

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS LIST *, ** 01//01/2024-03/31/2024

#1..... ECONOMY

BUILDING AND TOURISM COMING BACK

UNEMPLOYMENT IN REGION JUST OVER 4%

NEED FOR WORKERS IN HOSPITALITY AND RESTAURANTS

#2..... TRAFFIC

NEEDED ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IN CENTRAL OREGON

FUNDING FOR ROADS IN CENTRAL OREGON/ CITY OF BEND TRANSPORTATION FEE

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

ENVIRONMENT/BIOTECH/GOING GREEN/BIOFUELS/BIOMASS

#4..... SCHOOLS

UNION CONTRACT TALKS UNRESOLVED FOR BEND LAPINE SCHOOLS

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 PROBLEMS

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

GROWING HOMELESS POPULATION, PROBLEMS/MEASURE 110 REFORM

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 AND CONCERNS

01/01/2024-03/31/2024

01/07/2024....THIS FOCUS ON CENTRAL OREGON PROGRAM WAS .LIVING WITH FIRE COORDINATORS JODI BARRAM AND JAN FENTON GIVING A PRESENTATION TO THE DESCHUTES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON PROTECTING THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM AND WARM SPRINGS MUSEUM FROM POSSIBLE WILDFIRE...BOTH HAVE PRICELESS ARTIFACTS THAT TELL MUCH OF THE HISTORY OF THE AREA.... THIS PROGRAM ADDRESSED COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER ONE, THE ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 3, QUALITY OF LIFE...

01/21/2024.....OUR FOCUS ON CENTRAL OREGON WAS A PRESENTATION MADE BY DESCHUTES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY STEVE GUNNELS ON WHAT VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT CITIES AND COUNTIES AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AROUND THE STATE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE REWORKING OF BALLOT MEASURE 110, PASSED BY VOTERS IN 2020, THAT DECRIMINALIZED SMALL AMOUNTS OF HARD DRUGS... AMONG THOSE ITEMS HELPING THOSE WHO HAD PROBLEMS SEEK TREATMENT AND RECRIMINALIZING HARD DRUGS SUCH AS FENTANYL AND METHAMPHETAMINE.... THIS PROGRAM ADDRESSED COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 6, CRIME AND NUMBER 7 SOCIAL CONCERNS...

02/04/2024.....GUESTS ON OUR FOCUS PROGRAM WERE DISTRICT 59 REPRESENTATIVE VIKKI BREESE-IVERSON ABOUT THE START OF THE OREGON STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND JASON CARR AS THEY BRING IN THE FINALISTS FOR THE CROOK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT POSITION... BREESE IVERSON TALKED ABOUT THE NEED FOR MORE HOUSING IN CENTRAL OREGON, WHICH MEANS HELPING TO CREATE INFRASTRUCTURE FROM ROADS TO ELECTRICITY... SHE ALSO SPOKE TO HOUSE BILL 4002, WHICH REWORKS MEASURE 110...JASON SAID THEY HAVE 3 CANDIDATES THE COMMUNITY WILL BE MEETING IN MARCH AND THEN THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL MAKE THEIR DECISION..THIS PROGRAM ADDRESSED COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 2, TRAFFIC,COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 4, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 5 COMMUNITY GROWTH AND COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 6 CRIME AND COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 7, SOCIAL CONCERNS...

2/18/2024... OUR FOCUS ON CENTRAL OREGON HAD JEFFERSON COUNTY ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEFS KASEY SKAR AND JARED ERNEST.TALKING ABOUT THE UPCOMING MONEY MEASURES ON THE MAY BALLOT...THE BOND MEASURES ARE FOR 14 OINT 5 MILLION DOLLARS AND WOULD PROVIDE UPGRADE TO EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY.. THIS PROGRAM ADDRESSED COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 1, ECONOMY, COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 3 QUALITY OF LIFE AND COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 5, COMMUNITY GROWTH...

03/24/2024.....JEREMY GREEN CAMPUS MANAGER OF CENTRAL OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN MADRAS AND JULIA BAUMGARTNER FROM CENTRAL OREGON INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL WERE OUR GUEST ON FOCUS ON CENTRAL OREGON... JEREMFY SPOKE ABOUT AN OPEN HOUSE FOR THE MADRAS CAMPUS EXPANSION IN APRIL WITH JULIA SPEAKING TO A 2ND ROUND OFF GRANTS TO HELP THOSE WHO HAVE FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS WITHIN THE COUNTY... THIS PROGRAM ADDRASSESSED COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 1, ECONOMY, COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 4 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY PROBLEM NUMBER 5, COMMUNITY GROWTH...