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Farmers can fatten sheep, control Tansy, says OSU professor

Oregon ranchers can fatten their sheep while they clear their pastures of tansy ragwort, a weed that poisons thousands of cattle, horses and other animals each year, an Oregon State University study suggests.

"It appears sheep can reduce tansy to acceptable levels, and that tansy is a satisfactory feed for sheep, providing protein for their diet in the summer when other herbage is dry," said Steven Sharrow, OSU rangeland resources professor.

In addition, sheep appear to be resistant to tansy ragwort's poisonous properties, report Sharrow and Wayne Mosher, a Roseburg cattle and sheep rancher, in an article about tests they conducted in 1977 and 1978 at a ranch near Glide. Sharrow and Mosher said the field experiments, and follow-up laboratory analyses, indicate tansy ragwort's leaves and flowers, the most attractive parts to livestock, more than meet the digestibility and protein content requirements for ewes and the digestibility requirements of growing lambs.

Tansy flowers contain adequate protein for lambs, but the leaves are slightly deficient in protein for lambs' diets, the researchers believe.

The initial experiment in 1977 used two pasture test plots infested with tansy ragwort. Cattle grazed one plot and on the other cattle grazed in the spring and sheep were moved onto the land to graze in the early summer when tansy ragwort was starting to bloom.

Sharrow and Mosher observed that the sheep gained weight eating tansy and kept many tansy plants from reaching the seed-producing stage—which reduces the seeds available to re-establish the plant in following years.

They said about 80 percent of the forage—including tansy—in the cattle and sheep pasture was grazed. About 20 percent of the forage was utilized in the cattle-only pasture.

Sharrow said besides pushing out other forage, tansy ragwort inflicts more than a \$1 million worth of damage a year in western Oregon by poisoning livestock.

The weed injures or kills the livestock when chemical compounds it contains, called pyrrolizidine alkaloids, are turned into toxic substances in animals' livers, injuring the organs. The compounds have been shown to be toxic to humans, rats, cattle, horses, goats and other creatures.

"Sheep, on the other hand, seem resistant to its toxic properties," said Sharrow, adding that it is not clear whether sheep have the ability to destroy the alkaloids or to prevent their conversion to toxic compounds.

Veterinarians have found no indications the alkaloids build up in the tissue of sheep, Sharrow said.

Tansy ragwort is a biennial or weak perennial plant, and occurs on about 3 million acres of forest and rangeland in western Oregon, as well as in the coastal regions of northern California and western Washington, experts estimate.

Sharrow and Mosher said because of the wide distribution of the plant, and public concern about attempts to control it with herbicides, recent control efforts have centered on biological control with the flea beetle and the cinnabar moth, insects that feed on tansy ragwort.

Sheep provide an additional biological control agent, they said, adding that control of tansy ragwort probably will require a mix of biological, chemical and cultural control methods used to fit specific situations.

Sharrow noted that about 1,600 sheep were used in 1979 to control brush on U.S. Forest Service land near Alesia in the Oregon Coast Range. The animals' diet was about 20 percent tansy ragwort and "it worked quite well," he said. Several ranchers in the Roseburg area are using sheep to control the weed, he added.

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BMCC chemistry course open to student nurses

Applicants to the nursing program at Blue Mountain Community college will have an opportunity during spring term to take chemistry course required for admission, according to Nancy Alsdurf, department head.

Alsdurf noted that many prospective nursing students have been unable to register for the chemistry class because the one section offered during the winter term is already full.

"Two sections of 'Chemistry 100 for Nurses' will be offered spring term," according to Alsdurf. The sections will

accommodate up to 40 people.

The college chemistry class is required of all persons wishing to enroll in BMCC's nursing program. One year of high school chemistry with a "C" grade may be substituted for the one-term college course.

March 31 is the application deadline for students wishing to enter BMCC's nursing program next fall. For more information on a nursing career, contact Alsdurf at BMCC by calling 276-1260, ext. 274 or by writing BMCC, P.O. Box 100, Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

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Parks accepting Memorial Day reservations

The State Parks and Recreation Division will begin accepting reservation requests at 12 state parks on Monday, January 12, for Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

A 13th park, Fort Stevens, will begin accepting reservations the same day but will not be able to accommodate reservation campers until July 1, due to a construction project in progress there.

