

Long Tom Watershed Council

By GARY GALOVICH June 7, 01

"Before the lake went in, we'd see steelhead here," the landowner said. I was visiting with him on the upper river above Burp Hollow. As a local fish biologist, I've always been impressed by the variety of fish found in the Long Tom River, but this was the first account I'd heard of steelhead in the basin. In the upper Willamette River Basin, native winter steelhead are not known to exist upstream of the Calapooia River.

I tend to keep an open mind as to fish habitat and often rely on the recollections of long-time residents for a historical perspective. I suspect that the landowner mentioned above was seeing cutthroat trout rather than steelhead. The Long Tom supports two varieties of cutthroat: resident trout that remain in one stream year-round and the larger fluvial cutthroat that migrate into the Long Tom from the Willamette during the fall, winter and spring. Before Fern Ridge Dam was constructed, it would have been possible for these fish to travel further upstream. Although now isolated from the Willamette, some of the trout above the dam still display this fluvial behavior as they annually migrate from the reservoir into the streams of the upper basin. Cutthroat trout are perhaps the most visible of the many fish in the Long Tom.

During the winter, juvenile spring Chinook salmon can also be found in the lower river downstream of Monroe. The young salmon are spawned in the McKenzie and use the Long Tom as a rest stop during their migration to the ocean. Other natives include largescale sucker, peamouth, chiselmouth and northern pike minnow, fish I'll often hear folks collectively refer to as "chub." There is also the pacific lamprey, and some of the smaller natives include sculpin and dace.

Still other fish such as carp, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, crappie, and bluegill are not native and have instead been introduced by humans. Although these are very popular among anglers, they can compete with or prey upon varieties of native fish.

So, although you may not see an adult salmon or steelhead in the Long Tom, these waters support a variety of important native fish, perhaps far more than most people imagine.

The next Long Tom Watershed Council general meeting will be held on June 26. The council members will gather at approximately 6 p.m. for an outdoor tour. For more information, please call 683-6578.

Senior Meals

JUNCTION CITY — Midday meals are served to Junction City area seniors in the Lindenberg Place dining room, 840 Holly St., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (except holidays) at 11:30 a.m. The menu for June 11-15 is as follows: Monday, June 11 — cheese manicotti or Mediterranean chicken bake, prune juice, dilled carrots, marinated zucchini salad, cracked wheat bread, tapioca pudding; Wednesday, June 13 — ham salad sandwich or chicken salad sandwich on whole wheat bread, fruit punch, navy bean soup, cucumber/onion salad, chocolate chip cookie; Friday, June 15 — roast beef with gravy or pork chopette with gravy, orange juice, whipped potatoes with gravy, chuck wagon corn, dinner roll, carrot cake with frosting.

Those wishing to participate in the program may call 998-5367 before noon two serving days ahead to reserve a meal. The suggested donation is \$2.90, but no one is refused service who is unable to contribute.

In the Service

White

Nathanael T. White has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of first lieutenant.

White is a missile crew evaluator, deputy assigned to the 341st Operations Group at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls, Mont. The lieutenant has served in the military for more than two years.

He is the son of Larry M. and Carolee F. White of 2347 S. Wilbur Ave., Walla Walla, Wash.

His wife, Angela (Tootsie) is the daughter of Larry and Katrina Dean of 790 Vine St., Junction City.

The lieutenant is a 1993 graduate of Walla Walla High School and a 1997 graduate of George Fox University, Newberg, Ore.

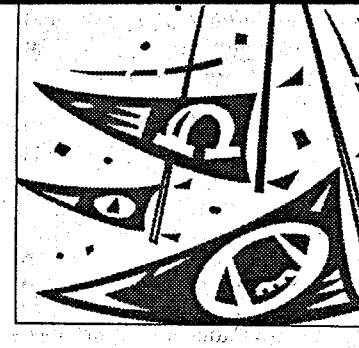
Southard

Roger D. Southard Jr. has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading tactics, military courtesy, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Nancy Cummings of Junction City and Roger Southard of Coquille, Springfield High School.

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Is your garden growing?

plants can accomplish more as a team than is the basic concept of "companion planting" have touched on before. It is a gardening ancient roots that can minimize your efforts results. The plant team of squash, corn, and tately named the "three sisters" in ancient ericas. These companion plants benefit each individual strengths. Beans fix nitrogen in s for the beans to climb. And the spreading will cool and moist. Now that's a team effort! s when one plant repels the pests that affect nally, like chives, may keep bugs away from mbination found in traditional literature on asparagus, carrots, cucumbers and parsley. ng is the idea of crop rotation. It is a good or example, follow crops that use lots of in those crops like beans and peas that add ion is trying not to plant crops of the same is and diseases, in the same spot. One more be planted every two weeks to ensure a