

Horse with equine herpesvirus was recently in Redmond area

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SALEM — A horse in Clackamas County was euthanized after testing positive for equine herpesvirus, the state Department of Agriculture reported June 2.

Equine herpesvirus is a highly contagious disease in horses. It can be transmitted via nose-to-nose contact, respiratory secretions, fetal fluids and contaminated equipment such as feed and water buckets. The disease cannot be transmitted to humans.

According to ODA, the infected horse had recently traveled to the 2022 State Oregon High School Equestrian Teams Championship, which was May 12-15 at the First Interstate Bank Expo Center in Redmond.

A second horse from the same ranch that also traveled to OHSET is doing well and recovering from initial respiratory symptoms. ODA has placed the ranch under quarantine.

Dr. Ryan Scholz, state veterinarian for ODA, said he is working with OHSET to evaluate the



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potential exposure risk for other animals. Event coordinators are also working with contract exhibitors. It was not immediately clear

how many horses may have been exposed.

All owners who believe their horses may have been exposed

should monitor their animal's temperature twice daily and call their veterinarian if they notice any symptoms — including fever, difficulty urinating, nasal discharge, coughing, head tilt, stumbling or weakness in hind limbs or inability to rise.

The virus typically has an incubation period of 2-10 days. Respiratory shedding of the virus generally occurs for 7-10 days but could persist longer in infected horses.

ODA recommends several biosecurity measures to decrease potential spread of equine herpesvirus, including:

- Limit horse-to-horse contact.
- Limit horse-to-human-to-horse contact.
- Avoid use of communal water sources.
- Avoid sharing equipment unless thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Isolate new or returning horses from others for 30 days.
- Monitor horses for symptoms, and report any temperature over 102 degrees to a veterinarian.

Redmond man sentenced in attempted murder case

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A Redmond man charged with attempted murder for strangling the mother of his child has taken a plea deal that could keep him out of prison if he avoids alcohol and follows other conditions.

At his sentencing Wednesday in Deschutes County Circuit Court, Rolin Jetton Morning Owl, 31, was given 120 days in jail in a Measure 11 domestic violence case. Attorneys said the fact he has very little criminal history was relevant in the sentence.

After his jail time, Morning Owl must serve three years of supervised probation during which he's not to use or possess alcohol, according to his plea deal. He's ordered to complete either a batterer's intervention class or a parenting without violence class. If he violates probation, he will serve 17 months in a Department of Corrections prison.

Around 8:30 a.m. March 28, a man called 911 to report that his sister had been strangled by Morning Owl and she had locked herself in a bathroom.

When Redmond Police officers arrived at Morning Owl's home on NE Larch Avenue, the woman reportedly whispered to them, "He's going to kill me," according to prosecutor Alison Filo, who represented the state in the case.

The victim told police she'd been sleeping in bed with her 3-year-old child when Morning Owl woke her by punching her. He screamed obscenities and said, "I'll kill you" while he strangled her, Filo told the court.

"She was unable to breathe. Her vision began to blur. Everything became very bright," Filo said. "When he finally let up from her neck, she begged him to stop."

She told him she loved him to get him to stop and she told him she wanted to take a shower, Filo said.

Morning Owl was arrested on suspicion of menacing and strangulation. His indictment was enhanced significantly in April when his case went before a grand jury and the charges of attempted murder and attempted second-degree assault were added.

On Wednesday, he pleaded guilty to attempted second-degree assault and strangulation.

Filo said the victim strongly believed that alcohol was a contributing factor in the attack and that Morning Owl struggled with alcohol abuse throughout their relationship.

The victim attended the hearing but did not speak. She addressed the court in an earlier hearing, saying she wanted Morning Owl to get help.

Defense attorney Thomas Spear said Morning Owl's behavior was triggered by insecurities about his relationship with the victim.

"My client acknowledges that his conduct was horrible that day," Spear said. "He acknowledges that he'll be on supervision and subject to a prison sentence if he's revoked. He wants to be a better person."

Morning Owl wept when given a chance to speak.

