

**KTSC-FM**  
**Pueblo, CO**  
**Quarterly Issues/Programs List**  
**Second Quarter, 2021**  
**Date of Preparation: 07/06/2021**

KTSC-FM provides its listeners with long-form programming, news stories and public service announcements that address issues of concern to our local community. Among the issues determined to be of most concern to the community during the preceding calendar quarter were:

- COVID-19 Pandemic and its effect on Pueblo and CSU Pueblo
- COVID-19 Vaccines
- Mentoring Pueblo Youth
- Sexual violence, assault and awareness
- Food insecurity and access
- Pueblo's Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan
- State Park Fee Increase
- Shelter pet adoption
- Drinking and driving
- Texting and driving
- Child seat safety
- Autism Awareness
- Stroke Awareness
- Childhood hunger
- Suicide prevention and awareness





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**ISSUE:**

How has COVID-19 impacted the Pueblo community?

**Discussion of Issue:**

The pandemic has affected Pueblo in a number of ways. The city saw a deadly increase in the number of cases between November and December. Weekly positive cases ranged from the hundreds into the thousands, tests administered were over 1,000 each day and the mobile morgue unit was deployed. FEMA established a mass vaccination site at the Colorado State Fairgrounds in an effort to make the COVID-19 vaccine readily available to people living in Pueblo and the surrounding communities. The City of Pueblo also issued emergency grant funding to help assist small businesses during the pandemic. A year later, we wanted to see how Pueblo weathered the first year of the pandemic and look at what is on the horizon for the City.

**Programming:** KTSC-FM addressed this issue through several different kinds of programs, including public affairs discussions and news stories. The following are illustrative examples of such programming:

**Discussion of Issue:**

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| a. T-Wolf Talk | 04/18/2021 | 7:00 a.m. – 7:42 a.m. |
| b. T-Wolf Talk | 06/13/2021 | 7:00 a.m. – 7:42 a.m. |

Pueblo’s first mayor, Nick Gradisar, explains part of the reason for the unexpected success of the economy is because the city of Pueblo put \$5 million of economic development money from the Petco fund towards small businesses here. Later he discusses the FEMA vaccination site located in Pueblo stating it’s a “...White House pilot project. It’s one of the few in the nation that is supported by FEMA and by the Department of Defense...” Gradisar mentions FEMA has provided over 20,000 vaccines a week to the site. He then talks about Governor Jared Polis’s visit to Pueblo and his desire to make vaccines available to people in impoverished neighborhoods. Another item Gradisar addresses is the American Rescue Plan Act and what they intend on putting the money they receive towards as well as the importance of giving the people a chance for their voices to be heard with a variety of Town Halls being hosted in the following weeks. Discussing the rising positive cases of COVID-19 in Pueblo, he references an idea Pueblo is working on to notify citizens on a daily basis of where the city stands in terms of case numbers, what level of the COVID-19 dial Pueblo is at, and possible vaccine tracking. “...I think there have been about 54,000 first shots administered of vaccinations... and that’s about 35 percent... of the population in Pueblo County... so we want to get to 70 percent so we have to

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double that” he said regarding vaccine tracking so far and Pueblo’s vaccination goals. Switching gears from the pandemic, Gradisar describes the Street Enterprise fund voter’s passed four years ago. “A fee is attached to every water meter in the city depending on whether it’s a residential meter or a small business meter that collects this money for street repairs and about \$2.8 million a year is collected there...” Finally, Gradisar discusses the city’s goal of making all of Pueblo 100 percent renewable and using sustainable energy. (Local).

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**ISSUE:**

Why is mentoring important?

**Discussion of Issue:**

January was National Mentoring Month. The Pueblo Mentoring Collaborative was established in 2013 and “builds on current resources and addresses gaps in mentoring by developing a community-wide system for communication and engaging, supporting and sustaining high quality mentoring for Pueblo youth, young adults and families. PMC is sponsored by the House Bill 1451 Collaborative Management Program.” The need for mentors in Pueblo is at an all-time high. The National Mentoring Partnership shows that mentors “play a powerful role in providing young people with the tools to make responsible choices, attend and engage in school and reduce or avoid risky behavior, including drug use. PMC has over six member organizations and they work with local high schools, middle schools and other agencies throughout Pueblo to connect youths with mentors. We interviewed leaders from several partner organizations in our on-going mentoring series coverage to discuss their efforts and to shed light on the need for mentors in Pueblo and to highlight the work that these organizations do with youths in the community.

