

KHKF-Issues and Programs- 1st Quarter 2023

1. ISSUE: Eastern Oregon Livestock Show is Getting New Lights!

GUEST: Wildhorse Foundaton

DESCRIPTION: Eastern Oregon Livestock Show is excited to announce being awarded \$20,000 from the Wildhorse Foundation to help install new exterior lighting for the arena. The EOLS grounds are in need of a new exterior lighting system. The 40-year-old lighting system is not only outdated but replacement lights for the fixtures are no longer available.

A new lighting system will reduce energy consumption and increase safety for both our livestock and athletes. New technology lowers energy consumption by at least 85% over the current system. Increased illumination of the arena and track areas will provide enhanced safety for all of us. The new lighting system will allow us to use the arena more throughout the year. Another advantage will be reduced maintenance. Less maintenance is needed in new systems compared to the old systems, further reducing costs. The overall cost of the lighting project will be \$168,000.00. The EOLS has raised over \$100,000 in grants, fundraisers, and in-kind donations.

The Eastern Oregon Livestock show is important to the fabric of our community. The show that happens the first full week in June, was voted #1 small rodeo of the year for the Columbia River Circuit 2022.

We are so grateful to the Wildhorse Foundation for helping us with this project. The Wildhorse Foundation is a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The board considers quarterly grant applications in the areas of public health and safety, education, the arts, historic preservation, gambling addiction services, salmon restoration, environmental protection and cultural activities.

For more information about this project email Peggy Titus at titus1331@gmail.com

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **January 16, 2023

2. ISSUE: Wastewater Updates and Water Meter Tampering Reminders from North Powder.

GUEST: City of North Powder

DESCRIPTION: North Powder recently accepted re-bids for its planned Wastewater Improvement Project. Bids opened last Wednesday, and the city received four in total. Bids are currently being reviewed and will be presented to the city council upon verification. The council will then make a formal decision on which bid to move forward with and allow a seven-day protest period where rejected bidders may contest the bid outcome or process. The contract will ultimately be awarded to the lowest bidder, however.

On the subject of water, North Powder is reminding residents to never tamper with their water meters. In its January newsletter, North Powder wrote the following:

“This is a reminder to everyone that no- body but a City employee should EVER access a water meter to turn it on or off. If something should happen to the meter, not only will it invalidate any warranty, but you will also be responsible for the cost of any repair or replacement. And, if it is turned off without notifying City Hall, you will still be charged the base rate for water and sewer service, even if there has been no water use. So, please do NOT touch water meters.

We would also like to remind you watch for and not drive over meter boxes in the alleys. This time of year they may still be covered or partially covered in snow. As the weather warms up and the ground softens, driving over meter boxes may push them further into the ground and push against a water pipe which could then break. Please not only watch out for the water meter boxes, but any other utility box or line, such as gas, phone, or electrical.”

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **January 30, 2023

3. ISSUE: Baker City Man Arrested on Domestic Assault Call

GUEST: Oregon State Police

DESCRIPTION: On February 22, Craig Anthony Willey of Baker City was arrested by the Oregon State Police during a domestic assault call. The incident occurred on I-84 near milepost 235 westbound near Baker City at approximately 5:30 a.m. Willey’s charges include criminal mischief I, disorderly conduct II, escape III, attempt to elude fleeing (foot), reckless endangering person, harassment and possession of Methamphetamine - < 2g. Anthony was also arrested on other outstanding warrants. He is currently lodged in the Baker County Jail. The investigation is still ongoing. The OSP have released the following summary of events:

“Narrative Summary: The Oregon State Police were called to a Domestic Violence Assault. When the Troopers arrived, the reported victim was not on scene. The reported suspect was still in the area, and he also had three active warrants for his arrest. The suspect was armed with a hatchet during the initial contact and running across the lanes of travel on the interstate. The Troopers were ultimately able to take the suspect into custody without further incident or injury. The associated vehicle was towed from the scene incident to arrest by Roadrunner Towing. The suspect was transported to the Baker County Jail and lodged on the outstanding warrants. OSP will attempt contact the victim and all information will be provided to the District Attorney's Office for additional charges to be filed.”

