

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Stations- KCWU Ellensburg

January 1- March 31st

Section I. Issues

1. **Top Headlines:** Discussed the top news stories of the day that people would want to know as they go through their day.
2. **National:** National News stories, including COVID updates, that would help people learn what's happening around the United States, as well as how they affect the people of Ellensburg.
3. **Regional:** Statewide news to keep people informed on what is going on around Washington and areas outside of the counties nearby.
4. **Local:** The news closest to the listeners in Ellensburg, including updates on COVID outbreaks, local events, and opportunities for those needing assistance in the pandemic.

Section II. Responsive Programs

1. Top Headlines

1. GameStop stock price jump reported, discussing the shady practices of Robinhood alleged by customers. (Jan 29th, 12-1PM)
2. Reporting on 50 members of congress sending a letter to Biden about recurring \$2000 monthly stimulus checks (Jan 29th, 12-1 PM)
3. President Biden says that he expected to US to be able to vaccinate 1.5 million people per day. This was a significant jump from the previous 1M per day target. (Jan 29th, 12-1PM)
4. Washington Governor Jay Inslee announces new recovery plan, with two phases, and new metrics, grouping counties in eight regions. (Jan 29th, 12-1PM)
5. Reporting on Johnson and Johnson's one shot vaccine, which was supposedly 66% effective at time of reporting. (Jan 29th, 12-1PM)
6. A Kaiser Permanente freezer malfunction in Seattle led to 600 Seattle residents urgently vaccinated, as to not waste the doses. (Feb 1st, 12-1PM)
7. Reporting on Silver prices being up over 11% on the day, with twitter claiming that it could be the new GameStop. (Feb 1st, 12-1PM)
8. President Biden called for a \$15 minimum wage during his campaign, attempting to attach to his proposed 1.9 trillion dollar COVID relief package (Feb 1st, 12-1PM)
9. Apple CEO Tim Cook attacks Facebook over their data collection practices. (Feb 1st, 12-1PM)
10. Joe Biden has the most executive orders within his first two weeks of presidency, with 42, more than Trump and Obama combined in the same amount of time (Feb 1st, 12-1PM)

11. Senator Joe Manchin is rumored to be a dissenting vote on the stimulus package, since he is a conservative Democrat in a 50-50 senate from West Virginia, an overwhelming republican state. (Feb 2nd, 12-1 PM)
12. GameStop began losing momentum as its value dropped by half, thanks to trading limits enforced by Robinhood and other online brokers. (Feb 2nd, 12-1 PM)
13. Biden met with GOP senators in an Oval office sit-down, to try and get support in the senate for his stimulus bill. (Feb 2nd, 12-1 PM)
14. Vaccines show a common trait: eliminating deaths from COVID, per the New York Times (Feb 2nd, 12-1 PM)
15. Australia ended up in a lockdown, with one symptomatic case shutting them down for safety. (Feb 2nd, 12-1 PM)
16. Senator Joe Manchin stated that he would vote to move forward with budget reconciliation, allowing the senate to potentially pass a relief bill with 51 votes instead of 60. (Feb 3rd, 12-1 PM)
17. Jeff Bezos announced that he was stepping down as Amazon CEO, passing the role to Andy Jassy of Amazon Web Services (Feb 3rd, 12-1 PM)
18. Biden signed three executive orders addressing immigration, and reversing many policies on immigration of the Trump administration (Feb 3rd, 12-1 PM)
19. Online Brokerage Robinhood's CEO was announced to testify in front of congress over the limits placed on trading certain securities. (Feb 3rd, 12-1 PM)
20. New mutations of the Coronavirus were found in the UK, and are significantly more transmissible. (Feb 3rd, 12-1 PM)
21. Biden says that he won't back down on the dollar amount in stimulus checks, but could be flexible on the income restrictions to receive a check. (Feb 5th, 12-1 PM)
22. The Senate approved the 1.9 trillion dollar stimulus package for budget reconciliation, with VP Kamala Harris breaking the 50-50 tie (Feb 5th, 12-1 PM)
23. Liz Cheney was allowed to keep her house leadership after being shunned by colleagues for voting in favor of impeachment. (Feb 5th, 12-1 PM)
24. Marjorie Taylor Greene was removed from her committee assignments, after a vote saw 11 republicans, and all house democrats voting in favor of removal. (Feb 5th, 12-1 PM)
25. Surveys from Quinnipiac University showed that 64% of Republican voters approved of a \$1400 stimulus check, and 90% of Democrat voters say the same. (Feb 5th, 12-1 PM)
26. Senator Joe Manchin asked Biden to revoke the executive order cancelling the Keystone XL Pipeline project (Feb 10th, 10-11 AM)
27. Former President Trump's impeachment trial began, with the senate voting that the trial may proceed though he is not in office (Feb 10th, 10-11 AM)
28. A winter blast is forecasted to be worse before it gets better (Feb 10th, 10-11 AM)
29. A Washington State patrol Trooper was killed in an avalanche while in Kittitas County. (Feb 10th, 10-11 AM)
30. Salesforce has begun to shift permanently to working online for those who want to work from home (Feb 10th, 10-11 AM)

