KHKF -Issues and Programs- 4th Quarter 2021

1. ISSUE: Sentencing of Jeremy Thamert GUEST: Baker County DA

DESCRIPTION: **BAKER CITY** - Jeremy G Thamert was sentenced to jail time as well as monetary restitution recently for thefts that took place in 2017 in Baker County. The victim was The Home Pace in Baker, LLC.

Thamert's hearing was for eight different counts related to theft from the Baker City business. The full court documents related to the hearing can be found below.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **October 19, 2021***

2. ISSUE: Blood Donors Needed GUEST:Linda Strand

DESCRIPTION: The American Red Cross in Eastern Oregon is looking for blood donors. Recently it was announced that there is a shortage of blood and platelets. Grande Ronde Hospital is encouraging Union County and beyond to step up to the challenge and flood the blood bank. Sheldon and Linda Strand, Coordinators of the local blood drawing said the next scheduled blood drawing is November 16th and 17th, and hope to have at least 60 more donors from the past. In September the local blood draw received 206 units, nearly 26 gallons. To register https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **October 27, 2021***

3. ISSUE: Baker County SO and Nyssa PD welcome new team members GUEST: DPSST

DESCRIPTION: Baker County Sheriff's Office has welcomed the newest member to the department. Deputy Jesse Ellertson recently graduated from the DPSST Basic Corrections Academy.

If a career in Law Enforcement is something you are interested in, then contact the Baker County Sheriff's Office. They are currently accepting applications for the position of Corrections Deputy. Salary starts at \$3,683/month with an excellent benefits package. Applicants must pass a drug test, background check, written skills exam and physical fitness test (Oregon Physical Abilities Test). Questions regarding this opportunity may be directed to Lieutenant Ben Wray at 541-523-6415.

Those interested in applying can download an application at http://www.bakersheriff.org/career_op.htm.

This job posting will remain open until filled. Apply today!

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **November 3, 2021***

4. ISSUE: Food Preservation Grant

GUEST: Meghan Moore, Cook Memorial Library

DESCRIPTION: LA GRANDE - (Information provided by Cook Memorial Library) Cook Memorial Library received the funds to create a food preservation library of things. These funds were made possible through a grant received from Oregon Rural Action and a local community member, Meghan Moore, who came up with the idea for the project.

"The long and short of the food preservation library is, I wanted to help local people preserve local food without spending hundreds of dollars on equipment. The idea of the grant came from attending a food insecurity conference hosted by Oregon Rural Action," said Meghan Moore. Items included for check-out are pressure canners, fermentation crocks, food dehydrators, water bath canners, and books on food preservation.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **November 19, 2021***

5. ISSUE: Baker City seeks input on new website design GUEST: Baker City Manager Jonathan Cannon

DESCRIPTION: BAKER CITY - The City of Baker City is still working towards redesigning their website and they are interested in citizens input on the new website. According to the City, they are eligible for a free ultimate upgrade with their vendor, Civic Plus, thus this upgrade will be zero cost to the city.

If you would be interested in sharing your input a survey has been created at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6KQ7PBB

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **December 8, 2021***

6. ISSUE: Ron Lee Murder Trial Postponed

GUEST: Union County District Attorney

DESCRIPTION: UNION COUNTY – The murder trial for Ronald "Ron" Lee has been postponed. The trial had been scheduled to start next month. Lee was arrested on February 21, 2019, on a Union County Warrant following a Grand Jury Indictment for the Murder of Loretta A. Williams of Cove.

Williams was murdered in the early morning hours of November 17, 2018.

A new trial date is not known at this time.

A motion trail will take place on January 19, 2022

Below is the original release issued by the Union County Sheriff's Office after the arrest of Ronald Lee. (Release by the Union County Sheriff's Office)

"On 2/21/19 at 0919 hrs, the North East Oregon Regional SWAT Team arrested Ronald D. Lee (DOB 09/25/47) on a Union County arrest warrant following a Grand Jury Indictment for Murder. The charge stems from the death of Loretta A. Williams (DOB 01/27/56), which occurred in the early morning hours of November 17, 2018 at her residence in Cove.

The indictment was issued by a Union County Grand Jury after a lengthy investigation by the Union County Major Crimes Team. The Major Crimes Team consists of members from the Union County Sheriffs Office, the La Grande Police Department, the Oregon State Police, and the Union County District Attorney's Office. Detective Jason McKaig of the Union County Sheriffs Office and Detective Mike Harris of the La Grande Police Department are the lead Detectives in the case.

We appreciate the support and cooperation of Loretta's family and the community at large during this complex and taxing investigation. The case remains under investigation"

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM **December 29, 2021***