

LETTERS: Readers sound off on camp, wolves

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The rail with trail will provide a healthy, enjoyable outdoor alternative for those who cannot enjoy the mountains like some of us. It will be an alternative to gravel roads with fast traffic which are not safe for hikes, bikes or horses, nor do roads give us the outdoor experience we're looking for.

Its various segments like Elgin to Looking Glass, Looking Glass to Minam, Minam to Wallowa, or Joseph to Enterprise offer an amazing array of terrain unlike any other.

The communities we heard from love their rail/trails. We now have an unbelievable opportunity thanks to a 15 year-old decision to buy the railroad. All of us now own it. A rail-

with-trail will bring the right kinds of new businesses and recreational opportunities to us. We who use it will maintain it, police it, and weed it. The railroad board which includes our commissioners now has a chance to prove the worth of its decision, to give it a shot, move ahead with the master plan, build a section, prove it works. Please support the Joseph Branch Trail. You can do so by joining the Joseph Branch Trail Consortium (.org).

John Baker
Wallowa

Support Divide Camp banquet

To the Editor:

Wallowa County is an amazing place to live not

only because of its beauty, but because of the generosity of the people who live here.

Every week in the paper there is another event to support and somehow this County comes through time and time again. April 25th at Cloverleaf Hall is a fundraiser dinner for Divide Camp. Divide Camp gives our returning wounded vets with physical or mental injuries a place to rest, fish, hunt or hike, at no cost to them. Tickets are available at The Bookloft, The Sports Corral and The Blonde Strawberry. If you can't attend, please consider going to the Divide Camp's website and make a donation.

Ramona Phillips
Joseph

Item on wolves was propaganda

To the Editor:

No one denies that wolves can impact livestock, but the "analysis" in The Chieftain (4/7/15), described even by the authors as simplistic, is propaganda.

Based on an incomplete, unreviewed, unpublished study, it provides zero verification for the figures given. We are simply to accept all assertions. The supposed \$140,000/rancher annual loss is fanciful, supported by no other peer-reviewed or published studies.

A 2014 U. of Montana study (Joseph Rambler et al.) found that on summer range calves in herds experiencing wolf predation averaged a loss of 22lbs/head. However,

it also concluded, "We find no evidence that wolf packs with home ranges that overlap ranches have any detrimental effects on calf weights. Other non-wolf factors, notably climate and individual ranch-specific husbandry practices, explained the majority of the variation in the weight of calves." It added, "...that individual ranchers may, in the event of confirmed wolf depredation, offset potential indirect losses through improvements to husbandry practices, which we have shown explain a substantially higher proportion of calf weight differences than wolf depredation effects."

The only published study cited (without name or agency) in this "analysis" is one purporting to show only 1 in 7 calves killed by wolves are

found. Actually this two-year Idaho study (John Oakleaf, USFWS, 2003) stated that in one year 1 of 2 was found and in the next 1 of 8, averaging 1 of 5. Oakleaf also found that calves selected by wolves averaged 36 days younger than those not selected, that calving earlier could reduce loss, that wolf predation had little influence on cattle movement or behavior, and that predatory interactions occurred infrequently despite the proximity of wolves.

The "management expenses" mentioned are currently paid by taxpayers, and the authors' exaggerated claims of losses due to harassment look, contradicted as they are by the two studies above, like bunk.

Wally Sykes
Joseph

Car theft; detainer warrants; marijuana to minor

Dispatch Log

April 6

12:29 p.m. 911 from Lostine for Enterprise Ambulance.
1:29 p.m. Public assist, rural Enterprise.
2:25 p.m. Report of deer struck by vehicle in Enterprise.
7:57 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
10:19 p.m. 911 request for ambulance, rural Enterprise.

April 7

10:50 a.m. Alarm for business in Joseph.
12:23 p.m. Reported break-in at rural Wallowa residence.
12:43 p.m. Public assist in Enterprise.
1:57 p.m. Enterprise theft complaint.
2:29 p.m. Enterprise harassment complaint.
2:53 p.m. Ambulance transport to Walla Walla.
3:52 p.m. Barking dog complaint in Joseph.
3:59 p.m. Possible scam reported from rural Enterprise.
4:58 p.m. Harassment complaint from Imnaha.
5:27 p.m. Report of possible vandalism in Enterprise.
7:13 p.m. Dog complaint in Wallowa.
7:37 p.m. Lost dog in Enterprise. Reunited with owner.
8:21 p.m. Dog complaint in Wallowa.