31. Biden communicated with Xi Jinping, with talks about cooperation and calling out actions of the CCP (Feb 11th, 10-11 AM)
32. Two bills in the Washington Senate and House would ban registering new gas and diesel powered vehicles, starting in 2030 (Feb 11th, 10-11 AM)
33. An ice storm warning has been issued from Arkansas to Kentucky, while the rest of the country experiences abnormal snowfall (Feb 11th, 10-11 AM)
34. Yesterday was the second day of the Trump impeachment trial, with managers talking about the events of January 6th (Feb 11th, 10-11 AM)
35. Anti-Vaccine activist Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was banned from Instagram for repeatedly sharing debunked claims about vaccines (Feb 11th, 10-11 AM)
36. Federal Authorities arrested and charged five suspects in connection with the events of January 6th (Feb 12th, 10-11 AM)
37. House impeachment managers wrapped up their arguments, saying that Trump is a threat to the country (Feb 12th, 10-11 AM)
38. The first 25,000 asylum seekers with active cases will be allowed into the US next Friday (Feb 12th, 10-11 AM)
39. The CDC will roll out their operating plan for school reopening later today (Feb 12th, 10-11 AM)
40. A winter storm system in the US is creating deadly conditions and delaying vaccine distribution (Feb 12th, 10-11 AM)
41. The CDC is investigating a listeria outbreak linked to “Hispanic Style Cheese.” (Feb 16th, 10-11 AM)
42. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said that the house would move to establish a 9/11 type commission to investigate the January 6th attacks (Feb 16th, 10-11 AM)
43. A winter storm delivered frigid temperatures, ice, and snow across the country (Feb 16th, 10-11 AM)
44. Seven new variants of the Coronavirus have been discovered in the US since Summer (Feb 16th, 10-11 AM)
45. Biden rejected a proposal by top Democrats that would remove \$50,000 in student debt (Feb 17th, 10-11 AM)
46. Moderna expected to complete 100 million vaccines by the end of March, and an additional 100 million by the end of May (Feb 17th, 10-11 AM)
47. President Biden held his first presidential town hall in Milwaukee, WI (Feb 17th, 10-11 AM)
48. AG of New York sued Amazon for not providing adequate safety for its employees at its warehouses. (Feb 17th, 10-11 AM)
49. A new agreement saw CA governor Newsome agree to open California public schools by the end of March (March 2nd, 10-11 AM)
50. The 1.9 trillion dollar stimulus bill passed in the house, and will now go to the Senate for debate and amendments (March 2nd, 10-11 AM)
51. A CDC Advisory panel unanimously voted to recommend the use of the Johnson and Johnson COVID vaccine (March 2nd, 10-11 AM)
52. Senior Democrats plan to increase minimum wage via a corporate tax penalty on corporations who pay below \$15 an hour (March 2nd, 10-11 AM)

53. King County will vote on the new law that would require grocery stores to pay \$4 in hazard pay (March 4th, 10-11 AM)
54. Senate democrats plan on giving \$1400 stimulus checks to fewer people under a new deal struck with Biden (March 4th, 10-11 AM)
55. Stock traders are waiting to hear from the Federal Reserve Chair and results from the government monthly jobs report (March 4th, 10-11 AM)
56. President Biden announced a new timeline for United States Vaccine production (March 4th, 10-11 AM)
57. House Democrats have passed HR1, their voting rights bill, for the second time in two years (March 4th, 10-11 AM)
58. Jury Selection began for the trial of Derek Chauvin (March 8th, 10-11 AM)
59. The Senate passed the \$1.9 trillion stimulus package following 25 hours of debate (March 8th, 10-11 AM)
60. The CDC has said that fully vaccinated Americans can gather around other vaccinated people without masks (March 8th, 10-11 AM)
61. The US says the Russian backed outlets are spreading COVID-19 vaccine disinformation (March 8th, 10-11 AM)
62. Swiss voters approved a proposition to ban niqabs and burqas from being worn outside of religious institutions (March 8th, 10-11 AM)
63. The next two months are critical in preventing another COVID-19 surge, says the CDC (March 9th, 10-11 AM)
64. The US government should be able to deliver \$1400 checks almost immediately once it is passed in the house (March 9th, 10-11 AM)
65. Biden issued an executive order to review federal rules on how colleges handle campus sexual assault cases (March 9th, 10-11 AM)
66. Queen Elizabeth addressed the interview of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle (March 10th, 10-11 AM)
67. The Olympics will reportedly bar foreign spectators from attending (March 10th, 10-11 AM)
68. The \$1.9 trillion COVID relief package is expected to pass on party lines in the house today
69. The Pentagon approved a request to keep 2,300 national guard troops in DC for two more months (March 10th, 10-11 AM)
70. King County approved an ordinance that entitles grocery store workers to an extra \$4 hazard pay (March 10th, 10-11 AM)
71. Texas AG threatened to sue Travis county for continuing to uphold a mask mandate (March 11th, 10-11 AM)
72. The 1.9 trillion dollar stimulus package has finally passed in the house for a second time, and will be signed into law (March 11th, 10-11 AM)
73. Derek Chauvin had a third degree murder charge reinstated in the George Floyd Murder Case (March 11th, 10-11 AM)
74. Federal prosecutors are zeroing in on the leader of the Oath Keepers (March 11th, 10-11 AM)

75. Russia and China will construct a moon outpost called the International Lunar Research Station (March 11th, 10-11 AM)
76. Netflix is cracking down on password sharing (March 12th, 10-11 AM)
77. WA Governor Jay Inslee announced that the entire state would move to phase three of reopening on March 22nd (March 12th, 10-11 AM)
78. Biden Administration will end an order that discouraged potential family sponsors (March 12th, 10-11 AM)
79. Biden outlined a plan to get the US closer to normal by the fourth of July (March 12th, 10-11 AM)

