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Ferrioli appointed to regional power council

Bentz interested in Senate seat

By Richard Hanners
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A major shakeup is in the works for Oregon Senate District 30.

Sen. Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, was recently appointed to represent Oregon on the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Con-



State Sen. Ted Ferrioli

serva- tion Council. His appointment must be confirmed by the Senate Rules Committee, which will take up the appointment Nov. 13-15.

Ferrioli told the Eagle he wants to see the security of the regional power grid enhanced to protect it from cyber-attacks and even an electromagnet-

ic-pulse attack by North Korea.

"Power distribution systems are a favorite target," he said. "The Pacific Northwest has long known a sense of peace and security."

He also cited his work on the Senate's Natural Resources Subcommittee protecting steelhead and salmon.

"We can't have any species go extinct on our watch," he emphasized.

Ferrioli said he's not a climate change denier.

"The question of anthropogenic

impacts is like asking how many angels can fit on the head of a pin," he said. "What difference does it make? The fact is that adding carbon to the environment has been a concern of Oregonians for a decade."

Ferrioli noted that the regional power council has focused on carbon reduction by way of conservation, which he characterized as the "cheapest solution."

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Contributed photo

Long Creek Ambulance crew member Craig Palmer assists injured hunter James Moyer (out of view) with other volunteers. In the foreground is the six-point bull elk, shot by Moyer, which he was field dressing when he wounded himself.

Injured hunter rescued

Mapleton man stabs himself while field dressing an elk

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

An injured hunter was flown to a hospital in Bend on Thursday afternoon, after emergency workers packed him out of a remote site in northern Grant County.

James Lee Moyer, 51, of Mapleton shot a six-point bull elk across the Indian Creek drainage, about 15-20 miles east of Meadowbrook Summit, early that morning, Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer said in a press release.

Moyer made his way to the elk and was field dressing the animal when the knife he was using slipped, stabbing himself about two inches above the navel, Palmer said.

Moyer's wife, who was 650 yards across the canyon with her husband's parents when the incident took place, made it to his side where cellphone service was available and a call was made to 911 at 11:31 a.m.

Long Creek and John Day medical units were dispatched as well as the Grant County Sheriff's Office and the sheriff's Grant County Search and Rescue team. Oregon State Police and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife also responded.

Palmer said Air Link from St. Charles Medical Center in Bend landed about 150-200 yards above Moyer's location.

Palmer credited search and rescue crews as well as hunters in the area, with clearing logs, trees and regrowth from the road where the helicopter landed. Moyer was carried on a backboard to the helicopter.

Search and rescue personnel, ODFW and Oregon State Police assisted Moyer in field dressing and packing the bull elk to an awaiting vehicle.

Fall into fun



Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter

Humbolt Elementary School kindergartners Trig Hutchison, front, and Javier Barajas chase through a maze Thursday during a field trip to the John Day Community Garden.

Youngsters pick out pumpkins

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Giggles and chasing were all part of the fun for 40 Humbolt Elementary School kindergartners Thursday as they enjoyed a fall field trip to the John Day Community Garden.

Dayden Dobell picked one of the many pumpkins grown by community gardeners for the children.

"I got a big one," he said.

He and the other students enjoyed tracking through a straw bale maze set up by Grant Union High School FFA.

"I like it," Dobell said. "You can hide in the maze and run around."

Briar Burril said playing hide and

seek in the maze was fun.

Thomas Shaw also enjoyed the maze, and said he found a spider — not a real one.

Kindergarten teacher Becky Rhinehart said a parent decorated the maze that morning. The embellishments included friendly looking spiders, pumpkins and a mummy.

Rhinehart and Adriane Ineck's classes, as well as a few younger children, joined in the fall fun. This is their third year visiting the pumpkin patch and the second year they've had the maze, Rhinehart said.

"It's an opportunity for them to get out and be kids," she said. "They get to pick out their own pumpkin and they also have apple cider and popcorn."



Fredrick Maurer, 1, chooses a pumpkin, just his size.

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Meadowbrook complex gets major face lift

Apartment buildings are 37 years old

By Richard Hanners
Blue Mountain Eagle

The Meadowbrook II apartment complex on East Highway 26 in John Day is getting a major face lift that will present a whole new look — for outsiders and insiders alike. Warm, sunny weather helped kick off the project last week.

Boise-based Northwest Real Estate Capital Corp. began managing the Meadowbrook II housing complex in 2001 and acquired the prop-



The Eagle/Richard Hanners

Workers and materials gather at the Meadowbrook II housing complex in John Day as a \$3.15 million renovation project kicked off in sunny weather.

erty through bankruptcy in 2012, project developer John Vance said.

"Meadowbrook II has provided John Day and Grant

County with an affordable housing option since 1980, but has not received any significant renovations over that time," Vance said. "This

rehab project will ensure Meadowbrook II continues to serve this community for another 37 years, if not more."

Meadowbrook II has 19 units ranging from studio apartments to three-bedroom units. All residents are income-restricted, Vance said. The company will pay the motel expenses of residents who stay in motels during the renovation and provide a stipend for those who choose to stay with relatives or friends. The residents also receive a meal voucher, he said.

The apartment complex was given a 94b score by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's Real Estate

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