Requests for reservations must be made by mail, or in person, directly to the parks participating in the reservation program. Telephone requests cannot be accepted.

The division requires a \$7 payment with each reservation. Of that amount, \$5 is applied to the first night's charge and \$2 is a new non-refundable service fee which is being imposed in an effort to make the reservation program more nearly self supporting.

Campsite reservation applications will soon be available statewide from state park, state police, motor vehicle and many chamber of commerce offices.

Persons unable to obtain an application may send a letter to the appropriate reservation park along with a \$7 payment for each reservation request. The letter must include: name, address and phone number of the party requesting a reservation; number of people in the party; first and last date of reservation period desired; length and/or size, and type of camping equip-

ment; and type of site desired.

The 13 parks participating in the program are: Beachside, P.O. Box 1350, Newport, OR 97365; Beverly Beach, Star Route North, Box 684, Newport, OR 97365; Cape Lookout, 13000 Whiskey Creek Road, W. Tillamook, OR 97141; Detroit Lake, P.O. Box 549, Detroit, OR 97342; Devil's Lake, 1452 N.E. 6th, Lincoln City, OR 97367; Fort Stevens, Hammond OR 97121 (effective July 1, 1981); Harris Beach, Route 2, Box 90, Brookings, OR 97415; Honeyman, 84505 Highway 101, Florence, OR 97439;

Prineville Reservoir, Prineville Lake Rt., Box 1050, Prineville, OR 97754; South Beach, P.O. Box 1350, Newport, OR 97365; Sunset Bay, Route 2, Box 738, Coos Bay, OR 97420; The Cove Palisades, Route 1, Box 60 CP, Culver, OR 97734; Wallowa Lake, Route 1, Box 323, Joseph, OR 97846.

Only one camping unit per campsite is allowed at Beachside, Cape Lookout, Detroit Lake, Prineville Reservoir, The Cove Palisades, and Wallowa Lake.

Great Decisions '81 program offered nationally

Invite a small group of friends, associates or acquaintances (any number from 2 to 12 or 15 is adequate) to join you for weekly "Great Decisions" discussion sessions, for the purpose of talking over the materials in the study books as well as information from other sources.

The 1981 topics are:
1. "The U.S. and the Soviet Union: Dilemmas of Power and Peace."
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4. "South Africa: Can Race War Be Avoided?"

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8. "The World in 1981."

For additional information call your County Extension Office, 676-9642, or write: Oregon Great Decisions, 1605 N. W. 27th St., Corvallis, OR 97330

Cards of Thanks 1

We extend our deep gratitude and thanks to our many friends who have extended by word, card, or note, their best wishes on our 40th wedding anniversary and coming years.

We're sorry that the busy holiday season and family circumstances made the time and place for the reception difficult for many to come.

But thank you again for your best wishes, and for each of you -- have a Happy, Healthy, 1981!

Ed and Rachel Dick

A big thanks to one and all for my surprise birthday party last Saturday.

The gifts, cards, good wishes - the beautiful dinner and birthday cake were a tremendous surprise.

Special thanks to Bob and my granddaughters for their hard work and also to those who came so far.

Thanks also to the friend who made and delivered another lovely cake to me later in the day.

Love,
Martha Van Schoiack

Thank you for all of the lovely cards, flowers, deeds and visitations (whether by telephone or in person), before and since my surgery. It is so nice to be remembered.

Sincerely,
Marlene Peterson

I wish to express my appreciation to all who came to my retirement party, for the good wishes in cards and gifts and flowers, a big thanks to you too.

To all my fellow workers at the Court House, I cannot find the right words to adequately express my gratitude for all the effort they put in on it. It was SUPER and I will cherish the memories of my time spent there always.

Sylvia McDaniel

Notices 2

PIONEER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY meets Thursday, Jan. 15, 1 p.m. at hospital. If you are interested in joining COME!! We have an apron that will fit. The downstairs patients are enjoying the new air purifier. Our thanks again to all who contributed.

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