

## Local Angus breeder recognized in Pathfinder report

Healy Ranch LLC, of Heppner, has been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association for having one registered Angus cow included in the Association's 2005 Pathfinder Report.

Only 2055 of the more than 34,000 American Angus Association members are represented in this year's report, according to John Crouch, executive vice president of the Association with headquarters in St. Joseph, MO.

The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production. These traits include early and regular calving and heavy weaning weights, reports Bill Bowman, association director of performance

programs. More than 1,410,000 eligible dams were examined to determine Pathfinder status. All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the Pathfinder Report that is published annually by the Association.

The 2005 Pathfinder Report lists 8400 individual cows and 221 Pathfinder sires. It is published in the April issue of the Angus Journal and limited copies are available from the Association. The reports appear on the Web site at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org). The largest number of Pathfinder cows from a single herd this year is 75. Started in 1978, the Pathfinder program continues to recognize outstanding breeders participating in the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) Program.

## Irrigon grandson completes officer course

Navy Ensign James Stewart, grandson of Vernon Stewart of Irrigon, recently completed the Basic Surface Warfare Officers Course at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command in Newport, RI.

During the course, Stewart learned a variety of skills required to serve as an officer aboard a Navy ship at sea, including electronic navigation, shiphandling, engineering, weapons systems and operation under battle conditions. Stewart learned also how to detect, track and combat enemy

ships, submarines and aircraft and their weapons using high-tech equipment and tactics.

As a surface warfare officer, Stewart will serve as a shipboard officer assigned to control the ship's movement, coordinate its weapons systems and sensors, or manage the operation of its propulsion machinery.

The training at Surface Warfare Officers School is part of a continuum of training that prepares officers for leadership positions in the U.S. Navy.

Stewart is a 1995 graduate of University High School of Spokane, WA and joined the Navy in June 1995. He is a 2003 graduate of University of Idaho, Moscow, ID, with a BSME degree.

## Easter articles wanted from area pastors

The Heppner Gazette is once again inviting area pastors to write an Easter article for the March 23 edition of the paper. Easter is March 27 this year. Articles should be submitted by Monday, March 21 at 5 p.m.

Typed articles (handwritten, if legible) can be submitted by mail, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, OR 97836; fax, (541) 676-9211; email, [editor@rapidsolve.net](mailto:editor@rapidsolve.net); or by dropping it at our office at 188 W. Willow, Heppner.

Please also include information about any special services your group will be holding.

## House page program accepting applications

U.S. Congressman Greg Walden (R-OR) will begin accepting applications this week for the House Page Program summer 2005 sessions. The first summer session will last from June 12 to July 1. The second session will begin July 10 and conclude July 29. Interested applicants must contact Congressman Walden's office to receive an application form, which must be completed and returned no later than April 1, 2005.

"Serving as a congressional page is a tremendous opportunity for young people," said Walden. "The program allows energetic young adults interested in the inner-workings of federal government to gain firsthand experience in the Congress. It is a wonderful accomplishment for which the page, as well as their family, teachers and friends, can be very proud."

While working as a page for the House of Representatives, students attend the House Page School to maintain academic involvement in key subjects such as English, math, social studies, science, foreign language and computer

technology. In addition, students attend Washington seminars, a series of field trips and guest speakers to further educate program participants on the cultural and historical opportunities in Washington as well as the legislative process. Their work includes duties on the House Floor and helping with various duties as assigned by the Clerk of the House.

To qualify for service as a congressional page, applicants must be at least 16 years of age and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 in the five major subjects. Candidates for the Page Program are recommended by Congressman Walden based on their academic performance, extracurricular involvement and character. House Majority and Minority leadership make the final selections.

Walden continued, "For high school students in Oregon who are interested in the legislative process and are eager to see the Congress up close, I can't think of a better opportunity. I encourage every young person who has an interest in government and public policy to look into this program."

Due to delays in mail

delivery for security reasons, Oregonians interested in the House Page Program are encouraged to request applications from Congressman Walden via fax at (202) 225-5774 or via email at [jill.wyman@mail.house.gov](mailto:jill.wyman@mail.house.gov). Applicants can also call Walden's Medford office toll-free at (800) 533-3303 or his Washington, D.C.

office at (202) 225-6730. Congressman Walden represents the Second Congressional District of Oregon, which includes 20 counties in southern, central and eastern Oregon. He is a Deputy Whip in the House leadership structure and a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce as well as the Committee on Resources.

## Oregon legislators propose studded-tire fee

Representatives Terry Beyer (D-Springfield) and Dave Hunt (D-Clackamas County) have introduced a bill (HB 2869) that would charge users of studded tires a \$10-fee per tire at the time of sale and installation, the legislators' offices announced Thursday. Money from the fee would go into the State Highway Fund, to help repair damage caused by studded tires.

"All users of the highway system bear the cost of repairing damage caused by users of studded tires," Beyer said. "Our bill would make a start toward

setting up a 'user-pays' system."

Even though the state legalized studded tires in 1967, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) discourages motorists from using them for several reasons—primarily safety and wear on the roads.

"Studded tires aren't as safe as non-studded tires in rainy conditions," Hunt said. "Here in Oregon, most drivers face wet conditions far more often than packed snow or ice. Also, studded tires create ruts in the surface of the roads, which cause even more hazards."

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