

FCC Quarterly Issues and Programming List

First Quarter Jan. 1 – March 31, 2024

KDQN AM 1390/FM 104.5 – De Queen, AR

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Issue 1: 2024 Total Solar Eclipse and expected influx of visitors

Programs to address issue 1:

Date: March 5, 2024

Program: Acordeon Cristiano

Time: 9 a.m.

Length: 2:30 minutes

Description: Discussed Spanish-language preparedness tips for local residents ahead of April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse. Local and state public safety officials estimated hundreds of thousands of visitors to the state to view the celestial event and warned that services such as food and fuel could be strained. Featured story detailing how residents could stock up and prepare for the event and shared information on expected traffic delays and other issues possibly arising from the huge influx of visitors.

Issue 2: Childhood food insecurity during summer months

Programs to address issue 1:

Date: Jan. 3, 2024

Program: Acordeon Cristiano

Time: 9 a.m.

Length: 2:30 minutes

Description: Shared story regarding Arkansas' entry into the federal Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (EPT) Program for Children for the summer of 2024. The program will provide qualifying families with \$120 in food benefits per child this summer. Provided program details and discussed the increase in food insecurity among Arkansas children during the summer months.

Issue 3: Need to encourage young women to enter nontraditional careers

Date: Feb. 15, 2024

Program: Acordeon Cristiano

Time: 9 a.m.

Length: 4 minutes

Description: Featured Spanish-language information from interview with Stacy Southerland of the De Queen-Mena Educational Cooperative about an event the organization hosted to introduce high school girls to nontraditional careers such as welding, machining, carpentry and other vocations. Discussed the overall lack of workers in these fields and the great need by industries locally and nationwide in these skilled, technical career fields. Discussed the competitive career opportunities and high wages available in these sectors and how young woman should consider these positions as they enter the workplace.

Issue 4: Lack of online opportunities for people seeking GED

Date: Feb. 16, 2024

Program: Acordeon Cristiano

Time: 9 a.m.

Length: 12 minutes

Description: Featured Spanish-language story on newly-introduced program providing Arkansas residents aged 21 and older who do not have a high school diploma with the ability to finish school online for free. Graduates earn an accredited high school diploma completely online and at no cost to themselves. Previously no online program existed. Additionally, discussed the workforce credentials available through the program to boost participants' employability.

Issue 5: Ongoing concern over rising energy costs

Date: Jan. 5, 2024

Program: Acordeon Cristiano

Time: 9 a.m.

Length: 5 minutes

Description: Shared in Spanish-language the winter and spring assistance options available for Arkansas residents facing outstanding energy bills. Featured story with information shared by state economic officials detailing how inflation and the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic were causing more Arkansans to fall behind on their energy bills. Provided listeners with the available resources and how to take advantage of them to catch up on their electricity and natural gas bills, such as through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).



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