

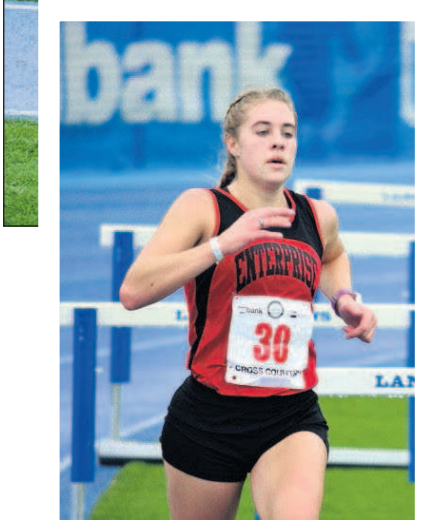


LADY OUTLAWS 2ND AT STATE



Courtesy of Kim Tingelstad

From left, coach Dan Moody, Reagan Bedard, Isabelle Tingelstad, Ella Coughlan, Karli Bedard, Dee Dee Duncan, Elyse Tingelstad, Irina Baldessari and Eliza Irish.



Courtesy of Kim Tingelstad

Isabelle Tingelstad finished eighth overall at the state meet Saturday in Eugene.

Senior Isabelle Tingelstad 8th overall in final high school race

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Lane County rain failed to douse the competitive fires burning inside the hearts of the Lady Outlaws cross country team, who put in their best performance ever

with a second-place team finish at the 3A/2A/1A state meet in Eugene on Saturday.

The team's performance at Lane Community College netted 66 points — 12 points behind state champion Catlin Gabel.

Eleven girls teams and a total

86 runners competed. Six of the seven Wallowa County runners posted personal-best times, including Isabelle Tingelstad, who finished in 19:40 to place eighth overall.

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Eagle Cap Extreme volunteer fair set for Saturday

Wallowa County Chieftain

The Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race will hold a volunteer fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Joseph Center on Main Street in downtown Joseph.

The event is designed to introduce people to the sport of mushing and to the many ways they can participate during race week and throughout the year.

"This is a world class event that draws spectators and mushers from all over North America," said Troy Nave, one of the ECX directors. "We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to share their talent and energy."

Approximately 150 volunteers help bring the four-day event to Wallowa County each January, most of whom participate during the week of the race.

Bringing dogs to the start chute, cooking at the Ollokot checkpoint and providing information at Race Central in Joseph are just some of the many tasks during the race.

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ODFW considers forgoing fee increases

By Claire Withycombe
Capital Bureau

SALEM — A task force charged with finding sustainable funding for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is considering holding off on scheduled license fee increases if the Legislature approves either an income tax surcharge or a surcharge on beverage containers to fund the department.

The task force met Tuesday at the Capitol.

The department's biennial budget is about \$370 million. One-third comes from the federal government, another third from hunting and fishing licenses, and the remainder from state funding sources.

In 2015, the Oregon Secretary of State's Office found that ODFW had persistent

cash flow problems, noting that fee increases had not in the past been able to address the underlying causes of the department's budget shortfalls.

Either the proposed beverage container or income tax surcharge would be calculated to bring in what the task force has estimated is an additional \$86 million in needed revenue for the department — an increase the task force recommended Tuesday from an earlier \$79.9 million estimate. The higher number takes into account the proposed rollback of fee increases.

There are two scheduled license fee increases — one in 2018 and another in 2020. In future years, the task force has proposed, the license fees would be indexed to inflation. Part of the task force's

work was to recognize the contributions of hunters and anglers make to the department's conservation work. An exemption to the income tax surcharge for licenseholders was previously floated as a way to meet that goal.

Holding the line on fees was determined to be more feasible.

The next meeting of the task force is scheduled for Nov. 28, when members will review a final draft of the report they will present to the Legislature during an interim session in mid-December.

The group also wants to get input from the beverage industry.

Either surcharge proposal has to be incorporated into legislation or approved by voters via a ballot measure in order to go into effect.



Courtesy of ODFW

Rick Swart fishes for coho on the Clackamas River in this file photo. A task force looking for ways to increase the Department of Fish and Wildlife's budget is considering rolling back license fees if the Legislature passes either an income tax or beverage container surcharge.

Hunters asked to report disease in elk and deer

Wallowa County Chieftain

Oregon hunters are being asked to be on the lookout for two devastating diseases in deer and elk and to report any sightings.

Oregon State Police and ODFW have issued a joint reminder to hunters that it is illegal to bring any deer, elk or moose part containing Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) into Oregon from any state or Canadian province with a documented case of the disease. The disease is always fatal to

animals and no state or province with documented cases of CWD has been able to eradicate it.

OSP reports that several cases of illegal import have occurred in Oregon this year.

The following states or provinces have reported documented case(s) of Chronic Wasting Disease: Alberta, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma,



Courtesy photo

Oregon Elk with hoof disease.

Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Saskatchewan. Hunters bringing parts containing central nervous system

tissues from these areas into Oregon may be subject to a citation, and illegal parts will be confiscated.

The following parts can be brought into Oregon from states and provinces with CWD

- Meat that is cut and wrapped commercially or privately
- Meat that has been boned out
- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached
- Hides and/or capes with no head attached

- Skull plates with antlers attached that have been cleaned of all meat and brain tissue
- Antlers with no tissue attached (Velvet antlers are allowed)
- Upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories)
- Finished taxidermy heads

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife also is warning that elk hoof disease is being seen more frequently in Oregon.

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