2. National

1. President Biden signed an executive order to bolster the ACA, opening a special enrollment period, and redoing some rules and policies. (Jan 29th, 12-1PM)
2. President Biden is moving forward with placing Harriet Tubman on the twenty dollar bill, which would make her the first person of color on US currency. (Jan 29th, 12-1PM)
3. President Biden threatened to take action against Myanmar if military doesn't reverse coup, when their elected leader was detained by the military. (Feb 1st, 12-1PM)
4. TSA mandates masks when using public transit, a directive that will remain in effect until May 11th. (Feb 1st, 12-1 PM)
5. House Democrats made ultimatum that Marjorie Taylor Greene needs to be removed from her committee assignments (Feb 2nd, 12-1 PM)
6. UPS saw revenues rise 21% by the end of 2020, due in part to COVID 19 (Feb 2nd, 12-1 PM)
7. Space X announced that they will launch a mission with an all civilian crew, with a seat that can be won by a member of the public. (Feb 2nd, 12-1 PM)
8. Former President Donald Trump named two new attorneys for his impeachment legal defense team. (Feb 1st, 12-1 PM)
9. 370 congressional aides released a letter imploring senators to convict former president Trump. (Feb 3rd, 12-1 PM)
10. Dr. Anthony Fauci says that Super Bowl parties should be avoided to curb the spread of COVID-19 (Feb 3rd, 12-1 PM)
11. Democratic Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said that she was a survivor of sexual assault. (Feb 3rd, 12-1 PM)
12. The FCC announced they were exploring options to expand E-Rate to help low income families get online. (Feb 5th, 12-1 PM)
13. House Democrats asked former President Donald Trump to testify under oath for his Senate Impeachment Trial (Feb 5th, 12-1 PM)
14. Biden expressed support for Space force, and Press Secretary Jen Psaki said that the president is not revisiting to decision to establish the branch (Feb 5th, 12-1 PM)
15. A hacker was able to access a water treatment system, and attempted to raise the level of lye in the water (Feb 10th, 10-11 AM)

16. Fox News asked a judge to dismiss a \$2.7 billion lawsuit against the network (Feb 10th, 10-11 AM)
17. Coronavirus variant B117 is predicted to become the dominant virus nationwide by the end of March (Feb 10th, 10-11 AM)
18. Mark Cuban and the Dallas Mavericks decided to stop playing the national anthem prior to games, drawing criticism (Feb 10th, 10-11 AM)
19. The Biden administration told the Supreme Court that it should uphold the ACA, reversing the former administration's position (Feb 11th, 10-11 AM)
20. A new CDC study shows that wearing two masks is more effective than one (Feb 11th, 10-11 AM)
21. Two men and one women survived on coconuts for 33 days while stranded on an island are now in ICE custody. (Feb 11th, 10-11 AM)
22. The Dallas Mavericks will resume playing the national anthem, after the NBA stated it is a requirement (Feb 11th, 10-11 AM)
23. Angry Robinhood customers showed up at the company's California headquarters after being unable to contact support (Feb 12th, 10-11 AM)
24. Biden announced he is rescinding the national emergency declaration on the US-Mexico Border (Feb 12th, 10-11 AM)
25. Biden said that the US is facing a national emergency in the Coronavirus Pandemic(Feb 12th, 10-11 AM)
26. Counterfeit N95 masks are entering the US, with 1.9 million reaching 40 hospitals in Washington (Feb 12th, 10-11 AM)
27. Wall Street analysts are starting to ask who will be next after Tesla to invest in Bitcoin (Feb 16th, 10-11 AM)
28. Governor Greg Abbott of Texas deployed maximum resources to help the state of Texas during the winter storm (Feb 16th, 10-11 AM)
29. Health officials in Texas scrambled to administer 5,000 doses of vaccine after the storm knocked out power to the freezers (Feb 16th, 10-11 AM)
30. Trump and others are the subject of a lawsuit saying they violated the 1871 Klu Klux Klan Act (Feb 17th, 10-11 AM)
31. States will be receiving a 57% increase in the number of COVID-19 vaccine doses (Feb 17th, 10-11 AM)
32. 105 million Americans remain under winter storm warning, with 20 cities experiencing their coldest weather in history. (Feb 17th, 10-11 AM)
33. President Biden indirectly showed support for labor unions, coming right before Alabama amazon workers vote on unionization (March 2nd, 10-11 AM)
34. Texas AG is suing electricity provider Griddy for passing massive electric bills onto customers in wake of the winter storm (March 2nd, 10-11 AM)
35. It is the United State's most deadly avalanche season in years, and COVID is partly to blame (March 2nd, 10-11 AM)
36. US officials alerted lawmakers to a potential threat to the Capitol on March 4th (March 4th, 10-11 AM)
37. The CDC director, Dr. Rochelle Walkensky, voiced concerns for the loosening of restrictions around the country (March 4th, 10-11 AM)

