

KHKF-Issues and Programs- *** 1st Quarter 2022

1. ISSUE: Union County Search and Rescue Member of the Year
GUEST: Union County SAR

DESCRIPTION: Friday evening the Union County Search and Rescue held their annual banquet at the Catherine Creek Community Center in Union. Awards for both 2020 and 2021 were given out. Last year the banquet was canceled due to COVID restrictions and concerns. Very well deserved and earned congratulations are due to search and rescue members of the year Fred Hawkins and Jeff Hsu. In addition to receiving our 2021 member of the year award, Jeff Hsu also received the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association Oregon SAR volunteer of the year award. Fred and Jeff have both spent a tremendous amount of personal time, effort, and resources responding to calls, training, and furthering the mission of Union County search and rescue, and we are incredibly grateful for their service and dedication.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM January 11, 2022

2. ISSUE: Wolf Depredations in Union and Baker Counties
GUEST: ODF&W

DESCRIPTION: Release from ODFW) The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has released information on two investigations that have taken place this month in Baker and Union Counties related to wolves.

January 16, 2022 – Baker County (Middle Bridge Loop Area)

Date Investigated: 1/16/22 **Cause of death/injury:** Confirmed

General situation and animal information: After being notified of wolves in close proximity to their house on 1/15/22, a livestock producer noticed the carcass of his 40-pound Kelpie herding dog 150 yards from their house on the morning of 1/16/22. The carcass had been scavenged and most of the muscle tissue and organs were missing. The dog was estimated to have died on the night of 1/14/22.

Physical evidence and summary of findings: The remains were examined, and the hair was shaved around the injuries. There were over 15 premortem bite punctures approximately 1/8 inch in diameter, as well as tears at least 1/8 inch wide and up to 1/2 inch long on the back and inside of the right front leg. The location, size, and number of tooth scrapes are consistent with wolf attack injuries on dogs. The depredation is attributed to the Keating Pack.

January 14, 2022 - Union County (High Valley area)

Date Investigated: 1/14/22 **Cause of death/injury:** Possible/unknown

General situation and animal information: A livestock producer found the remains of a deceased calf on the morning of 1/14/22 in a privately-owned 70-acre pasture near his residence. The carcass was completely scavenged with only the skull, one scapula, and the backbone with ribs attached. The calf was estimated to have died about 24 hours earlier.

Physical evidence and summary of findings: No evidence of a chase or kill scene was found. The bones of the carcass were examined. No evidence was found on the carcass to suggest the death was wolf related, but due to the lack of muscle tissue and hide the determination is possible/unknown.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM January 20, 2022

3. ISSUE: Avalanches are possible with the heavy snowfall

GUEST: Wallowa County Avalanche Center

DESCRIPTION: With warmer temperatures in the forecast the Wallowa Whitman forest official say an avalanche in the Wallowa Mountains, east and southeast facing terrain at and near ridgelines is likely because of wind slab formation on that leeward facing terrain. Cautious route finding and conservative decision making will be essential for safe travel on the terrain.

Heightened avalanche danger exists on all other terrain steeper than 35 degrees.

Evaluate snow and terrain carefully on all terrain steeper than 35 degrees today.

According to the Wallowa Whitman Forest Office in Baker City, the best place to follow Avalanche alerts is to click on [Wallowa Avalanche Center | Facebook](#)

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM February 4, 2022

4. ISSUE: Students collect for food bank

GUEST: Central Elementary

DESCRIPTION: Hats off to the Central Elementary School Cougar families in La Grande who made a food drive a success and the incredible moms who not only organized it, but also came in on Super Bowl Sunday to sort and deliver food. We're talking about you Anne, Veronica, Robin, Ashley, and Lani

A special thank you to Teresa Kae Dowdy a school counselor, who came in on her day off to help sort food.

There were 25 FULL food boxes for Central families, completely filled up the food pantry at La Grande High School, and have hundreds of items to take to Cook Memorial Library to feed families all through Union county.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM February 15, 2022

5. ISSUE: Veterans Appreciation Day event

GUEST: Veterans Services Brian Blaze

DESCRIPTION: Over 150 Veterans and their families got to take part in the Veterans Appreciation Day at Anthony Lakes Ski Resort.

This is a great program put together by Union County Veteran Services Officer Brian Blais and Anthony Lakes Ski Resort. All the Veterans and their families got to ski and play for free along with a great lunch.

For those Veterans that were not skiers or snowboarders they got a chance to visit with others and take a ride up the mountain in the snowcat.

Watch for the next Veterans Appreciation Day in the Summer!

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM March 8, 2022

6. ISSUE: Death in Wallowa County

GUEST: Wallowa County Sheriff Joel Fish

DESCRIPTION: On Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 3:41 PM, the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office received a call of a possible medical emergency at a residence in Joseph, Oregon. Deputy Paul Pagano and Sheriff Joel Fish responded and found Oregon State Police Sergeant Marcus McDowell unconscious inside his patrol car in the driveway. Upon making forced entry into the vehicle, Sergeant McDowell was found to be deceased from a single gunshot wound to the head.

OSP Superintendent Davie shared, "Thank you to our partner agencies for their assistance, compassion and professionalism during this tragic time. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to the family, friends, coworkers and responding emergency personnel."

The investigation is ongoing with assistance with officers and investigators from the Enterprise Police Department, Pendleton Police Department, Oregon State Police and Crime Lab.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM March 30, 2022

