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Issues for 1st Quarter 2024

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

- * City of Hermiston growth
- * City of Umatilla water pressure issues
- * Kayak Transportation takes over bussing in Milton-Freewater
- * Heppner Republican Representative Greg Smith prepares for legislative session
- * CTUIR plans walking path construction \$1.5 million project

The following stories aired for 0:56 seconds on 93.7 KQFM during news programming at the top of the hour between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the listed day.

January 3

Title: City of Hermiston celebrates more housing in 2023

News Summary: The City of Hermiston approved 74 new housing unit permits in 2023. Since January 1, 2020, the City of Hermiston has approved 548 new housing unit permits including 108 for income-restricted apartments, 61 for manufactured homes, and 390 for other types of housing. The City also completed the majority of work on several capital improvement projects in 2023, including the highly-anticipated N. 1st Place rebuild.

January 4

Title: City of Umatilla explains water pressure issues on South Hill

News Summary: The City of Umatilla alerts its South Hill residents that lower-than-usual water pressure is affecting certain areas because of maintenance work on the water system. The City is in the process of switching the main source of water to its residents from well water to water from the Columbia River.

January 15

Title: Kayak Transportation takes over Milton-Freewater bussing

News Summary: With the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) taking over Milton-Freewater's bus services in 2023, Kayak Public Transit will introduce a new bus schedule and route for the Northeast Oregon city on Monday, Jan. 15. Kayak's revised route takes into consideration community feedback.

January 23

Title: CTUIR partners with LASO for low-income member's legal services

News Summary: The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) is teaming with Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO) to provide legal aid to tribal members who are above LASO's income limitations. The CTUIR Board of Trustees on Jan. 8 approved a contract for services with LASO, which will provide free civil legal help to low-income tribal members through LASO's regional offices and statewide hotlines and programs.

January 31

Title: Heppner Republican State Rep. Greg Smith prepares for Legislative Short Session

News Summary: The February legislative session starts on Monday in Salem. Heppner Republican Rep. Greg Smith has been going there for two decades. He has a very specific first goal for the next month "About a month or so ago I went and sat down with 150 citizens in a community forum," Smith said on the Tuesday Odds and Ends program on KOHU. "Collectively we all decided the number one thing the community needed was a trooper. That will be priority number one for me, I'm optimistic I will be able, through the budget process, to make that happen." Smith is the co-chair of the Joint Ways and Means committee as one of the most senior members of the Republican party serving in Salem.

February 16

Title: Good Shepherd Foundation takes over Hermiston's Distinguished Service Awards

News Summary: The Hermiston Chamber of Commerce gave up the Distinguished Service Awards and Liz Marvin the Executive Director of the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation got approval from her Board of Directors to take over the event. In it's 54th year the DSA was in late March and the Foundation needed nominations for the various awards they would give out by the end of February.

March 6

Title: CTUIR announces two walking path projects

News Summary: Construction crews are about a month away from breaking ground on a walking paths project near the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Nixyáawii Governance Center. CTUIR transportation planner, said the \$1.5 million project consists of building two walkways – a Safe Routes to School Path sidewalk and a Community Paths trail. The walkways will serve Nixyáawii Community School (NCS) students and staff as well as Head Start participants. They will also provide foot and bicycle access to the governance center and Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center.