38. Texas Governor Greg Abbott ended the states mask mandate earlier this week (March 4th, 10-11 AM)
39. NY Governor Andrew Cuomo apologized for his past behavior following allegations of sexual harassment by three women (March 4th, 10-11 AM)
40. President Biden called for federal agencies to expand voting access in a new executive order (March 8th, 10-11 AM)
41. NY Senate majority leader called for the resignation of Governor Andrew Cuomo (March 8th, 10-11 AM)
42. The United States now has the second largest Navy in the world, behind China (March 8th, 10-11 AM)
43. Democrat Joe Manchin said that he is open to making changes to the filibuster while keeping it around (March 8th, 10-11 AM)
44. Wells Fargo announced a goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 (March 9th, 10-11 AM)
45. The NOAA says that February saw the coldest temperatures in the lower 48 states since 1989 (March 9th, 10-11 AM)
46. President Biden and VP Harris recognized two female generals recently promoted to four star command (March 9th, 10-11 AM)
47. Tesla is creating a mega battery to help Texas in light of massive power outages (March 9th, 10-11 AM)
48. Panda Express is being sued for a seminar that saw two employees strip (March 10th, 10-11 AM)
49. Georgia state senate passed a bill eliminating no excuse absentee voting (March 10th, 10-11 AM)
50. Universities around the country are trying to keep students on campus for spring break (March 10th, 10-11 AM)
51. Lego reported a 19% boost in profits thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic (March 10th, 10-11 AM)
52. Merrick Garland was confirmed as US Attorney General by a 70-30 vote (March 11th, 10-11 AM)
53. House and Senate Democrats unveiled a bill proposing to make internet access more affordable (March 11th, 10-11 AM)
54. A bipartisan group of senators introduced the Sunshine Protection Act to make daylight savings permanent (March 11th, 10-11 AM)
55. The number of weekly jobless claims fell to its lowest total since early November (March 11th, 10-11 AM)
56. The Pentagon's press secretary fired back at inflammatory comments made by Fox News host Tucker Carlson (March 12th, 10-11 AM)
57. The Speaker of the New York Assembly authorized an impeachment investigation into Governor Cuomo (March 12th, 10-11 AM)
58. The US house approved a pair of new gun control bills (March 12th, 10-11 AM)
59. Four people in a Detroit lottery club won a \$1.05 billion mega millions jackpot (March 12th, 10-11 AM)

3. Regional:

1. Washington State Vaccine Distribution enters Phase 1B, Tier 1 of the plan making the vaccine available to everyone 65 and older. (Jan 29, 12 pm-1pm)
2. Washington State Senate committee approves ban to open carry firearms on Capitol grounds and at demonstrations. (Jan 29, 12 pm-1pm)
3. Human Remains of the youngest victim of the Green River Killer have been identified. (Jan 29, 12 pm-1pm)
4. Restaurants in seven Washington counties getting ready to bring back indoor dining. The main large counties include Snohomish, King, and Pierce. (Jan 29, 12 pm-1pm)
5. Overlake Medical Center in Bellevue offered COVID vaccines to those who donated over \$10,000 to the hospital. Gov. Jay Inslee expressed discontent with this move and said it made the process less fair than it should be. (Jan 29, 12 pm-1pm)
6. Washington State senate passes measure to increase the minimum benefits that those on unemployment would receive and increased unemployment taxes paid by businesses in July. (Jan 29, 12 pm-1pm)
7. Homeless activists with hatchets and knives occupy the lobby and 17 rooms at an Olympia Red Lion Hotel. (Feb 1, 12 pm-1pm)
8. COVID 19 vaccines ruled effective against new strain found in the UK that is expected to become the more dominant strain. (Feb 1, 12 pm-1pm)
9. Plan created to provide teachers and school staff in Washington State schools with COVID-19 vaccines and is now underway. (Feb 1, 12 pm-1pm)
10. Restaurant owners in Phase 1 counties getting frustrated with the re-opening process as business continues to be hard for them. (Feb 1, 12 pm-1pm)
11. U.S. Navy Granted permission to train in Washington State Parks after WSPRC voted 4-3 in favor of the training. (Feb 1, 12 pm-1pm)
12. King County votes 8-0 to approve \$4 hazard pay for grocery store workers during the pandemic. (Feb 1, 12 pm-1pm)
13. Unemployment Claims Data of 1.4 million people in Washington may have been stolen in a hack of software that is used by the state auditors office. (Feb 2, 12 pm-1pm)
14. LuLaRoe, the multi-level marketing scheme, is paying 4.75 million dollars to settle allegations in Washington State that it operated as a pyramid scheme. (Feb 2, 12 pm-1pm)
15. Sequim Washington Mayor, William Armacost, under fire for comments made supporting Q-anon. (Feb 2, 12 pm-1pm)
16. Washington Dept of Health reports 851 new COVID cases and 33 deaths. (Feb 2, 12 pm-1pm)
17. High school sports practices allowed to officially begin for student athletes in Washington. (Feb 2, 12 pm-1pm)
18. Bill in Washington state proposed to levy a wealth tax on the states richest residents. (Feb 3, 12 pm-1pm)

