

Ike Says . . .

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Opening morning found me sneaking into a clear-cut at daylight. After scouting the clear-cut, I made a hunt on the timbered back side of it. Soon I was into a herd of elk and pinned down by a cow. It didn't take the cow elk long to figure out that I was not a stump and she spooked and took the herd with her. I had seen five elk, one of which was a goat-horned spike. What I didn't see was a couple of animals on the far side of the small herd. I ended up in a short foot race with the elk and getting to see the cows and spike once again. I noticed that my boots were rubbing hard on my Achille's tendons and once I finally gave up on the small herd I headed to the pickup to change my boots. Luckily, I had thrown my other pair of boots in with the rest of my gear in the back of the pickup. I changed and it sure felt good to be back into comfortable footwear. I bailed off into a reprod patch on another hunt and returned just at dark.

When I got home that night, I peeled off my socks and noticed that my heels on both feet had a quarter size blister that had ripped open. Boy, did that smart when I took my shower! I put some antibiotic cream on the open wounds and didn't think much more of it...until the next morning while trying to slip on my regular boots. My boots are a tight fit and the backs of my ankles burned as I hobbled to the pickup. After about a half-hour of walking, my wounds quit burning and I could go right along as usual. Each night I was greeted with bloody socks and more antibiotic cream. The next three days were the same, if not worse, a guy even called me an old man at the local gas station because of the way I was walking. Luckily, on Wednesday of the season I took my bull and packed it out with the help of a friend. Yes, I learned a lesson this year: Never, ever wear a boot that's not broken in to your

foot!

While we are talking about learning lessons, *The INDEPENDENT* received notice from the State Police game division regarding two arrests they made after the close of the second elk season. A man in Scappoose was arrested for Unlawful Taking of Bull Elk - No Big Game Tag, Borrowing a Big Game Tag and Counseling in a Wildlife Crime. He was also charged with Unlawful Possession of Altered/Mutilated Big Game Tag, Unlawful Possession of Big Game Parts, Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm (4 counts), Manufacture of a Controlled Substance - Marijuana, and Possession of a Controlled Substance - Marijuana. Talk about being hammered! But the part that tickled me was the young lady who is alleged to have loaned the tag was charged with Loaning a Big Game Tag and Aiding in a Wildlife Crime. Both suspects were lodged in jail. So ladies, when your husband or boy friend talks you into buying a tag so he can go fill it for you, just remember, you could be sitting in jail all weekend waiting for your bail hearing on Monday morning.

I didn't hear of much in the way of wildlife crimes during this elk season, but I'm kind of out of that loop. One interesting incident did occur this year, when a herd of elk was run through a friend's back yard and a bull elk fell mortally wounded by his barn. While no laws were broken during this episode and the hunters involved were very respectful of the landowner, it certainly illustrates that things can go wildly awry when

Izaak Walton League
Nehalem Valley Chapter meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Call (503) 429-7193 for location.

**WEATHER REPORT
NOVEMBER 2003**

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP. AMT.
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8	54	32	.13
9	58	33	.05
10	51	41	.38
11	54	34	T
12	53	26	--
13	56	26	--
14	53	39	.09
15	49	38	.34
16	50	41	.91
17	52	42	.10
18	56	33	.43
19	38	32	.41
20	40	31	.11
21	39	22	--
22	39	22	.03
23	42	32	.55
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25	45	33	.70
26	44	30	.20
27	45	32	.02
28	52	41	.37
29	51	31	T
30	46	31	.15

Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Measurable precipitation in November totalled 6.37 inches.

LEGAL NOTICE

Meeting Notice

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in partnership with Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD) has scheduled a local work group meeting to be held Friday, December 5, 2003 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the Columbia County OSU Cooperative Extension Service meeting room. The Extension Service office is located at 505 North Columbia River Highway in St. Helens, Oregon.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive input for the development of the fiscal year 2004 USDA EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) in Columbia County.

This meeting of the local work group will be primarily to establish natural resource priorities, cost share rates and incentive recommendations of eligible conservation practices that address resource issues on agricultural lands.

For further information contact the USDA-NRCS office in St. Helens 503-397-4555.

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INFORMATION

NOTICE: Oregon Construction Contractors Law (ORS 701) requires that all businesses that advertise remodeling, repair, home improvement or new construction be licensed with the Construction Contractors Board. A license means a contractor has a bond and insurance. For your protection, verify a contractor's license and complaint history at www.ccb.state.or.us, 503-378-4621 (CCB staff), or 503-378-4610 (24-hour automated contractor inquiry).

