

Wildlife Newborn Fulfills Nature's Promise

It's spring again, a beautiful time of year that draws many thousands of outdoorsmen into the mountains and rangelands of the state. And we can't think of any finer kind of recreation than hunting, fishing, camping, or just ramping over the landscape drinking in the wondrous world around us.

It's also that time of year when wildlife give birth to their young and begin raising families. These little youngsters are mighty helpless and subject to predation by almost any larger creature that comes along. It's part of the plan of things but even in the face of heavy mortality wildlife seems to have the capacity to fill up the niches from a full year's attrition, the fulfillment of nature's promise.

To assist wildlife creatures in their annual role of reproduction, one type of predation is strictly controlled -- human predation on young wildlife.

At this time of year wildlife youngsters will be found in their usual hiding places, hidden by their parents as best they know how. They are cute, cuddly, and different from the usual household pets found in the home. There is no doubt that it's a real temptation to adopt such a creature as one's very own. Well-meaning persons also feel they are doing wildlife a favor by picking up what might appear to be a lost and hungry young one.

But the Oregon Game Commission reminds all persons that it is unlawful to molest the young of wildlife or take them as pets.

Normally when found by intruders, such infants appear lost, forlorn, abandoned, and hungry. However, that is not the case at all. Parents naturally spook when intruders appear and are reluctant to show themselves. Invariably the mother stands hidden nearby watching as her offspring is kidnapped and taken away.

Moreover, the young of wildlife requires expert feeding and care, a constant and tiresome chore that most well-meaning persons soon find impossible to endure. It becomes even more difficult after the novelty has lost its appeal. As a result, the youngsters do not survive for long away from their own mothers. Such "adoptions" and removal from natural habitat and mother's care almost always leads to unnecessary death of wildlife young ones.

Fawn deer are favorite targets of wildlife-nappers when they suddenly encounter the

spotted infant stretched prone amid the ground cover, dutifully lying motionless as commanded by its frightened parent. The tiny newborn is a beautiful sight to behold, unafraid yet, will even suckle the fingers of those who fondle it. Beautiful, too, are the mewling kittens of a bobcat, the whining, wriggling puppies of a coyote, the downy chicks of a quail, fluffy balls of colored down no bigger than a person's thumb. But the greatest thrill of seeing these infants, helpless as they may seem, is in knowing that if left alone they will grow into adulthood, replacing their parents in time, and reproducing in kind to perpetuate the species.

It might also be pointed out that many wildlife species become very dangerous, if they survive the adoption, and wind up hurting or maiming their benefactor, although the damage may be unintentional. Fawn deer become extremely dangerous, especially when nearing adulthood. Each year in Oregon one or more persons are severely injured by pet deer taken illegally from the wild. Children are especially vulnerable to the slashing hooves or sharp antlers and numerous adults have been gored by young buck deer nearing the rut.

Regardless of the heartwarming "bambi" type movies shown on television featuring deer, coyotes, bobcats, and even wolves and other predators as cuddly and harmless, seldom do wild animals become really tame. They do lose their fear of man and that's where the danger lies. But the wild instinct of self preservation and survival, inbred for generations, is retained. Although appearing to be as harmless as puppy dogs, they will bite, claw, scratch, kick, slash, and gore if for some reason the wild instinct is triggered. About the only wild critters which might be termed tame -- and even these cannot be totally trusted -- are youngsters born in captivity from parents which themselves are several generations removed from their wild environment.

But this is beside the point here. What we are trying to tell you is that it is illegal for you to molest wildlife youngsters or to take them home for your own. If you are caught with one, it will be taken away from you and you will be subject to fine or other penalty, whatever the court may decide.

Wild animals belong in the wild, not imprisoned in some cage in your home or penned in unnatural surroundings in

Payette Takes Track Win Over Nyssa

Showing a balance on the cinders, plus a pair of firsts in the field events, the Payette High track squad scored an 81-71 win over Nyssa High in a four-way meet Friday.

Host Vale Union finished third with 55 while Weiser was fourth at 52.

