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## HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP .....

### JOIN US IN BEND:

June 17—Brandy Ham Memorial Golf Tournament at Awbrey Glen Golf Club, followed by hospitality time at the Riverhouse



June 18—High Desert Seminar—Riverhouse Resort—Bend, OR

The full agenda and informational flyer will be available shortly. In the meantime, mark you calendar and plan to come. We have a full day of information for you, including:

Bob York—2 hour presentation on subterranean termites













Christian Hardigree—Avoiding bed bug litigation  
Jerry Murphy—Perimeter pest control

Laurie Gordon from ODA—New Rodenticide Regulatory Changes

Terry Brant— Bird Management Shooting Program

We have applied for 7 credits for this full day. This includes CCB elective credits as well as ODA. OCHI Credits will be 4 credits.

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## **Sunriver Woman Dies of Rare Hantavirus KTVZ News Channel 21 in Bend:**

Hantavirus has been confirmed as the cause of death of a Sunriver-area woman, according to family members and the Deschutes County Health Services Department.

This is the 16th case of hantavirus confirmed in Oregon between 1993 and 2011 and the fourth in Deschutes County. Officials said they could not reveal further details, due to patient confidentiality rules, but a family member confirmed Monday night that the 39-year-old woman had died earlier this month at St. Charles Medical Center-Bend.

"It's strictly when a person disturbs mouse droppings, for the most part, and the particles of hantavirus become airborne from brushing or vacuuming the droppings," said Tom Kuhn of the Deschutes County Health Department. "Then the person breathes in the particles, and that's how they become affected." The first signs of sickness appear one to six weeks later.

Susie Moon's son, Brad Buckley, passed away last October from hantavirus. She was shocked. "Very shocked, he was strong, healthy, I don't think you could find a more healthy person," Moon said Monday of her son, a Bend High graduate living in Colorado at the time of his illness and death. Moon shared memories of Brad enjoying outdoor activities, pursuing his dreams and loving life. "I think a lot of people could have the flu or pneumonia and really have the hanta, because it's the same symptoms," Moon said.

Common symptoms of Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome include fever and muscle aches followed by shortness of breath and coughing. Once symptoms occur, the disease progresses rapidly requiring hospitalization and immediate intensive care. Hantavirus can not be transmitted from person to person and there is no cure for the disease.

Moon wants to help inform the public about the disease and hope to stop its spread. "If they suspect they've been around droppings, or urine from mice and they have flu-like symptoms, then they should go and see the doctor right away," Moon said. Moon said she wants to make sure people know that you don't need to show all flu-like symptoms to have the hantavirus. "Brad only had fatigue for five days before showing other signs of the flu, which was vomiting," she said. "Four hours later, he was dead."

*Dr Laurel Hansen giving her presentation*



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**BREAKING NEWS!** Thanks to all of you who contacted your Representative earlier this week! If you did not receive an email from OPCA or from OFS this week, **please read this—it could impact you and your business this summer!**

U.S. House Voted 292 TO 130 in favor of Eliminating Costly, Duplicative Regulatory pesticide Burdens on Farmers and others, such as pest control companies.

The House of Representatives approved a bill to eliminate a costly and duplicative permitting requirement for the use of pesticides. Without the legislation, state agencies, cities, counties, mosquito control districts, water districts, pesticide applicators, farmers, ranchers, forest managers, scientists, and even every day citizens will be subject to a duplicative permitting requirement for pesticide use, already regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The House approved H.R. 872, the “Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011,” by a vote of 292 to 130. The bill was introduced by U.S. Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-OH), Chairman of the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee. Transportation Committee Member and Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee’s Subcommittee on Nutrition and Horticulture.

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) has long been the federal regulatory statute that governs the sale and use of pesticides in the United States. However, as the result of a number of recent lawsuits, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in *National Cotton Council v. EPA* added a new and redundant layer of federal regulation over the use of pesticides. As a result, an additional set of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits under the Clean Water Act will be required for the use of pesticides.

