

KHKF -Issues and Programs- 1st Quarter 2021

1. ISSUE: New Union County Sheriff Sworn in
GUEST: Sheriff Cody Bowen
DESCRIPTION:

Union County Clerk Robin Church swore in Cody Bowen as Union County Sheriff Monday. Bowen thanked the citizens for the tremendous and humbling amount of support he and his family have received over the past year. Bowen said thank you to the amazing people that helped with the campaign and gave direction navigating the political end of things. "I recognize that this would not have happened without you." Bowen went on and said, "I put my name in the running for Sheriff back in early February with nothing more than a heartfelt urge to step up and do the right thing. I felt there were a lot of people, including myself facing uncertainty and looking for someone to stand up and be a leader. I took an oath to be your Sheriff and to stand up for you the citizen and your constitutional rights, so help me God. I will not let you down." "Your Sheriff's Office is filled with an amazing group of men and women", Bowen went on and said, "and who works hard day in and day out to make Union County a safer place to live. Together as a team, the deputies, office staff and I look forward to providing Union County with the most professional, transparent and community involved Sheriff's Office possible. As your Sheriff I will be available, involved and truly vested in our community."

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **January 5, 2021

2. ISSUE: Arrested for Assault, strangulation and more
GUEST: Baker City Police Department
DESCRIPTION:

The Baker City Police Department with assistance from the Baker County Sheriff's Office responded to reports of domestic violence between and 31-year-old Tyler Joseph Anders and an unnamed victim.

According to reports, the victim and Anders had been in a relationship in the past. When officers arrived at the victim's residence Tyler was located upstairs but would not come out and talk to police. There was about a 20-to-30-minute standoff between Anders and Law Enforcement before he agreed to surrender to police.

Anders was taken into custody without incident on charges of Assault IV Domestic, Strangulation, Menacing and Criminal Mischief. Anders is currently housed in the Baker County Jail.

3. ISSUE: Hearts for Health raises \$221,902 for wellness center
GUEST: Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness
DESCRIPTION: Hearts for Health live virtual event raises \$221,902 in final fundraiser of the capital campaign.

Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness and Winding Waters Community Health Center held a live virtual fundraiser, which yet again showed the huge community support behind this project. This event was the fourth annual and final fundraiser of the capital campaign. Due to the current environment, this event could not take place at the Wallowa Lake Lodge this year. All funds raised during this event will go directly to the construction of the Hearts for Health Integrated Care Center currently under construction on Medical Parkway.

The Hearts for Health campaign has raised more than \$800,000 over four events. This strong show of community support also helped the project earn a \$2.5 million grant awarded by the State of Oregon last Fall.

This facility will open its doors to the public in the Fall of 2021 and will provide medical, dental and behavioral health services all under one roof. The Hearts for Health building will also have a teaching kitchen to host healthy cooking and eating classes and may possibly host future catered events. There will be a large conference room with technological capabilities to host virtual trainings as well as in person trainings, when possible.

This integrated care facility will not replace any space currently used to provide services from Winding Waters and will expand administrative spaces for staff in both organizations. The hope is that this building will provide a "one-stop shopping" experience for the healthcare needs of those in Wallowa County and help reduce the stigma of receiving mental health services.

Winding Waters and Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness look forward to expanding on the excellent array of services already being provided on the growing healthcare campus on Medical Parkway.

If you would like to schedule a tour of the Hearts for Health Integrated Care Center, please call 541-426- 4524 x1031.

4. ISSUE: New Baker City Mayor gives update

GUEST: Kerry McQuisten

DESCRIPTION: Baker City Mayor Kerry McQuisten has recently been updating the City of Baker City's Facebook page about what is going on with the new Baker City Council. Yesterday McQuisten posted another update, that post in its entirety is as follows:

"Hi, All. Last night City Council held our work session to discuss the Blacks' "Common Sense Sanctuary City" idea and all the feedback that came from public testimony. City Attorney Dan Van Thiel and District Attorney Greg Baxter attended, and I would like to thank them both for their support and advice. It helped!

