

KOKK Huron, SD Quarterly Issues/Programs List Second Quarter (April-June) 2020

KOKK provides its listeners with programming that addresses important issues of local concern. Among the issues and events covered during the preceding calendar quarter were:

Severe Weather: Coverage of severe thunderstorm warnings for Beadle County and surrounding areas.

Public Interest: Reported on planned changes to the South Dakota State Fair to reflect social distancing guidelines in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19- Covered meetings of Beadle County Unified Task Force. The task force was created to provide oversight and information on efforts to manage pandemic response in Beadle County.

Athletics: Reported on the cancellation of remainder of high school sports due to COVID-19.

COVID-19- Reported on increase number of positive COVID cases and one death at local meat processing plant.

Local Government: Reported on weekly meetings of the Huron City Commission. Meetings are held each Monday at 5:30 pm.

Education: Covered regular bi-weekly meetings of the Huron Board of Education.

Public health: Promoted blood drive on June 30th by LifeServe Blood Center.

Politics: Reported on announcement from Governor Kristi Noem that flags in the state would fly at half-staff on April 27th in memory of late District 22 lawmaker Bob Glanzer. Glanzer who died of complications from COVID 19.

April

April 4th- Live coverage of Beadle County Unified Task Force briefing (COVID-19 Task Force) at noon from Huron City Commission room. The one hour event covered changes at HRMC (hospital), including the addition of the rapid point-of-care COVID-19 testing machine, information about Beadle County statistics and flattening of the curve, update from the Beadle County testing facility and call center and resources for food and essential needs, and ways to donate. Briefing aired in its entirety at noon. Jeff Duffy-Program Director.

April 9th- Reported on decision by SDHSAA to cancel all spring activities and postponed winter sporting events. The decision was made after school in South Dakota was called off for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year. 1-minute sports story aired at noon and 5pm. Jeff Duffy-Sports Director.

April 19th- Reported on plans for prayer parade to honor late wrestling coach Tom Baszler. The parade was held May 20th to allow students and friends to pay their respects. There was no public funeral due to COVID restrictions. Baszler passed away suddenly from a heart attack on April 18th. 1 minute segment ran on sports at 6,7,8 and 9 am. Jeff Duffy-Sports Director.

April 27th- Made public aware of proclamation by Governor Kristi Noem that all flags in the state would fly at half-staff in honor of late District 22 congressman, Bob Glanzer. Glanzer was the first COVID-19 fatality in Beadle County. Flags were flown at half-staff from sunrise until sundown on Monday, April 20, 2020, the day of his funeral. 1-minute news story aired at 7am and 8am. Mike Rudd-News Director.

May

May 5th- Reported on Huron City Commissions decision to repeal the COVID 19 ordinance which was passed in late March. The ordinance put restrictions on businesses, including restaurants and recreational facilities, aimed to slow the spread of COVID 19. Commissioners felt the ordinance had helped slow the spread of the disease and was no longer needed. 1-minute news story aired at 7,8 and 9 am. Mike Rudd-News Director.

May 6th- Coverage of meeting of Huron Board of Education. At the meeting, Superintendent Terry Nebelsick announced that hazard pay for staff in the child care and food preparation programs would revert back to regular pay. Nebelsick also said that policy that would involve a staff member being called in to work but declines would change. The employee would now need to use sick leave until it is exhausted. 1-2 minute news story aired at 7am and 8am. Mike Rudd- News Director.

May 27th- Reported on death of LSI worker from COVID-19 complications. The processing plant located in Alpena manufactures jerky for Jack Links. The facility also announced that 58 workers had tested positive for COVID. 1-minute news story aired at noon and 5pm. Mike Rudd-News Director.

May 25th- Reported on new end policies for end of year check-in of materials at Huron School District. Check-in of materials took place outdoors with employees wearing masks. 1 minute news story aired at noon and 5pm. Mike Rudd-News Director

June

June 4th- Coverage of severe thunderstorm warnings across the area, including Beadle, Hand and Spink county. A line of storms produced hail, heavy rains and high winds across the area. Announcer Jeff Duffy provided continuous coverage from 7:20 pm until the final warning expired at 9:20pm.

June 9th- Coverage of severe thunderstorm warnings for Davidson, Hand, Hanson and Sanborn County. Storms packed high winds and hail. Live reports throughout the 6am hour from announcer Jeff Duffy. Warning expired at 7am.

June 19th- Interviewed Assistant State Fair manager Candi Briley about changes to the event to protect the public from COVID-19. The decision had been made to hold the fair as scheduled. The fair was in the planning stages at the time. 2-3 minute news story aired at 7and 8am. Mike Rudd-News Director

June 24th Promoted blood drive scheduled for June 30th on South Dakota State Fairgrounds. Interviewed Claire Deroin, community relations director with Lifeserve Blood Center.1-2 minute news story aired at 7,8 and 9 am. Mike Rudd-news director