"I'm very sorry for what I've done," he said. "I feel very shameful for what happened, and just dumb, for the things that I've done. I hope everything for her goes well. I'm ashamed of what I've done."

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WILDFIRE PREVENTION

CEC to work with drones to monitor power lines

Spokesman staff

Brains4Drones, a small robotics company specializing in developing artificial intelligence on drones, will work with Central Electric Cooperative to refine visual intelligence sensors on drones to perform inspections of power lines and vegetation encroachment.

The research project will focus on using drones to perform automated

power line inspections to gather information on potential hazards, including wildfire.

"We are thrilled to partner with Brains4Drones and serve as a resource in their research efforts to enhance drone-based solutions to perform aerial inspections of our electric system more efficiently in high-risk wildfire areas," said CEC president and CEO Dave

Markham. "Their work could, ultimately, translate into having affordable artificial intelligent equipped drones be another tool on the truck to assist line crews in performing inspections and addressing issues in real-time."

The federal Department of Energy awarded Brains4Drones funding as Phase III of the Small Business Innovation Research grant program.

Brains4Drones will unveil and demonstrate the results of their research efforts sometime, likely in late September.

Central Electric Cooperative is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperative based in Redmond.

Its 5,300 square-mile service territory includes Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson, and parts of Lake, Linn, Wasco, and Grant counties.

Redmond finishes 2nd in water conservation contest

Spokesman staff

Redmond finished second in the 11th annual Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, by pledging to reduce water use by more than 8 million gallons of water over the next year.

The annual month-long public awareness campaign to promote drought resiliency and water quality ended on April 30 with mayors from more than 30 states vying to see whose city could be the nation's most "water wise."

Residents around the nation made 334,603 pledges to change behaviors ranging from fixing home leaks to reducing harmful runoff into local rivers and streams.

"Water issues have become a top priority across the nation," said Wyland Foundation President Steve Creech. "Every region is affected differently, but everyone can agree we have an individual responsibility to do what we can in our towns to ensure the future of our lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, and coasts."

Redmond pledged:

20,587

fewer single-use plastic water bottles

226,813

fewer pounds of waste to area landfills

In addition to reducing water, residents from Redmond pledged to reduce single-use plastic water bottles by 20,587 and eliminate 526 pounds of hazardous waste from entering water-sheds.

Residents pledged to send 226,813 fewer pounds of waste to area landfills. Potential savings of 61,824 gallons of oil, 32,726,471 million pounds of carbon dioxide, 574,514 million kilowatt hours of electricity, and \$105,770 in consumer cost savings rounded out the final pledge results.

To encourage residents turn their pledges into specific actions over the next year, visit wylandfoundation.org/mywaterproject.

Vicknair appointed as interim principal at Ridgeview High School

Spokesman staff

The Redmond School District named Tony Vicknair as the interim principal of Ridgeview High School for the 2022-23 school year.

Vicknair currently serves as the interim principal for Tumalo Community School, a position he has held since 2021. Prior to coming to Tumalo Community School, he served McMinnville students and staff for 20 years; as an assistant principal, director of secondary education and principal of McMinnville High School.

A graduate of Linfield, Vicknair started his teaching career in 1989 as a math teacher in McMinnville. After 12 years in the classroom, he was hired as the assistant principal at South Salem, where he remained until 2001, when he returned to McMinnville as an assistant principal at McMinnville High School. Next year will be Vicknair's 34th year in education. "I am honored to serve the stu-

dents and staff at Ridgeview High School next year," Vicknair said. "It is impossible to fill Lee Loving's shoes, but with grace and empathy, I will support students and staff through this transition. I am looking forward to it"

Vicknair will begin his interim position as principal on July 1, replacing Lee Loving, who served in that position since 2011. Loving has been chosen as superintendent of the North Santiam School District in Stayton.

"Tony Vicknair is a remarkable educational leader. We are grateful for the successful year he gave to the students of Tumalo Elementary School," Superintendent Charan Cline said. "As a previous high school principal in the McMinnville School District, we look forward to using his experience to create a great year at Ridgeview."

Redmond School District will begin our search for a permanent replacement in February 2023.



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