There were three double winners during the afternoon as Wally Eckart paced the Pirates with a 10.4 in the century and came back to win the long jump with a leap of 20-6 1/2. Eckart also finished second in the 220.

Nyssa's Jon Reece picked up his double with a 52.1 in the quarter mile and a 24.4 in the 220 dash.

The third double winner was Vale's Paul Schroeder as he won the high hurdles in 15.5 for a new school record and the 180 lows in 21.4.

Team scoring -- Payette 81, Nyssa 71, Vale 55, Weiser 52.
100 highs -- Schroeder (V), Clement (P), Joritz (V), Reed (P), Guyer (W), 15.5.
200 relay -- Payette (White, Stewart, White, Foles), Weiser 1:36.9.
100 dash -- Eckart (P), Yraouen (V), Lamb (V), Foles (P), Ollison (N), 10.4.
440 relay -- C. Englebreton (P), C. Manley (N), Saunders (V), Englebreton (P), Benet (V), 4:46.4.
440 relay -- Payette (Foles, Stewart, Stewart, Eckart), Vale, Weiser 4:16.
240 dash -- Reece (N), Foles (P), White (P), Lamb (V), Taylor (W), 52.1.
180 lows -- Schroeder (V), Guyer (W), Crummett (P), Tracey (N), Hone (N), 21.4.
800 -- D. Manley (N), Kerfoot (W), Bevalier (P), Guyer (W), Anthony (V), 2:04.5.
Mile relay -- Nyssa (Chamberlain, Rago, Engstrom, Barton, Weiser, Vale), 3:50.9.
200 dash -- Reece (N), Eckart (P), Foles (P), Ollison (N), Moore (V), 24.4.
Two mile -- Jacobs (V), Wheeler (W), C. Englebreton (P), Lomas (W), 12:52.
Mile relay -- Payette (Courtright, White, Stewart, Foles), Vale, Nyssa 3:37.9.
Shot put -- Rogers (P), Kautz (W), Syne (W), Smith (W), Sappe (N), 46.1.
Discus -- Ingram (N), Syne (W), Rogers (P), Kautz (W), Church (N), 133.2.
Pole vault -- Fredrickson (N), Haney (N), Gripp (V), Syne (W), Kerfoot (W), 11-6.
Long jump -- Eckart (P), Haney (N), Gripp (V), Smith (W), Stiles (W), 20-6 1/2.
High jump -- Moore (N), Jantzen (V), Haney (N), Marquez (N), Schroeder (V), 5-9.

your backyard. So, if you should encounter wildlife newborns in your outdoor wanderings, admire them all you wish and snap a few pictures if your camera is at hand. Most important, we urge you to leave these youngsters right where you find them.

Then go on your way and enjoy your visit to the outdoors. Just seeing these newborn infants will enrich your outdoor experience. It won't be long after you leave the scene that mother will return and take her family on its way. And she will raise her youngster, or youngsters, much more efficiently and carefully than you or I, teaching it all the secrets of survival. And she will do it in an environment aptly suited for its well-being.

4 - H Horse Field Day



Giving tips on Showmanship to 4-H members at the 4-H Horse Field Day are Evelyn Bailey and Fred Child, both of Nyssa. The Horse Field days was held Saturday at the Malheur County Fairgrounds. The

purpose of the event was to help prepare 4-H members for the Malheur County 4-H Invitational Horse Show, May 29, and the Malheur County Fair, August 18-21.

BOWLING

PATRIOTS LEAGUE

White Satin	46	22
Eders	42	26
Mildreds	36	32
Nyssa Welding	34	34
Brackens	33	35
Olympic	31	37
Sugar Bowl	31	37
Wilsons	30	38
B & M	30	38
Paulus Jewelry	27	41
High scratch games and series, Sharon Boston, 224/551; Mable Fangen, 222/215/211/648; Melba Haney, 205; Billie Wright, 525.		
High team game and series: White Satin 898/2491.		
Bowling of the week, Mable Fangen, 648, scratch; Sharon Boston, 608, handicap.		
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JUDO TOURNEY

AT EMMETT

The first annual Invitational Judo Tournament at Emmett was held Saturday, May 1, with the Ore-Ida Judo Club of Ontario among the participants. Nyssa winner was Tom Okai, first place in the 13-16 age group.