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **February 9, 2023

4. **ISSUE: Soroptimist gives \$1500 to La Grande FBLA Chapter**

GUEST: Patty Gooderham

DESCRIPTION: Money earned during the Annual Festival of Trees in La Grande goes back into the community in a variety of ways. Recently Patty Gooderham with Soroptimist International of La Grande presented \$1,500 to President Marissa Lane and Vice President Ava Wulff of the La Grande Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter.

The money will be used to help send 40 FBLA members to state competitions

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **February 28, 2023

5. **ISSUE: Halfway Man Arrested on Assault Charges**

GUEST: Baker County Sheriff's Office

DESCRIPTION: On March 1, 2023, at approximately 3:53 p.m., Baker County Sheriff's Office Dispatch received a report of an assault that occurred in Halfway, Oregon. It was reported that the suspect was no longer on scene and may have left the area.

Deputies responded to the scene and contacted the victim. During the investigation, deputies determined an altercation occurred, and the victim sustained injuries. The suspect was identified as Stephen Aleck Brisk (33 yoa) of Halfway. Deputies searched the area but were unable to locate Brisk.

On March 2, 2023, Brisk turned himself in at the Baker County Sheriff's Office. He was arrested and charged with Assault IV (domestic violence), Strangulation, Menacing, and Interference with Making a Report. Brisk was lodged in the Baker County Jail.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **March 6, 2023

6. **ISSUE: The tale of Snoopy and how he ended up on I-84 near Meacham**

GUEST: Dale and Richard Naegeli

DESCRIPTION: If you have ever traveled along I-84 between La Grande and Pendleton you may have noted a lovable cartoon character from the Peanuts gang around the Meacham area.

Snoopy is loved by many and is a visual representation, to some, of where they are on their travels.

But where did Snoopy and his bird friend Woodstock come from? How long has he been there? And why is he there?

Stories have been spun for many years about Snoopy and how he came to live along I-84, including one that has been repeated many times suggesting that it came from the owner of a lost dog, who lost his dog at that spot, so he placed Snoopy there as a reminder of that location.

But the truth about why and how Snoopy came to live near Meacham is simple according to Dale and Richard Naegeli, whose parents are the ones who placed Snoopy in his current location.

It all started in Pilot Rock when Dale and Richards mother DeLoris painted a plywood outline of Snoopy and had their father Howard put it on the roof. This started a tradition of placing these images around their homes.

Around 1985 or so, according to the Naegeli brothers, the family moved to Meacham and DeLoris had the Snoopy figure placed on the property near the freeway for all to see.

The brothers note that even after they (Howard and DeLoris) moved away from Meacham they continued to make these displays and would line the driveway with them for the neighbors and grandkids to enjoy. Bugs bunny, the Peanuts, a grandma and grandpa were all displays that Richard and Dale remember being displayed.

When asked why she placed Snoopy there the brothers say that “Snoopy was put up mainly for the children to see and get excited about seeing. After rising [sic] 7 kids my parents know how restless children can get on a long trip.” Also saying that Snoopy gives kids enjoyment and something to be excited about seeing.

Those who travel the stretch of freeway between La Grande and Pendleton will notice that periodically Snoopy will get a fresh coat of paint or lights will be added, according to the brothers, the current owners of that property, who are no longer the Naegeli’s, take care of that.

Dale and Richard note that they are thankful that the current owners continue to keep up on maintaining Snoopy.

Dale Naegeli says “I want to thank everyone for helping keeping [sic] my parents memorable [sic] alive. I don't have the words to say just how much this means to me and the joy it has given me. Thank you all.” Noting that after all of these years he can’t believe that people are still talking about Snoopy.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **March 22, 2023