

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Program List for Station – KRFD January - March 2024

Assessment of Issues for this quarter: Issues important to our community are gleaned from local clubs & organizations, law enforcement, business owners, city/county/state employees, politicians, other media, Facebook and Twitter postings, conversations with community members at community concerts, special events and other functions.

Section I. Issues.

A. Education: Issues relating to education in our community, including Northeastern Junior College and Morgan Community College, as well as other educational opportunities at the local library and museum.

B. Health/Safety/Pandemic/Mental Health: The discussion of programs and events. Discussions include ways to stay safe (mentally & physically), and other health guidelines; services for veterans.

C. Business/Government: The discussion of policies related to business development, business-related events, and opportunities for community members to get involved in small business. Also, discussion of legislature and bills related to businesses.

D. Family & Community Life: The discussion of programs, events, and support for families in the listening area. Discussions include parenting tips, support groups, and family events.

E. Agriculture: The many issues relating to Agriculture including government programs, regulations and information from ag associations.

Section II. Responsive Programs

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

Education:

Weekend Digest: 15 minutes (Sun 7:00 am MT) -

1/6/24 - Alec Creighton talks with the Fort Morgan Schools Superintendent. They spent the bulk of the interview discussing the transition to a 4-day school week in the Fort Morgan School District.

3/2/24 - Andy Rice talks to Carrie Knudson of NJC about concurrent enrollment, whereby high school students get a jump start on their college credits while still in high school.

3/16/24 - Alec Creighton discussed the Center for Arts & Community Enrichment (CACE) from MCC's Suzanna Spears. They talked about what the Center is, and how it benefits students and the community.

3/30/24 - Alec Creighton discusses Fort Morgan Schools' spring events with Superintendent Rob Sanders.

Health/Safety/Pandemic/Mental Health:

Weekend Digest: 15 minutes (Sun 7:00 am MT) -

2/10/24 - Alec Creighton talks to CSU Extension's Katie Seelhof about 4-H, the importance of not falling (especially for those of a "certain age"). They also discussed trees in northeast Colorado, and how to determine their health.

2/17/24 - Andy Rice's conversation with Samantha Mahaffey about NJC's upcoming mass casualty drill. They discussed the particulars of the event, and reminded the community that it is only a drill.

2/24/24 - Alec Creighton talks to Morgan County Sheriff Dave Martin. Their discussion turns to vehicle theft and new scams to be on the alert for.

3/2/24 - Alec Creighton talks to the DAV's Jack Darnell about an upcoming event that will help disabled veterans file for compensation.

3/23/24 - Fort Morgan Police Chief Loren Sharp talking about a couple of new additions to the force; a new Drug Investigator and a new K9. He also talks about changes in hiring and training practices that have affected police departments around the country, including right here in River City

Business/Government:

Weekend Digest: 15 minutes (Sun 7:00 am MT) -

1/13/24 - Sterling City Councilman (Ward 3) Luke Janes explained last night's Council meeting. Most of the overly-long meeting was dedicated to explaining the new sewer infrastructure project.

1/27/24 - Chris Brom talks to Weld and Yuma County Commissioners (mostly) about the current legislative session and what that means for County Commissioners, and the counties they serve.

1/27/24 - Andy Rice talks to State Senator Byron Pelton. They discuss a number of bills that impact rural Colorado, and not in a good way.

2/3/24 - Alec Creighton's interview with Fort Morgan Mayor Kevin Lindell and illustrates a life spent in service to one's community.

3/16/24 - Chris Brom talks with State Senator Rod Pelton about the current legislative session. They discussed some bills that could have major impacts on rural Colorado, especially pertaining to land use.

3/30/24 - Andy Rice talks to Erik Hibbard about a pitch competition that Energize Colorado is bringing back to Sterling, along with Logan County Economic Development. It's like Shark Tank

Family & Community Life:

Weekend Digest: 15 minutes (Sun 7:00 am MT) -

1/6/24 - Andy Rice talked to Family Resource Center's Ted Acton and new hire Larissa Fritzler about her role at the center. She'll be helping with the Teen Club as well as a few other programs.

1/20/24 - Then I talk to Tim Stahley and Peggy Stoltenberg about CSU Northeast Regional Engagement Center's upcoming FASFA assistance program and the screening of the film "The 5 States Of Colorado."

2/10/24 - Andy Rice gets an update from the Family Resource Center's Ted Acton. The big news is that they're hiring. They're looking for part-time help with a number of their children's programs.

Agriculture:

Weekend Digest: 15 minutes (Sun 7:00 am MT) -

1/13/24 - Chris' interview with Julie Elliott. She's a Rangeland Management Specialist with NRCS who, in this interview, invites listeners to the "Farming Evolution 2024" Conference in February.

1/20/24 - Bull Brom talks to Greg Heavener about the effects of a weakened Jet Stream as well as upcoming weather spotter training classes. Side note: If you have a chance to take this class, do it.

2/3/24 - Maranda Miller of Centennial Mental Health invites KPMX listeners to Sterling Livestock on February 26th to hear a presentation by India Wood, who walked across Colorado. Diagonally. Twice.

2/17/24 - Bull Brom's interview with Jason Santomaso about the annual Meat-In event at the Logan County Fairgrounds. It's a hugely popular event that raises funds for some outstanding causes.

2/24/24 - Chris Bull Brom talks about water storage with Northern Water's Eric Brown. They also discuss snowpack and the upcoming Spring Symposium.

3/9/24 - Alec in a conversation with CSU Extension Agent Aimee Kanode about the possibility that trees & plants will bud too early. They also discuss the Morgan County 4_h Fundraiser and a couple consumer science projects available to the public.

3/9/24 - Andy Rice talks to NJC Rodeo Coach Shelby Winchell. She breaks down the first half of their split season and talks about what to expect in the coming 2nd half.

3/23/24 - Chris Brom talks to the Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District's Joe Frank about new water projects and a meeting he was on his way to with Sterling/Pruitt Reservoir GM Jim Yahn.