19. Farmers around Washington suing the state for relief from “arbitrary” COVID restrictions. (Feb 3, 12 pm-1pm)
20. Washington State Department of Health announces that the vaccination timeline for the general public will be pushed back. (Feb 3, 12 pm-1pm)
21. Seattle Great Wheel to offer “Dinner in the Sky”—a dinner for 4 and a ride over both the city and Puget Sound. (Feb 3, 12 pm-1pm)
22. Washington church raised more than \$300,000 to help families in the northwest with medical debt. (Feb 3, 12 pm-1pm)
23. Washington drivers ruled as the 4th most distracted drivers in the country according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association. (Feb 3, 12 pm-1pm)
24. Seattle member of the Proud Boys arrested and charged after footage was found of him leading a mob in the Capitol Hill Riots. (Feb 5, 12 pm-1pm)
25. Two northwest grocery trade groups are suing Seattle over the \$4 hazard pay raise enacted a week prior. (Feb 5, 12 pm-1pm)
26. New Washington State bill introduced to the state legislature that requires all cars to be electric by 2030. (Feb 5, 12 pm-1pm)
27. Federal judge overseeing court-order changes at the Seattle Police Department challenged the City Council for its attempt to defund the department. (Feb 5, 12 pm-1pm)
28. Microsoft is opening a vaccination site at its Redmond campus to help local health care facilities. (Feb 5, 12 pm-1pm)
29. After protests in the summer, complaints are being raised about the lack of prosecutions and court summons for those who acted violently during the protests. (Feb 5, 12 pm-1pm)
30. The Department of Homeland Security issued a fraud alert Friday to the Washington State Hospital Association, stating that 40 hospitals across the state may have received fake masks. (Feb 10, 10am-11am)
31. Washington AG Bob Ferguson issued a warning on Monday that scammers are posing as members of the Washington Medical Commission are calling medical providers to claim their medical licenses have been suspended. (Feb 10, 10am-11am)
32. National Weather Service issues a Winter Storm Watch for parts of Western Washington. (Feb 10, 10am-11am)
33. COVID update: Washington State Health officials reported 3,068 new COVID cases, 198 additional hospitalizations, and two more deaths. (Feb 10, 10am-11am)
34. Seattle releases COVID-19 vaccination plan this week with goal to be the first American city to vaccinate 70% of workers and residents. (Feb 10, 10am-11am)
35. Snow has caused for some Coronavirus vaccinations to get moved due to dangerous travel conditions to protect employees. (Feb 10, 10am-11am)
36. Washington State Wildlife warns residents to remove their bird feeders, baths, and other congregation points for birds as a disease is killing native birds. (Feb 11, 10am-11am)

37. CDC recommends second doses of the COVID vaccine be administered 3-4 week after the first one, but Seattle clinics are stretching over a wider time frame due to a limited supply. (Feb 11, 10am-11am)
38. Driver who crashed into a medical supply sales building and ran away in Spanaway, Washington is being searched for by police. (Feb 11, 10am-11am)
39. Thurston County Judge ruled that initiative leader Tim Eyman can no longer have financial control over political campaigns after accusations of money laundering and soliciting kickbacks. (Feb 11, 10am-11am)
40. Washington State Legislature approved a \$2.2 billion COVID relief bill to help vaccine distribution, expand testing, and help schools and small businesses. (Feb 11, 10am-11am)
41. Food Network Star Guy Fieri to open Flavortown Kitchen in Seattle, and will be open and accepting orders on February 17th. (Feb 12, 10am-11am)
42. Washington Scammers targeting older women in Costco parking lots similar to the Nigerian Prince Schemes often done over email. (Feb 12, 10am-11am)
43. Five more regions in Washington to move into Phase 2. (Feb 12, 10am-11am)
44. City mayors frustrated with Jay Inslee's phase plan and say that it isn't working—claiming that their cities should be allowed to move onto phase 2. (Feb 12, 10am-11am)
45. People upset over the ease of people to lie to receive vaccines early and cut in front of lines and those that may need them more due to the lax way of applying for a vaccine. (Feb 12, 10am-11am)
46. Updates on the winter snow storm headed to the region around Seattle that is expected to bring the most snowfall the area has seen for 2 years. (Feb 12, 10am-11am)
47. A Washington State Trooper's 2018 death has been reclassified as occurring in the line of duty after an investigation determined her fatal cancer was caused by exposure to toxic chemicals during an illegal auto-wrecking investigation. (Feb 15, 10am-11am)
48. State Leaders to raise \$30 million in public and private funds to help serve lower-income and minority communities. (Feb 15, 10am-11am)
49. Man back in prison after allegedly jacking a car just 20 minutes after his release from prison. (Feb 15, 10am-11am)
50. A 90 year old woman walked 6 miles in the snow to get a vaccine due to the weather conditions to make sure she was on time for her appointment. (Feb 17, 10am-11am)
51. Governor Inslee announced that 50 more schools will be starting COVID testing programs in an effort to get kids back in classrooms. (Feb 17, 10am-11am)
52. Protestors in Capitol Hill built a snow blockade to prevent patrol cars from leaving the East Precinct over the weekend. (Feb 17, 10am-11am)
53. "Shake Alert", the system dedicated to sending alerts to people in Washington about Earthquakes, will go into effect by May. (Feb 17, 10am-11am)
54. Sea-Tac Firefighters battled a fire on Tuesday Morning that began at and burned a local auto parts store. (Feb 17, 10am-11am)

