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**Arbuckle Nordic Club holds first outing of season**



Steve Brownfield led the Arbuckle Nordic Club to North Jones Prairie just off the Shaw Creek Road (USFS 5326). Access was easy on this well plowed road. The club had quite a few new skiers and it was the first ski of the season for many so the group practiced technique out on the western flat for awhile before crossing the road and heading east. The group consisted of 12 skiers and five ski dogs. Temperatures were in the low 20s with a clear, blue sky and lots of sun. It began to cloud up after lunch with a light snow falling and the wind picked up a bit. There were a few snowmobile tracks and the group mostly followed these as it would have been hard going for the group breaking trail in these conditions. —Contributed Photos

**It's not too late for flu shots**

Flu shots are still available at the Morrow County Health Department. The Boardman office is open on Monday and Tuesday from 8:30-12:30 and 1-4:30. The Heppner office is open on Thursday from 8:30-12 and 1-4:30.

For more information call 541-676-5421.

**Ecumenical Youth Group collecting cans of soup for outreach project**

The Ecumenical Youth Group of Hope Lutheran/All Saints Episcopal is collecting cans of soup through February 6 for their Souper Bowl of Caring outreach project. The soup will be donated to the Neighborhood Center.

**FREE Household Hazardous Waste Event**

Morrow County will be hosting another Household Hazardous Waste event FREE of charge to County residents

**Saturday April 23, 2011**  
**11:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
Lexington Road Dept.  
365 W. Hwy 74, Lexington, OR

**Accepted during the event:**  
Used oil (containers less than 25 gallons) Oil filters, Spent Antifreeze, Automotive batteries, Alkaline & rechargeable batteries, Propane Tanks (smaller than 25 gal.) Oil based paint, Paint thinners and solvents, Roof and asphalt patch, Adhesives, glues and contact cement, Caulks sealers and joint compounds, Lawn and garden chemicals and fertilizers, Pool chemicals, Household cleaners (including bleach, ammonia, furniture polish, toilet bowl cleaners, carpet shampoos) Sludge (soil contaminated with oil smaller than 25 gal. containers) Mercury thermometers, Florescent lamps, All types of aerosol cans, Used cooking oil, Road flares, PCB ballasts, Organic peroxides (hardening agents)

**Items not accepted:** Empty containers, ammunition, explosives, biological waste, radioactive waste.

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**Obituaries**

**Mary Ruth Troyer**

Mary Ruth Troyer, 73, of La Grande, died January 4, 2011 at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise, ID. A viewing was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, from 4-6 p.m. at Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, 1502 7th Street, La Grande.



Mary Ruth Troyer

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at Daniels-Knopp. Private interment was at the Hillcrest East Cemetery.

Mary Ruth was born on March 16, 1937, the daughter of Cornett and Florence (French) Green in Heppner. She was raised in Heppner and graduated from Heppner High School. She attended Eastern Oregon University for two years. She was married to Monte Carnes from 1957 to 1978. On October 6, 1984 she married Glenn Troyer in Joseph. When her children were in school she worked for Fitzgerald Flowers as well as being a homemaker.

Mary Ruth attended the First Christian Church. She was a member of the Delta Epsilon Sorority and the La Grande Country Club, where she served a term as president

of the Women's Club. She was involved in establishing the Quilt Questers and belonged to a bridge club.

She was quite the craftswoman and enjoyed many different types of crafting including toll painting, crocheting and quilting and was an accomplished seamstress. She enjoyed antiquing, going to garage sales and flea markets, gardening and mushroom hunting.

Survivors include: her husband, Glenn Troyer of La Grande; children and their spouses, Michael and Shelly Carnes of Boise, Marci and Robin Bartlett of La Grande, Cathy and Clyde Shaffer of Sitka, AK, Terri and Craig Smith of Hermiston, Glenda and Mick Tisher of Sitka, AK and Nathan Troyer of Boise; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brothers and their spouses, Marian and Marlys Green of Pendleton, Jim Green of Canby and Steve and Boni Green of Pendleton; and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Those who wish may make contributions in her memory to the Special Olympics in care of Daniels-Knopp.

**Meeting for community spring play to be held**

A community spring play meeting will be held on Friday, January 14, at 6 p.m. at Sweet Productions Ice Cream Parlour. The play will be a Pirate Musical Dinner Theatre. Anyone interested in helping with the production is invited to attend.

Actors of all ages, backstage helpers, cooks, costuming assistants, scenery construction helpers, and fundraising drive helpers are needed. The fundraiser will be a rummage sale in February. Donations of items to sell are being accepted.

Anyone who cannot make the meeting can contact Jodi Chapa at 541-676-8022 or visit Sweet Productions.

**Ione sixth graders to host pulled pork sandwich dinner**

The Ione sixth grade class will be holding a pulled-pork sandwich dinner on Saturday, January 15, during the high school basketball games. The proceeds will go towards outdoor school at Tupper. The cost for the meal is \$6 per person, \$20 for a

family of four, or \$4 for a sandwich only. The meal will include pulled-pork sandwich, beans, cookie/brownie and drink. Hot-dogs, candy, popcorn and drinks will also be available at the regular concessions. The sixth graders will also be holding a cake raffle.

