

Unclear if wolves killed Izee cow

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The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife could not definitively rule a cow found dead near Izee had been killed by wolves despite evidence wolves had been in the area.

ation as the cause of the death of an animal.

The summary noted that the

cow in Izee had been known to be lame, was being doctored for hoof rot, was alive the previous afternoon and died sometime that night.

Ryan Torland, a district biologist with ODFW, said in a Monday, Feb. 7, phone interview that after skinning the entire animal and shaving most of the hide, the agency could not find evidence the wolves bit the cow before it died.

However, Torland said, the hide was missing from the cow's front left shoulder, and portions of the hindquarters were missing as well.

Additionally, Torland said, there were wolf tracks in the field and ODFW will continue

to monitor the area.

"Certainly," Torland said, "wolves were in the field."

Grant County had 10 wolves at the end of 2020, according to the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management 2020 annual report.

The report noted the number of wolves in the state is actually higher than the reported total because not all wolves present in the state are located during the winter count.

"By no means do we think that this is the exact number of wolves in the county at any time," Torland said in April 2021. "But this is what we'd consider a minimum population."

Plea hearing delayed in sex crimes case

CANYON CITY — A plea hearing for a Redmond man accused of traveling to John Day to have sex with an underage girl has been postponed.

Sae Hoon Kang is charged with two counts of third-degree rape, four counts of third-degree sodomy and two counts of second-degree sexual abuse. All the charges are felonies.

Kang was 27 at the time of his arrest at a John Day motel on Oct. 6. The



Sae Hoon Kang

alleged victim in the case, who is not identified in court records, was 15.

Kang was scheduled to enter a plea before Judge Robert S. Raschio in Grant County Circuit Court on Thursday, Feb. 3, but that hearing has been postponed. It is now sched-

uled to take place at 3 p.m. on March 3.

Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter is the lead prosecutor in the case, with assistance from Chief Deputy District Attorney Riccola Voigt.

Representing Kang is Portland defense attorney Graham C. Fisher. Fisher did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Sheriff asks for help to ID prowlers

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JOHN DAY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help to identify a group of prowlers in the John Day area.

Home security video captured images of at least two individuals, and possibly a third, as they

attempted to enter a number of different vehicles and buildings in the vicinity of Northwest Fourth Avenue and Northwest Brent Drive around 2:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7, according to Sheriff Todd McKinley.

Anyone who lives in those areas is asked to check their vehicles and

property for missing items or damage.

One of the individuals was wearing black pants with white shoes, a purple hoody with a white logo across the chest, and a light-gray jacket.

Anyone with information that could help identify the suspects is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at 541-575-1131.

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SENIORS HONOR ROLL	JUNIORS HONOR ROLL
*Judd, Marcus	*Ashley, Kaitlynn
Wall, Hannah	Koopman, Janie
Lopez, Gavin	Wright, Eli
HONORABLE MENTION	Wilson, Betty A
Keith, Masyn	McKay, Laken
Lawrence, Tianna	HONORABLE MENTION
Locke, Zentevyia	Teel, Cole

SOPHOMORES HONOR ROLL	EIGHTH GRADE HONOR ROLL
*Brown, Treyton	Anderton, Alexis
*Clark, Sarah	Bryant, Mya
*Hayzlett, Jasmine	HONORABLE MENTION
Howard, Cayden	DeHart, Kaitlyn
Mauseth, Sara	Anderton, Colby
Winegar, Jaycess	Perez, Nicholas
Teel, Brooke	Mills, Ashlee
Voigt, Wes	Brown, Ava
HONORABLE MENTION	Teel, Keira
Reagan, Cody	SEVENTH GRADE HONOR ROLL
Propeck, Madisyn	*Field, Emma
Kimble, Brianna	*Holliday, Silvie
FRESHMEN HONOR ROLL	Bailey, Bristol
*Holliday, Clyde	Rookstool, Zane
*Horrell, Josie	Workman, Chet
*Jacobs, Reece	HONORABLE MENTION
*Watterson, Savannah	Harper, Tatyn
Judd, Tamara	Johns, Brenna
Sagaser, Kydalin	Howard, Colbie
HONORABLE MENTION	Leighty, Jonathan
Rockhill, Lilly	Girvin, Paytin
Workman, Syrus	*4.0 GPA
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JOHN DAY — Free at-home COVID-19 tests are a phone call away.

Residents of the John Day, Canyon City and Mt. Vernon areas can call 541-575-1487 to make arrangements to get their tests.

Meanwhile, surrounding communities can call or drop by their local city hall:

- Long Creek drop-in times are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, or call 541-421-3601.
- Monument drop-in times are 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Wednesday and 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays. The phone number is 541-934-2025.
- Prairie City drop-in hours are 9 to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, but City Hall is closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch. The phone number is 541-820-3605.

Each box includes two test kits. Households with up to four people will get one box, while households with five or more will receive two boxes.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Students earn scholarships from Elks

JOHN DAY — Five area high school students have a little more money in their college funds thanks to the John Day Elks Club.

The young people, all winners in the local round of the Most Valuable Student scholarship competition sponsored by the Elks National Foundation, had dinner at the Elks Lodge on Jan. 27.

Riley Robertson received \$200 in scholarship money for first place in the girls' competition, while Katelynn Barker

earned \$100 for second place and Carson Weaver got \$50 for third. Max Bailey and Sam McCracken tied for first place on the boys' side, each receiving \$200.

Weaver's application placed second at the district level and was forwarded to the state round of the progressive competition. The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four year-scholarships in this year's competition, ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$12,500 a year.

Kids move on in free-throw contest

PRINEVILLE — Five of the six winners of the John Day Elks Hoop Shoot traveled to Prineville on Jan. 29 to compete in the district round of the national tournament, which is open to boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 13.

Terrance Wainwright, Wyatt Lieuallen, Ransom Bigsby, Gracee Hueckman and Weston Suchorski put their skills to the test against other youngsters from around the region.

Three of them rose to the top and will move on to the next round: Wyatt, Gracee and Weston all qualified to take part in the state free-throw contest in Silverton in late February.

The winners of that contest will qualify to compete in the regionals at Pasco, Washington, against the best free-throw shooters from Alaska, Idaho and Washington.

John Day-Snake RAC to meet online

BAKER CITY — The Bureau of Land Management's John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council will hold a virtual meeting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 17.

Topics for discussion will include the Prineville District of BLM's Thirtymile Recreation and Travel Management Plan, the John Day River permit system; implementation of the Forest Service's

Central Cascades wilderness permit system; and anadromous fish management and other issues on the John Day River.

The meeting will be held via Zoom for Government. For meeting links, contact RAXC coordinator Lisa Bogardus at 541-523-1407 or lbogardus@blm.gov. The full meeting agenda can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/3prkm4f3>.

Sam Palmer to talk about Senate bid

JOHN DAY — U.S. Senate candidate Sam Palmer will talk about his campaign and answer questions from voters in John Day next week.

Palmer will be a guest at a meeting of the Grant County Republican Central Committee from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Outpost Pizza Pub and Grill, 201 W.

Main St. The public is welcome to attend.

Palmer, a Grant County commissioner who works as a registered nurse, is seeking the Republican nomination for the Senate seat held by Democrat Ron Wyden. Palmer is one of seven people who have filed to run in the May 17 GOP primary.

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Wednesday	33/25
Thursday.....	40/23
Friday	45/25
Saturday	46/23
Sunday.....	47/24
Monday.....	47/27
Tuesday	46/30

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 9-15

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Partly cloudy	AM snow showers	Partly cloudy
55	59	58	56	56	44	43
32	32	29	29	32	29	27