

ELK: State of Oregon says plan would be costly, not yield results

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enough to pursue property protections and ensure public safety.

"We've been working on getting the elk removed, the herd size reduced for years now," Gearhart's Russ Earl said Tuesday at a meeting with Gearhart Golf Links General Manager Jason Bangild and Superintendent Forrest Goodling. "We've had (meetings with) four different levels of Fish and Wildlife people, up to the executive director, and we've gotten exactly the same results."

If the herds had been managed properly in the past, it would not of been such a big issue now, they say.

Their latest attempt to discourage the elk — up to 100 in the herd, they say — involved the use of coyote decoys and coyote urine, designed to remind the elk of their predators. Landscape crews sprinkled the coyote urine on the eight plastic coyotes strategically placed on the perimeter of the 100-acre, 18-hole golf course — the oldest golf course in Oregon and one of several area courses facing the problem.

"They've basically said, 'Put some signs up around the golf course,'" Earl said. "That didn't help us at all."

Safety at issue

While the course faces tens of thousands of dollars of damage caused by elk, the risk to human safety reached a head this month when an elk cow protecting its calf charged a bicyclist in Gearhart, days after menacing beachgoers,



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Making their way from the Gearhart Golf Links over to Gearhart Palisades, a herd of elk find food in residents' yards. The Gearhart City Council met with residents and business operators Tuesday night to discuss methods of controlling the elk, which can do thousands of dollars of damage to the golf course and other areas.

children and dogs. The elk was tranquilized and brought to safety by police, firefighters and officials from the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The elk calf was also tranquilized and reunited with its mother at God's Valley in Tillamook State Forest.

The incident stirred public sentiment and led to a call to action.

"You can tell from the last two weeks of elk incidents, someone is going to get killed," Goodling said. "There are plenty of people pushing strollers. If a bicycle spooks that herd and it goes around the corner, there's no stopping them. I've seen them jump over a 6-foot concrete fence one after the other."

Bangild said the Gearhart herd has at least "doubled or tripled" in the six years he has been here. "That's way too many for a small town," he said. "I used to take my son down to the estuary for walks, but now I am much more cautious. You are stuck

out there."

Transport urged

Bangild, Earl and Goodling each said they don't want to kill elk — hunting is prohibited in Gearhart — only to move them out of the city to reserves like God's Valley or Circle Creek.

"We are not seeking to eliminate the entire herd, but at least get the herd down to where it is safe for the town residents," Goodling said.

But transport has its limits, Dave Nuzum, acting wildlife biologist of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, said Tuesday.

Nuzum has been coming to Gearhart for several years, meeting with city leadership, the public and golf interests.

In 2014, the city asked the department to come up with a cost estimate for the transport of 75 percent of the herd.

The total cost for trapping was estimated at \$14,000 for a

one-month effort, which could bring in "an optimistic number of 50," more likely 30, Nuzum said.

One day of darting, which would tranquilize the elk, is \$1,472 per animal. Fewer than 10 elk could be darted and transported per day.

A 'suite' of responses

A public workshop and subsequent meetings with the department identified "a suite" of responses, including hazing, fencing and exclusion.

"Transplanting was part of that," Nuzum said.

What complicates matters is the dichotomy of interests between those who want to get rid of the elk and "an even more greater number of people who love the elk," he said. "They don't want anything done."

Trap and transplant, as suggested by the golf course officials, is a popular suggestion, he said, but of limited value.

"Population control through trap and removal has been widely shown not to work for any species causing trouble anywhere, whether it's Canada geese, urban deer, whatever," Nuzum said. "And of all the methods discussed, it is by far the most expensive."

Elk are baited, usually using alfalfa hay, before being trapped in a flat-paneled corral. The traps are remote-triggered and the panels then drop a canvas covering so the animals don't get spooked by anyone walking by.

It would be impossible to remove all the elk, Nuzum said.

A realistic number might be 30

before trapping becomes ineffective.

"Thirty elk is not going to make that much of a dent in the population," he said. "If you were able to remove a higher percentage, they breed. You would be back in the same boat in a very short amount of time."

