Committee and other senators

before her original nomina-

tion was confirmed by the en-

tire Senate. During her recent

re-confirmation hearing, Ak-

enson met with some senators

ates the role the commission

plays in Oregon wildlife man-

agement and mentioned sev-

eral important issues she took

part in during her first term

wolf management. She was

among the four commission

members who voted to delist

the wolf from state Endan-

gered Species Act protections

ing is a positive thing for Oregon that won't stop wolves

from being protected but will

allow for us to continue to use

ment of non-game wildlife also is important to Akenson,

as there's not direct funding

to do work in that area. The

ODFW just finished updat-

ing a 10-year plan that gives

private individuals and orga-

nizations ideas on what could

benefit a variety of important

non-game species in Oregon.

other funding sources for that

also is a very controversial

subject in the West, some-

thing the ODFW Commission

plan," she said.

"I'll be working to find

Sage Grouse protection

manage-

the wolf plan," she said.

Conservation

"I think the wolf downlist-

the most critical being

Akenson said she appreci-

before the vote.

in November.

"I was pleased that the col-

laborative stakeholder groups that had different interests

came together and helped de-

termine how Oregon protects

Sage Grouse while provid-

ing viable opportunities for

employment and agricultural

interests. The result of that

plan contributed to the (U.S.) government deciding not

to list (Endangered Species

List) the Sage Grouse, which

makes it easier on folks in Or-

of the Sage Grouse issue pro-

viding mutually beneficent

aid to the grouse and ranchers

by allowing for the removal of Juniper trees which soak

up valuable ground water as

well as encroaching on sage

brush, as well as providing

monies to both fight and pre-

bridge gaps and find common

ground with opposing fac-

tions is her greatest offering

that work well in controver-

sial situations. I like being

able to communicate with

people of different perspec-

tives and feel like we're con-

necting and not just ignoring each other. As long as we can

keep talking and communicat-

ing, it helps people feel better

about a given situation."

"I've had people tell me I have communication skills

She said her ability to

vent rangeland fires.

to the commission.

Akenson cited the example

also tackled.

egon."

## Akenson reinstated to Wildlife Commission

**News** 

By Steve Tool Wallowa County Chieftain

The Oregon State Senate recently voted 22-8 to reinstate retired wildlife biologist Holly Akenson of Enterprise for another four-year term on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission. Confirmation of Akenson, along with commissioner Michael Finley of Medford, was delayed from April 2015 due concerns by some of a lack of ODFW Commission budget oversight as well as pressure from sport-fishing and stockgrowers groups to appoint commissioners with their interests at heart.

The seven-member commission consists of one person from each congressional district plus one person from each side of the Cascades. The commission determines ODFW policy and wildlife management practices. The ODFW Commissioners serve a maximum of two four-year

The 22-8 vote came as somewhat of a surprise to Akenson.

"It (the no votes) was a little more than I expected, but I guess that's politics in Salem," she said.

Akenson attended high school in Baker City before attending college at Eastern Oregon University, where she earned degrees in biology and secondary education. She earned her master's degree at the University of Idaho.

Akenson has lived and worked as a biologist in both

Steve Tool/Chieftain

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission member Holly Akenson of Enterprise.

Idaho and Oregon. She has never been a full-time ODFW employee.

"I had a short-term position and did some contract work," she said.

She also served as field station manager/scientist for the University of Idaho, where she did research and ran programs for college students.

7:45 p.m.: 911 call for possible

9:52 a.m.: Report of red bag

electrical fire in Enterprise.

John Kitzhaber contacted Akenson to see if she was interested in serving on the commission. The vetting process included an appearance

5:06 p.m.: 911 call reporting

traffic crash with property damage in Wallowa.

In 2011, the office of Gov. before the state Senate Rules determined to be unfounded. lost between Joseph and Enterprise on Highway 82. 5:29 p.m.: Lost dog reported 10:37 a.m.: Cougar sighting in in Joseph; reunited with owner.



### Dispatch log

Nov. 23

2:12 p.m.: Found lab cross dog with GPS collar; owner located

Nov. 24

2:11 p.m.: Baker City police arrested William Gabriel Roger, 35, of Joseph on a Wallowa County parole violation. Transported to Union County Jail.

8:48 p.m.: Lost Springer Spaniel in Enterprise 9:13 p.m.: Vehicle in ditch outside of Enterprise.

Nov. 25

7:41 a.m.: Report of property damage in rural Joseph.

10:44 a.m.: Report of two trees cut on private property in rural Joseph.

11:35 a.m.: Theft in rural

Enterprise.

12:26 p.m.: One-vehicle accident on Highway 3.

**Nov. 26** 

10:30 a.m.: Report of lost dog in Enterprise. 4:40 p.m.: Vehicle in the ditch

on Hurricane Creek.

11:05 a.m.: 911 call reporting verbal domestic dispute in rural Wallowa

11:22 a.m.: Vandalism reported in Wallowa.

Nov. 28

1:58 p.m.: Report of injured elk in rural Lostine.

4:54 p.m.: Possible wold dep-

redation reported in rural Lostine;



Jim Clegg won the week 11 football contest with 11 correct picks!

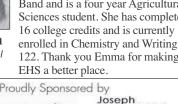


Emma Carlsen has earned a 3.91 cumulative GPA while at EHS. She has taken two years of foreign language Algebra II and College Math. She has excelled in the Sciences taking Physics, Animal Science and College Biology. She has challenged herself with AP Language and Composition and College Writing 121. She has enjoyed Psychology, Band and is a four year Agricultural Sciences student. She has completed 16 college credits and is currently enrolled in Chemistry and Writing 122. Thank you Emma for making



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