**Town and Country Community Awards to be presented January 13**

"Heppner - A little Town where big hearts about ... in every direction" will be the theme for Heppner Chamber's Town and Country Community Awards - sponsored by CenturyLink, on Thursday, January 13, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

The evening program will begin at 6 p.m. with a no-host social hour (served by Bucknum's) and 7 p.m. will start the dinner and program activities. The tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at Heppner Chamber; Bank of Eastern Oregon; Murray's Drugs and Community Bank.

Cornerstone Gallery, Chef Alvin Liu will be serving up a meal consisting of: stuffed pork chop with pancetta apple reduction,

grilled prawn with apricot honey glaze, honey toasted walnut pear salad, seasoned basmati rice, dinner rolls and dessert.

There will be a formal introduction of the fair and rodeo ambassadors; a winner will be drawn for jewelry donated by Peterson's Jewelers and a Phillips 9" Portable Wide-screen DVD Player donated by Murray Drugs. Sandy Matthews and Dale Bates are working on "Your Community on a Big Screen" to enjoy, along with the announcements of the winners for the annual awards - Youth Recognition, Business of Year, Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and Citizen-Educator of the Year.

**Living with wolves and no right of protection**

Guest Editorial By Karla Kay Edwards, Rural Policy Analyst at Cascade Policy Institute

Imagine one day you were told that by law you no longer can lock your home. As you leave your house, two suspicious people are sitting on your front porch. So you get your kitchen broom and shoot them away. But they are still in front of your house on the sidewalk (legally not on your property). You call the police. They file a report and promise to monitor the situation. You eventually have to leave your home to run errands. When you come back, your computer that you use to run your business is gone. While you are confident that the folks you ran off your porch and who witnessed you leaving are the culprits, the police inform you that they found no fingerprints. Therefore, they aren't sure if you simply misplaced your own computer.

This is essentially the scenario livestock producers face every day with wolves in Wallowa County and other parts of Oregon, except for ranchers it is even more emotional. It isn't just an inanimate object that ranchers are unable to protect. They are beloved pets and livestock which ranchers have spent a great deal of their life raising and nurturing.

Casey Anderson of OX Ranch lives on the Oregon-Idaho border. He shared with me a story of just one of the many calves that have been attacked and maimed by wolves on his ranch. The calf received a significant injury to its leg, but after a month of daily doctoring he was able to save the calf. With a crack in his voice, he said that a year later the same calf was killed by a second wolf attack.

Oregon currently has two state-recognized wolf packs and breeding pairs. But according to Russ Morgan, wolf coordinator for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), 27 wolf sightings were reported in November alone. He would not be surprised if two additional breeding pairs were confirmed by the end of 2010. This is significant because according to the management plan, once there are four breeding pairs for three consecutive years, wolves may be considered for delisting statewide as a protected species. Until wolves are delisted Oregon ranchers have essentially no right to protect their livestock or other property from wolves.

The reintroduction of wolves into Oregon will continue to take an emotional and an economic toll on rural communities, specifically on livestock producers. During the recent five-year management plan review, livestock producers requested amendments that would enhance their ability to protect their livestock. Unfortunately, many of their recommendations were ignored by ODFW.

There are significant impacts to ranchers managing livestock in areas with wolves. The depredation loss of the livestock is just one of several issues that must be considered:

-Inability to protect livestock and pets from wolf depredation in a proactive and preventative manner. Currently, a producer must prove a pattern of livestock loss before a permit can be issued to have the wolf removed through either lethal or non-lethal means.

-Time and financial cost associated with injured or killed livestock. Though a small depredation payment (which is not a market-based value) can be received upon proof of a wolf kill, there is no compensation for an injured animal.

-Inability to "condition" the larger wolf populations that are harassing livestock to fear interactions between humans or livestock through use of lethal or near-lethal deterrents. Currently, a permit must be issued before a rancher is allowed to do anything other than yell or shoot in the air.

-Changes in livestock behavior due to constant wolf harassment which affect weight gains, conception rates, pasture management practices, general animal husbandry and handling practices. These impacts have not been recognized in any formal manner by management agencies.

-Ranchers' emotional stress from the additional management strain and the financial risks to his business. These are also currently unrecognized impacts.

More than two hundred years ago, James Madison wrote, "The personal right to acquire property, which is a natural right, gives to property, when acquired, a right to protection, as a social right." Oregon ranchers should have been provided with a number of tools with which to deal with the impacts of reintroduced wolves. For ranchers, no right is as basic as protecting their own livestock from predators. It is absurd that a rancher must witness a wolf "in the act" of attacking an animal on private land and then receive a permit to allow the taking of any action that would cause harm to the wolf. It is rare even to find a carcass from wolf predation, much less catch a wolf in the act.

To allow ranchers to use lethal or near-lethal means on their own property to protect their animals from wolves is essential to a strong wolf management plan, but that has seemed to fall on deaf ears at the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. In 2011 the Oregon legislature should propose new legislation to address wolf management in Oregon that protects the right of citizens to protect their families and property (including pets and livestock) from wolves.

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