And in a city like Gearhart, where elk occupy an almost mythic role, residents may tamper with traps.

"Inevitably your traps are going to get vandalized by folks who are opposed to it," Nuzum said. "Somebody always has to mess with them."

'Stalag 17'

Fencing is the only "100 percent sure way" of keeping elk out of any area, he said, whether a dairy pasture, orchard or a golf course. "The downside of that is aesthetically, you don't want the place to look like Stalag 17."

There are a number of ways to make fencing more attractive, but exclusion has consequences, he added. "Say you were to put up an impenetrable fence around the golf course — problem solved. Well, there are still elk going around town."

Nuzum's response may not satisfy Bangild, Earl or Goodling, who say they have been down this path before.

"I can't believe it's up to us to come up with a plan," Bangild said. "We're trying to run a golf course. I spend more hours than I ever thought I would coming up with a solution."

SOFTBALL: Jenness picks up two hits

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than the Pendleton all-stars made in last year's regional tournament, where it lost in the first round of bracket play.

Oregon managed just three hits in the game and had only seven baserunners total. Daisy Jenness was 2 for 3 to lead the team and Faith Broadfoot picked up the other hit and stole a base as well. Sauren Garton pitched all six innings and gave up five hits, five runs

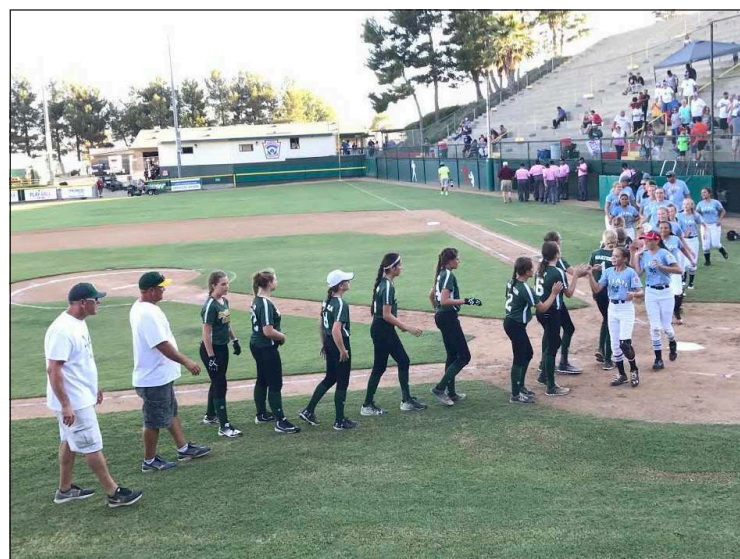
(two earned), three walks and struck out eight.

Utah took the advantage right out of the gates in the first inning with a walk and a single, and then scored the first run on a wild pitch by Garton and an RBI single later in the inning made it 2-0. It added a run in the fourth and the fifth innings on Oregon errors and then another wild pitch in the sixth to take a 5-0 lead.

Oregon did have some scoring chances, such as the bottom of the second

when Jenness singled and advanced to third with two outs, but was left stranded on a strikeout by Charlie Mae Franklin. Then in the fifth, Oregon had runners at first and second with one out, but back-to-back outs by Brielle Younes and Jaden Samp ended the threat.

Utah advances to Friday's championship game where it will play Washington or Northern California. The Pendleton all-stars' season comes to an end with the loss.



Team Oregon (Pendleton all-stars) shakes hands with Team Utah after Utah's 5-0 victory in the 2017 Little League Softball West Regional semifinals on Thursday in San Bernardino, California.

Photo courtesy of Jeanine Younes

CARRINGTON: Could thrive in the Utes' new fast-paced, pass-first offense

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the field," Whittingham said. "One of the common denominators from all the people I talked to about Darren was his fierce competitive drive on the field, on the practice field. He's just a guy that is the ultimate competitor and brings a toughness to that receiving position that will help us out."

Eugene, Oregon, police have said Carrington was

arrested after hitting a pole at a McDonald's restaurant at 3:15 a.m. on July 1. In addition to DUI, Carrington was cited for careless driving and making an improper turn.