Parnell Urges Pre-Schoolers'

Training Aid

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dale Parnell Thursday urged the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers to consider giving scholarships to preschool children whose parents cannot afford to send them to kindergartens or nursery schools.

"We give scholarships to students who want to attend college, so why not give the same kind of support to youngsters who could benefit from preschool instruction?" Parnell asked. His address came on the final day of the 58th annual convention of the state PTA group, meeting at the Sheraton Motor Inn in Portland.

Parnell said the need for more and better preschool instruction is urgent, and told the group, "the major shortcoming of American education today is that it gives no priority to early childhood instruction."

The absence of state financial support for kindergartens in Oregon leaves most four- and five-year-olds with little chance for preschool education, he said.

"Only about six percent of Oregon school districts operate public kindergarten programs," Parnell said. "During the current school year, enrollment in public kindergartens is about 10,700 throughout the state, but we have a potential enrollment of about 70,000."

Speaking on "The Fourth 'R' -- Responsibility," Parnell said efforts to teach citizenship and individual responsibility should begin in the primary and preprimary grades, when formation of values begins. He

suggested that churches and other community institutions could utilize unused space in their buildings for kindergarten, nursery school and day care facilities.

In a speech prepared for delivery Thursday night at Hood River, Parnell had more to say about primary education. Speaking to the state convention of the American Association of University Women, he asked:

"Why are we so reluctant in this country to give early childhood and primary education top priority attention and put some resources into the hands of primary and preprimary teachers?"

"The prime responsibility of educators is to meet the student at his point of greatest need. We have to allocate time and resources when and where they are sure to do the most good. If we concentrate on preventive education in the primary grades, odds are we won't have to pick up the pieces later on through remedial redial programs."

NHS CALENDAR

MAY 6 - Student Government Day
MAY 7 - National School Assembly 8:50 a.m.
Baseball, Payette at Nyssa, 4 p.m.
Science Club Field Trip
SRV Tennis, Weiser
MAY 8 - SRV Tennis Weiser Science Club Field Trip
MAY 10 - Jr. High Track Meet at Nyssa, 12:30 p.m.
District Golf at John Day JV Golf at Payette
MAY 11 - Tennis at Payette, 3 p.m.
Lions Athletic Banquet, cafeteria, 7 p.m.
MAY 13 - Pop Concert, in Park at 7:30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

TODAY, MAY 6 - Christian Women Fellowship, Mrs. Elvin Ballou, 2 p.m.
Girl Scout Father-Daughter Banquet, high school cafeteria 7 p.m.

Job's Daughters meet, Grand Guardian Meryl Reardon visit, Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 7 - Friendship Club, Mothers and Guest Day, IOOF Hall, Luncheon 1 p.m., meeting 2 p.m.

Community Card Party, St. Bridget's Social Hall, 8 p.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 8 - Recovery Inc., Christian Church 8 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 10 - Starduster meet at Mira Atherton, 8 p.m.

Golden Rule #147 AF-AM, stated meeting, Master Mason Degree, 8 p.m.

AAUW, mtg. at Jerry Auyer residence, Vale, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 11 - ANK Garden Club, Mrs. Adam Focht, dessert, 1:30 p.m.

Relief Society, 2nd Ward, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Lions Club, Twilight cafe, noon.

Sugar Beat TOPS, Rm 1, High school bldg. 7:30 p.m.

Yellow Rose, Rebekah Lodge, IOOF hall 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 - Relief Society 1st Ward, 10 a.m. St. Paul's Guild, Mrs. A.C. Sallee, 8 p.m.

Senior Citizens, sack lunch, Methodist Church, 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 13 - Town and County Garden Club, Mrs. John Stam, 2 p.m.



Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Oregon voters may at last have an opportunity to reaffirm their constitutional right to determine who levies taxes against them.

They will have that chance if the 56th Legislative Assembly passes House Joint Resolution 49. It would amend the State Constitution to prohibit delegation of taxing powers to any governing body not directly elected by the people.

