

# Pilot project targets county growth

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A pilot project aimed at economic development at the county level may improve Wallowa County's ability to identify new economic growth areas and get projects underway.

The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), which advocates for the interests of county governments, has announced the launch of the Oregon County Solutions Center (OCSC) to assist counties in developing new growth projects.

Greg Wolf, former administrator of the Regional Solutions Team under Gov. Kitzhaber, will administer the Solutions Center. Wolf started his new job in April and plans to meet with county commissioners throughout the state in the next few months.

The Solutions Center project is currently funded for five months at \$5,000 per month, but may become an ongoing program.

Wolf is interested in supporting counties because, "we've found that commissioners are uniquely qualified to convene people at the local level," he said. "I've had enough experience in this field to know how to do it (manage a project from idea to work-group).

"I know how to frame the project so everyone is comfortable working on it and I know how county commissioners can convene these projects.

"We know what this looks like and how to do it. The bigger question is how to get the (supporting) infrastructure in place."

Wolf will be using his beginner budget to figure out how to get the resources required to support the work of county commissioners, he said.

He will simultaneously be keeping a sharp eye out for potential pilot programs that will demonstrate the value of the county-level approach.

"We have resources at the state level and at the regional level," Wolf said. "The philosophy of county solutions is to do the same work at the county level. The foundations are starting to take an interest in community-based efforts. The opportunity I see is that counties can become leaders in making community-based efforts work. Wallowa County commissioners have ideas to consider right now. I think there are some prospective projects."

# Lost mule; vicious dogs; stolen wallet

## Dispatch Log

**May 18**  
7:13 a.m. 911 call for ambulance in Joseph.  
7:29 a.m. Small tan dog, Pekingese mix, raccoon-looking face, missing in Joseph.  
8:16 a.m. Report of lost mule in Hells Canyon area.  
10:28 a.m. Ambulance transport to Joseph airport.  
2:20 p.m. Rural Joseph traffic stop.  
7:56 p.m. 911 report of cow out on Hwy 82.  
8:34 p.m. 911 report of calf out on Eggleston Lane.  
10:06 p.m. 911 for public assist.

**May 19**  
12:55 a.m. 911 re: large rock on road reported on Hwy 82 MP 60.  
9:26 a.m. 911 for boulder in the middle of 39 Road.  
9:35 a.m. Theft reported from rural Wallowa.  
10:30 a.m. 911 for ambulance in Enterprise.  
2:16 p.m. Found dog in Enterprise. Reunited with owner.

**May 20**  
8:01 a.m. False alarm at Enterprise business.  
10:09 a.m. 911 test call from Union County 911.  
11:26 a.m. Lost 80-pound dog in rural Enterprise. Reunited with owner.  
12:00 p.m. Joseph traffic stop — warning.  
12:07 p.m. Follow-up investigation by WCSO.  
2:22 p.m. Transport to Union County Jail with two.  
2:36 p.m. 911 for ambulance in Enterprise.  
4:06 p.m. Wallowa County Circuit Court issued a warrant for the arrest of Erin Lee Fowler, 32, Oxbow. Charge of failure to appear, original charge possession of Hydrocodone.

4:51 p.m. Dog found in lower Imnaha. Reunited with owner.  
5:33 p.m. Wallowa County Community Corrections issued a detainer warrant for arrest of Brandon C Matthews, 27, Enterprise. Charges of probation violation, original charge of theft-2.

**May 21**  
6:29 a.m. Welfare check in Wallowa.  
7:46 a.m. Traffic stop, Enterprise.  
8:39 a.m. Vicious dog complaint in Enterprise.

9:55 a.m. Joseph traffic stop.  
1:15 p.m. Vicious dog in rural Enterprise.  
1:26 p.m. Lost dog in Enterprise.  
1:38 p.m. 911 requesting ambulance in Enterprise.  
1:39 p.m. Abandoned 911 from rural Enterprise.  
1:53 p.m. Lost dog in Enterprise. Black female pit bull, bright pink collar.  
5:47 p.m. Report of a neighbor confrontation.  
7:57 p.m. 911 requesting ambulance in Imnaha.  
8:11 p.m. Criminal mischief reported in Joseph.  
8:31 p.m. Report of a disturbance in Joseph.  
9:03 p.m. Barking dog complaint in Joseph.

