photos and maybe the material to write a story for one of those slick outdoors magazines.

So when Bruce and Ben dropped in to the coffee shop before daylight saying "They're really knocking them dead at the John Day," it didn't take me long to round up a camera and beg to go along. I knew it would be a great trip.

Bruce has a nice big boat and a new pickup to tow it with. Ben's in the real estate business. Both are old pilots, republicans and pretty dedicated fishermen. It had the makings of a fishin trip worth writing about.

They'd planned to go up above McNary Dam before Bruce's friend Tom had told him the night before that they were catching a lot of steelhead at the mouth of the John Day. Tom had heard that from his brother-in-law whose neighbor had been there just a couple of days before. You just can't beat a tip like that.

The back seat in Bruce's new stretch cab pickup wasn't too roomy, but if you sit cross ways and jam a coat or two against the side it's OK for a short ride. It's farther than I remembered to the mouth of the John Day. We only stopped once. Bruce didn't act so happy I was along when I announced that we should stop someplace so I could get a steelhead tag. But not to waste the occasion, Ben bought a handful of gosh-awful looking lures that precipitated enough conversation to get us on down the road to the boat launch.

The big motor on Bruce's big boat took us up the river to the end of the slack water in short order and sure enough, there were half a dozen other boats working the run. Then we found the little trolling motor smoked a lot, and the breeze was just right to blow in right under the canopy where I had to sit. Bruce grumbled, Ben laughed and I mostly choked the whole day.

Right away, Bruce hooked a nice bright steelhead and it jumped and dived and fought like a trooper. I dropped my pole, grabbed my camera and was ready for when this first fish came to the surface. Ben stepped in someone's tackle box in his haste to get the net and Bruce set down on the drag.

Boy, this was going to be a fishing trip to remember. Just as that bright steelie broke the water arm's length from the boat, I clicked a picture. Ben stabbed with the net but Bruce's rod went straight in the air. He was gone.

Bruce broke the stunned silence with a whine about losing his favorite lure and then turned on Ben something about being so heavy handed with the net. Ben seized the opportunity and snapped at Bruce about not knowing how to tie a knot in a fish line. I quietly hid my camera with the picture in a relatively safe place in the bottom of the boat.

Bruce fumbled in the spilled tackle box for some new terminal tackle and was soon putting along, ready for another strike. After an hour and a half we decided the bite was off and started watching the other boats to see if they knew something we didn't. They didn't. Everytime we'd pass one close enough to bail, we'd ask about luck and get the same palms up shrug. But what fishermen say is not a very reliable source of information, so we still fished and watched.

It was the same as my other fishin' trips. When I ask a local about the fishin' I always hear "Ya should've been here yesterday..."

As the day wore on the conversation roamed like a wild animal. Politics, walleye fishin', women, salmon fishin', real estate development, deep sea fishin'. Between Bruce and Ben they had had every political, business and woman problem known to man. And they'd caught millions of every kind of fish that swims. At least I had a picture of the one that got away.

I was ill prepared for lunch time on the John Day River, what with the closest restaurant 35 miles away. Bruce had planned this trip a little better than I had. He had lunch, all I had was the picture. He dug out a loaf of bread, a package of lunch meat and even found a jar of sandwich spread. I ate two sandwiches to make sure the \$2 he demanded was well spent. Ben, being a regular, didn't have to pay.

By mid afternoon, we were fixing to leave when a fellow in another boat caught a fish. We agreed he was pretty cruel, to us at least, playing the big fellow as long as he did. Finally netted and into the boat, it was a nice silver and crimson sided steelie cut short in his trip upriver. We fished another two hours without as much as a nibble, but Ben and Bruce told all about several hundred hours at the controls of some airplane or another over the past 50 years.

All day, Ben and Bruce had taken turns with the tiller on the smoky trolling motor. So when they got the boat loaded for the trip home, I felt compelled to help tie down the canvas cover. It looked pretty good, from my side, anyway. Bruce walked around and grunted and we were finally homeward bound. At least I didn't come home empty handed. I had a picture even if I didn't have a story.

We'd no more than got out of the slip and started down the highway when the canvas came off the boat. I just sat in the cramped back seat and let Bruce and Ben redo it. Bruce agreed that was a good idea.

At home that night, I developed my picture, the only thing anybody had come home with, of consequence. Fishin' with Bruce and Ben is always rewarding, a great way to frit away a whole day. At least this time I had a picture.

I was really getting excited by the time I pulled the negative out of the developing tank. Normally I let film dry before I handle it but this called for an early peek through the magnifying glass.

Now don't get ahead of me about this picture. You're thinking that it might be badly out of focus or terribly over exposed. Maybe I left the lens cap on or even forgot to put film in the camera.

