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Salers tour planned

From the Agri-Times Northwest, Sept. 7, 2001 issue:

The rugged, isolated rangelands of Eastern Oregon have always been an excellent proving ground for Salers cattle.

And if ranchers Dick Snow and Kyle Robinson have it their way, they'll also be a great place to demonstrate to cattle producers from across the country just how well Salers genetics are suited for commercial and feedlot production.

The tour, called the western States Salers Tour, takes place Sept. 29-30. Participants will have the opportunity to view several herds of commercial and registered cattle, as well as evaluate feeder calves, and learn from the experiences of atop-flight feedlot operator and seed stock producers.

"The objective of this tour is to promote Salers cattle," Snow says. "That's why they need to come to see what these cattle can do.

"I just think they're tremendous range cattle, and they perform well in the feedlot, too. If you're a cow-calf guy in big range country, I don't know what more you could want from a breed of cattle."

Snow preconditions and retains ownership of the calves he produces. Many of his calves end up at Knox County Feeders, an ASA Partners feedlot based near Bloomfield, NE. while his other calves are finished at El Oro feedlot, a division of Agri-Beef based in Yakima, WA.

On day one, participants will see first hand Snow's summer range. Jim Sauter, who manages El Oro Feedlot, will present his thoughts on effective preconditioning and retained ownership on the first day of the tour.

On day two, participants will tour the Kirk & Robinson Ranch, Heppner. Seed stock producer Ron Skinner of Hall, MT, will present his thoughts on marketing seed stock during the afternoon session.

"Participants are going to be able to see what types of range bulls we're raising and evaluate the kinds of market goals we have for our program," says Robinson, who raises about 175 registered and commercial Salers cattle.

"We have a fairly unique operation here in that we don't feed any concentrates.

Everything is 100 percent forage ration. Salers cattle are especially functional from a commercial standpoint."

"They are exceptional in that they have a complete balance between all important economic traits, unlike most other continental breeds."

During both days, participants will have the opportunity to evaluate live cattle.

They will also participate in a judging contest and a steer weight guessing contest.

"We think we have a good mix of educational opportunities as well as fun and entertaining to do while people are here," says Snow, who suggests interested participants should make their hotel reservations early.

"We could have quite a few people come out and see this," he said.

Western States Fall Tour Schedule:

Sept. 29: 1 p.m. - Muleshoe Ranch, Dick Snow's Mountain Summer Commercial Operation, LaGrande.

Directions: Take 1-84 west out of LaGrande eight miles, turn off 1-84 at Heard Park on Highway 244.

Take Highway 244 for 10 miles to sign on right side of road that points to McIntyre Creek. This is north.

Take McIntyre Creek road 2-1/2 miles to first cattle guard. Look up on knoll to left. You're there.

2:30 p.m. - Travel to Dick Snow's Echo Ranch, located just west of Echo, and across the bridge.

4 p.m. - Preview feeder cattle that are entering the ProBeef program.

4:30 p.m. - Steer weight guessing contest.

5 p.m. - Presentation from Jim Sauter, manager of El Ore Feedlot, "Preconditioning and Retained Ownership."

5:30 p.m. - Overnight stay at tour headquarters, Best Western Hotel, Hermiston, OR, 2255 S. Highway 395, (541) 564-0202.

Sept. 30: 9 a.m. - Kyle Robinson Ranch. From Heppner, take Highway 207 southwest to Ruggs.
Then go south of Ruggs on Highway 207 through Hardman three miles. The ranch is on the right.

9:15 a.m. - Registration for judging contest.

9:15 a.m. - Preview Kyle Robinson cattle.

10:15 a.m. - Judging contest; one class of registered yearling heifers; one class of steers; two classes of registered yearling bulls; one class of cow/calf pairs; and one class of commercial heifers.

12 noon - lunch at Hardman Community Center.

12:30 p.m. - Ron Skinner, Skinner Ranch, Hall, MT. speaks on "Marketing Seed stock."

1 p.m. - Awards presentation.

1:30 p.m. - Begin journey home.

Heppner police to begin community policing program

Merle Cowett, acting Heppner Police Chief, said Tuesday that the department has begun a new community policing program.

Cowett says that he plans to visit every business at least three times a week to ask about problems and concerns. He said the department will have a new "open door"policy where the community is invited to stop by the police department office to chat or share concerns.

"My goal is to make the police department available to the community," said Cowett. "I'm going to be on the street, walking. I won't just be driving by and waving. These are things that should be done whether we go with the (Morrow County) sheriff's department or stay with the (Heppner) police."

The city of Heppner is currently contemplating contracting police services with the county, rather than continuing to maintain its own police department.

Cowett said that the department plans to resume checking business doors.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of $5.)

Keep Arctic refuge truly a refuge

To the Editor:

In the shadow of the recent attacks on our country, it is clear that there is much we must do to make our society safer and to prevent future acts of terrorism. At this time of national mourning, it becomes even more evident that we must search for national policies that sustain and preserve life for all, not just the economic interests of a few. We must search for sustainable policies which will benefit all Americans, not just those who specialize in oil speculation and development.

