COMMUNITY PROBLEMS LIST \*, \*\* 01//01/2023-03/31/2023

#1..... COVID-19 VIRUS WAINING

ECONOMY COMING BACK

BUILDING AND TOURISM COMING BACK

**UNEMPLOYMENT IN REGION UNDER 6%** 

NEED FOR WORKERS IN HOSPITALITY AND RESTAURANTS

#2..... TRAFFIC

NEEDED ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IN CENTRAL OREGON

FUNDING FOR ROADS IN CENTRAL OREGON

FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

#3..... QUALITY OF LIFE

AIR QUALITY/WILDFIRES

FOREST HEALTH/PRESCRIBED BURNS/SENATE BILL 762

WATER/WATER RIGHTS/GROUNDWATER QUALITY/SPOTTED FROG

ENVIORNMENT/BIOTECH/GOING GREEN/BIOFUELS/BIOMASS

#4..... SCHOOLS

K-12 SCHOOLS STUDENTS POST COVID-19

OSU-CASCADES AND COCC MEETING STUDENTS NEEDS

**BUILDING NEW SCHOOLS** 

#5..... COMMUNITY GROWTH

FEDERAL MONIES TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES

WATER/SEWER EXPANSION AND COSTS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

CITY OF BEND UGB EXPANSION BUILD OUT

#6..... CRIME

ILLEGAL MARIJUANA AND PSILOCYBIN GROWS

METHAMPHETAMINE, HEROIN, FENTANYL AND OPIOID ABUSE PROBLEM'S

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS/ RED CROSS

DESCHUTES COUNTY STABILIZATION CENTER

#7..... SOCIAL CONCERNS

SOCIAL ACTIVISM/SOCIAL JUSTICE BEING INCLUSIVE OF PEOPLE OF COLOR

HEALTHCARE/ PHYSICAL AND MENTAL/STROKE AWARENESS

CHILD ABUSE/FUNDING FOR KIDS CENTER/MTN STAR

TAKING CARE OF GROWING HOMELESS POPULATION

HELP FUNDING RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF C.O.

HEART OF OREGON CORPS FUNDING

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING** 

\*COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS ARE BASED ON CONTACTS WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS, INTERVIEWS WITH PEOPLE IN CENTRAL OREGON, NEWS COVERAGE IN CENTRAL OREGON ALONG WITH ISSUES ON KSJJ, KXIX, KMGX AND KRXF.

\*\*COVERAGE OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED THROUGH NEWS ON KMGX, KXIX, KSJJ, KRXF, AND FOCUS ON CENTRAL OREGON WHICH AIRS SUNDAY MORNINGS 6AM ON KXIX, KRXF, AND 5AM ON KSJJ AND KMGX. THE PROGRAM LASTS HALF AN HOUR.

## PROGRAMS ADDRESSING COMMUNITY PROBLEMS 01/01/2023-03/31/2023

01/08/2023.....ANGIE ALBIE DIRECTOR OF THE PSILOCYBIN MUSHROOM PROGRAM WAS UR GUEST ON FOCUS ON CENTRAL OREGON... ALBIE SPOKE ABOUT THE NEED FOR THE PROGRAM, HOW IT WOULD HELP A VARIETY OF PEOPLE, HOW GROWERS WOULD BE CERTIFIED AS WELL AS THE THERAPISTS AND HOW THE PATIENTS WOULD BE ENGAGED... THIS PROGRAM ADDRESSED COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 6, CRIME AND COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 7, SOCIAL CONCERNS...

01/15/2023..... OUR GUESTS ON FOCUS ON CENTRAL OREGON INCLUDED LISA MERRIT, PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE CENTRAL OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND IAN ISAACSON FROM BEND PARKS AND REC... MERRIT SPOKE OF THE INDIVIDUALIZED COURSES FOR BUSINESS THEY DO AT COCC, TAILOR CRAFTING THE CLASSES TO MEET THE BUSINESSES NEEDS...ISAACSON SPOKE OF THE REHABILITATION OF THE PATH SOUTH OF RIVERBEND PARK LIMITING ACCES TO THE RIVER AND PROVIDING A BARRIER TO THE RIPARIAN AREA IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS...THIS PROGRAM ADDRESSED COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 1, THE ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 3 QUALITY OF LIFE...

02/05/2023.....BOARD MEMBER FOR THE GROUP ENVISION BEND, LEE CAPOZZI WAS OUR GUEST ON FOCUS ON CENTRAL OREGON...ENVISION BEND IS A GROUP THAT IS LOOKING AT THE FUTURE OF BEND AND THE OUTLYING AREA, BRINGING IDEAS TOGETHER THAT WOULD MAKE BEND A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN THE FUTURE... THIS PROGRAM ADDRESSED COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER ONE, THE ECONOMY, COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 2, TRAFFIC, COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 3 QUALITY OF LIFE, COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 5 COMMUNITY GROWTH AND COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 7, SOCIAL CONCERNS...

02/12/2023.....SENATOR TIM KNOPP AND DISTRICT 59 REPRESENTATIVE VIKKI BREESE IVERSON WERE OUR GUESTS ON FOCUS ON CENTRAL OREGON...THE PAIR GAVE US A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON SEVERAL ISSUES FROM PROTECTING KIDS AT SCHOOLS TO DOLLARS FOR INFRASTUCTURE, THE CHIPS ACT, TO MONIES THAT WILL BE GOING TO BUILD HOMES AND MONEIS FOR THE HOMELESS...THIS PROGRAM ADDRESSED COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 1, THE ECONOMY, COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 2, TRAFFIC, COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 4, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 5, COMMUNITY GROWTH...

03/12/2023.....THE DESCHUTES COUNTY COMMISSIIONERS WERE OUR GUESTS ON FOCUS ON CENTRAL OREGON...THEY DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR HOMELESS CAMPS AND HOW THEY MAY BE ABLE TO HELP...AREAS WHERE HOMELESS CAMPS ARE NOW EAST OF REDMOND ARE GOING AWAY DUE TO THE GROWTH OF THE REDMOND AIRPORT, THE DESCHUTES COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS AND THE POSSIBLE SITING OF A NEW LANDFILL... THIS PROGRAM ADDRESSED COMMUNITY PROBLEM 5, COMMUNITY GROWTH, AND COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 7, SOCIAL CONCERNS...