

ODFW confirms calf attacked by wolf

By Steve Tool

Wallowa County Chieftain

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife confirmed a Nov. 10 wolf attack on a 600-lb. calf that was grazing on a Forest Service allotment on the Imnaha Divide. The calf was seriously wounded but survived the attack. The

attack follows a confirmed wolf depredation of another calf Oct. 27 in the nearby Harl Butte area.

ODFW wildlife biologist Mike Hansen confirmed the incident Friday.

"The stockgrower was able to find it and bring it in the vet's office (the Double Arrow clinic), and they're tak-

ing care of it," Hansen said. "They (clinic staff) think the calf might make it."

Hansen said there was little doubt the attack involved the Imnaha Pack, as it was reported in the area about two days before.

"It's part of their territory," Hansen said.

Wallowa County Chief

Sheriff's Deputy Fred Steen said the affected rancher notified him of the attack late in the afternoon of Nov. 10. Hunters in the area had discovered the profusely bleeding calf and its mother.

They shot video footage of the affected animal as well as tracks and signs of a struggle in the area. The hunters

notified a nearby homeowner, who notified the affected rancher.

The rancher located his calf the next day, although the search failed to turn up the calf's mother.

The rancher brought the calf to the clinic, where it was examined by Hansen, Steen and a veterinarian. All the ex-

aminers agreed that the injuries were the result of a wolf attack.

According to Steen, the affected rancher has been gathering cattle from the area since mid-September and was short about five cows and two calves as of Nov. 11.

The rancher could not be reached for comment.

Winding Waters withdraws plan for school clinic

Clinic awarded grant; proposal draws ire from community

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At a Nov. 2 Enterprise School Board Meeting, Winding Waters Medical Clinic withdrew a proposal for a school-based health center to treat underserved children and other students at the school.

While the proposal met with initial acceptance from the school board, subsequent public meetings indicated strong public opposition, which eventually made its way to school board meetings.

School board member Nils Christoffersen said the board received the proposal from Winding Waters in the latter half of 2014. The SBCH proposal stemmed from a grant that Winding Waters received for a community health center.

"Given the evidence we were presented with of the need and benefit from such a service and the fact it would be provided at virtually no cost to the school district except for provision of the space, we unanimously endorsed a letter of support that was part of their grant package," Christoffersen said.

Winding Waters was awarded the grant about a year later. Christoffersen said board discussions started in earnest about renovating a space at that point.

Around the same time the state legislature increased funding for school health centers, a move that brought criticism from groups opposed to school-based clinics.

"Those concerns certainly seemed to resonate with parts of our school community,

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which led to the community discussions," Christoffersen said.

At that point, Christoffersen advocated that the board step back and slow down from making a decision to open the clinic because of the divisiveness it was creating within the community as well as the board, school administration and teaching staff.

"The school district's primary mission is to educate our kids," Christoffersen said. He added that while he understood that health care, nutrition and other forms of support are directly related to student performance, they are not the district's mission and purpose.

Other school board members harbored similar thoughts.

During the Oct. 5 board meeting, Superintendent Brad Royse read a letter from Winding Waters asking the board to table the issue. Board member Adrian Harguess moved to table the matter and the motion passed.

Christoffersen suggested that at least some school board members keep abreast of community discussion on school health care.

The following board meeting on Nov. 2 saw Winding Waters officially withdraw the SBCH proposal.

"The challenge will be: Can we find other options that are less divisive and that we have the financial viability to provide," Christoffersen said. "I'm very eager for our school board, the school district and school community to take on that challenge and address what appears to me to be a real need."



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Neither Wallowa County nor Asotin County Sheriff's deputies ever laid eyes on the Moffit Bros. truck that was reported stolen from an Enterprise residence the night of Nov. 11.

The truck, belonging to Moffit Bros. Transportation and Construction in Lostine, reportedly was seen by a Moffit Bros. bus driver outside of Lostine, according to Roberta Moffit.

"He passed our bus driver just as fast as he could go," she said. "It worried our driver; he thought something had happened."

Moffit said another employee reported seeing the truck heading out the Promise Road.

"We think (the thief) took Wildcat to Troy and then went from Troy to Highway 3 and on north to Lewiston."

Wallowa County authorities headed north, but were unable to locate the pickup. Asotin County Sheriff's Department informed the Chieftain on Monday that they had not seen the vehicle, either.

Rumors abound, Moffit said, but no official reports have been made since then.

The truck is white with a

Moffit Bros. logo on the side. The license plate number is Oregon No. ZPP648.

The Sheriff's Office notified authorities in Idaho and Wash-

ington about the stolen truck.

If you have information regarding the vehicle, please contact the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office at 426-3131,



Injured hunters air-lifted

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Wallowa County Dispatch received a 911 call late Friday morning requesting Life Flight for two hunters injured in a horse-related mishap at Smith Mountain near Howard Butte north of Enterprise.

Sgt. Kyle Hove, public information officer for the Oregon State Police, said two OSP troopers, Brian Miller and Mark Knapp, responded to the incident and arrived at approximately the same time as the two Life Flight helicopters.

Hove said the incident involved two members of a three-man elk hunting party that was on horseback in a gated area. One man was transported to Lewiston, while the other was flown to Wallowa Memorial Hospital in Enterprise.

Neither of the two men had life-threatening injuries, according to Hove. He credited the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office and dispatchers for the timely coordination and assistance with the incident.

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