“With this ill-advised Court decision, states and a wide range of public and private pesticide users will face increased financial and administrative burdens in order to comply with the new permitting process. Regardless of one’s political affiliation, duplicative and costly red tape requirements that provide no additional health or environmental benefits just don’t make sense”

“This bill eliminates duplicative regulatory burdens that do nothing to create jobs or protect the environment,” said Schmidt. “I am happy to see H.R. 872 pass the House with such an overwhelming majority.”

H.R. 872 would reverse the Court’s decision and restore EPA’s long-standing implementation of pesticides regulation. The new court-ruled permitting process was meant to take effect on April 9, 2011, however two days ago the Sixth Circuit granted an extension through October 31, 2011.

“The Court’s extension only temporarily postpones the need for an NPDES permit for pesticide use, and does not eliminate the need for this legislation,” Gibbs added. **“H.R. 872 fixes the problem permanently.”**

EPA has estimated that approximately 365,000 pesticide users, performing approximately 5.6 million pesticide applications annually, will be impacted by the Court’s ruling, doubling the number of entities currently subject to NPDES permitting under the Clean Water Act.

H.R. 872 exempts, from the NPDES permitting process, a discharge to waters involving the application of a pesticide authorized for sale, distribution, or use under FIFRA, where the pesticide is used for its intended purpose and the use is in compliance with pesticide label requirements. The legislation would amend FIFRA and the Clean Water Act to clarify Congressional intent and eliminate the duplicative NPDES requirement.

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***Two of the displays at the Good Earth Home Show in Eugene:***

*Rich & Rene’ Kesecker of Good Earth Pest Company*

*Lloyd Walker of Swanson’s Pest Management*



## Rodenticide Risk Management Label Changes

Jeffrey A. Weier BCE  
Sprague Pest Solutions



Around the middle of December 2010 a new label began to appear on buckets of Contrac All Weather Blox with a couple of significant changes. First, bait placements are no longer allowed more than 50 feet from a “building” and second the statement that this product can be used “for control only of Norway rats, roof rats, and house mice”. Do these changes only apply to Contrac? What does it mean to PMPs?

### All Rodenticides Affected

These changes are the result of the EPA's Rodenticide Risk Management Decision (RRMD). This decision applies to the following Rodenticides:

All 10 rodenticide active ingredients including zinc phosphide, bromethalin, cholecalciferol, warfarin, difacifone, chlorphacinone, bromadiolone, brodifacoum, difenacoum and difethialone.

All products which have one or more of the “commensal rodents”, Norway rat, roof rat or house mouse listed on the label.

Products that do not have any of the commensal rodents on the label will not be affected by this decision.

Although Contrac All Weather Blox is the first, all rodenticides we use will have similar restrictions. Manufacturers can produce product with old labels or new labels on them until June 4, 2011. After June 4 they can no longer ship products with the old labels. This means that new labels could appear on other products any time between now and June 4, if the distributors or end users (PMPs) have old label product in their inventories after June 4 they can continue to sell or use them up under the label on the container.

### What Does this Mean to PMPs

It is important to understand that the lead agencies of the various States interpret the label language and that manufacturers are not authorized to interpret the label language of their products. Our best information is that EPA does not consider a fence line a building. Buildings need to have a roof and be large enough for a person to enter. By this definition a Porta-Potty or a shipping container would be considered a building. Remember that ultimately the State lead agency for the State the application is being made has final say on this interpretation.

An important point to remember is that these restrictions apply to rodent placements, not just bait stations. This means that burrows more than 50 feet from a building cannot be baited.

We do need to think about our rodent control programs in light of these new label restrictions. There are several situations that will be impacted besides fence lines. Dumpster pads or enclosures more than 50 feet from a building cannot have bait stations containing these baits nor can burrows around these pads be baited. If you are currently baiting along railroad rights of way or ditches, this cannot continue under these labels. Telephone junction boxes, cable boxes and cattle feed bunks are also not considered structures.

Beyond the 50 foot restrictions the “only Norway rats, roof rats and house mice” restriction effectively removes the FI-FRA 2ee exemption for these products. The 2ee exemption is what allows us to use a pesticide for pests not listed on the label as long as the site is on the label. By using “only” you can only use these rodenticides for the listed commensal rodents.