April 8

7:41 a.m. Welfare check in Joseph.
8:18 a.m. Home visit by

FOR THE RECORD

Community Corrections in Joseph.

8:53 a.m. Advised of a controlled burn.
9 a.m. Rural Enterprise agency assist.
2:37 p.m. Controlled burning in Wallowa.
3:49 p.m. Follow-up investigation.
3:55 p.m. Follow-up investigation in Enterprise.
3:57 p.m. Community Corrections home visit.

April 9

7:37 a.m. Car theft reported in rural Enterprise.
11:45 a.m. Non-injury MVA in rural Enterprise.
1:33 p.m. Cell 911 for ambulance in Joseph.
2:42 p.m. Enterprise report of scam phone call.
3:41 p.m. Community Corrections issued detainer warrant for arrest of Brandon Christopher Mathews, 27, Enterprise, on probation violation. Original charge of theft-2.
4 p.m. Community Corrections issued detainer warrant for arrest of Joshua Daniel Rhodes, 27, Enterprise, on probation violation. Original charge of contempt of court.
4:25 p.m. Community Corrections issued arrest warrant for Levi Lloyd Jones, 36, Wallowa. Original charge of sex abuse x2.
8:19 p.m. 911 from Wallowa requesting ambulance.

April 10

3:38 a.m. Ambulance request in Enterprise.
7:40 a.m. Report of controlled burn in rural Enterprise.
1:22 p.m. Controlled burn on Golf Course Road.
1:27 p.m. Rural Enterprise report of controlled burn.
2:54 p.m. 911 reporting menacing.
4:53 p.m. Joseph agency assist.
4:58 p.m. Wallowa agency assist.
5:07 p.m. 911 ambulance request in rural Enterprise.
8:13 p.m. Enterprise ambulance request.
8:31 p.m. 911 reporting injured deer in Enterprise.
9:15 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.

April 11

7:53 a.m. Report of controlled burning, rural Enterprise.
7:55 a.m. 911 ambulance call from Joseph.
9:05 a.m. Information of Joseph dog bite.
11:10 a.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
11:57 a.m. 911 report of smoke in Enterprise.
12:28 p.m. 911 for Enterprise ambulance.
12:35 p.m. Request for ambulance to meet private.
2:03 p.m. Several calls reporting power outage.
3:19 p.m. Menacing complaint.
8:31 p.m. Enterprise agency assist.
10:01 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.

10:26 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
10:28 p.m. Rural Enterprise information call.

April 12

8:11 a.m. 911 call for Enterprise ambulance.
8:41 a.m. Rural Enterprise controlled burn.
11:31 a.m. 911 abandoned call, rural Enterprise.
12:34 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
1:52 p.m. Report of found yellow Lab in rural Enterprise. Owner called.
2:37 p.m. Joseph traffic stop.
3:48 p.m. Found property in rural Enterprise.
8:45 p.m. Enterprise information complaint.
9:54 p.m. 911 medical call in Joseph.
11:03 p.m. 911 call, rural Enterprise.

April 13

10:07 a.m. 911 request for ambulance in Joseph.
11:53 a.m. Two dogs missing from Joseph yard.

Circuit Court

April 8

Misty Marie Moore, 35,

Enterprise, pleaded guilty to two counts of felony delivery of marijuana to minor. Sentenced to six months suspended driver's license, 36 months supervised probation, 15 days jail, fined \$500, write letter of apology to each victim on each count, excepting suspension of driver's license. Also plead-

ed guilty to one count of endangering welfare of a minor. Sentenced to 36 months supervised probation, letter to victim.

Terence W Robinson, 43, Meridian, Idaho, pleaded guilty to criminal trespass second degree. Sentenced to 12 months bench probation, \$485 fines, letter of apology.

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PLEASE JOIN US!

The Wallowa County Museum and The Friends of the Wallowa County Museum are hosting a gathering to introduce our new Wallowa County History Book. If you are interested in having your family story included and would like more information on "how, what, when and where" we will try answer all of your questions.

Also, there will be a short program about past winters in Wallowa County.

This meeting will be held at the Hurricane Creek Grange, Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6:30pm.
For more information contact: Darlene Turner, 541-432-4741 or Janie Tippett at 541-432-7355.
Refreshments will be served.