

1st Quarter 2013 Overview

“In The Loop” is a weekly 30 minute program hosted by a member of our news staff who interviews community leaders throughout the show. This program airs each Sunday morning throughout the six station cluster at 6am,.

Listeners are encouraged to follow up with the organizations we feature by calling the contact numbers offered throughout the program.

Q-1, 2013.

These are the areas of public concern addressed in the Citadel Public Affairs Program, "In the Loop," that runs Sunday mornings at 6:00 A.M. All interviews are local.

January 6, 2013

Non Profits and Community Helping. We interview representatives from the Gazette Newspaper, El Pomar Foundation, and a person who has gotten help from the annual Empty Stocking Fund Campaign. They are trying to raise one million dollars again this year to help non profits that help kids and families with housing, assistance with rent and utilities, health care, etc. All donations are matched and stay in the local community.

January 13, 2013

The Environment, Recycling and Jobs for the Disabled. We talk with the City of Colorado Springs "Sustainability Coordinator" and a representative from Blue Star Recyclers on new electronics recycling laws in Colorado. Almost any type of electronic device must be now taken to an approved recycler and not put in the garbage. The rule hopes to cut air and water contamination from the dangerous chemicals and heavy metals in the devices and to get the items properly recycled or disposed of. Blue Star says recycling electronics is a growing business that helps them employ dozens of people with physical and mental disabilities, turning them into independent, self sufficient members of society who pay taxes.

January 20, 2013

Minority and Civil Rights. We spent the show with Rosemary Lytle Harris, Director of the NAACP Western Region talking about Dr. Martin Luther King, the holiday honoring him and what lies ahead in the continuing struggle for civil rights. She says domestic partnerships, ending the death penalty and fighting for job and housing equality are high on the agenda this year.

January 27, 2013

Feeding the Hungry in Colorado. Representatives from Care and Share Food Bank joined us to remind that the battle with hunger in the area takes no break. They say donations drop off after the Holidays but the need from families with children or the elderly continues. They explained how the food bank works, how they can leverage every dollar to buy 10-pounds of food and programs to extend their help to hard hit rural counties in the area.

February 3, 2013

Oil and Gas Exploration and the Environment. A non profit group that has organized to educate Coloradan's about fracking and gas exploration joined the show. They are concerned about environmental, noise and infrastructure issues as the gas industry prepares to drill in El Paso County and Colorado Springs. They are urging people to learn about the dangers before council votes on rules for exploration in the City.

February 10, 2013

Heart Health. The American Heart Association talked about Heart Month. They say heart disease is still a major killer in America and gave tips on exercise, diet and quitting smoking to help cut the risk. They explained the symptoms and why people need to be checked. They also talked about the growing number of women who are now dealing with heart disease.

February 17, 2013

Civil Rights and Community Action. Members of Citizen Project join us to talk about their fight for equal rights for all, equal protections for gays and lesbians, minorities and for all religions. They also let us know about their annual Divine Award which went to local art promoter and community activist Sharon Friedman.

February 24, 2013

Human Trafficking. The Colorado Human Trafficking Coalition is holding a huge rally this week at the Colorado State Capitol. They tell us about the growing issue of children and adults that are involved in the human trafficking syndicates, how they get recruited and how few recover despite efforts to help them. A

woman who counsels others told her story of being sucked in with her teen age sister and her road to recovery. Unfortunately her sister took her life. They give us warning signs of recruitment and how we can spot people involved and get them help.

March 3, 2013

The Local Economy, Jobs and Challenges. We have our quarterly talk with UCCS Professor and Economist Fred Crowley. He says his list of 10-leading economic indicators show a continued rise in the local economy led by housing, the military and new companies filtering into the area. He says salaries are starting to come up a bit but unemployment and manufacturing continue to be weak spots.

March 10, 2013

Health, Spiritual Wellness and the Community with the YMCA. The Executive Director of the Pikes Peak Y talks about their mission of providing health, community service and a place for everyone in the community. We talked about swim programs, sports, camps and more.

March 17, 2013

Education and Youth. We spent time with the Colorado Springs Early Learning Connections. They are the former Colorado Springs Day Nursery that has expanded to provide pre-school for thousands of kids in the Pikes Peak Region. They also provide some meals, health screenings and other programs to help kids from low income homes get a better chance at education and a successful life.

March 24th, 2013

Homelessness and Families. We talk with the CEO of Homeward Pikes Peak, Bob Holmes. The annual "homeless census" has been wrapped up and the fills us in on the problem of homelessness and the increasing number of families with children. He talks about programs in place to help them get a

place, a job, and for the chronically homeless mental health treatment and help with addictions.

March 31st, 2013

The American Numismatic Association. In celebration of Coin Week the ANA and the Money Museum, a non-profit based in Colorado Springs, talked about what they do, their thousands of members and everything money. They also gave info on their open house, education opportunities, etc.