

KHKF-Issues and Programs- 4th Quarter 2019

1. ISSUE: Be the “I” in Kind
GUEST: Cassie Moore
DESCRIPTION:

Students and staff at South Baker Intermediate School in Baker City are highlighting those who are kind, in a new program they are calling “Be the I in Kind.” According to Cassie Moore, Dean of Students, this was an idea that came after a staff member saw something online that she thought would be a fun way to inspire kindness in the school.

According to Moore, students and staff nominate each other to be highlighted based on acts of kindness. Those can include someone who is using kind words, being helpful or kind to others in any other form of kindness.

After a nomination for being kind the person who was nominated has their photo taken in front of a sign at the school that reads “Be the I in Kind”. The student or staff stand in place of the letter I. (see photo).

Moore says that students are excited to be a part of this and enjoy being nominated for being kind. The hope is to highlight the good things happening at the school and to encourage students to focus kindness and positivity.

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

2. ISSUE: La Grande Warming Station
GUEST: Robert Stope
DESCRIPTION:

The Warming Station that was hoping to open November 15th will not be able to do so next month. The location was to be at 2008 3rd Street in La Grande. On October the 8th, the La Grande Planning Commission approved the conditional use permit subject to a 12 day appeal period which expired October 22nd. A property owner within the downtown area appealed the decision based on some local businesses that felt it would be bad for business and would potentially attract more homelessness. According to the Union County Warming Station, letters are being sent to city officials in support of the Warming Station and asking that the Planning Commission decision be upheld.

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

3. ISSUE: Arson arrest

GUEST: Baker City Manager Fred Warner

DESCRIPTION:

An arrest was made in the case of a reported arson that occurred outside a downtown business in recent weeks. According to Information provided by Baker City Manager Fred Warner, the subject, who has not been identified at this time was captured on the video surveillance, allegedly set fire to temporarily discarded mattresses and box springs stored behind a local appliance store. The fire caused substantial damage to the brick exterior of the building and to the metal enclosure used to store cardboard recycling. The incident remains under investigation and other arrests are possible.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **Nov 4, 2019

4. ISSUE: Cliff Bentz to run for Oregon Seat

GUEST: Cliff Bentz

DESCRIPTION:

When Oregon Sen. Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) announced he was running for U.S. Rep. Greg Walden's seat, said that ideally he would like to serve in the Oregon Legislature through the short session in February, but he didn't know if would be possible to do the work that must be done in the state Senate and campaign for election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

It wasn't. Bentz announced he is resigning from the legislature on the floor of the state Senate Wednesday.

"It's my intent to resign from the Senate prior to Jan. 2 of 2020," he said.

Senate President Peter Courtney said he had heard by rumor that Bentz would announce his resignation, but was still surprised.

"I'm sad you're going to resign in the middle of your term, but I understand," Courtney said.

The Republican from Ontario earned laughter from his peers with his response.

"I'm not doing so because the travel time to Ontario is seven hours, and the time to Washington, D.C. (is) four," Bentz said.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **Nov 25, 2019

5. ISSUE: Toy Drive helps nearly 200 local kids
GUEST: Shannon McKone, Elkhorn Media Group
DESCRIPTION:

Nearly 200 youth in Union County and beyond will be getting Christmas gifts this year thanks to the generous donations by members of our local community. The Les Schwab Tire Center/Elkhorn Media Group Annual Toy Drive was another huge success this holiday season.

Thank you to all citizens who purchased gifts and donated those items to our toy drive and thank you to everyone who made cash donations.

Thank you to Les Schwab Tire Center and Carpet One Floor and Home in La Grande, Ed Staub and Sons in Island City and all Union County Realtors who accepted donations at their businesses. Thank you to all who donated their time to help distribute toys this past weekend and thank you to the La Grande High School National Honor Society for donating their time and wrapping gifts. And thank you to Vern Entertainment for providing Christmas music that was playing during distribution.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **Dec 16, 2019

6. ISSUE: Congress passes RURAL Act
GUEST: Joseph Hathaway
DESCRIPTION:

Congress on Thursday passed the RURAL Act, protecting more than 900 electric cooperatives throughout the nation from losing their tax-exempt status if they accept

government grants for disaster relief, broadband service and other programs that benefit co-op member-owners.

The Senate's vote to approve the legislation came two days after the House approved it as part of a sweeping tax and spending package. President Trump is expected to sign it into law.

We at Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative are grateful that Congress has decided to stand up and show their support for millions of Americans by protecting the tax-exempt status of hundreds of non-profit electric cooperatives. We'd like to thank all of Oregon's elected congressional delegates who set aside bipartisan politics and supported this vitally important bill that helps more than 500,000 rural Oregonians. Senator Ron Wyden, Congressman Greg Walden, Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici, Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Congressman Peter DeFazio and Congressman Kurt Schrader, we appreciate all your help in stopping unintended severe tax penalties to electric cooperatives.

The passage of the RURAL Act protects co-op member-owners from possible increases in their electric rates and provides certainty that co-ops such as OTEC can leverage federal and state grants for Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) disaster recovery such as wildfire, rural broadband deployment, and community development, all of which are essential for the future of small communities across Eastern Oregon.

We'd also like to give a very special thanks to our member-owners for reaching out to their congressional delegates to help the cooperative voice be heard on this issue, it would not have been possible without you.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **Dec 20, 2020