There are rodenticides available for use on Voles, moles and gophers which do not have commensal rodents on the label. Currently these are not affected by the RRMD measures.

Finally, I would like to thank Ted Bruesch of LiphaTech for information I needed to prepare this article.

**... AND THE WINNER IS ...**

.OPCA raffled off a sculptured spider with web at the Hood River. The raffle was held to raise money to award scholarships for 2011. The winner was Bill Melville, Quality Assurance Director for Orkin Canada. Bill is no stranger to our convention. When the Northwest Conference used to travel around the Northwest, Bill was instrumental in bringing the conference to Vancouver, BC, Canada. He is a regular attendee at Hood River. Congratulations, Bill!!!!



*Terry & Dee Dee Brant, at Hood River*



*Rodent expert—Bobby Corrigan*



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- Property Inspection
- Rodent Infestation
- Site Inspection

Depending on how comfortable they are with customizing the forms, PMPs can simply print them out and use as-is, with their stamp or label logo adhered in the space for contact information; or customize the page with their logo and color scheme.

“We felt this was a great way to make it easier for PMPs, especially smaller firms, to look very professional in the forms they give customers,” says Dale Baker, vice president and third-generation family member for the Twinsburg-based pest management product manufacturer. “It’s available at no cost to professionals, so we hope to see the forms get a lot of use in the industry.”

The forms are available for download at [JTEaton.com/professional\\_pco-forms.php](http://JTEaton.com/professional_pco-forms.php).

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Nick Grisafe (Dupont) and James Rodriguez (JT Eaton) at the Hood River Hawaiian Night



Here are Terri Garren (WSPMA), Richard Kesecker (Good Earth, Tim Baker, WSPMA and Sue Fisher (OPCA).



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## National Pest Management Association Releases Bed Bug Best Management Practices for Pest Professionals

January 27, 2011 (Fairfax, Va.) In its continuing effort to offer education and guidance as pest management professionals develop their response to the bed bug pandemic, the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) today released its Best Management Practices for Bed Bugs, offering guidelines to help PMPs control bed bugs effectively, responsibly, and safely.

Created by the NPMA Blue Ribbon Bed Bug Task Force, a broad-based stakeholder group whose goal is the development of an industry-wide, multi-faceted response to the bed bug pandemic, the Best Management Practices for Bed Bugs provide guidance in the areas of service agreements, recordkeeping, technician and sales staff training, client education, disposal of beds, furniture, possessions, bed bug detection, treatment methods, and health and safety concerns.

“Because there are multiple products, methods and technologies that may be employed as part of a successful bed bug treatment plan, it is important that pest management professionals are aware of the myriad factors that should be considered when determining which products or methods are the best option to control a given bed bug infestation,” stated NPMA Executive Vice President Rob Lederer. “The NPMA Best Management Practices for Bed Bugs provide PMPs the tools they need to ensure they are treating this elusive pest effectively, responsibly, and safely.”

In addition to providing these best management practices to industry professionals, NPMA will encourage consumers to seek use of the BMPs in working with PMPs. NPMA members can direct their customers to learn more about the new guidance document at [www.BedBugBMPs.org](http://www.BedBugBMPs.org). Additionally, they will be posted on [www.pestworld.org](http://www.pestworld.org).

To download the NPMA Best Management Practices for Bed Bugs, please visit [www.npmapestworld.org/publicpolicy/BedBugs.cfm](http://www.npmapestworld.org/publicpolicy/BedBugs.cfm), and click on “NPMA Best Management Practices for Bed Bugs.”

## CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPCOMING CLASSES—SPRING 2011



Spring term runs from March 28 through June 10, 2011.

