

Ike Says . . .

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 cause such a wide decline in the deer herd. So why would predators be a factor now? There has been some research that sheds some light.

A study of Adult Black tailed deer mortality on Vancouver Island stated:

"We documented mortality causes and estimated average monthly survival...for 105 radio-collared black-tailed deer at 4 sites on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, from February 1982 through June 1991. Predation accounted for 61% of all deaths...and occurred mostly during February-June."

A UC Davis study that was designed primarily to study sheep predation as compared to wild prey, used scat samples from controlled areas that were sheep range and had a good population of both/either coastal Blacktails or Mule Deer. They found:

"Consumption of deer was probably considerably greater than that of small mammals in all territories given that the index we used, frequency of occurrence, tends to underestimate consumption of large relative to small prey. Indeed, based on estimates of bio-

massconsumption for the entire study area, deer (32%) and sheep (24%) composed considerably greater proportions of the coyote diet than did any small prey, among which the greatest consumption was of woodrat (10%), vole (8%), and lagomorph (6%). Estimated biomass consumption of miscellaneous rodents not included in the present study totaled less than 8%.

Did you catch the predator that was mentioned in the study? Yep, the coyote. So why would coyotes be a problem now, when we have always had coyotes? What we didn't have previously was Hair Loss Syndrome (HLS). A coyote's livelihood depends on being able to catch things to eat.

Looking at the two studies above, it becomes evident that coyotes are more effective at taking adult deer than most of us ever realized. This is why the antlerless hunts of the 70s, 80s and 90s had such an impact on the deer herds, and also explains the severe drop between age classes in the deer herd which was observed in tooth age structure studies. But reasoning would have us believe that as the deer herd

declined so would the coyote population, but this is where HLS comes into play. The critical time for coyotes is the same as for deer and elk, winter. Now add HLS into the equation and, instead of having a few healthy, hard to catch deer in the woods, deer are becoming sick right when coyotes need them the most. From December to April, deer are succumbing to HLS and the coyotes are mopping up on them. What is happening is that the coyote population is being held artificially high, while the deer population continues to decline. This is a predator pit situation

and the end game is that both deer and coyotes will eventually decline to very low numbers. As long as HLS is around, coyotes will have an advantage they never had before.

Is there an easy solution to

this problem? Nope.

Izaak Walton League, Nehalem Valley Chapter meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Call 503-429-7193 for location.

Did You Know . . .

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 ing our contact with the group I had a healthy discussion with a young man who was questioning why they could not publicly fight in this manner.

According to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 163.160 "Assault IV" is committed when a person "Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes physical injury to another..." Even if the fighters are consenting adults who engage in mutual combat, the fight could constitute an Assault IV. If this crime is committed in the presence of an officer, we will definitely take some kind of action. The young man felt what they were doing was not illegal and was essentially safe. I had to disagree with the young man having seen numerous serious injuries resulting from simple

fight, especially resulting from subjects receiving a blow to the head. Unfortunately, I have also seen fatalities resulting from one punch or relatively minor incidents.

The young man asked me if I was against the concept personally and I told him I was. Unless the fighting is a sanctioned event with trained medical personnel on-site I can not agree with individuals assaulting each other under these circumstances. I have been told that the Vernonia version of "Fight Club" is going to continue to occur. I was even told that the people involved are doing this because they are "bored." I would hate to see someone lose their life or get seriously injured because they were "bored."

TRIVIA ANSWERS

Trivia answers (from page 17)

1. French Canadian trappers of the Hudson's Bay Company.
2. Portland's Benson Polytechnic High School.
3. Dorothy McCullough Lee, in 1949.
4. Hillsboro, in a one-room log cabin.
5. Silver, in the 200-meter run.
6. Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland.

