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OSP seeking moose poacher

The OSP Fish & Wildlife Division is asking for the public's help to identify the person(s) responsible for the unlawful killing of a cow moose in Wallowa County.

On December 2, 2016, OSP was notified of one dead cow moose approximately 20 yards off of Coal Docks Road, which is located northwest of Wallowa in Wallowa County. OSP Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded and found a cow moose had been shot and some of the meat left to waste. The subsequent Investigation revealed the moose was most likely shot in the late evening hours of December 1, 2016 or early morning hours of December 2, 2016. Evidence was collected at the scene.

There are no lawful hunts that allow the harvesting of



Photo courtesy of OSP.

This cow moose was shot and some of the meat left to waste.

moose in Oregon.

A reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case. The reward is offered by

the Oregon Hunters Association Turn-In-Poacher (TIP) program.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact OSP Senior

Trooper Brian Miller through the TIP hotline at 1-800-452-7888 or email at Brian.Miller@state. or.us.

Christian women sponsor brunch



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Kadie Cosby was the featured speaker at the event.

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Hannah Violette leading the Bel Canto Choir.

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Baker City Christian Women's Connection and Stonecroft Ministries sponsored a Christmas Brunch, Saturday, December 10th at the Nazarene Church Family Life Center. Emcee duties were shared by Jerri Wickert and Donna Kilgore. Anita Nelson did the decorating.

The event featured a performance by the Baker High School Bel Canto Choir under the direction of Hannah Violette. Wickert mentioned that Violette stepped up to direct junior and senior high choirs just two weeks before the start of school.

The brunch featured several casseroles, fruit, and a green smoothie and was catered by Jessica Dalton and Kristin Anderson. The Coffee Corral donated coffee for the event.

After the brunch, choir, and door prizes, speaker Kadie Cosby spoke on joy and peace. Cosby is a local rancher, wife, mom, and grandmother. She said when she was younger she had her life all planned out, including knowing the way

to raise perfect children. She thought she could control everything.

She said one night she was listening to a pastor speak and came "face to face with God." She said she had been baptized as a child and thought she was a Christian, but now realized that sin separated her from God. Jesus made a way for her to be forgiven and stand in God's presence and anyone can accept the free gift of salvation, which she did.

Cosby then spoke of the devastation of losing two children and the over-

whelming grief and despair she experienced. She said finally one day she decided that if God is supposed to be a mighty comforter and her best friend then she would lean on him. She poured out her heart to him and he provided peace, comfort, and hope. He gave her the strength to realize the lies she was

telling herself.

Cosby said we do not have control over what happens in life, but we can control how we respond and the choices we make each day. She said she still battles with wanting to be the boss, but the days she wakes up with praise for God on her lips are the days full of joy and hope. She said bad things personal relationship with Jesus gives access to his wisdom, the promise of and the promise that when earthly life ends, eternal life begins.

First-day hikes free at parks Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) joins

America's State Parks in sponsoring First Day Hikes in 21 Oregon State Parks on New Year's Day. Park rangers or volunteers will lead most of the hikes. Day-use parking fees are waived for all visitors at participating parks Jan.

"This is us helping people have a little fun and remember your parks are there for you any time of year," says Lisa Sumption, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department director. "Fun, healthy, memorable ... bundle up and enjoy your first walk of the year with a state park ranger."

Visit the Oregon State Parks website for directions to each park: www.oregonstateparks.org. OPRD advises visitors to plan for inclement weather, and to remember the binoculars for wildlife viewing.

Participating parks and meeting areas:

Portland

L.L. "Stub" Stewart Memorial State Park, 10 a.m. at the Hilltop Day-use Area.

Milo McIver State Park, 10 a.m. at the Riverbend lower boat launch parking lot.

Tryon Creek State Natural Area, 9 a.m. at the Nature Center.

Columbia Gorge

Guy Talbot State Park, 1 p.m. at the parking lot near the information kiosk.

Willamette Valley / Cascades

Champoeg State Heritage Area, 1 p.m. at the Visitor

Elijah Bristow State Park, noon horse ride at the equestrian parking area. Bring your own horse.

North Santiam State Park, 11:30 a.m. at the picnic shelter.

Silver Falls State Park, 10 a.m. at the South Falls Lodge porch.

Southern Oregon

Collier Memorial State Park, 10 a.m. at the Logging Museum Cookhouse.

Cape Lookout State Park, noon at the Cape Lookout

Trail parking lot. Depoe Bay Whale Watching Center, 1 p.m. at the cen-

Fort Stevens State Park, 10 a.m. at the Area C parking

Harris Beach State Park, 9 a.m. at the day-use parking

Jessie M. Honeyman Memorial State Park, 10 a.m. at Siuslaw North Jetty last parking lot near the Coast Guard

Oswald West State Park, 9 a.m. at the main park lot, Short Sands Beach Trailhead.

Port Orford Heads State Park, 10 a.m. at the restored lifeboat pavilion.

South Beach State Park, 10 a.m. at the South Jetty Trail-

Umpqua Lighthouse State Park, 10 a.m. at the day-use parking are near the Lake Marie trail sign.

Eastern / Central Oregon

Cottonwood Canyon State Park, 11 a.m. at the day-use

Emigrant Springs State Heritage Park, 11 a.m. snowshoe hike at the Oregon Trail kiosk west of the park

Smith Rock State Park, 10 a.m. at the bivouac campground. Register by calling 541-548-7501 ext. 1 and leave a message.

Mollie Atwater and Friends Spay/Neuter Fund

Annual Grapefruit Fundraiser





