

Ranchers receive compensation for wolf attacks on livestock

Commissioners approved eight grants at Wednesday's meeting

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Umatilla County ranchers received nearly \$50,000 in state money Wednesday to compensate for wolf attacks on livestock, and to pay for non-lethal tools designed to minimize conflict.

The Umatilla County Board of Commissioners approved eight separate requests from ranchers, which were previously vetted by the county wolf depredation advisory committee. Funding is provided by the Oregon Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance County Block Grant Program, which was established by the Legislature in 2011.

Thirteen counties were awarded grants from the state in 2016, totaling \$129,664. The lion's share went to Umatilla County, which collected \$52,778. Grants are divided among four categories, including compensation for dead or injured livestock; compensation for missing livestock; non-lethal wolf deterrents; and county administrative costs.

The Umatilla County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee met Jan. 25, where it reviewed requests from ranchers and made its recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Larry Givens said all eight local grant requests were approved, and while they likely won't cover all losses the ranchers incurred, it does help with some expenses.

"It's tough," Givens said. "Unless you're with your herd and they're in sight 24/7, you're going to have losses." Givens said Eastern Oregon counties could use more financial aid from the state to help ranchers who live and work in wolf country. And, while the wolf population has been steadily increasing year over year, it appears there will be less compensation available for ranchers in 2017-19.

Jason Barber, program director for the Oregon Department of Agriculture, said the program is recommended for \$211,000 in the governor's proposed budget. That is about \$22,000 less than 2015-17 — though that session the program was given a one-time boost of \$30,000 from Senate Bill 5507.

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife is also in the process of reviewing and updating the state's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, which could result in new management policies for the predators. ODFW did remove wolves from the state endangered species list in 2015, though that decision is being challenged in court by environmental advocates. The following wolf compensation grants were approved by Umatilla County on Wednesday:

- Terrill Thomas, \$17,718 (missing livestock) and \$6,408 (range rider).
- Rocky Robins, \$3,515 (missing livestock) and \$1,408 (range rider, bone removal).
- Utopia Land & Livestock, \$2,025 (missing livestock).
- Robert Cosner and Cheryl Williams-Cosner, \$1,687 (missing livestock) and \$3,036 (pasture rent compensation).
- Eric Harlow, \$225 (missing livestock) and \$1,397 (range rider).
- Cunningham Sheep Company, \$11,485 (range rider, guard dogs).
- Donna R. Daly, \$250 (guard dog).
- Oregon State University, \$750 (program expenses and administrative fee).

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Immunizations must be up-to-date for students by Feb. 15

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to inability to pay.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 is School Exclusion Day for all students in the state of Oregon, and Umatilla County Public Health is reminding parents to check their children's immunization records. If students are not up-to-date on all state-required immunizations by that date, they will not be allowed to attend school or child care until they are immunized as required by the state. Parents will be notified of their child's potential exclusion starting on Feb. 1.

"Immunization is the very best way to protect children against vaccine-preventable diseases such as whooping cough and measles," said Jim Setzer, Director of Umatilla County Public Health. "It keeps our schools and our entire communities safe and healthy."

Setzer said the county health department, as well as private health care providers, will offer immunization services, and no one will be turned away due

The Umatilla County Public Health Department in Hermiston, at 435 E. Newport Ave., will provide immunizations from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. No appointment is required.

The Public Health Department Hermiston branch is also open Thursdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Pendleton branch Mondays through Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children over the age of seven can also be immunized at Bi-Mart, Safeway or Rite Aid.

If a child has a religious exemption for vaccines signed before March 2014, they will need to submit updated documentation. For a nonmedical exemption, parents need to turn in a Vaccine Education Certificate that shows they've been educated about vaccines, and sign a new Certificate of Immunization Status.

For a list of immunizations required by the state, visit the Oregon Health Authority website, <https://public.health.oregon.gov>.

PENDLETON

Library joins million page reading challenge

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Readers in Pendleton are invited to participate in the 2017 Million Page Challenge.

During a past competition, library patrons in the Lake and Harney county library districts took the crown. The 2017 challenge also includes the Hood River County Library District.

Library patrons in Pendleton will collectively race to read one million pages first. Library director Mary Finney is hopeful local readers are up for the challenge of reading and reporting their pages Friday, Feb. 17 through Friday, March 31. As an incentive, the top 10 readers registered at the Pendleton Public Library will receive small prizes.

