

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Station: KTWO-AM, KKTL-AM, KRVK-FM, KWYY-FM KRNK-FM

April 1 – June 30, 2021

Section I. Issues

Each station has identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. COVID 19 Pandemic:** The United States and the rest of the globe continues to navigate the world in the Post-COVID Era, and Wyoming is no different. We interviewed officials ranging from local doctors to the state public health officer. Programming included interviews and press conference from local and state leaders regarding a rollout of the vaccine, lifting of health orders and otherwise the “return to normalcy.”
- B. Wildfire in Wyoming:** As summer turns to spring, officials are anticipating a potentially rough wildfire season on the state’s public lands. Programming included state forester Bill Crasper joining Glenn Woods to discuss the upcoming fire season along with Governor Mark Gordon and state forestry officials addressing the state before the season got underway.
- C. National Issues/Local Perspective:** Various Wyoming officials from members of congress to local pundits were featured in programming discussing everything from their take on the Biden administration to Rep. Liz Cheney’s vote to impeach former President Donald Trump.
- D. Wyoming’s Economy Recovers:** Wyoming has already cut its budget by 10% — and more are coming. This is due to the state’s reliance on the extraction industries, which took severe hits as demand for electricity and gasoline plummeted amid the pandemic. Programming included airing Governor Mark Gordon’s addresses to the state’s citizens. We also had guests on our shows to distill the situation to listeners.
- E. Local Government Issues:** Despite there being an ongoing pandemic, local governments in Wyoming continued to operate. Throughout the quarter, our stations covered how governments are dealing with the pandemic and how they are handling revenue shortfalls. Other major local government issues included wrestling with budget cuts as the state’s revenue has taken a major hit. Casper City Council discussed economic development issues and other issues that shouldn’t be taken as benign at face value such as parking.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Date(s) Aired	Program Name	Description of Issue Discussed	Duration	Time and/or Frequency
April 4	Report to Wyoming	Local Government Issues - Russ Donley joined Glenn Woods where they discussed the future of charter schools in Wyoming. The conversation is now relevant as the result of recently passed legislation altering how the schools operate.		

April 11	Report to Wyoming	Local Government Issues – Casper City Council members were confronted by a motorcyclist group who was concerned about an upcoming parade. Particularly, the group was concerned about the permitting process for the ride, which raises motorcycle safety awareness, and the police department’s handling of the situation. Council Member Bruce Knell offered to pay for the group’s insurance if they got a permit.	30 min.	6 a.m. Sunday
April 18	Report to Wyoming	Wyoming Recovers - Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon joined Glenn Woods to discuss how the state is coming out of the pandemic, but still wrestling with a sharply declining coal industry.	30 min.	6 a.m. Sunday
April 25	Report to Wyoming	COVID-19 Pandemic – Several area health experts met with the Natrona County School District and discussed a mask mandate. At first, the school district continued the mandate but reversed course after much backlash.	30 min.	6 a.m. Sunday
May 2	Report to Wyoming	Growing Casper – Casper City Council members followed up their previous discussion with more discussion on new buildings throughout the city. Council members also discussed how to harbor more public participation in the local government process.	30 min.	6 a.m. Sunday
May 9	Report to Wyoming	National Issues/Local Perspective – Wyoming US Senator John Barrasso took to his chamber’s floor and responded to President Joe Biden’s National Address. The senator accused Biden of being “all talk” and no action. City Transportation Dilema – The City of Casper recently took over the area’s transit program. Council members were briefed on the program’s extensive budget and how it is planned to be run.	30 min.	6 a.m. Sunday
May 16	Report to Wyoming	Wildfire in Wyoming – Wyoming State Forester Bill Crasper joined Glenn Woods as the state prepares to be a tough fire season for Wyoming, along with the American West.	30 min	6 a.m. Sunday

May 23	Report to Wyoming	Local Government Issues – The Casper City Council debated amending parking ordinances in city limits. This was thanks to citizens growing concerned about parking on “parkways” on two of the city’s busiest streets. The council approved a pilot parkway program, which will allow residents to pave parkways in front of their homes in order to safely park.	30 min	6 a.m. Sunday
May 30	Report to Wyoming	Wyoming’s Economy Recovers – Glenn Woods and Gustav Anderson discussed an upcoming job fair and business expo as the state continues to recover from a tanking energy market and COVID-19's economic impacts.	30 min	6 a.m. Sunday
June 6	Report to Wyoming	Statewide Political Climate – Doug Gerard discussed with Glenn Woods on an upcoming primary for the US House. US Representative Liz Cheney is in “hot water” by some observers discussed what is becoming a crowded field of candidates seeking to unseat Cheney.	30 min	6 a.m. Sunday
June 13	Report to Wyoming	Wyoming’s Economy Recovers – Dave Dodson joined Glenn Woods and discussed the future of crypto currency in Wyoming. Wyoming leads the US and perhaps the world in crypto currency and the digital currency is being viewed as a potential economic driver in Wyoming.	30 min	6 a.m. Sunday
June 20	Report to Wyoming	Wildfire in Wyoming – Governor Mark Gordon and other state officials gave an address about the upcoming wildfire season in Wyoming. Gordon and State Forester Bill Crasper said the state could have an “above normal” fire season after the midsummer point.	30 Min	6 a.m. Sunday
June 27	Report to Wyoming	Wyoming Recovers – Governor Mark Gordon joined Glenn Woods to discuss a recently approved nuclear power plant in Wyoming. The plant will occupy an unnamed coal-fired power plant, preserving jobs which would otherwise be lost as energy consumers turn away from coal.	30 min	6 a.m. Sunday