But the fact is, it's a perfect picture of a bright shiny steelhead, riding high in the water with Bruce's bright red lure still tied tight to his line. No mistake about it, this is a great picture of the one that got away.

Too bad I didn't get a story to go with it.



Obituaries

Victor A. Lovgren

Victor Arthur Lovgren, 83, Heppner, died Monday, November 18, 1991 in Pendleton. A memorial service was held Friday, November 22 at the Elks Lodge in Heppner.

Mr. Lovgren was born March 2, 1908 to Frank and Hannah Engstrom Lovgren on the family farm at Eightmile. He attended schools in Heppner.

On Nov. 19, 1933, he married Jessie McDaniel. After the death of his parents in 1938, he and his wife raised his five youngest brothers and sisters and continued to farm the family ranch until 1955 when they moved to Louis Creek, B.C., Canada. They returned to Heppner in 1958. His wife died in 1974.

Mr. Lovgren was a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge 358.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Peterson of Pendleton; a son, Larry Lovgren of Louis Creek, B.C.; sisters, Erma Keithley and Gladys Alderman both of Heppner; Edna Harshman, of Walla Walla, WA.; and Betty Way of The Dalles; brothers Al Marshall and Robert, all of Heppner and Tim of Redding, CA; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Two brothers Marion and James, two sisters Frances and Irene and a son, Arthur, all died earlier.

Burns Mortuary, Pendleton was in charge of arrangements.

Madeline E. Currin

Funeral services for Madeline E. Currin were held Nov. 20 at Bishop Funeral Chapel in Pendleton. Vault interment was at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

Mrs. Currin, 71, of Pendleton, died Monday, Nov. 18, 1991 at Delamarer Care Center in Pendleton.

She was born Oct. 12, 1920 at Pendleton to Floyd and Etta Baker Patton. She grew up in the Helix area and attended school there until her senior year which she completed at LaGrande High School. After graduation in 1939, she attended Oregon State University, graduating in 1943. She was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority at OSU.

She was employed as a secretary for various firms at locations in the northwest and Canada before she returned to Pendleton in the early 1950s. She was a legal secretary in the law office of Kilkenny and Fabre until her marriage to Ralph Currin on April 19, 1956.

After her marriage she became a homemaker and was active in community affairs. She was a member of the Pendleton Community Hospital Auxiliary and served on the board of directors and was involved in the Pendleton Round-Up and served as court chaperone in 1964 and 1965.

The Currins moved from Pendleton to Hermiston in 1981.

Survivors include her husband at the home; brother Marshall Patton and sister, Eloise Kilby, both of Pendleton. Two sisters Mary Whestone and Vanita Wyland, died earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Box 404, Pendleton, or to a charity of choice directly or through Bishop Funeral Chapel, 131 SE Byers, Pendleton.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

	High	Low	Prec	Rain
Nov. 20 - 26, 1991				
Tues.	56	38	.17	
Weds.	53	33	.09	
Thurs.	46	29	.0	
Fri.	47	27	.0	
Sat.	38	28	.06	
Sun.	54	33	.20	
Mon.	54	36	.25	

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Nov. 26		
Soft White		
Nov.		\$4.30
Dec./Jan.		\$4.32
Feb.		\$4.33
Barley		
Nov.-Jan.		\$11

In the Service

Air Force Airman 1st Class Lisa Jurney wishes family and friends back home seasons greetings and a happy new year. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jurney, Boardman.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

James Wesley Carter, Jr., 40, Milwaukie-No Controlled Elk Tag, \$56 fine;

Bernard Frank Michels, 56, Portland-No Controlled Elk Tag, \$56 fine;

Paul Erwin Mershon, 38, Corbett-No Valid Controlled Elk Tag, \$56 fine;

Lance Joseph Marietta, 34, Portland-No Upland Game Bird Stamp, \$56 fine;

Dale Richard Harris, 59, The Dalles-Violation of the Basic Rule, 25 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$68 fine;

Dennis James Combs, 47, Stevenson, WA.-Switched License Plate, \$108 fine;

Gayle (NMN) Pickerill, 68, Klamath Falls-Vehicle Registration Permit, \$22 fine;

Robert Leroy Gerke, 54, Prineville-Vehicle License Expired, \$18 fine;

Scott Bryant Fletcher, 30, Oregon City-No Safety Chains (towed trailer), \$22 fine;

Howard Eugene Crowell Jr., 39, Ione-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$47 fine

Steven John Hopper, 43, Canyon City-Excessive Noise, \$33 fine;

John Robert McConnell, 33, Ione-Driving Uninsured, \$22 fine; Vehicle Registration Permit Expired, \$22 fine;

Randy Dale Rayburn, 26, Heppner-Vehicle Registration Permit Expired, \$22 fine;

Gary Warren Richards, 53, Lexington-No Safety Chains (towed trailer), \$22 fine;

Loren Edwin Aldous, 35, Redmond-Violation of Cooperative Road Closure, \$36 fine;

Robert Gary Austin, 50, Portland-No Upland Game Bird Stamp, \$56 fine;

Darrel Frank Spiesschaert, 49, Eugene-No Controlled Elk Tag, \$56 fine;

Ralph Edwin Rose, 80, Oregon City-No Valid Controlled Elk Tag, \$56 fine;

Mark Allen Carter, 19, Portland-No Controlled Elk Tag, \$56 fine.