The Million Page Challenge is open to people of all ages. The library that reaches a million pages first wins bragging rights. If none of the libraries reaches a million pages by March 31, the one with the most pages will be

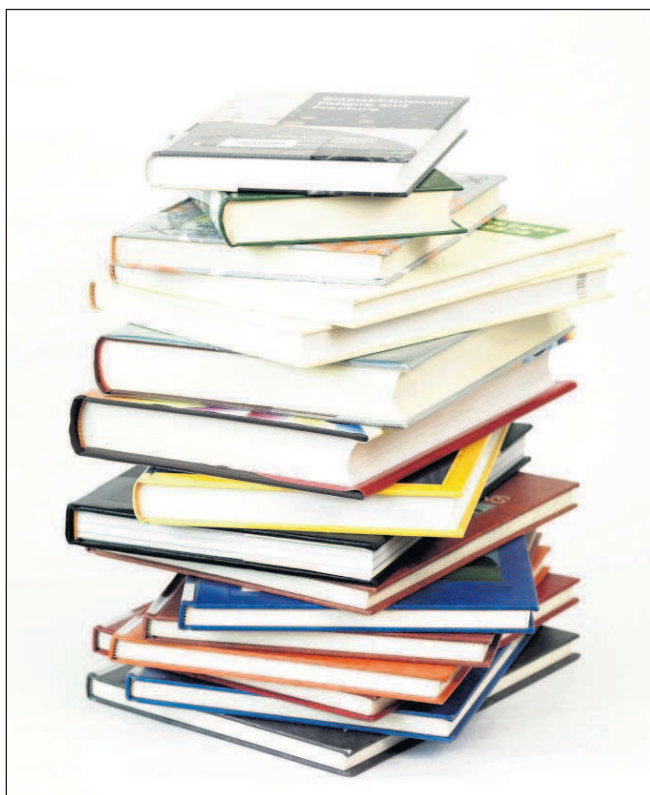
deemed the winner.

To join, stop by the library to pick up a bookmark to write down the title and track pages read. Patrons may keep track on a piece of paper. For the contest, only the reading of (or listening to) library materials count — this includes books, magazines, newspapers, e-books, and audiobooks. To count audiobook and ebook "pages," library staff can look up the number of pages of a print book of the same title.

Pages will be tallied weekly, so participants are asked to bring their bookmarks in each week to assist with tracking progress. Readers can wait to report their pages read — but they must be recorded at the library by March 31.

For more information, contact Finney at 541-966-0380 or mary.finney@ci.pendleton.or.us.

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The Pendleton Public Library is competing in the Million Page Challenge. Library patrons are invited to pick up a bookmark to help track pages read in a competition against the Lake/Harney county library districts and the Hood River County Library District.

BRIEFLY

Man arrested at courthouse after fleeing police

PENDLETON — Suspects often go to the Umatilla County Courthouse after they've been arrested, but its not often the site of an arrest.

However, Shad Robert Charles Robinson, 36, of Pendleton, was arrested Wednesday at the courthouse after he fled police as they were trying to detain him, Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts wrote in an email.



Robinson

According to Roberts, police were looking for Robinson on several violations of a protection order and attempted to stop him in the area of South Main Street and Southeast Dorion Avenue.

Robinson traveled to courthouse and ran inside before police were able to detain him and arrest him on the protection order violations as well as charges associated with fleeing authorities.

Life After War conversation postponed

MILTON-FREEWATER — The Conversation Project: Life after War with Jim Lommasson, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 3 at Frazier Farmstead Museum, has been postponed.

For more information, contact: Kristin Williams at 541-379-0346, frazier1868@gmail.com or visit www.oregonhumanities.org/calendar.

New York Richie's moving downtown

PENDLETON — New York Richie's is moving from its first Pendleton home near Roy Raley Park to downtown later this month.

The regional chain of pizza shops has closed its 1004 S.W. Court Ave. location and will reopen at the St. George Plaza at 370 S. Main St., building owner Al Plute said. Plute said the restaurant is working

toward opening around the Feb. 11 weekend and signed a five-year lease at the location.

The St. George space has been vacant since February 2015, when Plute closed his Italian restaurant, Giorgio's Cucina Italiana.

New York Richie's opened in Pendleton in 2009 and also has restaurants in Island City and Kennewick.

