

KHKF -Issues and Programs- 3rd Quarter 2018

1. ISSUE: Apartment Fire in La Grande
GUEST: La Grande Fire Department
DESCRIPTION:

The La Grande Fire Department responded to an apartment fire Monday morning at 214 Fir Street. When firefighters arrived, firefighters found a fire in the attic. The fire was extinguished with minimal damage. Les Thomas, Fire Chief, said the cause has not determined at this time. All the occupants exited the building safely. The power to the building was cut off, for precautionary measures until the fire department felt the building was safe to occupy. The Fire Marshall will be called in for further investigation. Disaster responders with the local American Red Cross responded to a home fire disaster on July 16, 2018, at approximately 2:00 p.m. in the 200 block of Fir Street in La Grande, Oregon. The fire affected multiple families, including 8 adults, and 3 pets.

The Red Cross provided resources to help address the immediate basic needs of those affected such as temporary housing, food, clothing, comfort kits with toiletry items, information about recovery services, and health and mental health services. Additional information about this incident, if available, may be obtained from the local first responding agency/fire department.

The Red Cross in Oregon and Southwest Washington (the Cascades Region) helps an average of three families affected by disasters, like home fires, every day. The Red Cross advocates emergency preparedness and offers the installation of free smoke alarms in our community. Residents may call (503) 528-5783 or complete an online form at www.redcross.org/GetAnAlarm to schedule an appointment.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM July 17, 2018

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2. ISSUE: Seismic Upgrades for Baker School District
GUEST: Griffin Construction
DESCRIPTION:

Representatives from Griffin Construction say work at Brooklyn Primary and Baker High School is right on schedule this summer.

At Baker High, crews are finishing the roof and painters will begin soon. The exterior color scheme will match the rest of the building. Although work is still ongoing in the

gymnasium area, the lockers will be made available for the East-West All-Star Shrine Game on Aug. 4.

At Brooklyn, 90 percent of the roof work is complete. Inside, workers are focusing on the main wing near the gymnasium. Their goal is to finish interior work first in anticipation of staff returning in August.

This construction is focused on seismic upgrades so the buildings can better handle an earthquake. Work has included new roofs and windows, increased energy efficiency and new finishes. The tall, brick chimneys at both schools were removed.

These upgrades are funded by grants totaling \$2.6 million.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM July 30, 2018

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3. ISSUE: Man sentenced to federal prison
GUEST: Umatilla Tribal Police
DESCRIPTION:

Thomas James Adams, 23, of La Grande, Oregon, was sentenced today to 37 months in federal prison for sexually abusing a minor victim on the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

According to court documents, in September 2015, Adams, then 20 years old, visited the 9-year-old minor victim at his family's home during the Pendleton Round-Up, a local rodeo event. When others in the house were asleep, Adams convinced the minor victim to participate in a series of "dares" or "challenges" that escalated from running around the house naked and peeing outside in the dark to looking at adult pornographic photos on Adam's cellphone, mutual masturbation and touching each other's genitals. The young victim reported the sexual contact to his parents, who contacted tribal law enforcement authorities.

The court also ordered Adams to have no contact with the victim or his immediate family, and ordered that he not enter or visit the Umatilla Indian Reservation without approval in advance from his probation officer.

Adams pleaded guilty to one count of abusive sexual contact in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2244(a)(5) and 1152 on January 31, 2018.

The case was investigated by the FBI with the assistance of the Umatilla Tribal Police Department. It was prosecuted by Jennifer Martin, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM August 6, 2018

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4. ISSUE: Two killed in plane crash in Baker County
GUEST: Baker County Sheriff's Office
DESCRIPTION:

The victims of the airplane crash that occurred in Baker County have been identified as William J. Watts (DOB 4/3/41) and Mihoko Matsuda Nelsen (DOB 12/10/47).

On August 11, 2018, the Baker County Sheriff's Office was notified of an airplane crash near Lindley Road and I84. The single-engine airplane crashed in a hay field belonging to Sam Johnson.

Upon arrival, law enforcement located a small passenger airplane that had crashed nose first into the ground. Watts, who was piloting the airplane and Nelsen had been traveling from Caldwell, Idaho and were believed to have been en route to the Baker Airport.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board responded to Baker City to remove the airplane. The agencies are currently conducting an investigation to determine the cause of the crash.

The Baker County Sheriff's Office received assistance from the Baker City Fire Department, Baker Rural Fire Department, Baker City Police Department, Oregon State Police, and the Canyon County Sheriff's Office.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM August 14, 2018

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5. ISSUE: Confirmed Wolf Depredation in Wallowa County
GUEST: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

DESCRIPTION:

ANOTHER CONFIRMED WOLF DEPREDATION WITHIN THE HARL BUTTE PACK AREA OF KNOWN ACTIVITY.

Wallowa County (Harl Butte area)
Date Investigated: 9/12/18
Cause of death/injury: Confirmed

General situation and animal information: On the afternoon of 9/11, a livestock producer found a dead, seven-month-old, 600 lb. calf on a large timbered USFS allotment. The following morning, ODFW was notified and examined the carcass and site. The majority of muscle tissue on both hind legs had been consumed, but hide on back and inside of hind legs was intact. All internal organs, most right and left flank muscle tissue, and some muscle tissue on left rib cage were also consumed. The death of the calf was estimated to have occurred early on 9/11/18.

Physical evidence and summary of findings: The remaining calf carcass was skinned revealing numerous premortem canine tooth scrape marks (1/2-2 1/2 inches long, 1/8-3/16 inches wide) on the inside of both hind legs above the hocks. Most of the muscle tissue of both hind legs was consumed, with premortem bruising found in the remaining muscle tissue. The location of the injuries, and the number of pre-mortem bites was similar to other confirmed wolf attack injuries on calves. The location of the attack was within the Harl Butte Pack AKWA.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM September 18, 2018

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6. ISSUE: Greg Walden sits down with EMG Staff to talk Human Trafficking
GUEST: Representative Greg Walden
DESCRIPTION:

Representative Greg Walden stopped in La Grande, Wednesday on a tour of Eastern Oregon meeting with law enforcement, Union County Commissioners, health care representatives, staff with Elkhorn Media Group and victims of human trafficking to discuss Human Trafficking at a local level. Prior to meeting with these individuals, Walden spoke with our staff one on one about Human Trafficking and what he has been working on to combat this problem on a larger level saying "*We have spent a lot of time*

in Congress, and I have supported a lot of legislation which is now law, to get at this horrible issue of Human Trafficking. Women and kids are put in some form of what would be modern day slavery. It is something that goes on in our communities, we are addressing it federally and try to get changes in the law, into law which we have done, and help in our communities where it is needed.”

Walden added, with the legislation that was passed, that would shut down some of the websites where Human Trafficking is occurring.

After speaking with Elkhorn Media Group Staff, Walden attended the meeting with the individuals noted above. It was during that time that Walden was able to hear first hand from local victims of Human Trafficking on what steps should be taken, or looked at, in order to not only bring awareness to this problem, but provide resources for victims.

Discussions included information that could be made available at areas such as Grande Ronde Hospital, area truck stops and local restaurants. Senator Bill Hansel was able to attend the last half of the meeting and update the group on recent legislature passed that will legalize the posting of hotline numbers for Human Trafficking victims in specified locations including areas along I-84 in Eastern Oregon.

This was the first meeting of this group of individuals; however organizers hope to continue to move forward, bringing awareness to Human Trafficking on a local level.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM September 20, 2018