

# Wolves kill hound above Clearwater

A veteran Idaho County hound hunter lost his best dog to wolves last week while chasing bobcat in the hills east of Clearwater.

Bob Jackson, 64, of Battle Ridge said wolves killed and were in the process of eating a 2½-year-old hound after the dog treed a bobcat about four miles east of Clearwater.

"Luckily, we got there before they had him all eaten up. They spooked off and left," Jackson said. He said his other dogs managed to avoid the wolves because they had lost the bobcat's trail.

"The rest turned around and they

trailed backwards," Jackson added. "So I lost the only good dog in the bunch."

As a veteran 50-year hound hunter, Jackson said the best dogs are often the most vulnerable due to the fact their skills keep them in the woods for longer periods of time.

He said coincidentally, wolves also killed the hound's father the summer the pup was born. "It makes it awful hard to keep good bloodlines going," Jackson said. "I don't know what we're going to do."

Federal trappers have documented and confirmed both kills thereby elimi-

nating any doubt.

In the latest case, Jackson said the wolves had ripped off the hide, ate the liver and began consuming the dog until he arrived at the scene.

Jackson, who was born and raised here, said he has been hunting with hounds since age 14. The wolf is now having a great impact on his way of life.

"Wolves come in frequently and hang out here all the time," he said. "We don't need this kind of problem. We live here so we can enjoy the out-of-doors. This is ridiculous."

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# Wolves chase, kill elk

ELK CITY — Vesta Barnett, 68, of Elk City, died Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at St. Mary's Hospital in Cottonwood. We are so sorry. Charlie, family and friends are in our prayers.

The date has been changed — the Elk City Volunteer Fire Department raffle drawing from April 22 to May 21 during the Giant Taco Feed. Tickets are \$1 each.

We had four wolf depredation/sightings/attacks between Monday and Thursday of last week. A wolf was seen chasing an elk between the school and the VFW. A wolf-killed pregnant cow elk was found right above the dumpsters. The wolves killed her, dug the fetus out of her and left them both to rot. A wolf attempted to bring down a yearling elk right below my house in the meadow. And another wolf-killed elk near someone's house on the other side of the hill from us. All of this wolf activity is unacceptable in our township. Call the governor's office at 334-2100 and ask him to implement the bill he signed to declare a state of emergency.

This is very important. The wolves have driven the elk right into town (see photo). Some people may think this is neat but the wolves are right on their tail and more will be seen in town. I've talked to several people that used to feel free to take walks but not any more what with this activity in so close. Remember, the threat is not only from wolf attacks but also from the disease they carry.

Remember to stop and sign the petition dealing with the wolf epidemic. Copies are located around town. Then come by the hotel and record your sighting/encounter/attack/loss.

Photographs of these events are encouraged.

A certified massage therapist is interested in coming up to Elk City on a regular basis if there is enough interest. Her name is Georgia Machado. She has scheduled three days at the Elk City Medical Clinic this month — May 26-28. Call her for an appointment at 935-7546. Her rates and schedule are posted around town as well. If she gets enough clients to make it worth her while to come up, she offers discounts to repeat customers.

**Meetings:** Water and Sewer on May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Forest



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Service meeting room.

**Birthdays:** Tabitha Phillips.

**Reminders:** Looking for volunteers for the K-Marche cleanup next month; if you are interested in taking an EMT class this fall, contact Delise Denham.



Many elk have been spotted in town this week. Many wolves have been spotted chasing and killing elk.

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