Obituary

DAVID R. STUBBLEFIELD

David R. Stubblefield, 52, Hillsboro, died November 8, 2003. Private services were held November 15.

Mr. Stubblefield was born March 11, 1951, in Tillamook, and adopted by Hanley and Helen (Huntley) Stubblefield. He graduated from Hillsboro High School.

After a four-year courtship, he married Peggy D. Benedict. They made their home in Hillsboro.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter,

Karin Kent of Vernonia; two stepsons, Danny Benedict and Brent Strange, both of Hillsboro; one brother, John Stubblefield of Hillsboro, and five grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Westside Cremation & Burial Services was in charge of arrangements.

ERMA B. KIRKPATRICK

Erma B. Kirkpatrick, 95, Portland, died November 11, 2003. Services were held November 15 in the Mt. Home United Methodist Church with the Rev. Anne F. Weld-Martin officiating. Interment was at Gibbs Cemetery in Sherwood.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was born April 19,

1908, in Buxton to William D. and Frances (Tatman) Baker. She grew up in various places in rural Washington County and graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1927. She attended Oregon Normal School, now Western University in Monmouth, graduating in 1931. She then taught at Hayward, Buxton, Prickett and Mt. Home schools. In 1935, she married George A. Kirkpatrick. They lived and farmed on the Kirkpatrick homestead, which she continued to run for many years after his death.

She was a member of the Mt. Home United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1987; a son, David; three brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include a son; C. Rodney of Gresham; two daughters, Karen C McFall and Joan F., both of Sherwood; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to the Mt. Hood United Methodist Church c/o Attrell's Sherwood Chapel, 280 NW First St., Sherwood, OR, 97140.

Attrell's Sherwood Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

CAROL MARIE PULTZ

Carol Marie Pultz, 67, Buxton, died November 20, 2003. Services were held November 24. Interment was at Fir Lawn Cemetery, Hillsboro.

Mrs. Pultz was born July 20, 2003, in Nampa, Idaho, to Erwin and Edna E. (Acuff) Schmitt. The family lived in Idaho, Washington and Oregon, and moved to Hillsboro in 1951; she graduated from Hillsboro High School in

1954. She worked in retail stores and canneries and even drove cab in the 1960s.

In 1973, she married Wilfred Pultz. They made their home in Buxton.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, DeWayne E. Derrick Jr., and a grandson.

Survivors include a son, Dale of Parkdale; two daughters, Teri Skjeie of Forest Grove and Karen Kellar of Vancouver; a sister, LaDonna Leder of Spokane; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to the Arthritis Foundation or the Christian Praise Center in Cornelius.

Fir Lawn Mortuary in Hillsboro was in charge of arrangements.

OMA ALBERTA GRAHAM

Oma Alberta Graham, 94, St. Helens, died November 21, 2003. Services and interment were at Wilson Memorial Gardens in Vancouver.

Mrs. Graham was born February 19, 1909, in Summerville, to Birt and Nellie (Chandler) Slack. She attended Mollala High School.

In 1930, she married Wilo Graham. They made their home in Battle Ground, Wash. She was a homemaker and a concert pianist, and a member of the seventh-day Adventist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband and by a daughter, Oma Sharon Rawson.

Survivors include a daughter, Marjorie Burbee of St. Helens; three sons, Duane of Vernonia, Garnard of Battle Ground, and Lawrence of Goldendale, Wash.; a sister, Fieta Barnhill of Moses

Lake, Wash.; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Remembrances are suggested to the Three Angels Broadcasting Network.

Columbia Funeral Home in St. Helens was in charge of arrangements.

NEVAH B. "STEVIE" TAYLOR

Nevah B. "Stevie" Taylor, 81, Vernonia, died November 26, 2003. A Celebration of Life service was held December 4 at the Vernonia Senior Center with her son, Pastor Gary G. Taylor, officiating. Graveside services were held at Willamette National Cemetery.

Mrs. Taylor was born November 30, 1921, in Brady, Nebraska, to Cyrus and Anna (Carlson) Cochran. She was raised and completed her high school education in Nebraska.

In 1941, she married Russell Eugene Taylor. They resided in Nebraska, California and Washington before moving to Vernonia in April of 2003.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond and Leslie; and two sisters, Ethel Patterson and Marjorie Smith.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Pastor Gary of Vernonia, and Tim of Heber City, Utah; a daughter, Tammy of Everett, Wash.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the Community Home Health & Hospice of Longview, Wash., or to the Gideon Bible Society.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia was in charge of arrangements.

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