If approved by the Legislature, HJR 49 would go before the voters during the General Election in 1972.

Sponsored by two Washington County Republicans, Rep. Clayton Nyberg and Sen. Tom Hartung, the bill was prompted by the two-year controversy surrounding unprecedented taxing powers granted to public transportation districts by HB 1808 during the 1969 session.

That bill led to creation of transportation districts in the Portland Metropolitan area and Lane County. It gave appointed governing boards the power to levy a wide range of taxes to finance public transportation.

Its passage in 1969 was designed primarily to solve what was then described as a transportation crisis in the Portland area. It enabled a transportation district to take over privately operated bus companies and perform the public transportation service.

Broad, arbitrary taxing authority was granted transportation district boards to finance the takeover and subsidize operations. In the atmosphere following defeat of a statewide sales tax proposal in June of '69, inherent resistance to rising property taxes and complications involving collection of an income tax, transportation district directors seized on a unique different levy -- a tax against payrolls of employers.

The payroll tax represented a new, ready source of revenue with relatively few collection problems.

Employers object to the tax for several reasons. None are happy about assuming an additional cost of doing business. Objections also are raised because the tax is applied whether or not those taxed receive direct benefits from the transportation facilities. Payroll taxes traditionally have been levied to finance direct employee benefits.

But the biggest objection rises on a constitutional basis.

Until passage and implementation of HB 1808, Oregon voters were under the impression no taxing unit could enact levies without their tacit approval.

The Legislature, for instance, cannot affix the emergency clause to tax measures. Money-raising bills do not go into effect until 90 days after the Assembly adjourns, permitting the electorate time to refer such measures to the polls before taxes are levied.

Other elective governing bodies had been forced to be responsive to voter will by either actual referral of money measures -- or by the threat of political extinction by recall or failure to achieve re-election.

Constitutionality of this new taxing power was legally tested on several counts and repeatedly upheld. An initiative campaign was launched but died when a required title change voided already collected signatures and

discouraged backers. Defenders of the new power still point to the initiative route as voter recourse. Opponents deny the cumbersome remedy because it cannot be applied quickly enough to halt the tax-levying action.

From the beginning, however, opponents feared granting the tax-levying power to an unresponsive appointed governing body would open the door to widespread use of taxes of all kinds to finance almost any function of government without consulting the people.

That this fear was well-founded already has been demonstrated during the current legislative session.

Three bills have been introduced this year that would grant such taxing powers to finance everything from public education and local improvement districts to functions of city and county government.

Employers are understandably alarmed. Proliferation of such taxing power doubtless would be a severe blow to anyone employing people. Proponents of the new measures make no effort to hide the fact they want to get their hands on that "easy money." Some see it as a perfect vehicle for achieving property tax relief by a massive shift of the tax burden to business.

Businessmen, especially those who make products to sell outside of Oregon, see such a trend as a death knell to the manufacture of goods for interstate commerce. It would give manufacturers in other states an irretrievable competitive edge.

And it's almost inconceivable an out-of-state manufacturer would willingly embrace such a handicap by opening a new operation in Oregon.

Widespread public adoption of the "sock-it-to-business" philosophy demonstrated by this type of tax shift would have far-reaching results. In the end, it would probably do more to eliminate industrial pollution than all present "environmental" proposals put together.

Carried to its logical extreme, that kind of industrial pollution elimination just might eliminate all types of manmade pollution in Oregon.

Nonetheless, passage of HJR 49 would accomplish a fundamental purpose. It would give back to the people the right to say -- "who taxes who."

Nyssa Blanks

Emmett, 6 - 0

Steve Ross fired a three-hitter to lead Nyssa to a 6-0 win over Emmett in an SRV League game Friday.

Ron Moffis got things started for the Bulldogs with a three-run homer in the first inning, and a triple by Greg Perdue and double by Ken Vanderwall added two runs in the fourth.

The win left Nyssa undefeated in four conference games.

AHS CALENDAR

MAY 7 - Track Meet at Prairie City, 7 p.m.
MAY 8 - District Track Girls National Assembly 10:30 a.m.

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