55. QFC to close 2 stores in Seattle in response to the required \$4 hazard pay to employees. (Feb 17, 10am-11am)
56. Some Washington Lawmakers have proposed that schools swap Summer break with spring break to increase the possibility of classroom learning. (March 2, 10am-11am)
57. Lumen Field to open a mass COVID vaccination site in March. (March 2, 10am-11am)
58. Seattle teacher's union filed unfair labor complaints against Seattle School District for reclassifying special education and pre-school teachers as essential workers, requiring them to return to work. (March 2, 10am-11am)
59. Now house bill proposed by Washington State Rep Jesse Johnson would ban police tactics including chokeholds, tear gas, and police dogs. (March 2, 10am-11am)
60. Washington State waiving liquor license fees for the year to help struggling restaurants. (March 2, 10am-11am)
61. Washington State Teachers now eligible for the COVID vaccine (March 3, 10am-11am)
62. Governor Jay Inslee issued an emergency proclamation to update the quarantine requirements for international travelers in Washington. (March 3, 10am-11am)
63. Ex-SuperSonic James Donaldson to run for Seattle Mayor. (March 3, 10am-11am)
64. On Wednesday, Jay Inslee announced that the Johnson and Johnson vaccines were approved in Washington State. (March 3, 10am-11am)
65. COVID 19 updates—Washington State passes 5000 deaths since the pandemic began. (March 3, 10am-11am)
66. Mackenzie Scott, ex-wife of Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, has re-married. (March 8, 10am-11am)
67. Washington State approves a measure to prohibit price gouging for certain goods and services during a state of emergency, applicable to the current pandemic. (March 8, 10am-11am)
68. Washington State approves capital gains tax on the sale of high profit stocks and bonds. (March 8, 10am-11am)
69. Over 50,000 Washingtonians may have to pay back benefits received from unemployment. (March 8, 10am-11am)
70. First Lady Jill Biden to visit Washington State. (March 8, 10am-11am)
71. Washington Department of Health announced that the state has reached its goal of vaccinating 45,000 people per day. (March 8, 10am-11am)
72. Washington State being sued for allowing military training in State Parks. (March 9, 10am-11am)
73. Mass Vaccination sites in Washington have administered about 100,000 doses of the vaccine in just a month and a half.
74. Jill Biden visited Washington to visit local military installations. (March 9, 10am-11am)
75. Washington State named best state in the US according to US News and World Report. (March 9, 10am-11am)

76. Brown Paper Tickets, a ticket company based in Seattle, is being required to pay 9 million dollars in refunds to those who bought tickets to shows cancelled by COVID 19. (March 9, 10am-11am)
77. A statue honoring Billy Frank Jr. will be displayed soon at the US Capital. (March 10, 10am-11am)
78. Bellevue attorney charged with three counts of first-degree theft and 10 counts of second-degree theft involving client's insurance settlements. (March 10, 10am-11am)
79. State Supreme Court rules the drug possession law unconstitutional, potentially leaving cities to decide individually their own policy around the state. (March 10, 10am-11am)
80. Washington State HoR passed a bill requiring landlords to state reasons when terminating or refusing new rental agreements (March 10, 10am-11am)
81. Washington Health Officials say that 2 million doses of the COVID vaccine have been administered in WA. (March 10, 10am-11am)
82. Washington HoR approves a measure to limit evictions and fine landlords in violation of the rules with prices up to three months of rent that was charged. (March 10, 10am-11am)
83. New 29 million gallon storage tunnel being built in Ballard for sewage overflows. (March 11, 10am-11am)
84. Lumen Field will be turned into a mass vaccination site this Saturday. (March 11, 10am-11am)
85. Costco running out of imported cheeses due to a shortage in shipping containers. (March 11, 10am-11am)
86. Washington COVID Update—death toll raised to 5,100 since beginning of pandemic. (March 11, 10am-11am)
87. Complaints filed to state that Dick's Drive-In disregarded COVID protocols and pressured employees to work. (March 11, 10am-11am)
88. Anyone eligible in Tier 2 Phase 1B can now get their COVID vaccine starting March 17th, as the state is ahead of schedule. (March 12, 10am-11am)
89. Thurston County commissioners voted unanimously to declare racism a crisis in the county and created a racial equity plan. (March 12, 10am-11am)
90. Parents upset that they can't attend their children's high school sports. (March 12, 10am-11am)
91. Washington State Parks will have many group camps, day-use rental shelters, interpretive centers, and historic facilities opening later this month. (March 12, 10am-11am)
92. Everett proposing the building of temporary housing community to address homelessness. (March 12, 10am-11am)

4. Local

Aired 12PM-1PM

1. Kittitas medical, a full service home medical supply company, is moving to a new, larger downtown location in Ellensburg. (Jan. 29,...)
2. CNN reported that Kittitas has outpaced other counties in the state with their vaccine distribution and unlike other areas throughout the state, a single dose has not been wasted in Kittitas (Jan. 29)
3. 2013 Central Washington University graduate Amanda Taylor and her vocal quartet, Saje nominated for a grammy award (Jan. 29)
4. CWU alum Mackenzie Adams was featured Wednesday night in a prime time presidential inauguration broadcast by the Washington Post (Jan.29)
5. Cori Totten and her son, Quinn, took the challenge to walk a mile every day for thirty days and used social media to promote what is now being called the “hashtag totten challenge” (Jan. 29)
6. CWU conducted a welcome back covid 19 testing event which tested more than 3000 students for the covid 19 virus in the span of 6 testing days. (Jan. 29)
7. The Ellensburg Film Festival announced major changes with the festival being held entirely in a virtual format, with screenings being held online (Feb. 1)
8. Central Washington University’s on campus housing has seen a steady decrease of more than ½ as a result of the pandemic (Feb. 1)
9. As of Friday, Kittias county had 142 active Covid-19 cases, per the Kittitas County Community Impact Dashboard. (Feb.1)
10. CWU and city police officers will be wearing new body cameras due to monetary requests being approved by Ellensburg City council. (Feb.1)
11. Yakima Valley Volunteer Attorney Services has received the Yakima Herald-Republic’s Best Nonprofit award. (Feb. 1)
12. The CWU Dining Services was named “Innovator of the Month” (Feb. 1)
13. The Kittitas County Incident Management team has temporarily closed its COVID-19 vaccine wait list because of a surge in registrations. (Feb. 2)
14. Schools in Kittitas County are opposed to Governor Inslee’s new Roadmap to Recovery plan allowing counties to move to the next phase of COVID-19 recovery. (Feb. 2)
15. Leaders in Yakima county sent a letter to Governor Jay Inslee this week, calling for him to provide quote “mass quantities” of COVID 19 vaccines immediately. (Feb. 2)
16. The Ellensburg City Council plans to conduct a public hearing on the development of an Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Commission similar to other city commissions like the Parks and Recreation commission or the Arts commission (Feb. 2)
17. In Yakima, some residents are receiving scam emails saying that they have run a red light, and are required to pay a fine. Yakima does not have any red light cameras and residents should beware of these emails with links to give their credit or debit card information. (Feb. 2)
18. Kittitas medical, a full-service home medical supply company, is expanding to a new Ellensburg location (Feb. 2)
19. The Nonprofit Kittitas Environmental Education Network, or KEEN, suffered a devastating blow when a storage shed containing equipment worth just under ten thousand dollars was broken into this weekend. (Feb. 3)