Young Ugandan singers spread hope with music

PENDLETON — The Ugandan Kids Choir will perform Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the Bob Clapp Theatre at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

A group of 10 Ugandan children, the singers received sponsorships from Washington-based Childcare Worldwide. They perform traditional African songs and dance across the United States. The children, who hail from the poorest parts of Uganda, are chosen for their enthusiasm, ability, and dedication — all of which make them potential leaders when they return to their communities.

The high-energy choir performs at churches, schools and other venues that have included Disneyland, at Qwest Field, home of the Seattle Seahawks, and a TV appearance. Through child sponsorship, Childcare Worldwide brings hope to children in need by providing them with an education that will set them up for future employment and break the cycle of poverty in their lives.

For more information about the Ugandan Kids Choir or to view the choir's tour schedule, visit www.childcareworldwide.org/choir.

National Sew Day creates quilts for veterans

PENDLETON — The public is invited to help with a project that provides quilts for combat veterans.

Organized by J. Marie Norris, the Quilts of Valor National Sew Day is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

at Thimbles Fabric-N-More, 1849 Westgate Place, Pendleton. Quilt kits are available. Participants of all ages are invited to bring a sewing machine and sewing supplies. Door prizes and treats will be provided.

Norris said a couple of veterans may be on hand for quilt presentations.

For more information, call Norris at 541-429-1327, the store at 541-278-7910 or visit www.qovf.org.

Parkinson's group meets monthly in Hermiston

HERMISTON — A peer-led group offers information about Parkinson's disease, including exchanging information, mutual support and offering participants a chance to talk about coping skills.

The group meets the first Monday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. The group is open to people with Parkinson's disease, their care partners, family, friends and others impacted by the disease. Food and beverages are available for purchase but participants are not required to do so.

For more information, contact Carol Clupny at 541-720-4256 or clupny@hotmail.com.

Elk tag up for grabs at hunter association event

PENDLETON — An all-state elk tag is on the auction block during the Oregon Hunters Association Banquet, Raffle & Auction.

The Columbia Basin Chapter event, which also features a chance to win a D&B Treasure Chest and M2D Properties Youth Hunt, is Saturday, Feb. 11 at 5 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. It also features door prizes, raffles, games, a silent auction, live auction and dinner.

To donate items or for ticket information, call Rebecca at 541-379-1074 or Terry at 541-231-4348. For more about the association, visit www.ohacolumbiabasin.webs.com.

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

ADULT OPEN GYM, 6 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only.

THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO, 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)

BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

FIDDLERS NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Brookedale Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refreshments, listen to some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (541-567-3141)

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to Senior Center by donation. (541-567-3582)

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals on Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)

PRESCHOOL STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 10:30 a.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247)

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Stories and activities for young children. (541-966-0380)

SENSORY STORY TIME, 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)

SKILLS FOR LIFE, 3-5 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Gym activities and life skills for middle and high school students. Registration requested. (Danny Bane 541-379-4250)

TAI CHI: MOVING FOR BETTER BALANCE, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Falls prevention program for older adults. Free; no registration

needed. (Helena Wolfe 541-561-5443)

UMATILLA COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILY GRIEF RECOVERY CENTER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, 6 p.m., New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Meet-and-greet at 5:45 p.m. followed by meeting at 6 p.m. All those interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend. (Mait Terjeson 503-720-1620)

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-8100)

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

ADULT OPEN GYM, 6 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only.

CONVERSATION PROJECT: LIFE AFTER WAR, 6:30 p.m., Frazier Farmstead Museum, 1403 Chestnut St., Milton-Freewater. Jim Lommasson discusses photography and oral histories of coming home after war. Free and open to the public. (Kristin Williams 541-379-0346)

FOLK NIGHT AT THE ARTS CENTER, 7-9 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Contra and Western-style dancing, live music and callers. Costs \$5 per person or \$8 per couple; no partner necessary. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

FREE FIRST FRIDAY, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tamastislikt Cultural Institute, 47106 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton. Free admission all day. (541-966-9748)

HEALTHY FRIDAYS, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center conference room 7, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Free health screenings including cholesterol, blood sugar, BMI, blood pressure checks, weigh-ins and health information. For cholesterol and glucose tests, fast 10-12 hours prior to blood draw. Open to all community members. (541-667-3509)

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STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 2 p.m., Echo Public Library, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo. (541-376-8411)

STORY TIME, 10:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

TODDLER STORY TIME, 10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

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