UEN Channel 9 - Programs and Issues Report July 1-September 30, 2023

Listed below are programs that **KUEN** Channel 9, Utah Education Network, deems to be of importance in the KUEN viewing area. Education is the primary focus of this station, serving educators and all citizens of our service area. These programs are indicative of KUEN's commitment to provide the citizens of Utah access to the highest quality and most effective instructional experiences.



K - 12 Instructional Programming

KUEN approved a comprehensive schedule of instructional programs for use in Utah's elementary and secondary schools. These programs were selected and scheduled in cooperation with staff of the Utah State Board of Education. A representational list of these programs includes:

<u>Wimee's Words:</u> Wimee is a fun, lovable robot that inspires kids to learn through creativity. Join Wimee and friends for wacky wordplay, silly songs, and playful conversation in an interactive show that YOU play along with! KUEN broadcast this series on Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

<u>Career Decisions: Physical Therapy:</u> A comprehensive guide to prospective physical therapy students. The program is designed to enable teachers and career guidance counselors a means to present a guide to choosing the physical therapy profession. Physical Therapy or PT has been a part of the American patient care experience for over a hundred years. PT has grown exponentially until in the 21st century it is an essential part of every patient's medical team. Career Decisions: Physical Therapy examines five key areas in the PT profession: 1) opportunities to find a fulfilling career in physical therapy; 2) the many choices of schools for PT students; 3) what doctors and hospital administrators want in their physical therapists; 4) how PT has evolved to become a major part of the 21st century medical team; 5) an examination of PT schools' challenges. KUEN broadcast this 30-minute program on Wednesday, July 12 at 9 a.m.

The First Amendment in the 21st Century: The First Amendment provides that "Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech." This series looks at several significant First Amendment cases. Hosted by David L. Hudson, Jr., a scholar at the First Amendment Center, Hudson writes for The First Amendment Center and is author or co-author of 20 books, including several on the U.S. Supreme Court, the Constitution and student rights. KUEN broadcast this series on Fridays at 11 a.m. beginning July 7.

<u>Ocean Vet:</u> Narrated by Hollywood legend Michael Douglas, Ocean Vet follows the exploits of renowned veterinarian Dr. Neil Burnie and his Ocean Vet team. Together they set out to save, protect, and learn more about Bermuda's critically important marine life and ecosystem.

Witness Dr. Burnie and his team of scientists working with some of the planet's most amazing marine species. From satellite tagging huge tiger sharks, saving precious turtles, protecting mighty humpback whales, to exploring the anatomy of one of the fastest fish in the ocean—the giant blue marlin, it's all just another day in the office for the Ocean Vet team. Students will experience the joy of discovering the magnificence hidden beneath the sea and gain an appreciation of the fragile nature of our interconnected planet. KUEN broadcast this series on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

<u>Sing and Spell:</u> These animated musical programs teach young children the basics of phonics and word and letter identification, using original songs and lessons for lively learning. The series features the first 29 high frequency words presented in the Open Court/Imagine It language arts kindergarten program. This edutainment media content for young learners is a fun way to get children onto the reading runway and for teaching English language learners. KUEN broadcast this series on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

<u>Raven Tales:</u> This animated series introduces native aboriginal folklore in a humorous and entertaining way. The characters tell the stories through the adventures of Raven, one of the most powerful deities of Native American mythology. Each episode focuses on a tale that has been adapted from the folklore of many aboriginal nations including Cree, Haida, Salish, Comanche, Navaho and other Native American stories. KUEN broadcast this series on Fridays at 3:30 p.m.

Public Affairs Programming

<u>DW News</u>: A daily newscast from the heart of Europe. As one of the world's largest international broadcasters, Deutsche Welle provides public television viewers the unique opportunity to see our world from another perspective. The global economic crises, war in Afghanistan, and the worldwide campaign to combat global warming are issues that affect viewers on both sides of the Atlantic. On DW News, reporters and presenters from our Berlin studios provide your viewers depth and clarity as well as a unique European perspective on the day's events. KUEN broadcast this series on Monday through Friday at 7 p.m.

In Search of Resolution: Against the backdrop of the war in Ukraine and Russian President Vladimir Putin's veiled nuclear threats, this program examines the continuing dangers posed by the existence of nuclear weapons. It also spotlights the dignitaries, politicians, and organizations that bolster the preventative measures helping to protect the world from this danger. Filmed in 2022 after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, this timely documentary takes viewers inside recent critical international meetings, such as the Vienna Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons, the U.N. Youth Champions for Disarmament Training Programme, the First Meeting of the States Parties on the Treaty of the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and the 10th Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. In-depth interviews with scholars, ambassadors, and leaders in the field provide historical context, while international experts reflect on arms control measures, nuclear disarmament, and possible ways forward. KUEN broadcast this one-hour program on Thursday, August 2 at 9 p.m.

Open Mind: This half hour weekly public affairs broadcast is a thoughtful excursion into the world of ideas, exploring issues of national and public concern with the most compelling minds

of our times. Hosted by Alexander Heffner. KUEN broadcast this series on Mondays at 11 p.m. and on Fridays at 5 a.m.

