

93.7 KQFM

Issues for 3rd Quarter 2023

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

- Football Officials Shortages
- Umatilla County Fair coverage
- Start of the New School Year challenges for local districts

The following programs aired on FM 93.7 KQFM during News Programming throughout the day on the station.

September 27

Kevin Moore, Blue Mountain Officials Association

The football officials shortage has reached a critical level in the Blue Mountain Association that oversees 7 counties. Kevin Moore at Hermiston High School has a new class that is teaching students how to officiate basketball and football.

August 10

Umatilla County Sheriff Terry Rowan

With the opening days of the 2023 Umatilla County Fair, the County Sheriff Terry Rowan highlights the safety procedures and protocols in place at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Events Center. The County Sheriff partners with Law Enforcement from Hermiston and the other agencies in Umatilla County and the adjacent counties in Oregon and Washington to put together the safety plan for the County Fair. In addition to keeping the peace the Sheriff's Office is the defacto lost and found for parents and their children.

August 22

Start of the new school year in Stanfield, Umatilla, Hermiston and Morrow County

The various Superintendents from the local school districts highlighted the biggest challenge at the start of the year: the fluctuation of students. In Umatilla the spike in students was dramatic, up to 70 new students just in the high school bringing the student population to almost 500. The adjoining districts didn't see as great of growth but none of the districts in Morrow County or the west side of Umatilla County were experiencing decline.