

KHKF -Issues and Programs- 2nd Quarter 2022

1. ISSUE: Arrest for Restraining Order Violation, Attempt to Elude, Reckless Driving, Escape III

GUEST: Baker City Police Chief Ty Duby

DESCRIPTION: On April 16, 2022 at 0855 hours in the 2900 block of 7th Street; Baker City Police were called to a report of a Restraining Order Violation. Rudy Saarheim was reported to have violated the order by being within 150 feet of a protected address. As police were responding, Rudy returned back to this protected address that he is restrained from being at. Officers arrived at 0900 hours, finding Rudy sitting in a GMC less than 150 away from the protected address and told him he was under arrest. Rudy refused to get out of his vehicle, instead driving away from an officer who was holding on to Rudy's open door that the officer had opened while trying to effect the arrest. Rudy was followed by Baker City Police and Baker County Sheriff Deputies where he refused to pull over and a police pursuit was initiated. Officers pursued Rudy through the city at low speeds, less than the posted speed limit, until he reached 10th Street. Rudy continued on 10th Street and increased his speed to unsafe speeds after he left the city limits. Baker City Police terminated the pursuit due to the hazardous road conditions (wet and slushy roads) and the speeds Rudy was traveling at. At about 1041 hours on this same day, Rudy returned back to this same protected address and Baker City Police again responded. Rudy was out of his vehicle when officers responded and he again did not comply with commands. Rudy was taken to the ground by Baker City Police and he was taken into custody. No injuries were reported from the arrest.

Arrested in the 2900 block of 7th Street:

o Rudy Saarheim, (Arrest date/time: 04/16/2022 at 10:43 AM)

- ♣ Restraining Order Violation x 2
- ♣ Attempt to Elude
- ♣ Reckless Driving
- ♣ Escape III

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **April 18, 2022***

2. ISSUE: Harney Rock Road Work Ahead

GUEST: Harney Rock & Paving Co.

DESCRIPTION: Road work will begin on North Powder River Lane starting Monday, April 25, 2022, and is scheduled through the month of August 2022. Road work will be

from the intersection of Highway 30 and continue west on North Powder River Lane for 4.44 miles. Work will consist of surveying and staking, clearing and grubbing, removal and replacing of culverts, roadway excavation, full depth reclamation, paving and pavement markings. Expect delays up to 20 minutes with construction project area under traffic control with flaggers and pilot car. Road work can be expected with 30-minute delays weekdays Monday through Friday 8 A.M. – 4 P.M. please consider alternate routes. No work will take place on weekends or holidays.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **April 25, 2022***

3. ISSUE: ODFW approves lethal removal for two wolves in Chesnimnus Pack

GUEST: ODFW

DESCRIPTION: ODFW has authorized lethal action and will provide a kill permit to a livestock producer, allowing them to take up to two wolves until May 24, 2022.

The producer requested the permit after ODFW confirmed two depredation events by the Chesnimnus Pack in three days on their public land grazing allotment, which resulted in three dead calves. That level of depredation meets the definition of chronic livestock depredation under Wolf Plan Rules (minimum of two confirmed depredations in nine months). Find more information on the depredations and investigations on April 25 and 27 [here](#).

Lethal take can be authorized by ODFW in chronic depredation situations when there is significant risk to livestock present in the area and non-lethals were being used prior to depredations.

The producer has a history of using non-lethal methods on their pastures within this pack area to deter wolf-livestock interaction, including employing a range rider funded by a non-profit organization. The producer and range rider used spotlights, radios, foxlights, and human presence at night and during morning and evening hours (and sometimes all day) to maintain a human presence to deter wolf-livestock interactions in previous years. To deter wolves recently, the producer has increased the amount of time humans are spending in the area. The producer spent several nights in the pasture with his cattle following the first depredation and attempted to haze wolves out of the area on April 26 by shooting in the air over eight wolves he encountered in the pasture. Despite these efforts, wolves have continued to visit and have killed additional calves.

Under the rules, there can also be no identified circumstances on the property (such as bone piles or carcasses) that are attracting wolves. The Department searched the immediate area for any bone piles, carcasses, or other attractants during their investigations and found none.

Lethal action is authorized with the goal of putting an end to the chronic depredation, but the livestock producer will also continue to use nonlethal measures to reduce conflict.