NHK Newsline: This program is produced by NHK, Japan's news leading public broadcaster, delivering the latest from Japan, Asia and the rest of the world. featuring global news and current affairs, business, sports, science and technology trends plus global weather forecasts from over 30 news bureaus throughout the world. Their wide network of correspondents around the globe covers breaking news and developing stories, offering a unique Asian perspective. Together with a team of trusted anchors, NHK Newsline presents a picture of what's happening now and what's ahead. KUEN broadcast this series twice a day on weekdays at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

<u>The Addict's Wake:</u> With amazing access, this one-hour documentary watches one American county come to grips with arguably the biggest public health crisis in America: Substance Use Disorder. Following a rash of overdose deaths, it finds a community full of hope, pulling together, finding ways big and small to push back a destructive wave that is consuming communities across the country. KUEN broadcast this program on Thursday, September 14 at 8 p.m.

Water's Way: Thinking Like a Watershed: Millions of beaver ponds and dams once sponsored a lush mosaic of wetlands throughout the Chesapeake region. These slowed, spread and retained water flowing to the Bay from every creek and river, letting it soak in and percolate through the ground. Because beavers have been gone for so long - they were trapped out of the Chesapeake Bay watershed by 1750 - there is an 'ecological amnesia' as to the benefits they conferred, the world they created, and how the watershed 'thought' for thousands of years. This documentary explores the impact of development, agriculture and the channelization of streams and creeks on the natural processes that once worked to control runoff and filter the water – and how natural elements like beavers and trees could aid efforts to restore the Bay. KUEN broadcast this documentary broadcast on Monday, August 28 at 9 p.m.

General Interest Programming

Wild Hope: At a time when news about the environment is filled with doom and people around the world feel increasingly fearful about the future, WILD HOPE is changing the narrative with surprising stories that show we can still change course. This series of short films highlights the intrepid changemakers working to restore and protect our planet. Each half-hour episode inspires audiences with stories of bold interventions, unexpected alliances, and nature's resilience. Whether tapping oysters to clean New York City waters and prevent flooding or growing coffee to save Mozambican rainforests, the series reveals how local action can spark powerful change and provides a refreshing dose of hope in an increasingly cynical world. KUEN broadcast this series on Mondays at 8:30 p.m. beginning July 3.

When We Were Shuttle: A two-hour documentary that explores what NASA's space shuttle program meant to six exceptional men and women who worked behind the scenes to make it fly. Through their recollections and personal archives, the film examines some of the program's highs and its darkest hours. It also offers a unique, grassroots look at how the shuttle impacted life in the Sunshine State—from the thriving aerospace and tourism industry it sustained, to the

decision to retire the shuttle when the program ended in 2011. KUEN broadcast this program on Saturday, July 29 at 8 p.m.

<u>Discovery Road:</u> Explore the people and places of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA). "Discovery Road" features a '55 Pontiac which travels along U.S. Highway 89, All-American Road State Route 12, and Scenic Byway State Route 24 in Utah. As the car drives along these roads, viewers will "discover" the things that make the MPNHA worth driving to themselves. Using music, storytellers and the characters in the communities along the way, Discovery Road presents Utah's history, scenery and culture in an entertaining and educational manner. The Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area (MPNHA) is a federally designated area of central and southern Utah running along the beautiful and historic U. S. Highway 89—including the All-American Road, Utah State Route 12, and Capitol Reef Scenic Byway Utah State Route 24, which both intersect with U.S. 89 and together form the MPNHA's Boulder Loop. KUEN broadcast this series on Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 12 a.m.

8:15 Hiroshima: From Father to Daughter: At 8:15 a.m. on August 6, 1945, Shinji Mikamo, a teen in the center of Hiroshima City, was on the roof of his home when the atomic bomb exploded. This hybrid documentary—narrative film is narrated in English with Japanese subtitles and features never before seen audio and video recordings, evocative reenactments and archival images—brings the past into the present. KUEN broadcast this program on Saturday, August 5 at 9 p.m.

<u>Art Connection:</u> This weekly series highlights four artists and their craft. Travel around the world, meeting fascinating people and the love of art that connects them all. KUEN broadcast this series on Sundays at 7 p.m.

Puppy School: Can a group of puppies be trained to improve their owners' lives? Welcome to a feel-good series that revolves around the training of puppies and their owners. Set in the stunningly beautiful grounds of Chatsworth House, one of Britain's most incredible stately homes, each episode introduces us to three puppies and their new owners. The owners are all hoping the puppy will help them with a personal issue such as anxiety or autism. The trainers at the school spend time getting to know each puppy and their owner in order to identify the problems they may be experiencing. Problem puppies also get a home visit. During the course of each episode, progress is noted in the puppies over three distinct developmental and training periods, with the hope that the owners are conquering their issues too. KUEN broadcast this 4-part series on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. beginning September 5.