

93.7 KQFM

Issues for 4th Quarter 2022

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The following issues were identified as being of significant interest to the KOHU coverage area during the quarter:

- November general election coverage
- Community Fellowship Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners
- Holiday home safety from Umatilla Fire District #1

The following programs aired on FM 93.7 KQFM during news programming throughout the day

October 14, 18, 24, 26, 27

Various Candidates on the November general election ballot

Elections in the Umatilla School District for a general obligation bond, candidates for the Umatilla Mayor's race, and Umatilla County Commissioner Candidates all were featured discuss their campaign for a vote on the upcoming ballot. Cindy Timmons and Holly Jo Beers were guests in October to talk about their respective candidacies. Timmons running to replace a retiring commissioner and to add representation to the Milton Freewater area. Beers was challenging incumbent John Schafer on a campaign for more transparency.

October 14

Umatilla SD Superintendent Heidi Sipe

A follow up to a conversation about the school bond the Umatilla School District was asking voters to pass. The crux of the conversation was about an agreement the City of Umatilla reached with Amazon Web Services to amend their PILT agreement so AWS would continue to pay appropriate taxes to general obligation bonds. The move significantly decreased the amount of money tax payers would have to shoulder if the bond passed to build a new elementary school and make improvements at the other two existing campuses in the district.

November 9

General Election Results Coverage

Early returns had the Umatilla School bond passing. Tight races in Umatilla and Morrow County too close to call for county commissioner positions and city council seats. Voters overwhelmingly voted to prohibit facilities that would allow for "magic mushroom" use on the eastern side of the state after it had been approved by voters in a previous election. Each municipality and then each county for its rural areas all responded to a similar question. Morrow County voted to have its county commissioners meet at least three times a year to discuss moving the Oregon/Idaho border to dramatically increase the size of Idaho into eastern Oregon.

November 23, December 23**Community Fellowship Dinner organizers**

Representatives from the volunteer organization that hosts free community dinners on Thanksgiving and Christmas day were featured in news coverage about their events. Organizers had two goals, to let the community know that these meals are open to everybody. They planned on pre-pandemic levels of customers (over 700 a meal). Secondly the completely volunteer organization needed people to offer their time to help make the event happen. From cooks, servers, bakers, cleaners, security they needed a lot of people to make the event happen.

December 23**Umatilla Fire District 1**

With the holiday season upon us, Umatilla Fire District #1 was looking to help people create a safer situation at home to avoid home fires. Tips included proper location of space heaters and care with regard to Christmas trees. The American Red Cross Identified secondary heating sources as the leading cause of fire. Unattended candles were identified as one of the leading cause of home fires locally.