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City of Banks – Public Notice
 City Council – The City of Banks is accepting applications from persons interested in a position on the City Council. The Council has one vacancy that must be filled by any registered voter living within the Banks City Limits for the past 12 months. Additional information regarding City Council qualifications may be obtained at City Hall. Appointment to the City Council will be made by the City Council at their February 13, 2007 meeting for a term that expires in January 2009. Applications

can be obtained at City Hall, 100 S. Main Street, or by calling 503-324-5112.
 Applications must be received at City Hall no later than 1:00 p.m., February 7, 2007.
 Planning Commission – The City of Banks is accepting applications from persons interested in a position on the City of Banks Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has one vacancy that can be filled by anyone living inside the city limits. This position is a voting position. Additional information regarding the necessary qualifications

for the position may be obtained at City Hall. Appointment to the Planning Commission will be made by the City Council at their February 13, 2007 meeting. Applications can be obtained at City Hall, 100 S. Main Street, or by calling 503-324-5112.
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 Tree Board – The City of Banks is establishing a Tree Board to enhance the benefits of a healthy urban forest for it's citizens. Volunteers will meet a few times each year to recommend

planting and maintenance of tree varieties to achieve a stable and sustainable forest. Trees reduce noise pollution, runoff, water contamination and improve air quality in addition to providing shade and beauty. A Tree Board, with help from the Oregon Forestry Department, will identify problem trees and shrubs, obtain professional recommendations, insure proper trimming and tree care, etc. Five volunteers will work under the direction of City Council. If an interest in our urban forest is growing on you, volunteer for the Tree Board by filling out an application at

City Hall, 100 S Main St, or by calling 503-324-5112.
 Volunteers need for the Budget Committee – The City of Banks is looking for persons interested in a position on the City Budget Committee. Interested persons need to live within the Banks City Limits. Additional information regarding these positions may be obtained at City Hall. Applications can be obtained at City Hall, 100 S. Main Street, or by calling 503-324-5112.
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NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

• Use for supplemental budget proposing a change in a fund's expenditures of 10 percent or more.

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for City of Vernonia Columbia County
(District Name) (County)

State of Oregon, for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007, will be held at 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia OR
(Location)

The hearing will take place on the 20th day of February, 20 07 at 7:00 A.M. P.M.
(Month) (Time)

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the supplemental budget with interested persons.

A copy of the supplemental budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after February 2, 2007 at 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia OR
(Date) (Location) between the hours of 9:00 A.M. P.M. and 5:00 A.M. P.M.

General Fund	Total Capital Appropriations	\$ 31,151
Total Resources	Total Debt Service	\$ -
Total Personal Services	Total Transfers	\$ 188,172
Total Materials & Services	Contingency	\$ 23,129

Unappropriated Balance	\$ 55,150	Parks Fixed Asset and System Development Fund			
Total Appropriations	\$ 1,228,607	Total Resources	\$ 32,111		
Airport Fund	Total Resources	\$ 29,416	Total Materials & Services	\$ 5,000	
Total Materials & Services	\$ 19,295	Total Transfers	\$ 569		
Total Transfers	\$ 2,196	Sewer Fund	Total Resources	\$ 807,391	
Building Fund	Total Resources	\$ 47,000	Total Personal Services	\$ 116,944	
Total Materials & Services	\$ 35,400	Total Materials & Services	\$ 59,161		
Total Transfers	\$ 11,532	Total Capital Appropriations	\$ 15,000		
Cemetery Fund	Total Resources	\$ 44,936	Total Debt Service	\$ 164,251	
Total Personal Services	\$ 2,584	Total Transfers	\$ 33,002		
Total Materials & Services	\$ 28,990	Sewer Fixed Asset and System Development Fund	Total Resources	\$ 3,178,354	
Total Transfers	\$ 3,593	Total Materials & Services	\$ 37,200		
Capital and Community Projects Fund	Total Resources	\$ 700,664	Total Capital Appropriations	\$ 2,500,000	
Total Capital Appropriations	\$ 679,968	Total Transfers	\$ 491,001		
Parks and Recreation Fund	Total Resources	\$ 100,587	Streets and Pathways Fund	Total Resources	\$ 303,587
Total Personal Services	\$ 37,597	Total Materials & Services	\$ 94,000		
Total Materials & Services	\$ 39,675	Total Capital Appropriations	\$ 1,068		
Total Transfers	\$ 8,793	Total Debt Service	\$ 62,518		
		Total Transfers	\$ 59,929		