

KHKF -Issues and Programs- 3rd Quarter 2020

1. ISSUE: Fatal crash on OR203

GUEST: Oregon State Police

DESCRIPTION:

On Sunday, July 19, 2020 at approximately 4:09 P.M., Oregon State Police Troopers and emergency personnel responded to the report of a multi-vehicle crash on Hwy 203 near milepost 12.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a Harley Davidson motorcycle, operated by Keith Walker (62) of La Grande, was northbound when for an unknown reason it entered the southbound lane and collided with a Ford F350 pickup and then a Toyota Camry.

Walker sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased.

OSP was assisted by Union County Sheriff's Office, ODOT, and Union Fire Department.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM \*\*July 21, 2020

2. ISSUE: Sports Physicals

GUEST: Superintendent Mark Witty

DESCRIPTION:

In order for Student-Athletes to participate in Extra-Curricular Activities they must have a current physical on file in the main office at either the High School or Middle School. Physicals expire after two calendar years. There are multiple options for getting your physical. You can get one from your health care provider, through the student based health center, or the two options presented here. One is the Adolescent Wellness Event the Baker County Health Department sponsors. This is a complete check-up. Description is below. The second option will come later in August at the High School. More info to come. This option will be a Physical Only, not a complete wellness check. All these options meet the State of Oregon's Law to participate in Extra-Curricular Activities provided by the BSD5J.

Adolescent Wellness Event:

The Baker County Health Department is partnering with health care providers to host the adolescent wellness event on July 28th, 29th, and 30th from 5:30-7:30 PM. Adolescents can receive a sports physical and all-around health check up. The event has been modified to address COVID-19 safety precautions. This year, organizers ask attendees to schedule an appointment. Please call to schedule today, walk-ins will only be accepted IF there are time slots available. During the event, masks are required, and adolescents will only be allowed one adult to accompany them. Any person who has symptoms of being ill is asked not to attend. Each participant will be screened for fever, symptoms of COVID-19, and possible exposure to COVID-19 prior to entering the building. During check-in adolescents may be asked to wait outside or in the car until their appointment. The Health Department thanks the participants, volunteers, and community for their support for this important event.

Please call the Health Department at 541-523-8211 to schedule an appointment.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM \*\*July 28, 2020

3. ISSUE: Bun ban implemented for the City of Joseph

GUEST: Joseph Rural Fire Department

DESCRIPTION: The Joseph Fire Department has implemented a burn ban for the City of Joseph, including the Joseph Rural Fire District. This mean no burning of any kind is allowed, including burn barrels. Propane grills are still allowed, as long as it can be controlled by a valve. This burn ban is due to drying conditions, lack of moisture, and warmer temperatures.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM \*\*August 4, 2020

4. ISSUE: More phone scams reported by the Baker County Sheriff's Office

GUEST: Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash

DESCRIPTION: The Baker County Sheriff's Office Dispatch continues to receive numerous complaints regarding fraudulent phone calls. According to officials, callers have used a variety of tactics, such as: stating there is an issue with your social security number, there is a warrant out for your arrest, and even impersonating a grandchild and asking for money.

If you receive a call similar to this, remember these steps:

-NEVER give out your personal information

-Do not trust the caller even if they seem to know your personal information

-Do not follow their instructions to send money or "press 1 for more information"

Additionally, Elkhorn Media Group staff has recently received reports from citizens that they are receiving scam text messages. Most of the texts we have heard about are asking the recipient to click a link to save on car insurance or to click a link due to a package not being delivered.

Be advised of these sorts of scams

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM \*\*August 31, 2020

5. ISSUE: Suspicious dog deaths leads to investigation

GUEST: Baker County Sheriff's Office

DESCRIPTION: The Baker County Sheriff's Office is investigating the deaths of several dogs in the Haines area. The deaths appear suspicious and may potentially be the result of poisoning. Residents are asked to keep their animals in

their yard. Closely monitor animals for signs or symptoms of illness or changes in behavior. Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activity. If you have any knowledge of these incidents, contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office at 541-523-6415.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM \*\*September 2, 2020

6. ISSUE: Inappropriate message on school classroom platform  
GUEST: La Grande School District Superintendent George Mendoza  
DESCRIPTION: On Friday, September 18, 2020, La Grande High School had an online 9th grade language arts class disrupted by a student that gave out the class access code to individuals outside our La Grande School District (LGSD) virtual domain.

At this time, LGSD is working with our technology department and the Union County Sheriff's Department to gather information from the Google Meet session log and investigate this unfortunate disruption.

Two (potentially three) unauthorized persons managed to gain entry to the Google Meet classroom platform and used the chat feature to post vulgar and profane comments, one inappropriate link, as well as a racial slur. Our district web filter would not have allowed the link to be accessible. The unauthorized persons also made verbal profane comments during the meet session. The teacher was able to drop the unauthorized persons from the meet within one minute of their arrival, regain control of the session, and dismiss the class.

The teacher, vice principal, and the principal were later in communication with the students and families of that classroom to inform them of what took place as well as apologize for the incident.

The teacher had inadvertently allowed the unauthorized persons to enter the classroom meet when the teacher did not carefully read the full usernames and did not ensure the persons had logged in with a school-provided Gmail.

La Grande School District deeply apologizes for this incident. Vulgar and profane language as well as racial slurs are not appropriate in our school environment and cause a disruption to learning. Our students have the right to feel safe and that is one of our paramount responsibilities.

**Security Measures for Staff and Student Protection:**

LGSD is reinforcing and enhancing security measures to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Taking these preventative measures will increase the protection and security of our learning environment.

- Security and accountability: We are requiring all LGSD staff members and students to use their full names and school-issued e-mail accounts to access Google Meet or Zoom sessions.
- Teachers will admit students and confirm each student should be in the session as part of the attendance process. Teachers will ask to see each student's face in a

synchronous/live format at the start of class. After attendance is taken students may turn their camera off.

- As an additional security feature, students will work with teachers in the near future to choose an appropriate image or picture for use when their camera is off. This will ensure consistency of knowing who is logged into the class.

- LGSD staff will be reinforcing safety and security requirements with students to promote a safe learning environment.

We will also review Google Meet session chats for safety and for the misuse of the chat function after each class. OPPORTUNITY & EXCELLENCE Union County School District Number One 1305 North Willow Street La Grande, OR 97850-1392 (541) 663-3202 Fax (541) 663-3215 [www.lagrandesd.org](http://www.lagrandesd.org)

- Violations of established student behavior expectations that create an unsafe or disruptive school environment will lead to school discipline.

LGSD is committed to the safety and security of students and staff both on-site and during comprehensive distance learning. We will continue to update our processes to meet the needs of students and staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (541) 663-3202.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM \*\*September 23, 2020