

# WEOMA CLUB NEWS

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## SPORTS

There are no sporting events to report about this week. If you are interested in future events please tell your captains to drop the information into the Newsletter drop box located in the main cafeteria.

Tom Nelson is still offering golf lessons to anyone who is interested. Please give him a call at and he will set you up. Tom's phone number is 402-331-3196.

## PLACES TO GO

### Outdoor Adventure Club

A group of six Outdoor Adventure Club members and guests recently spent four days backpacking in a remote western section of the Grand Canyon below the north rim. Read more about this adventure located inside the paper. Also, if anyone would like to join in the fun contact Arnie Kelson -B1500 on X-3318.

## WANTED

Omaha Community  
Playhouse Season Tickets



Tickets are now available to purchase for the 1996-1997 season. For more information contact one of the sales representatives:  
1st shift

Carol Bloomer - X3512

Tammy Dean - X3709

Jerry Golmanavich - X3711

Larry Moody - X3957

Zanette Moore - X3592

Cathy Placzek - X3663

Dan Staudt - X4921

Linda Lloyd - X3019

2nd Shift

Vickie Gundlach - X3228

Jessie Knutson - X3937

Some of the shows will be:

*Oliver - The Sisters*

*Rosensweig - A Christmas*

*Carol - Pippin - To Kill a*

*Mockingbird - Don't Dress*

*for Dinner - Oklahoma*

**THANK YOU**

The family of Joe Avery would like to thank each and every one of you for your kind expression of sympathy during our time of bereavement. Mrs. Pat Avery & Family.

## FOR SALE

1995 Dodge 1 - Ton Diesel 12' flatbed with gooseneck hookup \$24,500; 1989 GMC full size van 6-2 diesel hightop, am-fm-cassette, p.w., p. Locks, cruise, tilt, front and rear air \$6,500 call 592-3247.

90 Ford Tempo need some work but has air, cruise control, power locks, bumper missing - 2 small dents, 4 new tires \$1200; 7-up pop machine & pin ball machine - both work \$200 each or both for \$300. Call 496-3402.

1993 Ford F-150 XLT 4x4, auto, 5.0L, regular cab, long box 2-tone red matching topper, 48K miles call 592-9276.

1984 Lund pro angler 18' livewell with auto timer 50hp Johnson pedestal seats trolling motor flasher new tarp and tires call 402-721-5667.

1994 Donahue 24' Dovetail trailer, gooseneck, 14,000 GVW wood floor \$3,900; plastic file folder bins

4"x8"x12", 25 cents ea. Call 592-3247.

Antique wooden dresser with swivel mirror, on wheels, 3 drawers, \$125 or best offer call Mon-Fri 10 am - 2 p.m. weekends anytime 346-4729.

Couch - Mastercraft 5 yrs old brown great shape \$200 or best offer; queen size waterbed mattress 50% waveless with heating pad and control and mattress cover \$50 or best offer; camera cannon T-50 with case and Pentax Flash like new \$150 or best offer call 333-0170.

Craftsman socket set brand new never used 29 piece 3/4" guaranteed for life \$325 cost over \$450 if bought from Sears. Call 402-721-9453.

Sharp 6500 BTV window air conditioner used 1 season like new \$150 call 253-2344.

Trimline fold down camper fiber glass excellent condition, sleeps 8 in/outdoor stove must see to appreciate \$1300 call after 3 p.m all day on weekends 289-4346.

Dehumidifier, auto shutoff, nice cabinet \$75, stereo cabinet triple glass doors,shelves, oak \$100 call 339-4740.

Sunbeam gas grill 563 sq.in. 35,000 btu dual valve controls 20 lb. Lp tank electric rotisserie kit \$75 call 496-1863.

Celebrate Earth Month with Shaklee all environmental products 10% off call 894-5406.

Couch, loveseat and large picture, earthtones - like new call 289-2367.

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the drop box to  
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## **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CLUB**

### **GRAND CANYON BACKPACK**

A group of six Outdoor Adventure Club members and guests spent four days backpacking in a remote western section of the Grand Canyon below the north rim.

Charles Gibbs, daughter Ashley, Ron Monroe and friend Jill Obertz, Darwin Fager and Arnie Kelson left Friday afternoon, March 31 to drive through the night to our destination in northern Arizona with a breakfast stop in Green River, Utah Saturday morning. We picked up the scenic approach route from I-70 that passed through Hanksville, Utah, drove up the spectacular Burr Trail in the waterpocket fold of Capital Reef National Park, past Escalante and into Kanab, Utah where we fueled our vehicles for the miles of dirt road to the north rim. We finished the last few miles to the campsite after dark and camped on the north rim Saturday night.

Since we had planned to hike a 36 mile loop from Buckhorn Spring to Schmutz Spring, we left one vehicle at Schmutz Spring Sunday morning and piled packs and bodies in the other vehicle to shuttle to the Buckhorn Spring trailhead. It was about noon when we finally loaded our heavy packs for the steep descent. And steep it was - a 1,200 foot drop in one mile over a difficult to follow switchbacked trail wiped out in many places by rockslides. It was slow going but we made the spring (reported to be undrinkable by the local ranger) by mid-afternoon and pushed on to a more spacious campsite a half mile down One Hundred Fifty Mile Canyon. After breaking camp the next morning and moving down-canyon a quarter mile, we realized that completing the loop by Friday afternoon was impossible. At an all-hands conference, we decided to proceed to the next reliable water source, camp for two nights, and return to the trailhead Thursday.

We continued another mile to a level rock shelf known as the esplanade which extends the length of the canyon. There we set up camp. One hundred feet down the nearby side canyon was Hotel Spring, our water source for the next three days. We shared the water supply with a vocal colony of bullfrogs who serenaded us with their croaking while we filled our water bags. There we discovered the origin of the spring's name. A short distance from the spring, under a protective rock ledge that served as an overhanging rain shelter, were the remains of a camp that may have served as a cowboy camp in the years before the park was established. There were two crude beds with rotting bedding nearby, an open kitchen with firepit, pots and kettle, horseshoes and other horse equipment, a pick and shovel with handles broken or missing, wine jugs - some partially filled - and a container of oats of questionable edibility, even for a horse.

The next day was spent sightseeing. Kelson hung back to do some photography with a recently acquired 4"x5" view camera. The others hiked a few miles further along the esplanade to a point where the flooded Colorado River was visible. This was the week the gates to Glen Canyon dam upstream were opened wide to scour the Colorado River gorge clean, simulating a spring flood that periodically swept through before the dam was built. From 2,000 feet above, the river was wall to wall brown water.

The next day, Wednesday, we broke camp and returned back up One Hundred Fifty Mile Canyon to Buckhorn Spring, except for Kelson who continued up the trail to the rim. Later that afternoon Darwin Fager and Ron Monroe shuttled unneeded items to the top to ease the next day's ascent and returned to the Buckhorn campsite for the night.

On Thursday morning the group climbed the 1,200 feet to the trailhead and reveled in what they accomplished. For some, it was the first time in the canyon and a challenging wilderness adventure.

By Thursday afternoon we were checked into a motel in Kanab, Utah. After showers and clean clothes, we gathered at Houston's, the best steakhouse in town for a great dinner served by pistol-toting waitresses, and swapped recollections of the trip. We were back to Omaha Saturday morning, April 6 as experienced Grand Canyoners.

Arnie Kelson - B1500  
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