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## Enterprise / La Grande OSP fish & wildlife division awarded



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The Oregon State Police's La Grande / Enterprise Fish and Wildlife Division apprehended 60 individuals for criminally violating fish and wildlife laws last year.

The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division recently recognized the outstanding work of troopers from the Enterprise / La Grande Team when Captain Jeff Samuels announced that the team was the recipient of the Division's "Team of the Year" award for 2014. The team was presented the award at a special gathering held at the La Grande Area Command Office. This is the ninth presentation of the award since the Division implemented a program to celebrate and recognize the outstanding teamwork by OSP Fish and Wildlife troopers in protecting Oregon's citizens and natural resources.

The six member Enterprise / La Grande Team, supervised by Sergeant Chris Hawkins, works out of the La Grande Area Command Office and Enterprise Worksite. Team members are:

Sergeant Chris Hawkins  
Senior Trooper Kreg Coggins  
Senior Trooper Kris Davis  
Senior Trooper Mark

Knapp

Senior Trooper Marcus McDowell

Senior Trooper Brian Miller

The Enterprise/La Grande Team is a very tight knit and cohesive team assigned to cover a vast landscape of Northeast Oregon. The Team patrols their area by truck, raft, powerboat, ATV, aircraft, horseback and on foot to cover a multitude of different terrain from valley to deep river canyons (including the Grande Ronde and Snake Rivers), not to mention the forests and wilderness areas within their patrol area.

During 2014, the Team apprehended 60 individuals for criminally violating fish and wildlife laws, seized 30 unlawfully taken wildlife, served four search warrants, and issued countless citations to those involved in fish and wildlife violations. This team is known for their commitment to protecting Oregon's natural resources and rural law enforcement services. During the presentation,

Captain Samuels praised the team for their efforts and dedication; along with their devotion to working with sport groups and other constituents to address natural resource issues and concerns.

Some of the 2014 case highlights for the Enterprise/La Grande Team include:

A three month investigation into two individuals for the unlawful take of bobcats using traps and dogs in the Enterprise area. One individual was charged with 28 wildlife offenses and the second individual with 8 wildlife offenses.

A four month investigation regarding the unlawful take of a Rocky Mountain Bull Elk scoring over 319 Boone and Crocket points from the Chesnimnus Unit without a valid elk tag and while trespassing. DNA analysis was used in this case. The individual was charged with unlawful take of elk without a valid tag and criminal trespass II.

An investigation near La Grande into the unlawful take of two cow elk with

a centerfire rifle during muzzleloader season. The investigation revealed that one individual did not have a tag and had borrowed a tag from someone else and provided false information to the Trooper. One individual was charged with unlawful take of antlerless elk and borrowing an elk tag, as well as, giving false information to a police officer; the second individual was charged with unlawful take of antlerless elk.

An investigation of two individuals for unlawfully shooting a buck deer in a La Grande cemetery. The cemetery had security cameras and caught the whole incident on camera, including the two individuals returning the scene afterwards with cleaner in an attempt to conceal their crime. A search warrant was used in this case. One individual was charged with hunting game mammal in prohibited area - cemetery, fail to validate big game tag and tampering with evidence; the second individual was charged with conspiracy and aiding in a wildlife offense.

## Sheep killed by wolves from Umatilla pack

Date Investigated: 07/02/2015

General Area: Weston Mountain area – private land, Umatilla

General situation and animal information:

On 07/02/2015 a sheep herder found two injured sheep early in the afternoon.

Soon after discovery, one died of its injuries (a male lamb) and the other (a ewe) was euthanized as a result of its injuries. Later that same day another male lamb was discovered injured in the same area and is currently being cared for by the livestock owner. The sheep herder reported observing/seeing large canid tracks in the area of the first two carcasses.

Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the incident early that evening and examined the carcasses the following day on 07/03/2015.

Additionally, on 07/03/2015, the carcass of a fourth sheep (a lamb) was discovered 25 yards

up the canyon from where the ewe was originally found by the herder.

It had been partially consumed similar to the previous two sheep and is assumed to have died as a result of the same incident.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator:

The first two carcasses were examined and on each were found areas of severe premortem hemorrhage with multiple associated large carnivore bite marks on the dorsal and ventral side of the necks, shoulders, brisket, and rear legs. These are clear indicators of predator attack.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf:

The location of the bite wounds on the dead sheep examined are commonly observed attack points for wolves.

Premortem hemorrhage with limited damage to the hide, paired bite marks measuring 1 3/4" apart, and canine puncture holes of 3/16-1/4" in the hide and muscle tissue of these sheep is similar to other



Photo Courtesy of ODFW.