"It's always a tough decision when you talk about a player that you are going to add to your program potentially that has a checkered past," Whittingham said. "You have got to make a decision

based on all the information you can gather, based on the athlete's attitude. Is he remorseful, understand that he has done some stupid things and is ready to put it behind him? There is so much that goes into it and it's a judgment call. You're not always right but I feel in this case that it was the right thing to do to give Darren another opportunity."

Carrington should be a much-welcome addition

to Utah's new fast-paced, pass-first, spread-the-field system under new offensive coordinator Troy Taylor. The Utah program has built a reputation of having a punishing run game, but has never had a pass offense ranked higher than No. 9 in the Pac-12 since joining the conference in 2011. Three times it has ranked dead last.

"I wish Darren nothing but the best," Oregon coach

Willie Taggart said in Los Angeles. "Except against us."

Junior Raelon Singleton was the most productive returning receiver before Carrington transferred. He caught 27 passes for 464 yards and four touchdowns last season.

Senior quarterback Troy Williams is also back after throwing for 2,757 yards, 15 touchdown and eight interceptions in 2016. He

is trying to hold off sophomore Tyler Huntley and Alabama transfer Cooper Bateman during fall camp.

Utah finished 9-4 last season and was picked by the media to finish second in the South Division in 2017 behind predicted Pac-12 champion USC.

AP freelancer Dan Greenspan contributed to this report from Los Angeles.

MORRIS: Sights now set on World Cup

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scoring like that," Morris said. "It was tough to get over, especially in such a big game. My teammates were great and for me. It just helped to keep pushing forward and try to make a difference. It was a sense of relief almost that I could try and make up for my mistake."

Morris got mad. His teammates all saw it.

And they appreciated seeing those emotions from a guy who doesn't always show them.

"He's a strong boy, mentally and physically," goalkeeper Tim Howard said. "You could see disappointment on his face after the goal. On defensive set pieces people get lost in the shuffle. You get picked off sometimes, that happens. You can't really point the finger and blame. But look, you saw it on his face. He was annoyed."

Morris had finished his freshman year at Stanford when the U.S. national team based there ahead of the 2014 World Cup and scrimmaged against the collegians. He impressed Jurgen Klinsmann, then the American coach, and made his national team debut that November in an exhibition at Ireland — the first college player to appear for the national team since Ante Razov in 1995.

"My predecessor did an outstanding job in getting him involved in the program," said Arena, who



AP Photo/LM Otero

United States' Jordan Morris, right, goes for the ball during a CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinal against Costa Rica in Arlington, Texas, Saturday, July 22, 2017.

replaced Klinsmann last fall.

Morris' got the breakthrough goal with a 14-yard right-footed shot after Gyasi Zardes crossed. Jermaine Taylor tried to clear with a header and the ball was knocked by Clint Dempsey with a leg back to Morris.

The 22-year-old Morris scored his fifth international goal while tying 16-year-old Canadian Alphonso Davies for the tournament lead with three goals.

"That was like a dagger in the heart," Jamaica coach Theodore Whitmore said.

Morris has overcome plenty bigger than his mistake at Levi's Stadium. He has Type 1 diabetes and takes pride that he can be an example for young kids.

"I'm happy for Jordan because that was a tough moment for him. He lost his mark for a second and at this level you lose your

mark for one second and it can be a goal, and that's what happened," said fellow forward Jozy Altidore, who scored the Americans' initial goal on a 45th-minute free kick. "I was telling him, making fun of him because the look on his face was so sad. For him to get that chance and bury it, everybody was so thrilled for him. He works so hard. He's a kid with a lot of potential, a lot of talent and he's come a long way."

Still, Morris wants more. He has a lot of soccer left, with his sights set on next summer's World Cup in Russia.

And Arena's words when it was all over meant a lot.

"I love playing for Bruce," Morris said. "He's a players' coach and really does a great job with the guys, so to hear that from him meant a lot. A special moment."

