

GLENWOOD NEWS

Get ready for 'Shoobox Season,' cattle on the road

■ By Mary Pierce

Fall has arrived beautifully and I'm sure you are all enjoyed the warm sunny days before the rains came as much as we did at our house. Now is the time when cattle are being moved home from summer pastures and there may be cattle drives on the highways from time to time. Please use caution when meeting or coming up behind a cattle drive, for the safety of those on horseback, their dogs, and the cattle. Most cattle drives won't be on the highways for long distances, so please be patient as the cattle are moved along and into a pasture. Thanks for your consideration.

Superintendent Heather Gimlin reports that all is going well now that the remaining grades, 6-12, have returned, as well as the preschoolers. We can all be proud of how well our students and staff are dealing with the "new normal" routines of holding classes in the age of COVID-19.

Andy McFall, one of our 2020 graduates, is now settled in to his dorm at Neumont College of Computer science in Salt Lake City and has begun his classes. Andy, the son of Sara and Adam, is working toward a degree in computer science. Enjoy your college experience, Andy. Best wishes for this

exciting new chapter in your life.

Chealsey Lynn Steininger, another Glenwood 2020 graduate, started her online degree program through Washington State University global campus program. Brooklyn Emerson's college, Central Oregon Community College, has delayed opening for now due to the coronavirus closures, so she is also studying online at this time. Brooklyn, we hope your college can open fully soon so you can get settled in at Bend and enjoy the college and campus life.

Bella Couch was able to start her classes in person at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. She reports that everything is going well and she is enjoying her classes and meeting new people. I haven't heard from some of the other seniors, but we hope all is going well for them, too. The Glenwood class of 2020 is an awesome class of incredibly bright kids, and we are proud of them all as they begin to work toward their future goals.

Two of our local cowgirls who did very well in the West Klickitat Posse Playday 2020 series also had great success at the Broken Spur Rodeo in Goldendale on Saturday, Oct. 3. Nahaleigh Schuster competed in and won first place the pole bending, key

hole, figure 8, barrels, and goat tying, and received the all-around high point spot, bringing home another beautiful belt buckle to add to her collection. Macie Lorton placed second in all the same events and received a beautiful horse breast collar for her second-place all-around finish. Congratulations, cowgirls. Way to represent Glenwood over there. The cowgirls and their parents would like to thank Pat Shamek, Julie Vance, and Vince and Jackie Miller for producing this great event for county cowgirls and cowboys.

I'm awaiting information on the final standings for the fall season of Washington State Junior High and High School Rodeo, which I'll share when it comes in. Meanwhile, Billie Patterson reports that Team Glenwood finished their season strongly at their rodeo in Basin City the first weekend in October. In Junior High rodeo, Emma Patterson placed first in the barrels on both days and Peyton Sanchez placed sixth in the poles on Friday and fifth on Saturday.

In High School Rodeo, Joslyn Arnold won the break-away roping on the first day but had tough luck in break-away on the second day. In the goat tying, she had finishes of fourth and eighth

place. Way to add to your all-around standings, cowgirls. When the Junior High and High School Rodeo season starts up again in the spring, I'll try to share information so some of Team Glenwood's fans here in Glenwood can attend and cheer for these amazing rodeo athletes.

I also have news about a high school cowboy with Glenwood ties. Shane Scott, son of Amy and Shawn Roggenkamp and Courtney and Trevor Scott, competed with his high school rodeo team in Condon on Oct. 9-10. Shane, who is grandson of Glenwood residents Oop and Diane Burgin and Marilyn and Mike Scott, placed first in calf roping and third in bull riding. On the second day, he placed first in team roping. As with our Glenwood team, this was Shane's last fall rodeo and he is eagerly awaiting spring rodeo season. Way to go, Shane.

The week of Oct. 12 was National School Bus Safety Week. This year's theme was "Red Lights Means STOP!" Glenwood students were given safety materials, but that theme is something all drivers need to be aware of. As I stand at the top of my driveway on our corner each afternoon to meet the school bus bringing grandkids home, I see traffic coming from the other direction and

always hope they see those red lights and are able to stop in time.

Washington State law states drivers following the bus or coming from the other direction must stop when the red lights are flashing on two-lane highways. The penalty for passing a bus with red lights flashing can be at least \$500, but the most important thing is the safety of all our Glenwood kids. Some have to cross the highway once they get off and their safety is paramount.

We are so fortunate to have great bus drivers, Diane Burgin and Butch Hallenbeck, who put the safety of the kids first and are always watching out for them. If you get a chance, let Diane and Butch know how much they are appreciated.