A wolf from the Umatilla Pack.

wolf depredations in this area.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:

No evidence of wolf presence was observed due to the nature of the rocky terrain, grass and shrub cover, and extensive ground disturbance of other sheep in the area. Tracks that were originally reported were not observed.

The area is within the Umatilla River pack home range and there are currently no GPS or radio collars on these wolves. The pack, however, has

historically frequented this area.

Cause of death: Confirmed wolf.

Summary:

ODFW examined the sheep carcasses and the location/appearance of the bite wounds are similar to those observed in other confirmed sheep depredations by wolves in this area. Though it is difficult to be certain which specific wolves depredated in this situation, the evidence suggests that the depredation was likely sub-adult wolves of the Umatilla River Pack.

## Friends of Library to hold silent auction

All who support the Baker County Library are invited to participate in the Friends of the Library's Book Sale and Silent Auction of Collectible Books, held at the Baker County Library, 2400 Resort Street.

The Book Sale and Auction open Thursday evening July 16th, at the Friends of the Library's Open House, from 5 to 7 p.m. All are invited. Refreshments will be served, and admission is free. The sale and auction will continue for two full weekends, plus the week in between.

Dates and times of the Sale and Auction are as follows: 9 am to 6 p.m. Friday July 17th, 9 am to 6 p.m. Saturday July 18th, 10 am to 4 p.m. Sunday July 19th, and during regular library hours thereafter: 9 am to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday (July 20-23), 9 am to 6 p.m. on Friday July 24th, 10 am to 4 p.m. on Saturday July 25th, and 12-4 p.m. on Sunday July 26th. New books will be put out daily.

There will also be a Silent Auction of collectible books which will be displayed and available for bidding. Just come to the Library, look at the books, and bid.

## High school class of '75 to hold reunion

The Baker High School Class of 1975 will hold its 40-year reunion during Miners Jubilee. Their schedule is as follows from the reunion committee:

### Friday, July 17

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.: Class of '75 Golf Scramble at the Quail Ridge Golf Course. Call for your tee time: 541-523-2558 (Course fees apply). More information: Text or call Rocky 541-518-7112 or email, RockyGBrown@hotmail.com.

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.: Quail Ridge Golf Club No host bar  
6:30 p.m.: Gathering at Barley Brown's Tap House 2200 Main Street, Baker City, Hors d'oeuvres and no host beer

Look for the Class of 1975 Banner.  
Other things happenings in town: Miner's Jubilee in Geiser-Pollman Park (10:00 to 5:00), Paint Your Wagon Filmfest (2 p.m.), Bronc and Bull Riding (7:00 p.m., tickets \$15)

### Saturday, July 18

9:00 a.m.: Meet at parade staging area on Fourth and Broadway

10:00 a.m.: Class of 1975 Float or Marching Group, Miner's Jubilee Parade

Wear clothes from the 1970s!

Please let Kathy Sunday Daly know by July 1 if you are going to participate in the parade and if you would like to march or ride on the wagon

Email: kathysundaydaly@gmail.com or text 541-709-0475

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.: Bar-B-Q at Little Pig Drive-In, 3685 10th St, tickets \$20.

If you haven't been back to the Pig in a while, it is not the "Drive the Gut" icon it was in our youth. We will be "Building Our Own Burgers" that are cooked on the Treager grill with Certified Angus Beef, locally sourced toppings, side salads, dessert, lemonade/iced tea.

No host bar (local beer and wine), patio and music from the 70s.

RSVP by July 1, by sending \$20 per person to Alice Trindle, 15477 Sky Ranch Lane, Haines, Oregon 97833 (Checks made out to BHS Class of 1975).

More information: 541-856-3356 or tnthorse@eoni.com (Alice).

Saturday night options:

Bull Riding, starts at 6:00 p.m., entrance fee: \$15 Adults, \$10 kids; Meet in Class of 75 section. Look for signs.

Beer garden after the Bull Riding, no host, Class of '75 section. Look for signs.

Geiser-Pollman Park, Music, food, activities 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Downtown Street Dance, starts at 8:00 p.m.

### Sunday, July 19

10:00 a.m.: Powder River Float, meet at Lew Brothers/Les Schwab, 210 Bridge Street.

Inner Tubes provided by Rocky Brown, shuttle return to Lew Brothers.

More information? Call or text 541-518-7112 or email RockyGBrown@hotmail.com

Other happenings during that weekend: www.facebook.com/minersjubileeofficial

Lodging is always at a premium during Miner's Jubilee weekend. Suggestions: www.visitbaker.com/Lodging-Travel-Tourism

We have used email addresses from the 30th reunion booklet. Classmates are asked to forward this information to any classmates you think may not have received it.

Information provided by:

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