

KOKK Huron, SD Quarterly Issues/Programs List First Quarter (Jan.-March)
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:

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

Severe Weather: Coverage of blizzards January 17 and February 12, including updates on road conditions, warnings and advisories, and closings.

Crime: Covered initial court appearance of men accused of attempted murder of Huron police officer.

Law: Aired the Mike Moore Show, last Saturday of each month beginning at 9 am. The program includes a discussion of legal issues affecting the nation, state, and the community.

Healthcare: Reported on visitor restrictions at Huron Regional Medical Center in response to COVID-19.

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

Education: Coverage of bi-monthly Huron Board of Education meetings and reporting on issues of local interest, including the adoption of a new school calendar.

Public health: Reported on policies and procedures relating to the COVID-19 outbreak in Beadle County, including live coverage of Beadle County COVID-19 Taskforce press conferences.

State government- Covered Coffee with the Legislators event on February 8, featuring the three District 22 state lawmakers.

January

January 2 - Reported on Beadle County setting weather record with its wettest year in recorded history. According to the National Weather Service, Huron received 37.30 inches of precipitation last year, which was 5.59 inches higher than the previous record of 31.71 in 1962. 1-minute news story aired at 7 and 8 am.

Jeff Duffy (Program director/interim news director)

January 8 - Reported on the first court appearance by suspects in the attempted murder of a Huron Police officer. 17-year-old Pan Toe Gaw and 27 year-old Ken Wah were charged in

connection to the December 20 shooting. A gun was fired at police officers during a traffic stop. 1-2 minute news story aired at noon and 5 pm.
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Jan. 17th- Coverage of blizzard, including cancellations of church services and other activities. Announcements were made during weather forecast 1-2 times per hour from 5:30 am until 8 pm.
Jeff Duffy (Program director) Matt Watson (Program director)

January 25 - Mike Moore Show featured an update on the progress of the CAP program. In 2014 the Beadle County State's Attorney Office began the Community Accountability Program. The program offers first-time low-level offenders the opportunity to avoid a conviction by completing a community-based diversion program. 1-hour program aired at 9 am.

February

February 12 - Made public aware of school and other closings/postponements related to blizzard conditions across the listening area. 2-3 announcements per hour from 5 am-6 pm.
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February 12 - Coverage of Coffee with the Legislators event on the previous Saturday, featuring District 22 lawmakers Senator Jim White and Representatives Bob Glanzer and Roger Chase. The District 22 lawmakers gave an overview of the legislative session and answered questions from the public. 1
-2-minute news story aired at 7 and 8 am.
Mike Rudd (News Director)

February 13 - Reported the Monday night meeting of the Huron school district board of education meeting this past Monday night. The board modified the calendar for the 20-21 school year. The board approved the school board modified calendar committee proposal to start the 2020-2021 school year on August 24. 1-2 minute news story aired at 7, and 8 am.
Mike Rudd (News director)

February 18 - "Ask the Mayor" program features a discussion of citizen advisory boards, their role and the need for members of the community to serve on those boards. 10-15 minute program with Mayor Paul Aylward and News Director Mike Rudd aired at 9:30 am.

March

March 9- Reported on the quarantining three employees of Dakota Provisions. The employees had returned from visits abroad and voluntarily quarantined. They did not test positive for COVID-19. 1 news story aired at noon and 5 pm.
Mike Rudd (News Director)

March 18- Reported on the closing of Huron City offices and buildings to the public effective at noon Thursday, March 20. The closure included Huron City Hall, Campus Center and Fine Arts Building, and Huron Public Library. The Huron City Commission provided the protection policy. 1-minute news story aired at 7 and 8 am.
Mike Rudd (News Director)

March 20 and 27 - Live coverage of press conferences with the Beadle County COVID-19 task force. City and County officials, including Mayor Paul Aylward, Sheriff Doug Solem, and County Commissioner Dennis Drake, provided information on local measures being taken to slow the spread of COVID-19 and took questions via e-mail from the public. 1 hour press conferences aired at noon.
Mike Rudd (News Director)

March 31 - Reported on new visitor restrictions announced by Huron Regional Medical Center. The policy stopped all visitation except for one support person for labor/delivery in the birthing center, one parent for the duration of the stay of a minor child, and other exceptional circumstances. 1 minute story aired at noon and 5 pm.
Mike Rudd (News director)