**Pesticide Laws and Safety and Directly Supervised Trainee Review XAGR9801M (CRN 75426)** Approved by the Oregon Landscape Contractors Board for eight CEH. Eight hours recertification credit available. Reviews federal and state pesticide laws and the government agencies related to pesticide regulation and safe pesticide use. Helps prepare the student to successfully take Oregon’s pesticide certification exams in Laws and Safety and Directly Supervised Trainees categories. Laurie Gordon, instructor. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, April 15. Salem Campus, Building 61, Room 102. \$173. Call 503.399.5139 by March 30 to register and receive advance study materials. No refunds after March 30. Exam offered 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost of exam \$25 (exact cash or check payable to Chemeketa Community College only, paid at time of exam). Bring photo ID and SS# to exam location.

**Wood Destroying Organism Inspection and Evaluation XAGR9803D (CRN 73686)** Six hours recertification credit available in Oregon. Recognition of Achievement available for Home Inspector Certification points. Examines the biology, environment, and habits of wood-destroying organisms in the Pacific Northwest that commonly cause economic harm to wood structures, such as termites, carpenter ants, wood boring beetles, wood-destroying fungi and other structural damaging pests of wood structures. Focuses on providing the state-licensed commercial pesticide applicator, operator or certified home inspector with advanced knowledge of wood destroying organisms and the means to communicate to interested parties the risks inherent with structural infestation as well as findings and solutions of an inspector. Michael Hanscom, instructor. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 14. Salem Campus, Building 62, Room 101. \$79.

## The Critter Corner ....

### Things that go bump in the night

Raccoons, those cute, oh so cuddly, pesky bandits of the night, just love to irritate us by deliberately waking us from our blissful slumber! Well, don't despair, love is in the air, and soon there will be little ones! Birthing season will soon be upon us and the male's job is to compromise your foundation vent screen or maybe find a loose shingle on the roof. Ah yes, the cozy warmth of the crawl space or the dryness and comfort of the attic void! Then it's time to set up housekeeping until mid summer. The noise is to say the least unnerving, if not unbearable, not to mention the stench and of course the urine dripping through the ceiling. So the next time you say, "What was that noise?" Not to fear all can be dealt with by a caring experienced and reliable wildlife Company.

By—Terry Brant, Owner, ASPEN WILDLIFE SERVICES LLC

*Terry & Wes at the Good Earth Home Show in Eugene*



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Hey, Steve Diaz—what's with the umbrella?  
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 need umbrellas here! Ho, ho, ho!



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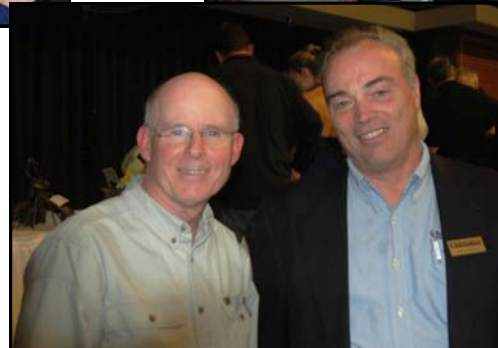
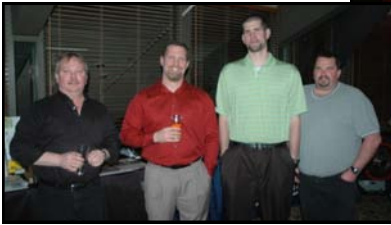
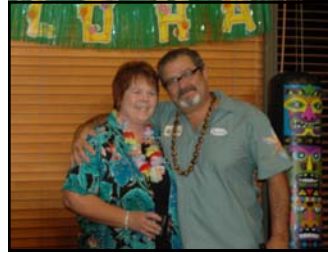
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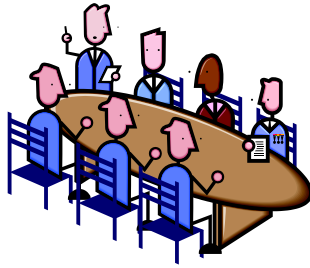
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- June 25: OPCA High Desert Seminar  
Riverhouse Resort—Bend
- July 15: Deadline for Crack & Crevice Articles
- September 16 Fall Beach Golf tournament  
Sandpines Gold Course—Florence
- September 17 Fall Beach Seminar  
Driftwood Shores—Florence
- September 22 OFS “Evening of Champions” - Woodburn
- September 24 OREIA Seminar
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