The Chesnimnus Pack currently numbers at least 8-9 adult and yearling (born last year) wolves, and their breeding female may be in the den located far from the depredation site. None of the wolves currently have working GPS or VHF collars.

The kill permit allows the producer to shoot any two wolves in the pasture where the recent depredations have occurred. A reduction of two adult or yearling wolves would not be expected to impact the pack's breeding success. Pups and the breeding female typically remain in the den until later in the summer and would not be targeted by this kill permit. Use of the kill permit by the producer is expected to add to the ongoing human presence, which simultaneously serves as a nonlethal deterrent to help further reduce the risk of further depredation.

Another update will be posted about this permit only if wolves are removed or the permit is re-issued.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM ** May 2, 2022***

4. ISSUE: Baker School District Board Meeting Highlights

GUEST: Superintendent Mark Witty

DESCRIPTION: Baker School District Superintendent Mark Witty sat down with Elkhorn Media Group News Director Shannon McKone to discuss the highlights of last week's Baker School Board meeting.

(SM) Thank you for joining me, Mr. Witty. There was a school board meeting yesterday evening. Would you please share some highlights with us?

(MW) Thanks for having me, Shannon. Prior to the school board meeting yesterday, we had our first budget committee meeting to review the proposed budget for the 2022-23 school year, and there was quite a bit of community involvement, which we like to see. Then, we began our board meeting by recognizing two Promise Students of the Month: Neah Thomas from Baker High School and Victoria Loza from the Baker Early Learning Center.

We also recognized the Baker County YMCA as an Outstanding Community Partner.

Additionally, we were able to celebrate the retirements of Carol CJ Gray, Michele McCauley, Julie Mespelt, Karen Emmons, Deborah Radle, Donna Valentine, and Kathleen Christensen. We are so thankful for their many years of service!

(SM) Wonderful. Were there any other highlights from the meeting that you'd like to pass along to our listeners?

(MW) I'd like to brag about our community a little bit. A plan is in place to bring up to 10 displaced Ukrainian students and a skilled chaperone to Baker City to attend classes at Baker High School as Oregon International School students in the coming school year.

Thanks to many local letters of support, crucial networking, gracious host families, and generous funding from the Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation, Ford Family Foundation, Chaves Consulting, Baker Education Association, and Rotary, these students will be fully supported for the coming year.

Thank you to our partners for making a tangible, positive difference in the world!

(SM) Thank you Mr. Witty for speaking with me today.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM ** May 23, 2022***

5. ISSUE: City of Cove holding elections

GUEST: City of Cove

DESCRIPTION: The City of Cove will be holding elections this fall with the purpose of electing a mayor and three Council Members for the City of Cove.

The following Public Notice has been issued in its entirety by the City of Cove

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday November 8, 2022, an Election will be held for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three Council members for the City of Cove.

This position of Mayor is a two-year term, and the positions of City Councilors are four-year terms.

To qualify as a candidate for Mayor or City Councilor, you must be a qualified elector and have resided in the City of Cove during the twelve months immediately preceding the election you are filing for.

Election packets can be picked up during office hours Monday through Thursday between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm at the Cove City Hall, 504 Alder, Cove, Oregon.

All petitions need to be in the CITY OF COVE Office at 504 ALDER, COVE BY NOON ON AUGUST 8, 2022.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **June 2, 2022***

6. ISSUE: Washington man charged with DUII

GUEST: Baker County Sheriff's Office

DESCRIPTION: On June 10, 2022 at approximately 2:18 p.m., Baker County Sheriff's Office Dispatch received a report of a vehicle rollover on Anthony Lakes Highway near Miller Road.

Deputy Mills and Sheriff Ash responded to the scene. Upon arrival, contact was made with the driver and sole occupant, identified as Kraig Michael Stevenson of Washington. Stevenson was still in the vehicle and required extrication through the windshield.

During the investigation, it was determined that Stevenson was traveling west on Anthony Lakes Highway, when the 1991 Nissan pickup left the roadway and rolled down the embankment. It ultimately came to rest on the passenger side against a cluster of trees. Alcohol containers were located near the vehicle.

After being medically cleared, Stevenson was charged with DUII, Reckless Driving and Refusal to Take a Breath Test.

The Baker County Sheriff's Office was assisted by Baker City Fire and Rescue and North Powder Rural Fire Protection District.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **June 14 2022***