I was proud of our Council. We don't typically agree on all subjects, but all seven of us would like the community to know how much we value our local businesses, and take action that shows it. We are in agreement that the Governor's ongoing COVID mandates are harming our community, not helping. We want to find a way stand by and stand up for our businesses without causing them further harm.

I will say up front that despite some of the comments I've seen, a mayor and a city council do not have the legal ability to override state law, short of organizing a full-on uprising, and there hasn't been a mayor in Oregon who has. However, many of us are pushing back hard for their cities at this point. What this means, as advised by our attorney, is that if we simply declared our City "open," we would still have no ability to protect our small businesses from weaponized State agencies. We don't want to mislead anyone into thinking we would. With that in mind, we came up with a number of items to pursue. Votes don't happen at work sessions, but as drafts are completed or as related legislation comes up, we will move that item to the agenda of the next regular meeting for a vote, starting with the March 9th meeting.

First, we're drafting a letter to Governor Brown requesting to be in the low-population-county category rather than in the middle where we've been placed. That middle population category doesn't fit us. Also, with the Governor's focus on helping what she considers disadvantaged populations, why isn't our rural county's economy being specially considered in this light? Councilor Spriet will submit some wording to City Manager Cannon and City Recorder Lafavor for review and formatting. Once this letter is in good shape, we'll vote on it.

Next, I'll be working with some wording of proclamations and resolutions following that same procedure. We'll draft a proclamation summarizing our support and sentiments.

We're also drafting resolutions declaring a mental health, small business economic, and crime state of emergency due specifically to Governor Brown's response to COVID.

Councilors Dixon and Waggoner in particular spoke to the effects of these mandates on local suicides, depression, and domestic abuse. It is our hope that other cities and counties will pick up this unique stance, enact similar resolutions of their own, and that we can create enough of a snowball effect that Salem will have to hear us.

Finally, we can support pending legislation that would require reparations to businesses that lost money due to this year's emergency declarations, and any future statewide ballot initiative that would limit the Governor's emergency powers going forward. Recordings of work sessions are found under "Council Videos" on the City's web site.

We have a full regular meeting tonight (the 23rd), and I'll try to get something written up about it in next week's message. The packet and attachment for this next meeting totaled 573 pages of review! There has to be a record in that somewhere.

Thanks so much for reading.

Kerry McQuisten

Mayor of Baker City"

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **February 24, 2021

5. ISSUE: City to resume parking enforcement

GUEST: City of La Grande

DESCRIPTION:

Beginning on March 22, 2021, the City of La Grande will resume issuing tickets for parking violations in our downtown area. Warnings will be issued for first time parking violations until April 5, 2021, when fines will start to be assessed. This resumption of enforcement is for the timed parking in the downtown area. Enforcement of parking ordinances in other areas of the community, including handicapped parking, has been enforced throughout the pandemic.

"With most of our retail and restaurants now open to the public, it is time to assist our downtown businesses make sure that customers have access to their stores" said City Manager, Robert Strobe. "In addition to on-street parking, there is parking areas designated for those with permits, as well as three areas of open 2-hour parking."

Attached is a parking map for the downtown area. Questions regarding parking can be directed to the La Grande Police Department at 541-963-1017.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **March 15, 2021

6. ISSUE: New Baker City Police Chief Announced

GUEST: Lieutenant Ty Duby

DESCRIPTION: With the impending retirement of current Interim Police Administrator Ray Duman, Baker City Manager Jon Cannon has selected Baker City Police Department Lieutenant Ty Duby to become the next Chief of Police for BCPD, effective July 1, 2021. With this selection, it will allow BCPD to maintain continuity and provide advancement opportunities for other department members.

Lieutenant Duby has over twenty-five years of experience with the Oregon State Police and one and half years as the current Lieutenant with BCPD. Lieutenant Duby has considerable experience in patrol, criminal and drug investigations and is well respected by the Baker City community.

Lieutenant Duby grew up in the Unity area and received an AA degree from Blue Mountain Community College. Duby has received his basic, intermediate, advanced and supervisory certificates from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) and is an avid outdoor recreationist.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **March 14, 2021