The House of Representatives' passage of the so-called "Energy Security Act" was a grave mistake. It mandates oil development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, a land of incomparable beauty which is essential habitat for a diversity of wildlife not equaled elsewhere on this continent. Some proponents for drilling, in light of the recent attack on our nation, may attempt to raise national security issues with regard to drilling in the Arctic Refuge. However, even if oil is discovered, the amount of oil estimated by the US Geological Survey to actually be recoverable in the Arctic Refuge would do almost nothing to lessen our dependence on oil from overseas. Even if developed for oil and gas, the Arctic Refuge would provide only the equivalent of approximately six months of oil for our nation. And oil analysts agree that this oil would have almost no impact on oil prices, which are set in a huge global market. What's more, oil from the Refuge won't even reach U.S. markets for another 10 years.

I believe that our nation's energy needs can be better met through energy efficiency, conservation, and the development of alternative energy sources. Even at peak production, the oil from the coastal plain is not expected to amount to more than two percent of the current U.S. demand. Increasing fuel efficiency standards for new passenger cars could save as much oil as 15 times the likely yield from the coastal plain of Alaska.

The House bill approves oil exploration in the narrow strip of land between the Brooks Mountain Range and the Arctic Ocean. This spectacular strip of land is also the heart of the Refuge, the place where vast herds of caribou give birth to their young. The Gwich'in people, who have depended on this land and its caribou for most of its needs for over 20,000 years, have a name for this very heart of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. It is Vadzaih vi dehk'it gwanlii - the Sacred Place Where Life Begins. It is so sacred that the Gwich'in will not enter it, even in times of famine. They have the knowledge of history which shows that if left to its natural course, the caribou population will recover and continue to sustain life. The same would not hold true if the caribou herds were disturbed, automatically resulting in a drop in their viable birth rate.

In summary; drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is wrong because: 1. A wildlife refuge should remain a refuge for wildlife. 2. The land is sacred to a population of people, and to encroach upon it is tantamount to desecration of a religious site. 3. Drilling would irreparably disturb the habitat for wildlife and the culture of a native people. 4. The oil produced will not lessen our dependency upon foreign oil. 5. The oil produced will not be available for 10 more years, during which other alternatives can be developed.

In the next month, Oregon's Senators will play a key role in the Senate debate about drilling in the Arctic. Oregon is the only state with two members on the Senate Energy Committee. Senator Smith can affirm his role as an environmentally responsible Republican only if all his Committee and Senate floor votes are firmly against drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

As a person of faith and as a religious leader, I pray that our nation does not take hasty action by entering and destroying this place that is sacred to many people. And this will be prevented only if Senators Smith and Wyden vote to protect this incomparable American treasure. Please join me in urging the Senators to keep the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge truly a refuge.

(s) Rev. Craig S. Strobel, Ph.D.
Heppner

LCDC should compensate landowners

To the Editor:

The Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) claims that its number one goal is "citizen involvement," however, there is no such provision for involvement of landowners, who have the biggest stake and the most to lose in the process.

A closer study at LCDC's statewide goals shows that the goals are written as if the public owned all the land in Oregon. In the state land use laws there is no mention of landowners' rights to use their own property.

An example is when LCDC misszones hilly, rocky land as "prime" farmland and the landowners are stuck. They can't farm the land because it is unfarmable, but neither can they use the land for other purposes.

If LCDC won't change its rules to include landowners' rights, they should at least compensate landowners for taking the property. Not surprisingly, they don't compensate this either. It is no wonder that Measure 7 that requires compensation was approved by voters across the state of Oregon.

(s) Thomas Karlen
Cove

Mini writing festival planned

Authors in Autumn, a mini-writing festival for students in grades three to six, is set at Heppner Elementary for Saturday, Oct. 27. Young writers from the four elementary schools in Morrow County have been invited, as well as students from Condon, Fossil, Spray, Arlington and Echo.

The day will begin at 10 a.m. in the HES library and continue until 2 p.m. Registration cost is $6, which includes lunch. T-shirts with the "Authors In Autumn" logo may be purchased.

Teachers from Heppner Elementary will teach a variety of writing classes which include autumn art and poetry, using music to write a lead, making organizational booklets, writing on the web and more. The classes will offer something for everyone and every writing ability, said a spokesperson.

For more information, or a registration form, contact Jannie Allen at Heppner Elementary. Registrations are due by Friday, Oct. 19, but last minute participants are still welcome on Oct. 27.

As Gertrude Stein said, "To write is to write is to write is to write is to write is to write is to write is to write."

Fair theme ideas sought

The Morrow County Fair Committee is looking for a theme for the 2002 fair to be held Aug. 12-18. Interested persons are asked to send their theme ideas to the Morrow County Fair, P.O. Box 464, Heppner, or call 676-9474 by Nov. 15.

The theme will be chosen at the December fair board meeting. The person with the winning theme will receive two passes to the fair.

