

Mountain lion safety tips

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going to see a lot more is pure fantasy.”

Besides the flawed reasoning, Cullen also cited negative consequences that result from killing a percentage of the cougar population. It has a direct adverse effect on the food chain, Cullen charged, further endangering existing wildlife and domesticated animals.

“When you remove cougars, you incite other predators,” she explained, adding, “If there are no mountain lions left in a territory, other predators, particularly coyotes, will fill the space. You’ll also see the loss of rare and endangered plants and many types of birds, since cougars generally ward off the types of predators that eat eggs in the nest, as well as baby birds.”

Farm and domestic owners in this country traditionally have turned to government agencies for help whenever wildlife threatens livestock production. Standard solutions have often been to reduce the wildlife population.

Unfortunately, according to environmentalists, killing a mountain lion for preying on livestock does not reverse or compensate the animals’ loss, nor does it prevent future losses.

In fact, statistics show that even when cougars are killed on the same property year after year that young, inexperienced mountain lions move into vacant territories and may escalate the cycle of killing and being killed, so the losses continue.

Yet even completely eliminating mountain lions from a geographic region will not prevent these losses. Beyond learning to co-exist with the reality that wildlife is an essential part of Nature, the only real solution is to take preventive, protec-

tive measures.

One such measure is creating a shelter for domestic animals. The Mountain Lion Foundation offers a safe livestock enclosure designed to provide livestock owners with an affordable means of predator-friendly animal husbandry.

For further information: P.O. Box 1896, Sacramento CA 95812. Phone (916) 442-2666; fax (916) 442-2871; or visit www.mountainlion.org. The address is mlf@mountainlion.org.

In the question-and-answer period which followed Cullen’s presentation, she was asked what people should do if they come upon a cougar. Keeping in mind they the cougar is a “fraidy cat” as well as a fierce predator, her advice is:

*Stand still.

*Look the cougar in the eye.

*Look big by hunching your shoulders to make yourself loom as large as possible.

*Wave your arms.

*Yell and shout as loud as you can for help, but don’t let your yells sound animal-like.

*Throw things at the cat. It’s a good idea to keep a supply of golf balls in your fanny pack if you’re going where a cougar meet might even be a remote possibility.

*Keep in mind that cougars most often strike from behind. Slowly move backward to give the cat a forward avenue of escape.

*Ninety percent of people will try to protect their dog. Don’t. Sad as it is, if you are walking your dog on the trail and he/she is attacked by a cougar, let it go and leave as fast as you can. You can’t save the pet and you will lose your own life.

*As soon you safely can -- get the heck out of there.

‘Heart Wills’ free program

On Tuesday, July 18, Lovejoy Hospice will present “Wills From Your Heart,” a free program for everyone in the community.

“Wills From Your Heart” will be held at Lovejoy Hospice 939 S.E. Eighth St., Grants Pass, from noon until 2 p.m. John (Jack) Davis, Grants Pass attorney and other panelists will discuss how wills can make a difference for individuals, families and the community.

The program will address the benefits of and procedures for preparing a will that stipulates where assets and property will go.

Another kind of will, the personal legacy declaration or “ethical will,” also will be presented. This is a way to leave not property, but personal assets: accomplishments, values and lessons, to those people important to the giver.

Various ways to leave the legacy to children, grandchildren, and charitable organizations also will be discussed. The goal of the program is to increase knowledge of will and peace of mind regarding this decision, said Lovejoy.

Phone 474-1193 for further information and registration.



No cowboy was ever faster on the draw than a grandparent pulling a baby picture out of a wallet.

- Unknown -

A grandparent is old on the outside, but young on the inside.

- Unknown -

JUNIOR GOLF got under way last week at Laurel Pines/I.V. Golf Course. Instructors include Steve Lyons (photo at left) and Bob Muswieck (wearing white hat, bottom photo). For program information phone 592-3151. Related photo page 10. (Photos by ‘I.V. News’)

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The Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance and the O’Brien Community Picnic and Fun Day Committee would like to extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to all of the individuals and agencies that made the day a roaring success.

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Creative Dramatics
July 10-13 & July 17-20, 8:30-10
Teacher: Jennie May Donnell
Not open to summer school students

Art in the Morning
July 10-13 & July 17-20
10-12:30, LBMS Art Room
Not open to summer school students

Sew Much Fun
Tuesdays & Wednesdays
July 10 - August 3
12:45-2:45, LBMS Art Room
"This is not a drop-in class"

Art in the Afternoon
Mondays, July 10 - August 3
12:45-2:45 LBMS Art Room
Week 1- Mini Crazy Scrapbook, Summer Memories
Week 2- Wool Felting, the Art of Squishing
Week 3- Altered Vase, Celebrating Flowers
Week 4- Card Making, Sending Your Love in Style

Lorna Byrne Middle School

Classes open to incoming grades 6, 7, & 8

Register Monday, July 10 at LBMS

592-2163 (please leave a message)

The most pleasant and useful persons are those who leave some of the problems of the universe for God to worry about.

- Don Marquis -