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	56	47	54.4	—
New York	54	46	54.0	½
Tampa Bay	53	50	51.5	3
Baltimore	48	53	47.5	7
Toronto	47	54	46.5	8

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	55	45	55.0	—
Kansas City	53	47	53.0	2
Minnesota	49	51	49.0	6
Detroit	45	55	45.0	10
Chicago	39	60	39.4	15½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	67	34	66.3	—
Seattle	51	52	49.5	17
Texas	49	52	48.5	18
Los Angeles	49	54	47.6	19
Oakland	44	57	43.6	23

Thursday's Games

Washington 15, Milwaukee 2
Toronto 6, Oakland 4, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 6, Tampa Bay 5, 11 innings
Chicago Cubs 6, Chicago White Sox 3

Friday's Games

Tampa Bay (TBD) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-9), 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Bridwell 4-1) at Toronto (Happ 3-7), 4:07 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 9-0) at Detroit (Zimmermann 6-8), 4:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Vargas 12-4) at Boston (Price 5-3), 4:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 1-5) at Texas (Cashner 5-8), 5:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Salazar 3-5) at Chicago White Sox (Holland 5-9), 5:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Garcia 4-7) at Oakland (Gossett 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Montero 1-7) at Seattle (Miranda 7-4), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	61	39	61.0	—
Atlanta	48	52	48.0	13
New York	47	53	47.0	14
Miami	47	53	47.0	14
Philadelphia	35	64	35.4	25½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	54	47	53.5	—
Milwaukee	54	50	51.9	1½
St. Louis	50	52	49.0	4½
Pittsburgh	50	52	49.0	4½
Cincinnati	41	61	40.2	13½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	71	31	69.6	—
Arizona	59	43	57.8	12
Colorado	58	45	56.3	13½
San Diego	45	57	44.1	26
San Francisco	40	63	38.8	31½

Thursday's Games

Washington 15, Milwaukee 2
Miami 4, Cincinnati 1
Arizona 4, St. Louis 0
Chicago Cubs 6, Chicago White Sox 3
San Diego 7, N.Y. Mets 5

Friday's Games

Atlanta (Teheran 7-8) at Philadelphia (Hellickson 6-5), 4:05 p.m.

Colorado (Marquez 8-4) at Washington (Roark 8-6), 4:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Romano 2-2) at Miami (TBD), 4:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Quintana 6-8) at Milwaukee (Suter 1-1), 5:10 p.m.

Arizona (Ray 9-5) at St. Louis (Wacha 7-4), 5:15 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Montero 1-7) at Seattle (Miranda 7-4), 7:10 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Kuhl 3-7) at San Diego (Lamet 4-4), 7:10 p.m.

San Francisco (Moore 3-10) at L.A. Dodgers (Wood 11-1), 7:10 p.m.

Northwest League

North Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Everett	2	1	66.7	—
Spokane	2	1	66.7	—
Tri-City	2	1	66.7	—
d-Vancouver	1	2	33.3	1

South Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
d-Hillsboro	3	1	75.0	—
Salem-Keizer	2	1	66.7	½
Eugene	1	2	33.3	1½
Boise	0	4	0.0	3

Thursday's Games

Hillsboro 6, Boise 1
Everett at Spokane, late finish
Salem-Keizer at Eugene, late finish
Vancouver at Tri-City, late finish

Friday's Games

Salem-Keizer at Boise, 6:15 p.m.
Hillsboro at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.
Spokane at Everett, 7:05 p.m.
Tri-City at Vancouver, 7:05 p.m.

Soccer

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Toronto FC	11	3	7	40	37	22
Chicago	11	4	5	38	38	21
New York City FC	11	6	4	37	40	27
Atlanta United FC	10	7	3	33	40	27
New York	10	8	2	32	28	26
Columbus	10	11	1	31	31	35
Orlando City	8	8	5	29	22	30
Philadelphia	7	9	5	26	29	24
Montreal	6	7	2	24	30	32
New England	6	9	5	23	34	32
D.C. United	5	13	3	18	38	38

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
FC Dallas	9	3	7	34	19	19
Sporting K.C.	8	4	9	33	25	15
Houston	9	7	5	32	37	30
Seattle	8	7	6	30	32	31
Portland	8	8	6	30	37	36
Vancouver	8	8	3	27	29	24