

Issues and Answers

KNWA

1st Quarter 2021

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Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
KNWA	Community	6AM	1/1/21	40 seconds	KNWA Today @6am	Stuart Rowland, owner of Stu's Clean Cookin', is donating 1,700 meals to the River Valley Regional Food Bank on New Year's Eve. In addition to the donated meals, Food Bank Director Tracy Engel said Rowland is joining her advisory council. "He knows a lot about nutrition so it's good to have someone in the house that really supports the food bank and loves their community at the same time," she said.
KNWA	Health/ Healthcare	10PM	1/8/21	1 minute 45 seconds	KNWA News @10pm	Andrew Mize owns Debbie's Family Pharmacy in Rogers. He says "The issue is, right now there are five pharmacies signed up in Benton County for a quarter of a million people." Starting next week, the pharmacy will host after hour clinics – staying open later to get people vaccinated like dentists and family practice physicians. "We currently do have a waiting list so we will be working down that list based on the priority the department of health has given us," "It's just a constant coordination of what's the current need and how do we best fill it," Mize said.
KNWA	Education/ Children/ Youth	10PM	1/11/21	1 minute 44 seconds	KNWA News @10pm	The Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter opened Hope Academy back in August, helping abused and neglected children who may struggle in a typical classroom setting. "There is some social and emotional development that needs to occur. It makes it

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						<p>very difficult for them to function well in a typical classroom environment,” Hope Academy Superintendent Rick Brazile said. “A key to success for us is a partnership with parents.” After one semester, the formula seems to be working. Some of the grades already have a waiting list, But Hope Academy is adding another grade level every year. Next year it will be k-4th grade.</p>
KNWA	Community	6PM	1/23/21	49 Seconds	KNWA News @6pm	<p>Kaitlyn Rush is the chef at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Fayetteville. She started feeding the hungry through an outdoor pantry at her church. Now, she has added on with an outdoor fridge, called the “Friendly Fridge.” “Our little food pantry doesn’t stay stocked enough, it’s not big enough and then people can’t bring cheese, milk things you need,” Rush said. “Watching that need grow I thought, ‘I have an extra fridge at home we might as well offer that to people we can.’” Rush said restaurants in northwest Arkansas like Hugo’s, Farmer’s Table and Arsaga’s are preparing to partner with the church to stock the fridge with leftovers. Rush said she plans to open more fridge’s.</p>
KNWA	Community	5PM	1/29/21	48 seconds	KNWA News @5PM	<p>The River Valley Regional Food Bank, with Feeding America and PetSmart, gave away 32,000 pounds of dog and cat food. After first distributing to rescue agencies from around the River Valley, the Food Bank opened up for the general public as a pop-up pantry for pet food. “People are attached to their animals. For people in the area to also be able to receive pet food, that means they can keep their animals and don’t have to give them up</p>

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						because they feel like they can't afford them," The Artemis Project treasurer Elizabeth Johnson said..
KNWA	Government (Local)	6PM	2/22/21	2 minutes 9 seconds	KNWA NEWS @6pm	The Fayetteville and Springdale Housing Authorities received \$1.5 million each to help Washington County residents impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and struggling to pay rent. The Fayetteville Housing Authority tells us it hopes to have checks out the first week of March. Executive Director, Angela Belford says as of Friday they've gotten about 835 application which is equivalent to about \$4.5 million of need. Over in Benton County, it received \$8.3 million. Both counties have until the end of the year to disperse all of the money and it is on a first come first served basis.
KNWA	Community	5PM	2/23/21	44 seconds	KNWA News @5pm	The River Valley Regional Food Bank held its commodities distribution food bank today. The pandemic and the recent winter weather made it difficult to get food out, but food bank director Tracey Engle said they are grateful to help out when they can. "At the end of the day we make sure to get the job done and we feed the clients that are in need and we do the best we can for our community and we love our jobs," she said.
KNWA	Community	10PM	2/28/21	1 minute 34 seconds	KNWA News @10	"I am really proud of what Don is doing, and I don't think I have ever come across an organization that is this ingrained in the community and does its very best from a heartfelt level," says Whole Foods Store Team Leader, Wes Pahl. Don Bennet is the Director of Community Affairs for Tricycle Farms, a non-profit that collects all

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						the nearly expired food from Whole Foods and other local grocery stores. He then distributes the food amongst several food pantries as quickly as he can so that it is all able to be consumed within a couple of days. “We pick up about four to five hundred pounds of food a day,” says Bennett. Local food pantries say the day Tricycle farms comes by is by far the best day of the week.
KNWA	Community	10PM	3/1/21	1 minute 23 seconds	KNWA News @10pm	The Shelter Shop in Rogers is a crucial part of the Northwest Arkansas Children’s Shelter. “The money that we bring in through the shelter pays for the kids to eat for an entire year. It gives them their breakfast,” store Manager Brandon Bulen said. The shelter also has top priority for any item donated to the thrift store. If the kids do not need it, it goes on the shelter shop floor where you can get some great deals. And there are even better deals for educators, first responders, foster families, healthcare workers and the military. “Come in, tell us about it, show us your id and we’re going to get you taken care of because we appreciate everything you do and we want to give that support back to you as well,” Bulen said.
KNWA	Community/ Crime/Law Enforcement	6PM	3/6/21	42 Seconds	KNWA News @6pm	The Fayetteville Police Department teamed up with local organizations today to hold a kids wellness fair. Through the department’s project safe neighborhood grant, the event was able to provide free dental assessments, video games to play, physicals, and camp sign-ups. Vouchers for free shoes at shoe carnival were also given out. Corporal Johnny Foster with FPD

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						said its important to department officials to engage with the community. “Just because of COVID, it’s been a long time since we even got to have a community event as a Fayetteville police department,” Foster said, “Just being able to have the community outreach, and just get out here with our community and be a part of it and show them that police officers are friendly and just normal people too.”
KNWA	Community/ Children/ Youth	5PM	3/21/21	48 seconds	KNWA News @5pm	Today, students at Bellview Elementary held a cereal drive for the Samaritan Community Center. Bellview principal Dan Cox says activities like this are crucial to developing good students into great citizens. “It’s part of the culture here to be able to give back to the community because we’re not only trying to grow these children academically, but make them lifelong excellent citizens of the community,” Cox said. In total, more than 1,200 boxes of cereal were donated by the students to Samaritan House.