20. The temporary closure of Kittitas county's covid 19 vaccine list was a result of An input error, and not out-of-county registrations (Feb. 3)
21. A Central Washington University Alumna was announced to have earned the 2021 Casey Excellence for Children Kinship award. (Feb. 3)
22. The Eaton family cattle drive which is a Kittitas county tradition will take place this Saturday. The Eaton family has raised cattle near the Yakima valley and move their cattle from their winter pastures to their summer calving grounds every year. (Feb. 3)
23. The Washington State Council of Presidents, made up of the presidents of all public universities in the state, announced that fall 2021 applicants will not need to provide SAT or ACT scores to gain admission. (Feb. 3)
24. The Ellensburg high school fall play is scheduled for February 6th and 7th. The play is titled "the monologue show" by Don Zolidis and because only 1 person is on the stage at a time- the actors can socially distance. (Feb. 3)
25. In Yakima, most of the Safeway locations will become a primary vaccine distributor. The company, which is owned by grocery giant Albertsons, announced that it will be a primary participant in Washington State's Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership Program (Feb. 4)
26. In anticipation of the covid 19 vaccine being available to students, Central Washington University has announced they plan to hold in person classes in the fall. (Feb. 4)
27. An iconic landmark in Downtown Ellensburg, the Rotary Pavilion, will soon be getting a major update. (Feb. 4)
28. Kittitas county reported 57 active covid 19 cases as of yesterday morning, which is the county's lowest number of active cases in months. (Feb. 4)
29. A recent report found that Central Washington University ranked among the top schools in the state for non-traditional students. (Feb. 4)
30. CWU alum Autumn Adams, is the 2021 recipient of the Casey Excellence for Children Kinship award. (Feb. 4)
31. The award recognizes those who have made a difference in improving the safety and success of vulnerable children and their families. (Feb. 4)

AIRD 10AM-11AM LIVE

1. One of the most efficient areas for vaccine distribution in the country, Kittitas county has distributed just over 6 thousand vaccines. (Feb. 10)
2. Kroger made an announcement Friday that the Fred Meyer stores in East Wenatchee and Ellensburg, along with other Kroger-owned retailers across the US, are giving out extra money to staff who get immunized against COVID 19 (Feb. 10)
3. Demolition of the old Kittitas High School started on February 1st. The building has not been used as a school in over a decade, and the district has been using it primarily as storage. (Feb. 10)
4. The Wildcats are scheduled to play five games during the month of february, which will all be technically non conference, as the GNAC cancelled the 2020-2021 season, while allowing teams to schedule games independently. (Feb. 10)
5. The Early Bird Café will be moving to main street, into the former building of the Iron Horse Brewpub on March 1st (Feb. 10)

