

KOKK

Huron, SD

Quarterly Issues/Programs List 3rd Quarter (July, Aug, Sept.) 2020

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

Public affairs: Aired the Ask the Mayor program with Huron Mayor Gary Harrington each Tuesday at 1:30 pm.

Severe Weather: Coverage of severe thunderstorm warning for Kingsbury, Miner, Jerauld, Aurora, Beadle, Sanborn, Hand and Hyde Counties on Aug. 9th and Tornado Warning for Beadle County on Aug. 30th

Public interest: Reported on reopening of Huron Public Library

Crime: Reported on two reported stalking incidents in Huron

Healthcare: Made public aware of the availability of antibody testing at Huron Regional Medical Center

Philanthropy: Reported on setting of 2020 United Way Heartland Region campaign goal.

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

Education: Coverage of bi-monthly Huron Board of Education meetings and reporting on issues of local.

Industry: Covered groundbreaking for Trussbilt expansion in Huron

Education: Reported on Huron School District's reopening plan for 2020/2021 school year

July

July 8th

Aired Ask the Mayor program with Huron Mayor Gary Harrington. The Mayor discussed the Southtown utility improvement project, which is part of preparing the area for residential development and proposed water/ sewer rate increase for 2021.

7 minute program aired at 1:30pm.

Mike Rudd (News director)

July 10th

Reported on Ted Header's selection as President and CEO of Greater Huron Development Corporation. The announcement was made at the organization's Board of Directors meeting. Haeder has served as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the past two years.

Former President & CEO, David McGirr, left his role to do consulting work on business and development projects.

1-2 minute news story aired at 7am and 8am.

Mike Rudd (News Director)

July 27th

HRMC Foundation Executive Director Shawn Martin appeared on morning show to promote Humanitarian Golf Tournament, which benefits the Foundation. 5 minute segment aired at 7:15 am.

Keith Osier (Announcer)

July 29th

The Huron School Board hosted a community meeting to discuss the back to school re-entry plan. Superintendent Terry Nebelsick shared a proposal for a three lane approach which would allow parents to send the children back to the classroom, continue distance learning or home school. First reading was approved with the second reading scheduled for the first board meeting in August. 2 minute news story aired at 7, 8 and 9am.

Mike Rudd (News Director)

August

August 13th

Reported on two reports of stalking received by the Huron Police Department earlier in the month. One incident occurred at Ravine Lake and involved a male parked with a white Semi. The subject was reportedly using a phone to video a woman walking with her child around the lake. The other incident involved three males subjects wearing masks to conceal their identity. The males were in a multi red colored vehicle following a female to Tamarac Apartments across from Huron High School. They followed, filmed and shouted at a woman to get her attention. One subject got out of the vehicle and tried to grab the woman, who was able to get away. Detective Casey Spinsby did not believe the incidents were related.

1 minute news story aired at 7, 8 and 9am.

Mike Rudd (News Director)

Aug. 15th

Huron manufacturer Trussbilt broke ground on a 101,000 square foot expansion, off US 14 on Lincoln Avenue. The expansion is scheduled to be complete by December 31, 2020. 25-30 new jobs will be created.

1 minute news story aired at 7 and 8 am.

Mike Rudd (News Director)

August 17th

News story announcing the selection of Erick Larson as new President/CEO of Huron Regional Medical Center. Larson replaced David Dick who retired in August. 2 minute news story aired at 7am, 8am and noon.

Mike Rudd(News Director)

Aug. 30th

Coverage of an evening of severe weather across the area beginning with a severe thunderstorm warning at 6:20 pm and culminating in a tornado warning for Beadle County at 7:20 pm. Property damage was reported as the result of the line of storms that produced warnings at various times in Buffalo, Hand and Jerauld counties.

Continuous coverage from 6:20-7:45 pm.

Jeff Duffy (Program Director)

September

Sept. 3rd

Made public aware that Huron Regional Medical Center is now offering antibody testing for COVID-19. The blood test is available through HRMC Physicians Clinic and various clinics in the community. The test may detect whether someone has been exposed to COVID-19 and can the CDC track the spread of the disease. Story included an interview with Erin Scarborough, lab and pathology director for HRMC. 2 minute news story aired at noon and 5pm.

Mike Rudd (News Director)

Sept. 8th

Reported on reopening of Huron Public Library. The library was closed for 6 months due to the pandemic. The limited services are being offered, with masks required and social distancing guidelines enforced. Masks and plastic gloves are available for the public.

1-2 minute news story aired at 7am and 8am.

Mike Rudd (News Director)

Sept. 18th

Informed public of District 22 House candidate forum on Saturday, September 19th, 9:00 A.M. at the Huron Fine Arts Center. The four candidates for the district's two House seats were invited to the event: Roger Chase, John McEnelly, Lynn Schneider and Mark Smith. The forum was presented on FaceBook Live, with questions submitted by the public in advance.

1 news story aired at 7am, 8am and 9am.

Mike Rudd (News Director)

Sept. 30th

Interviewed Melissa Mentele the campaign manager with New Approach South Dakota. Mentele discussed the recent history of initiated measures in South Dakota. The story also focused on IM 26, which will appear on the Nov. ballot. The measure would legalize medical marijuana in the state. New Approach South Dakota supports IM-26. Opponents fear the measure will open the door to legalization of recreational marijuana.

1-2 minute news story aired at noon and 5pm.

Mike Rudd (News director)