



# Area wildlife cops 'Team of the Year'

Sixty apprehended during 2014 for violating fish and wildlife laws

The six-member Enterprise/La Grande Team of the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division has been awarded the Division's "Team of the Year" award for 2014. The team, supervised by Sergeant Chris Hawkins, works out of the La Grande Area Command Office and Enterprise Worksite. Team members are: Sergeant Chris Hawkins; Senior Trooper Kreg Coggins; Senior Trooper Mark Knapp; Senior Trooper Marcus McDowell; and Senior Trooper Brian Miller.

It's a very tight-knit team, according to Hawkins, and meets a big challenge in covering a vast landscape of Northeast Oregon. The team patrols their area by truck, raft, powerboat, ATV, aircraft, horseback and on foot to cover a multitude of different terrain from valley to deep river canyons (including the Grande Ronde and Snake rivers), not to mention the forests and wilderness areas within their patrol area. During 2014, the team apprehended 60 individuals for criminally violating fish



Courtesy photo  
Members of the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division's "Team of the Year." From left: Senior Trooper Brian Miller, of Enterprise, Senior Trooper Mark Knapp, Enterprise, Senior Trooper Marcus McDowell, La Grande, Sergeant Chris Hawkins, La Grande, Senior Trooper Kris Davis, La Grande, Senior Trooper Kreg Coggins, Enterprise.

and wildlife laws, seized 30 unlawfully taken wildlife, served four search warrants,

and issued countless citations to those involved in fish and wildlife violations.

Some of the 2014 case highlights for the Enterprise/La Grande Team include:

- A three-month investigation into two individuals for the unlawful take of bobcats using traps and dogs in the Enterprise area. One individual was charged with 28 wildlife offenses and the second individual with eight wildlife offenses.
- A four-month investigation regarding the unlawful take of a Rocky Mountain Bull Elk scoring over 319 Boone and Crockett points from the Chesnimnus Unit without a valid elk tag and while trespassing. DNA analysis was used in this case. The individual was charged with unlawful take of elk without a valid tag and criminal trespass-2.

# THE HUNT BEGINS

Clue to bike's location released on Monday



Courtesy photo/Travel Oregon

Komorebi, the Wallows bike, packed for a ride by Wallowa Lake.

## Komorebi designer explains the process

By Elliott Seyler  
Wallowa County Chieftain

**K**omorebi, the Wallows bike of Travel Oregon's "7 Bikes 7 Wonders" campaign, is coming. The bike will be hidden at sunrise this Saturday, July 18, and the first clue was released on Monday in a video. The video, available on the Chieftain's Facebook page, features Ira Ryan of Breadwinner Cycles, the company that made the one-of-a-kind piece of cycling artistry.

We spoke with Ryan about his experiences here in the Wallows, and how he and Tony Pereira — the other member of the Breadwinner Cycles team — produced a bike with us in mind.

**CHIEFTAIN:** You've said that the key to the design of the Wallowa bike was a sense of place. What experiences inform your sense of the Wallows?

**RYAN:** Vast openness is the first thing to come to mind. The bike needed to be as rugged as the landscape and able to tackle the mountains, carry enough camping equip-

ment to enjoy the lakes and carry enough water to cover the wide open range land.

**CHIEFTAIN:** What's your favorite place to ride here in Wallowa County?

**RYAN:** For road riding, the loop from La Grande through Enterprise and back south to Baker City via Joseph is amazing. The gravel logging roads and campsites up towards the mountains are great for a bike like the Wallows bike since it can handle rough roads and remote camping spots.

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## Best Ball succeeds old Elks tourney

Golf tournaments at Alpine Meadows are not what they used to be.

In earlier years golfers flocked to tournaments. Those were the days a cut-off date stood, and locked in a full field. The most successful tourney of all was when the BPOE Elks golfers came to town the weekend after the 4th of July. The three-day tournament included golf, steak feed, Crazy Day shopping for the ladies, and a sole survivor thriller on Sunday. On and off the course life was good.

Well, Dorothy, we're not in Kansas anymore, nor are we in the 1980s or '90s. Times change ... we hold the memories and move on.

Because the Elks Tournament numbers have dwindled over the years, this season's event was canceled. The Alpine Meadows board of directors decided to fill the weekend time slot with a new format sponsored by the club.

President, Dan Cornett, who was helping with tournament preparations, says, "It's our first year. We'll give it a try, take the entries we get and work to make the tournament even better next year."

The 2-Man Best Ball took place this past weekend carrying on some of the traditions that so many enjoyed with the Elks. Although the entry numbers were low, the 18 teams signed in were enough to start a foursome on all nine holes.

Golfers from Walla Walla, Portland, La Grande and Pendleton along with locals were enticed to play the well-managed fairways and the "in-the-best-condition-ever" greens, enjoy a prime rib dinner, and vie for great prizes.

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## McDowell again among nation's top reiners

By Steve Tool  
Wallowa County Chieftain

It may seem like a long way from being one of the nation's top wrestlers to top reining horse trainer, but local reining horse trainer Matt McDowell says it all comes down to dedication either way. The two-time former NAIA 150-pound wrestling champion recently placed among the top competitors at

the super bowl of the reining horse world at the 2015 National Reining Horse Association Derby held in Oklahoma City, Okla., from June 20-27.

McDowell, of Enterprise, earned his awards riding FM Shine N Tag Chex (barn name Lorenzo) owned by Suzy Simar, who owns Tamarack Ranch in Joseph.

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Reining horse trainer Matt McDowell, of Enterprise, on Lorenzo at the 2015 National Reining Horse Association Derby in Oklahoma City, Okla., held June 20-27. McDowell and Lorenzo placed 3rd in the level 2 category and 6th in the Level 3 category at the derby.

## Citizen, Pacific Power help relocate ospreys

By Stephen Tool  
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John Baker had noticed the osprey nests in the transmission tower outside his home just west of Wallowa. "They've been nesting there for years, and it's dangerous. The nests could blow up the lines, and the company (Pacific Power) has a program to deal with this and take

care of the birds," Baker said. He added that Pacific Power regularly inspects the lines and was aware of the situation.

One of the problems with moving the birds and nests is finding someone who wants a new pole on their property. This wasn't a problem for the Bakers.

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### Wallowa County sunrise and sunset July 16 - July 22 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

Thursday, July 16	Friday, July 17	Saturday, July 18	Sunday, July 19	Monday, July 20	Tuesday, July 21	Wednesday, July 22
Rise ..... 5:16	Rise ..... 5:17	Rise ..... 5:18	Rise ..... 5:19	Rise ..... 5:20	Rise ..... 5:21	Rise ..... 5:22
Set ..... 8:34	Set ..... 8:33	Set ..... 8:32	Set ..... 8:31	Set ..... 8:30	Set ..... 8:29	Set ..... 8:28



## Chief Joseph Days Junior Parade Reminder!

All kids under age 16 are invited to enter the Junior Parade. You have 1 week to get your entry planned and put together! Grand Prize is a Coca-Cola Portable Basketball Hoop, plus cash prizes for best in these categories:  
**costumes, wheels, floats, marching groups, and riding**

Register at 9:00am behind the Indian Lodge Motel on Friday, July 24th!

All entries receive a certificate for ice cream at R&R, and a photo with the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Court!

Parade is at 10 am  
Friday, July 24th  
See You There!

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