6. Central Washington University and the state Health Department recently partnered to provide a contact tracing training program, resulting in over 1000 new COVID-19 case investigators. (Feb. 11)
7. According to the Washington State Department of Health, Kittitas County has distributed 6,032 COVID-19 vaccinations (Feb. 11)
8. The Board of Commissioners for Kittitas County Public Hospital District are seeking applicants for a board member. (Feb. 11)
9. Central Washington University offers one of the best higher education experiences in the state for non-traditional learners, according to the national college ratings website (Feb.11)
10. Two kittitas county businesses have moved to the next phase of the Enterprise Challenge, which is sponsored by the Yakima County Development association. (Feb. 11)
11. Yakima Valley farmers fear that the drastically changing weather could cause crops to die (Feb. 12)
12. Kittitas County had 60 active COVID-19 cases as of February 11th with 3 new cases over 24 hours, and of the 60 cases 12 were Central Washington Students (Feb. 12)
13. Early Bird Cafe will be moving locations on March 1st into former Iron Horse Brewpub building (Feb. 12)
14. The Cle-Elum- Roslyn school district switched from a fully online schedule to the hybrid in November so that students and teachers could meet face to face (Feb. 12)
15. The Youth Services Mentoring Program is adapting to make volunteering easier by are offering a chance for CWU students to become a zoom based mentor. (Feb. 12)
16. The demolition of the Old Kittitas Highschool started February 1st and so far the district is happy with the process (Feb. 12)
17. The state moved Kittitas county, along with the entire South Central Region, into Phase 2 on Sunday (Feb. 16)
18. Kittitas County has asked those who have been vaccinated to log into the scheduling website to remove their names from the waitlist. (Feb. 16)
19. Lincoln Elementary will switch to reusable lunch trays when classes return because science has shown that the polystyrene trays the district has been using could cause cancer in students (Feb.16)
20. The Yakima city council approved \$266,406 dollars for microbusinesses in the area, which are defined as businesses with five or fewer employees (Feb. 16)
21. People eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations in Phase 1b, tier 1 can now sign up for appointments (Feb. 17)
22. The county recorded 23 new cases over the three-day weekend and of the 47 active COVID cases, 10 of them were Central Washington students (Feb.17)
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24. The Kittitas county Sheriff's office, along with members of the Department of Ecology, busted a large illegal marijuanan growing operation near Easton last weekend (Feb. 17)
25. Many local child care providers have closed in Yakima and Kittitas County because of the pandemic. Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families has poured more than \$200 million dollars in the form of grants and subsidy copayments into the child care sector since March 2020. (Feb. 17)
26. A small pharmacy south of Yakima is rallying its staff and volunteers to deliver over 900 coronavirus shots in less than a week (Feb. 17)
27. A press release from the Washington State Employment Security Department says that the unemployment rate in Kittitas county climbed to 8.5% in December (March 2)
28. Chimpanzee sanctuary northwest, located west of Ellensburg, is expanding to add more room for its family of chimpanzees (March. 2)
29. A formal request has been made by the faculty senate of central Washington university to be included with k thru 12 educators in phase 1B tier 2 of the states covid-19 vaccination plan (March 2)
30. A CWU scholarship program for military veterans has officially been renamed to honor alumnus General James Mattis. (March 2)
31. Yakima School District students are back to in person learning twice per week, and will spend the rest of the week learning virtually as part of a hybrid model
32. The university is also planning on a normal academic schedule for the quarter which would be from sept. 22 to December 10th and anticipate residence halls being at near normal capacity with Munson hall being reserved as quarantine space (March 4)
33. Yakima County has received an additional 15,000 (15 thousand) COVID-19 vaccines shipped from both the state and federal programs. (March 4)
34. The US marine corps support group of Washington has changed the name of its annual scholarship to the General Jim mattis scholarship, in honor of general mattis who was a 1971 graduate of central Washington university. (March 4)
35. A crew of six unionized linemen with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers are claiming that the city is using COVID-19 as an excuse to avoid offering fair wages. (March 4)
36. Local rental properties are going up for sale as landlords say they can't hold on any longer, almost a full year into the eviction moratorium. (March 4)
37. Ellensburg City Council voted to approve a commission on diversity, equity, and inclusion (March 8)
38. Ellensburg schools are unlikely to return to a 5 day week this school year however the district said that they are committed to reopening as soon as possible and plan on opening for 5 days a week in the fall (March 8)
39. Despite the recent surge in the number of vaccine doses coming to Yakima County, the Yakima Health District says they're not yet at the point where they could open the planned mass vaccination site. (March 8)

40. CWU Men's basketball team lost to Northwest Nazarene Saturday 90-75 in their final game of their 6 game season (March 8)
41. The Yakima health district alerted the public to a COVID 19 outbreak affecting a large portion of inmates and staff at Yakima County Jail in February. (March 8)
42. The city of Ellensburg and the Rodeo received national acclaim recently, celebrating the opening of the Ellensburg rodeo hall of fame in an interview with the cowboy channel (March 9)
43. The Yakima Health District reported 70 additional coronavirus cases and two new deaths from Sunday and Monday (March 9)
44. A donation to the Japanese Garden at Central Washington University will let visitors rake the zen garden (March 9)
45. The Kittitas county chamber of commerce has distributed just over a million dollars during the covid-19 pandemic to support businesses in the county needing extra support (March 9)
46. As tribute to a Civil War veteran who became Kittitas County's first African-American resident in 1886, the Kittitas County Historical Museum will place a headstone at his burial site in Ellensburg. (March 10)
47. Governor Inslee made a visit to the Tri-Cities yesterday to tour 'Robert Frost' Elementary School in Pasco. (March 10)
48. CWU is looking to accept a higher number of students into the aviation program, since CWU is seeking to increase the amount of first-year students enrolling in the program they are currently upping their recruitment efforts and accepting more students. (March 10)
49. Yakima Valley College is helping students experiencing housing insecurity through the Supporting Students Experiencing homelessness Program. The pilot program launched during the 2019-2020 academic year, helping to build support systems for students whose education could be derailed by homelessness. (March 10)
50. Ellensburg high school is working on multiple graduation ceremony plans due to the uncertainty about the state reopening. (March 11)
51. After a very long off-season, the women's rugby team returned to practices and got to play their first game of the year against Brigham Young University and won 43-13. (March 11)
52. The Kittitas county sheriffs office, Search and Rescue, and fire district, along with other nearby emergency personnel, conducted a joint backcountry search and rescue training near lake Cle Elum. Residents in upper Kittitas county heard the drone of helicopters and saw fleets of first responder vehicles on Saturday (March 12)
53. CWU is partnering with the Seattle National Pan-Hellenic council (called the NPHC) to present a workshop that focuses on overcoming the barriers that people of color encounter in the corporate world. (March 12)
54. State and local health officials have been struggling to raise awareness of the potential pitfalls of engaging in spring break activities in the middle of a pandemic. (March 12)

55. Todd Thornley, head coach of central Washington universities men's rugby team, has been named USA rugby's U-23 15s head coach. (March 12)
56. The Ellensburg school district has begun to advertise for substitute bus drivers on both social media and the district webpage. (March 12)
57. Governor Inslee said the state is considering changing the spacing requirements for schools to three feet. (March 12)