## FOR THE RECORD

**May 22**  
5:54 a.m. 911 ambulance request in Enterprise.  
9:24 a.m. 911 report of Enterprise traffic crash.  
11:47 a.m. Report of rural Wallowa controlled burn.  
12:21 p.m. Telephonic harassment complaint.  
1:08 p.m. 911 reporting commercial alarm in Enterprise.  
3:00 p.m. Report of female chocolate Lab running at large in Wallowa. Owner located.  
3:44 p.m. Report of lost keys in Enterprise.  
4:06 p.m. Rural Joseph animal complaint.  
4:55 p.m. Report of lost Border Collie in Enterprise. Reunited with owner.  
5:25 p.m. WCSO arrested Amber Darlene Garcia, 33, on felony warrant out of Union County for parole violation for PCS meth. Transported to Union County Jail.  
6:14 p.m. Report of a stolen wallet from Wallowa Lake State Park.  
5:31 p.m. Report of harassment in Enterprise.  
7:18 p.m. Request for welfare check in Wallowa.  
8:24 p.m. Dog complaint in Joseph.  
8:41 p.m. Driving complaint in rural Joseph.

**May 23**  
2:58 a.m. Brandon Christopher Matthews, 27, Enterprise, arrested in Union County on a WCSO misdemeanor proba-

tion warrant, original charge of theft-2.  
9:48 a.m. Lostine civil dispute.  
12:35 p.m. Report of a hound dog in Imnaha. Reunited with owner.  
12:43 p.m. 911 abandoned call in Joseph.  
1:20 p.m. Request for welfare check in Enterprise.  
2:58 p.m. Multiple 911 calls to report an injured deer in Joseph.  
5:16 p.m. Advised of rural Joseph controlled burn.  
5:32 p.m. Animal complaint in rural Enterprise.  
9:55 p.m. Rural Joseph traffic stop.  
11:50 p.m. Joseph traffic stop.

**May 24**  
12:43 a.m. Noise complaint in Enterprise.  
11:50 a.m. Follow-up in Lostine.  
12:52 p.m. Dog found in rural Enterprise, owner located.  
3:15 p.m. Rural Lostine traffic stop.  
4:12 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.  
4:15 p.m. 911 call re: barking dog in Enterprise.  
4:25 p.m. Rural Joseph traffic stop.  
4:52 p.m. Found injured cat in Enterprise.  
10:21 p.m. Joseph traffic stop.  
10:28 p.m. Rural Enterprise traffic stop.  
10:50 p.m. Rural Joseph traffic stop.

**May 25**  
8:43 a.m. Telephonic harassment reported in Enterprise.  
8:52 a.m. 911 request for ambulance in Wallowa.  
10:50 a.m. Dog complaint in Enterprise.  
12:42 p.m. Lost keys at Wallowa Lake.  
1:06 p.m. Trespass complaint in Wallowa.  
1:49 p.m. Lost cell phone between Enterprise and Joseph — located.

1:57 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop. Additional stops at 2:36, 2:44, 2:58.  
4:41 p.m. Lost dog in Enterprise, returned to owner.  
5:11 p.m. 911 call requesting ambulance in Enterprise.  
11:04 p.m. William Gabriel Rogers, 35, La Grande, arrested by La Grande PD on a Wallowa County warrant probation violation. Original charge of burglary-1.

## Circuit Court

**May 20**  
Charles Dennis Anderson, 70, Enterprise, pleaded guilty to DUII. Sentenced to 2 days jail, 1 year suspended license, 24 mos. supervised probation, fined \$1,000.  
Allison Kirsten White, 34, pleaded guilty to driving criminally while suspended.

Sentenced to 18 mos. supervised probation, fined \$1,200.  
Wendy Kristine Bliss, 45, pleaded guilty to 1 count of 1st degree criminal mischief, felony. Sentenced to 36 months supervised probation. No direct or indirect contact with Stubborn Mule owner or employees. Transfer from Union County Jail to acute psychiatric facility recommended by Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness. 45 days jail time. If probation revoked, defendant will serve 18 mos. in Department of Corrections. Fined \$260. Pay restitution of \$1,768 to Stubborn Mule. Pled guilty to 1 count of attempt to commit felony burglary-2. Sentenced to 36 mos. supervised probation, barred from The Hydrant in Joseph. 20 days jail. Total of \$2,098 fines, restitution and attorney fees.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**  
Dan competes on the EHS track team, which competed at the state championships in Eugene at Hayward Field on May 21-22.  
Kohlhepp competed in both discus and shot put. He placed sixth in shot put with a toss of 43-4, and placed second in the discus with a heave of 139-3.  
Kohlhepp is a scholar athlete, maintaining a 3.23 GPA. He has a good practice ethic, and spends his spare time either fishing or farming.  
Kohlhepp also plays football and was selected for the East-West Shrine football game Aug. 1.  
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