

KHKF-Issues and Programs- 3rd Quarter 2019

1. ISSUE: School District looking at bond options
GUEST: Superintendent Mark Witty
DESCRIPTION:

The Baker School Board this week approved the committee that will be looking at a potential bond for the district according to Superintendent Mark Witty. The committee will be working over the next few of months to vet ideas regarding a potential bond with hopes that they will have a recommendation to the board around November 1. Witty says this committee will be made of up eight to 12 individuals. Witty will be working with the board to get people onto that committee to get a better understanding of how people might view this bond package.

Witty says that with the previous bond proposal there was a number of things that were learned including that the community isn't necessarily interested in new, Witty says at least that is the feedback he has consistently gotten back. Additional feedback includes a bond with a lower overall price and that would utilize the buildings that the district currently has and a lower term on the length of any bond.

Witty says that he is excited about the work and is eager to see where it will lead.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **July 29, 2019

2. ISSUE: 2020 Census important
GUEST: Baker City Manager Fred Warner
DESCRIPTION:

The Baker City Council met with and heard from the United States Census Bureau last week about the upcoming 2020 national census. According to Baker City Manager Fred Warner, it is extremely important for all people to be counted in the area as well as throughout the State of Oregon. Approximately 13 billion federal dollars will be allocated to Oregon that will be based on population counts in the 2020 census said Warner. In addition, Oregon may be in line for an extra seat in the House of Representatives at the Federal level.

For more information, please go to 2020census.gov

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM ** Aug 10, 2019

3. ISSUE: Ronald Lee pleads not guilty to murder
GUEST: Detective Jason McKaig

DESCRIPTION:

Ronald Lee, the man arrested for Murder and Criminal Conspiracy in the November 17, 2018 death of Loretta Williams in Cove entered a plea of not guilty today to both charges, in front of Judge Powers in a Union County Courtroom. Also, bail for Lee was denied, he will continue to be held in the Union County Jail without bail.

District Attorney Kelsie McDaniel called Detective Jason McKaig, lead investigator on the case, to the stand where he presented evidence that was found during the investigation.

Evidence brought to the attention of Judge Powers, and those in attendance, included the 911 call recording where Williams herself repeatedly used Ron Lee's name including the statement "Ron Lee Stop" while shots continued and moments before she became unresponsive with dispatch and was later found deceased. Other noted evidence included a glove of Lee's found at the scene of the crime, ballistic evidence and statements from acquaintances of Lee's

Lee's attorney, Dean Gushwa had no questions for Detective McKaig at this time and no one was called to the stand for the defense.

No dates have been set at this time for future court appearances.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM ** Aug 27, 2019

4. ISSUE: Harmful Algae Advisory lifted

GUEST: SW District Health

DESCRIPTION:

Southwest District Health, in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), has lifted the Cyanobacteria Health Advisory for Brownlee Reservoir. The advisory was issued in July 2019.

DEQ officials monitor cyanobacteria and associated toxins where harmful algal blooms (HABs) are present and have confirmed that cyanobacteria levels in the Brownlee Reservoir have returned to normal and toxin levels are below the safety threshold.

Other blooms may exist on this waterbody that have not been reported to DEQ or the health district. Water users should always exercise caution around water bodies with visible slime or surface scum or a foul odor. High concentrations of toxin-producing cyanobacteria may cause illness to both humans and animals. Report any concerns to DEQ at 208.373.0550.

For more information about harmful algal blooms, visit DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/wa.../surface-water/blue-green-algae/>.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **Sept 13, 2019

5. ISSUE: Raynmon sentenced in Arson Case

GUEST: Baker County DA-Matt Shirtcliff

DESCRIPTION:

On July 16, 2019, Raynmon Haze Garcia (dob 9/17/97) of 390 E. Jefferson St. Huntington, Oregon pled guilty to one Count of Arson in the First Degree and one count of Arson in the Second Degree and one count of Reckless Burning. Garcia was sentenced to 37 months in prison on the First Degree Arson charge and 18 months in prison on the Second Degree Arson charge. The sentences were run consecutive for a total 55 months in prison. The sentence on the Reckless Burning charge was executed as no prison time was available as it is a misdemeanor. Garcia had originally been charged with two First Degree Arson charges but the charge involving the streamliner lounge and Howell's Cafe had to be reduced to Second Degree Arson as Oregon law requires that the property must have been regularly occupied at the time of the fire to meet the elements of First Degree Arson. The Streamliner and Howell's Café has not been open for business for approximately a year. Based on the Oregon Sentencing guidelines this sentence was the maximum presumptive prison sentence that Garcia could receive for these charges. Garcia will be on post-prison supervision or three years following his release from prison. A restitution hearing was set for October 4, 2019. Garcia will have a judgment entered against him at that time for the losses suffered by the victims' in the case. The state expects restitution to be well in excess of \$100,000.
(Release from Baker County DA)

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **July 17, 2019

6. ISSUE: Washington man arrested for Haines crime spree

GUEST: Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash

DESCRIPTION:

On September 20, 2019 at approximately 4:45 a.m., Baker County Dispatch received a call involving an adult male trespassing near Haines. The reporting party said that the male left his property and drove a Jeep Cherokee toward Haines.

Deputies responded and located the vehicle at 612 Front Street in Haines. The male subject was not located. Baker County Dispatch then received a call regarding a male who unlawfully entered the residence located at 645 5th Street in Haines. The victim, Chris Olmstead, said that the male suspect, Michael David Tatro (DOB 10/10/82), was in possession of a firearm and knife and made threats to him.

Deputies located Tatro near the Haines Rodeo Grounds. He was driving a Ford Tempo, which was later determined to be stolen. Tatro was arrested and charged with Burglary I (3 counts), Burglary II, Criminal Trespass while in Possession of a Firearm (2 counts), Criminal Trespass II (2 counts), Menacing (2 counts), Coercion (2 counts), Pointing a Firearm at Another, Unlawful Use of a Weapon (two counts), Criminal Mischief II (2 counts), Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Theft III (2 counts). He was lodged in the Baker County Jail.

ARRESTED:

Michael David Tatro (DOB 10/10/82)
622 Riverside Drive
West Richland, WA 99353

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **Sept 24, 2019