4-H News

Clever Crafters

By Dawn Boor, Reporter
The Clever Crafters held a meeting on November 20. At the meeting members started making mini animals, bunnies, etc. Members brought their own material. The next meeting is Friday, Nov. 27. Members are to bring material to finish the animals.

Marriage Licenses

The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:

November 19: Richard Allan Basford, 22, Ione; and Shannon Virginia Ross, 19, Ione.

Sheriff's Report

The Sheriff's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

November 19: Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a report of property damaged;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Lexington area for an animal problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of property damage;

Morrow County deputy arrested Travis Lane Thomas, 20, Boardman, for Burglary II and Theft I. Thomas was transported to Benton County Jail.

November 21: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a possible intoxicated driver. Deputy was unable to locate driver;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a motor vehicle accident. There were no injuries;

Morrow County deputy responded to I-84, east bound at Patterson Ferry for a one vehicle rollover. One female was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

November 22: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to the Nomad for a male with stomach pains. Male was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to the Bordely residence on Shane Drive for a patient. Patient was transported to Mid Columbia Hospital in The Dalles;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman fire department to a vehicle fire on Patterson Ferry Road. Fire department was unable to locate vehicle;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman fire department to a stove fire at the West Glenn Addition in Board-

man. Fire was secured;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman rest area for a request for a motorist assist. Deputy was unable to locate vehicle.

November 23: Morrow County deputy made contact with an Irrigon resident in regards to phone harassment;

Morrow County deputy responded to the area of Paul Smith road in Boardman for a report of cattle at large. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy arrested Russell John Britt, 31, Lexington for maintaining a dog as a public nuisance. Britt was cited and released;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a report of erratic driver. Deputy was unable to locate driver.

November 24: Morrow County deputy responded to I-84, mile post 171 for a non-injury motor vehicle accident;

Morrow County deputy arrested David Wayne Crouley, 32, Portland, for Driving While Suspended felony, Attempt to Elude, Possession of less than one ounce of marijuana. Crouley was lodged at Wasco County;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to Hwy. 74, Heppner junction for a report of suspicious circumstances.

November 25: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to the Haven House for a transport of a female with an unknown problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner ambulance to 545 E. Matlock, for a man down with unknown injuries. Transport was made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital;

Morrow County deputies responded 4th St. W., in Irrigon to assist the Umatilla ambulance with a report of a hit and run victim. Male was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with minor injuries.

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Thurs. Dec. 5 - Ladies Night
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Lodge 8 p.m. Chicken Casserole
Joe & Bonnie

Fri. Dec. 6 - William's Going Away Party
Music by Forest Service Group
Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
Potluck Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 7 -
Elks Ladies Artifactory food sale
Tom & Jerry Party 6 p.m.
Members & Out of Town Guests Only
Stew Dinner
Music by Forest Service Group
Toy Dance Bring a Toy

Heppner Elks 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 N. Main

Court Street Market
111 N. Court Heppner 676-9643

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GROCERIES - MEATS - PRODUCE

Full Cut Round Steak \$1.00 lb.	Tide Ultra 42 use Powdered Detergent \$6.00 ea.
Hills Sliced Bacon \$1.70 lb.	Western Family 13oz. Crispy Rice Cereal \$1.39 ea.
Hills Bulk Franks or German Sausage \$2.00 lb.	10lb. Bag Potatoes 79¢ ea.
Dan Orchard 32oz. Spread \$2.69 ea.	Red Rome Apples 59¢ lb.
Zee Paper Towels 69¢ ea.	6 pack 12oz. Cans Regular or Diet Pepsi \$1.59 + dep.
Western Family 16oz. Halves and Pieces Walnuts \$2.99 ea.	2 Liter Regular or Diet Pepsi \$1.00 +dep.
Western Family 12oz. Squeeze Bear Honey 79¢ ea.	Western Family Sheets 20 Count Fabric Softner 79¢ ea.
Friskie Buffett 6oz. Cat Food 3 for 99¢	Prices Good November 29 through December 3

Lady Elks to decorate club

The Heppner Elks ladies will be decorating the Elks club for Christmas on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. Everyone is urged to turn out to help decorate.

The ladies are also reminded to bring their food to sell at the Artifactory Craft Sale between 8 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the fairgrounds.