

1360 KOHU

Issues for 4th Quarter 2023

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

- Hermiston School District responds to state test results
- Umatilla County Commissioner Dan Doran on the PATH Homeless transition program
- Echo SD's new educational initiative
- Hermiston Police Department's third quarter crime stats reaction

The following programs aired on AM 1360 KOHU during the Odds and Ends Program from 8-8:30 a.m.

October 10

Hermiston SD Superintendent Tricia Mooney and Board Member Bonnie Luisi

A few weeks prior to this Tuesday appearance on the Odds and Ends program the state report cards for 2022 were released. Hermiston's results mirrored the state of Oregon averages. Dr. Mooney, the HSD Superintendent, said the results aren't necessarily an assessment of students as an assessment of staff and they are making changes at the secondary level to improve. Another issue of note was just like most of the state 66% of Hermiston High School students were attending at least 90% of school through the first quarter of the school year. The school district's goal was to create better connections with the families in the district.

October 12

Umatilla County Commissioner Dan Dorran

Commissioner Dan Dorran joined the Odds and Ends program and provided an update on the development of the PATH program to provide 20+ conestoga huts for homeless patrons. The program is behind schedule and will be pushed back at least another month to a grand opening. The conversation included Dorran's conversations with homeless and transient community members about how they ended up in that situation and how a solution could be found for them individually.

October 17

Echo School Superintendent Raymon Smith

About one quarter of the school year complete in Echo, Raymon Smith joined the show to discuss the new instructional initiative that they are implementing in Echo. The previous week

an outside training organization observed classes and the staff used the statewide inservice on Friday to discuss results. The feedback is the teachers have made the necessary connections to students and it was time for the teachers to give the students more ownership of their learning. Smith explained that the training included thinking about the language that they were using with students to get them to engage and the class design to have the students continue to actively seek the information they needed to learn as opposed to the teacher directly delivering it to them and the students memorizing what the teacher had to say.

October 24

Hermiston Police Department Chief Jason Edmiston

The previous night Chief Jason Edmiston presented to the public safety committee for the City of Hermiston prior to a third quarter crime stats report to the full City Counsel. The primary concern is having six unfilled positions in the PD. Edmiston says all those positions have been filled through the hiring process but now they must wait for those new hires to process through the state police academy. The other area of concern was a small group of juveniles becoming more brazen with gun crimes. A string of drive-by shootings have grabbed the headlines. Edmiston says they are working with other police agencies to pool resources and will get help from the Department of Justice to try to string together evidence to make some arrests.

November 8

Intermountain Education Service District Super Mark Mulvihill and Board Member Kelly Bissinger

The IMESD representatives stopped in the Hermiston studio both on their way to the westside of the state for the State School Boards Association annual meeting. The conversation started with the statewide impact of the Portland Public School's teacher strike. Both explained how negotiation is different for the larger districts but the issues - class size, compensation, etc - were the same issues that districts are dealing with statewide. The conversation migrated to what would be discussed at the OSBA meeting and how chronic absenteeism is affecting schools across the state and the nation.

December 20

Umatilla County Sheriff Terry Rowan

The Umatilla County Sheriff joined the Odds and Ends program to discuss an honor for his Search and Rescue Department and its coordinator at the state level. The Sheriff also explained how the state sheriff's association would make recommendations to the state legislature in February regarding changes to Measure 110 (voter approved decriminalization of user amounts of drugs) and Measure 114 (court-challenged gun safety measures).