The Pioneer Memorial Community Church will no longer be accepting returnable bottles and cans. They have appreciated all the community support for the church youth group through those donations over the past several years; however, it is becoming increasingly difficult to return them and they don't have room to store them. They thank everyone for their support. If you would still like to donate your returnables to support a worthwhile cause, the Hood At Last animal shelter in The

Dalles, The Hood River Lions Club, and the Hood River Rotary where there is a donation trailer in the parking lot of Ace Hardware Sunday through Tuesday. All of these are worthwhile causes.

If I learn of more organizations who would like your returnables, I'll share that information.

It's shoebox season! Operation Christmas Child, a project the church has taken on over the last several years, is gathering items to fill shoeboxes with school supplies for children in need around the world. Jennifer Hallenbeck reports they are still in need of clothing for boys and girls ages 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14 (especially shirts for the boys and tops, bottoms, and dresses for girls).

Also needed are school supplies such as pencil pouches, scissors, markers, pencil sharpeners, erasers, and glue sticks. Donations may be dropped off at the church or at the Hallenbeck house. If anyone would like to pick up an empty shoebox (or two or five) to pack your own, they are available at the church.

Send your Glenwood news to mpierce09@gmail.com.

DOMESTIC ABUSE MONTH

COVID-19 can worsen domestic abuse behavior

How to help and numbers to call

Everyone deserves healthy relationships, but for those in abusive situations, this is not a reality and the challenges that society faces in battling COVID-19 may be making the situation worse. Restrictions put in place to protect us from the virus are unintentionally increasing stress in homes, making relationships more vulnerable to the risks of abuse.

October is Domestic Violence Action Month an opportunity to learn how to take action against domestic violence, according to information from Programs for Peaceful Living in Klickitat. Programs for Peaceful

Living (PPL), part of Washington Gorge Action Programs in Klickitat County, serves community members who struggle with a person in their lives who seeks to control them and take away their autonomy. The program had to temporarily close in person services due to Stay Home - Stay Healthy orders earlier this year until they figured out how to operate remotely. Services are open, including advocacy by phone and support groups by Zoom. The toll-free crisis line is open 24/7 at 844-493-1709.

What is abuse? It is a pattern of behavior that one person uses to gain control over another. It could include creating an isolating situation, manipulating and

degrading a partner with emotional abuse, monitoring activities, controlling finances, and physically and sexually assaulting another person.

Stresses created by COVID-19 restrictions include isolation, financial difficulties from loss of a job or reduction in work hours, school closures, new responsibilities to educate children, and loss of child-care options. Children are also affected and finding a healthy balance in the family is a challenge for all.

Kirsten Poole, the PPL director, said that restrictions created an unusual circumstance. "The number of reported cases initially went down at the beginning of the pandemic. We believe this

was due to isolation," she said. She indicated the total number of individual clients served year to date was 213 as of Oct. 7 compared to 224 for the same 2019 time frame.

She noted normal outlets for victims to be able to leave home for work, school and activities have been limited, or ceased altogether. This means victims no longer had privacy to call for help, or opportunity to report abuse or seek out services.

Poole notes that cases again began to rise in summer months, as society started to reopen. She said that although the total number of clients is down this year, over one half of clients from 2020 have been in the last three months alone. PPL staff are

concerned about getting resources to the public to support victims of domestic violence.

So how can we take action? According to the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence at wscadv.org/, here are some important things you can do to support victims:

Ask questions. What is your biggest concern? How are the kids doing? What are you most worried about?

Be available to listen. Really listen. Listen without having your own agenda. Acknowledgment makes all the difference. You can say things like "I believe you" and "I'm here for you." Have they told you that their abuser has a firearm or has threatened to commit

suicide? If so, call 911 and contact a domestic violence advocate for help.

Stay connected. It can take a long time for things to get better, and it can be difficult to hang in there through it all.

If you, or someone you know, are experiencing domestic violence, reach out to the local crisis line at 844-493-1709 or call Programs for Peaceful Living in Goldendale at 509-773-6100, or in Bingen at 509-493-2662. For more information, visit www.wagap.org/programs-for-peaceful-living and show your support for Domestic Violence Action Month by wearing purple every Friday in October.

MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE



TURN TO NEWSPAPERS FOR
TRUSTED
INFORMATION

A powerful voter is an informed voter. Don't rely on disinformation spread on social media. Turn to your local newspaper for the most comprehensive and credible information on local and national candidates.

Local newspapers are engaged with the issues that matter most and understand the importance of keeping their community informed.

NEWSPAPERS DELIVER WHAT MATTERS

Columbia Gorge News

HOOD RIVER | THE DALLES | WHITE SALMON

America's
Newspapers

America's Newspapers is a national association supporting journalism and healthy newspapers in our local communities. Find out more at www.newspapers.org or follow us on Twitter @newspapersorg or on Facebook @americasnewspapers.