The committee is also looking for fair volunteers. Interested persons are asked to call the fair office for more information.

Fire Dept. Aux. plans hunters' sale

The Lexington Fire Dept. Auxiliary will have a hunter's food sale on Friday, Sept. 28, at the Cenex store in Lexington beginning at 7:30 a.m.

This will be the group's last money raising project of the year.

Town-wide participation would be appreciated, said an organizer. Baked goods or a cash donation may be dropped off at the "C" store.

For more information, call 989-8505, 989-8510 or 989-8534.

Obituaries

Howard W. Eubanks

Howard W. Eubanks, 87, of Arlington, formerly of Ione, died Thursday, September 20, 2001, at his home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 25, 2001, at the United Church of Christ in Ione. Concluding service and burial was held at High View Cemetery in Ione.

Mr. Eubanks was born July 29, 1914, at Ione, to Walter and Bela Lieuallen Eubanks. He was raised at Ione and attended Social Ridge School until third grade when he began attending Ione schools. He graduated from Ione High School.

Mr. Eubanks worked for his brother at a trucking company for a time, then worked in the insurance business at Ione.

On September 9, 1939, he married Annabelle M. McCabe at Vancouver, Washington.

He joined the U.S. Navy and served during World War II. He was stationed at Bremerton, Washington, then Los Angeles, California, then Australia.

Following his military discharge in 1945, he returned to Eastern Oregon. He managed Plateau Farm at Arlington until his retirement in 1974. The Eubanks then moved to Condon. Mrs. Eubanks died in 1989.

In June 1990, he married Virginia Jorgenson at Ione. She died in February 2001.

He had recently returned to Arlington.

Mr. Eubanks was a member of Heppner BPOE 358, a member and past president of the Arlington Saddle Club and had served on the Arlington School Board for a number of years. He served on the Gilliam County Fair Board. He was a member of the Oregon Wheat League and, in 1963, received the Conservation Man of Year Award.

Survivors include a daughter, Marlene Pointer of Lexington; a son, Larry Eubanks of Arlington; brothers, Johnnie of Irrigon and Bill of Olex; sister, Veda Brenner of McMinnville; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by sons, Howard and Leland, and a sister, Eleanor.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Morrow County Museum, P.O. Box 1153, Heppner, Oregon 97836, or the Gilliam County Museum, P.O. Box 377, Condon, Oregon 97823.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Freda I. Kenney

Freda I. Kenney, 83, of Irrigon, died Sunday, September 16, 2001, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, Washington of a heart attack.

A memorial service was held Saturday, September 22, 2001, at Columbia View Community Church, Highway 730, in Irrigon.

The fourth of 10 children, Mrs. Kenney was born June 13, 1918, at the family home on American Ridge near Kendrick, Idaho, to Frank C. and Olive Smith Frederickson. She came to Oregon with her family before she was two years old and was raised on a farm near Irrigon. She graduated from Irrigon High School in 1937.

During World War II, she worked at the Umatilla Army Depot for a short time.

On December 2, 1945, she married Donald J. Kenney at Walla Walla, Washington. They farmed together at Irrigon where she raised her four children. In addition to her own family, the Kenneys frequently opened their home to others.

An avid gardener, she was known for her generosity with both her flowers and vegetables.

When her youngest child started school, Mrs. Kenney went to work part-time at the Umatilla Hospital as a nurse's aid. She worked off and on between the farm and the hospital until the hospital closed, then she stayed home to care for her ill husband until his death.

Her husband, Don, died in 1984; a stepdaughter, Judith Tooze; brothers, Roy Frederickson and Fred Frederickson; and sisters, Belle Wheeler and Shirley Yoho also preceded her in death.

Survivors include daughter, Faye Kammenzind of Pasco, Washington; son, George Kenney of Irrigon; and stepsons, Bob Kenney of Irrigon and Jim Kenney of Canby; sisters, Alice Wood of Hillsboro and Josephine West in Wyoming; brothers, Wallace Frederickson of Irrigon, John Frederickson of Hermiston and Clarence Frederickson of Boardman, 15 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation, c/o Ruth Swain, 7350 W. Deschutes, Avenue, Building A, Kennewick, Washington 99336.

Red Cross in Boardman

The Umatilla County Chapter of The American Red Cross will be in Boardman on Thursday, Sept. 27. The American Red Cross, along with the Boardman Chamber of Commerce and The Boardman Rural Fire Department, will be out in front of the Boardman Chamber of Commerce office, 206 North Main Street, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. collecting funds for the Red Cross.

The Umatilla County Red Cross services Morrow County as well as Umatilla County in time of need. Red Cross Chapter manager, Dana Follett said, "One hundred percent of the money collected will go to aid in the disaster that occurred on September 11 in New York, Washington,D.C., and Pennsylvania."

"I believe that many people in our area will contribute if it's made easily accessible to them," said Jackie McCauley, executive director to the Boardman Chamber of Commerce. "Please take time to stop by the Chamber office during this time to help with your monetary contributions," she said.

For more information, call (541) 481-3014.

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