

# Beekeeping buffs gather

By Steve Tool  
Wallowa County Chieftain

About 30 people buzzed into the M Crow & Co. store in Lostine to attend an Oct. 29 lecture on beekeeping organized by organic beekeeper and store manager Jane Harshman.

Participants were treated to a honey-centered potluck that included honey cookies, honey butter, honey pecan snacks and honey biscuits. Various beekeeping articles were placed about the store as well.

Harshman organized the event and invited commercial beekeeper Jan Lohman of Hermiston to deliver a lecture and answer audience questions about the subject.

Harshman came by her beekeeping honestly: The store's owner, Tyler Hays, told her it was part of her store managerial duties, which didn't matter to Harshman as she already had an interest in the subject. She has kept bees for two seasons.



Professional beekeeper Jan Lohman of Hermiston discusses her craft with the crowd at the M. Crow & Co. store in Lostine. She's holding a hive frame, which is a template bees use to build their honeycombs. A beekeeper's suit rests at the far left.

"I was really pleased with the turnout — it was great," Harshman said. "For Wallowa County it was a stellar turnout."

As a relatively new beekeeper, Harshman said she's always looking for new information about beekeeping.

"The purpose of the meet-

ing was to get anyone thinking of keeping bees hooked up with Jan or other mentors," she said. "I have several mentors, and I mentor someone."

A sign-up sheet for a possible beekeepers club was filled from top to bottom with signatures from interested parties. Although Harshman

considers herself a novice beekeeper, she said that if interested people visit or call the M. Crow store at 541-569-2285, she can connect them with a beekeeping expert.

Harshman said the store likely will host another beekeeping gathering in the spring.

# Teen contracts bubonic plague after hunting trip

By George Plaven  
East Oregonian

A Crook County teenager is recovering in intensive care after contracting bubonic plague during a hunting trip earlier this month near Heppner.

Oregon health officials said the girl likely caught the disease from a flea bite sometime during the trip, which started Oct. 16. She reportedly became sick on Oct. 21 and was hospitalized in Bend three days later.

Bubonic plague is an infectious bacterial disease carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other wild rodents. When an infected animal becomes sick, its fleas can carry the disease to other animals or humans through bites.

"Many people think of the plague as a disease of the past, but it's still very much present in our environment, particularly among wildlife," said Emilio DeBess, Oregon's state public health veterinarian. "Fortunately, plague remains a rare disease, but people need to take appropriate precautions with wildlife and their pets to keep it

that way." Only eight human cases of plague have been diagnosed in Oregon since 1995, and no deaths have been reported. The disease is treatable with antibiotics if caught early.

Symptoms usually develop several days after exposure, and include fever, chills, headache, weakness and a bloody or watery cough. Bubonic plague is the most common of three types of plague, characterized by high fever and swollen lymph nodes in the neck and under the jaw.

DeBess recommends people avoid all contact with wild rodents. They should never feed squirrels, chipmunks or other rodents in picnic or campground areas, and never touch a sick or dead rodent.

People should also keep their pets away from potentially infected rodents, and don't leave pet's food where mice or other critters can get to it.

Anyone who finds a sick or dead rodent should contact a staff veterinarian with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife at 1-866-968-2600.

## Dispatch log:

- Oct. 26**  
9 a.m. Report of possible animal neglect in Joseph.  
11:18 a.m. Deputies arrested Justin Troy Doss, 25, of Wallowa for 1st-degree burglary in Wallowa.  
12:31 p.m. Report of lost Miniature Australian Sheppard in rural Wallowa.
- Oct. 27**  
11:13 a.m. Report of possible wolf depredation in rural Joseph.  
11:59 a.m. Report of cougar in rural Joseph.  
4:38 p.m. Black lab puppy found in Enterprise.
- Oct. 28**  
1:42 a.m. Report of cow in highway outside of Wallowa.  
7 a.m. Report of buck with antlers stuck in soccer goal in Enterprise.  
8:53 a.m. Report of injured deer on Hwy 82, rural Enterprise.  
7:08 p.m. Request for assistance with horse accident near Anerold Lake.  
7:42 p.m. Report of dog bite in Joseph.
- Oct. 29**  
2:01 a.m. Deputies arrest Jacob Dylan Hart, 18, of Enterprise

## FOR THE RECORD

- for Criminal Tresspass 1.  
Noon Report of minor vehicle collision in Enterprise.  
12:10 p.m. Report of tree on fire in rural Enterprise.  
12:30 p.m. Tresspass complaint in Enterprise  
1:14 p.m. Complaint of abandoned trailer in Enterprise.  
5:26 p.m. Report of cow stuck in cattle guard in rural Enterprise.  
5:58 p.m. Statewide felony warrant issued for Jeremy Paul Beske, 41, of Wallowa for probation violation.  
6:15 p.m. Report of unattended burn pile in Joseph.
- Oct. 30**  
6:57 a.m. Report of vehicle collision with deer in Joseph.  
11:07 a.m. Report of vehicle in ditch near Hurricane Creek Grange.  
2:31 p.m. Report of abandoned lab mix in Enterprise.  
4:07 p.m. Report of possible burglary in Enterprise.  
4:37 p.m. Deputies arrest Jeremy Paul Beske, 41, of Wallowa for probation violation.  
5:28 p.m. Report of menacing in Enterprise.  
5:42 p.m. Violation of stalking order reported in Enterprise.  
5:53 p.m. EPD responds to request for contact regarding 1st-degree sexual abuse in Enterprise.  
7:05 p.m. Fire reported in rural

- Wallowa.  
**Oct. 31**  
7:57 a.m. Report of injured elk calf in rural Enterprise.  
7:04 p.m. Deputies arrested Deborah Marle Curtis, 46, of Enterprise for violation of stalking order.
- Nov. 1**  
9:23 a.m. Report of hit and run

- with property damage in Joseph.  
11:22 a.m. Report of cattle in Wallowa Lake residence yard.  
11:32 a.m. Report of minor vehicle accident in Enterprise.  
2:40 p.m. Overdue hunter reported in Two-Pan Wilderness, located before SAR responded.

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