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**Discussion of Issue:**

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| a. T-Wolf Talk | 04/25/2021 | 7:00 a.m. – 7:26 a.m. |
| b. T-Wolf Talk | 06/06/2021 | 7:00 a.m. – 7:26 a.m. |

Mike Riley, Executive Director and Founder of Southern Colorado Youth Development explains his reasoning for starting this program, “I founded the non-profit back in 2014 when I was running a race team here in Pueblo called SOCAL Racing and we saw a need for pro-social activities for youth in our community; predominately motor sport and outdoor activities related.” Riley then introduces the National Youth Project Using Minibikes (NYPUM) and talks about how they use this program to assist mentees with adversities they may be facing in their lives. After giving a brief history on NYPUM and how it’s been helping youth for over 50 years, he mentions the City of Pueblo allows their program to take place at Pueblo Motorsports Park and explains why this location actually benefits the mentees. Riley briefly describes the situations of the kids that often are referred to this program and how NYPUM is able to help them tremendously in areas such as improving their behavior. He shares a story of a 13-year-old boy who was affiliated in a gang and he had his life completely turned around by NYPUM. Riley



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more relatable to the mentee. She continued to explain that mentors need to have a good heart, have a purpose for working with these people, and most importantly they need to be genuine. Some mentors are in a master's program for social work, and some of them have extensive experience working with high-risk youth. Most of the mentors are either in college or have some sort of credential already. They have a working relationship with CSU Pueblo's clinical social work program, and currently there are about four or five CSU Pueblo students working in some capacity for State of Grace. Throughout the years in Pueblo, there's been an increase in deaths due to dependency on hard drugs. State of Grace, through both outpatient and school services, is doing their utmost to prevent addiction where it may start, as well as rehabilitate addicts and help them adjust to normal life, bettering the public and enhancing the community. (Local).

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**ISSUE:**

Why is it important for residents to have easy access to nutritious foods?

**Discussion of Issue:**

With the closing of the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Safeway store, residents on Pueblo’s east side lost easy access to a variety of healthy and fresh foods and resorted to buying whatever was available at the convenience store. The Pueblo Food Project is a new initiative designed to help address the issue of food insecurity in Pueblo by connecting farmers to consumers and creating easy access to affordable and nutritious foods.

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**Discussion of Issue:**

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| a. T-Wolf Talk | 05/02/2021 | 7:00 a.m. – 7:51 a.m. |
| b. T-Wolf Talk | 05/09/2021 | 7:00 a.m. – 7:51 a.m. |

Monique Marez project coordinator and Megan Moore digital engagement manager for the Pueblo Food Project describe what each of their roles with the Pueblo Food Project entail. Marez then explains where this project first got started, stating it began about two years ago when a group of dedicated Pueblo residents wanted to address the city not taking advantage of its rich farm ground for food production. She elaborates on the fertile farm ground located just outside of the City of Pueblo and introduces the fact people in the “urban” parts of Pueblo are struggling with food insecurity. “The goal of the Pueblo Food Project is to develop a vibrant, nutritious, sustainable, equitable local food system that supports every Puebloan in living a healthy happy life,” Marez said. She then mentions several projects this organization is sponsoring and a group of advocates who are doing an excellent job assisting those struggling with food insecurity. Both Marez and Moore discuss future plans the Pueblo Food Project is organizing, including the “Demonstration Garden” and “Edible Landscape.” Later, Marez emphasizes how difficult farming is and how it’s vital that people respect the process and all the work that goes into providing food for others. She explains that an additional facet of the Pueblo Food Project is to “develop and strengthen our local food economy by connecting food and ag businesses to resources to help new and existing businesses scale and grow and to incentivize and develop plans for local food buyers to procure locally because it’s not easy.” She brings up a survey this organization conducted in partnership with CSU Pueblo and CSU Fort Collins and discusses the results. “Essentially what folks wanted are the things you’re seeing us do. Folks want more fresh foods in their communities” Marez said. Finally, Marez declares it is essential that if a person is struggling with food insecurity that they “speak up.” (Local).

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**ISSUE:**

Why did the Pueblo Board of Health extend the local public health order?

**Discussion of Issue:**

The City of Pueblo saw a deadly increase in COVID-19 related cases and fatalities during the winter months. As we come out of the pandemic and vaccine is made readily available in the community, the extension of the public health order through the end of May had many people questioning, “Why?” We continue to monitor the impact of the pandemic in Pueblo.

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**Discussion of Issue:**

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|----------------|------------|-----------------------|
| a. T-Wolf Talk | 05/16/2021 | 7:00 a.m. – 7:51 a.m. |
| b. T-Wolf Talk | 05/30/2021 | 7:00 a.m. – 7:51 a.m. |

Sarah Joseph, Public Information Officer for the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment discusses the key reasons for the Pueblo Board of Health choosing to extend the local public health order linked to Pueblo County’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic through the end of the month. She claims the “Board of Health” recognized that the number of hospitalizations in Pueblo County remained at an excessive number over the previous weeks. She explains the important role of Pueblo’s hospitals not exceeding capacity plays in the community, detailing what each of the hospital’s capacities are, “At St. Mary-Corwin Hospital it’s (the capacity) 10 ‘COVID’ beds and then at Parkview Medical center it’s just over 40 ‘COVID’ beds.” Joseph later talks about the availability of the COVID-19 vaccines and the recent change in the age range allowed to receive the Pfizer vaccine, permitting children ages 12 to 15-years-old to receive this vaccine. She tells of “trials” conducted to assess the safety of the vaccine for those 12 to 15-years-old, stressing, “In the U.S., the vaccine safety system’s job is to make sure that all vaccines are as safe as possible.” She says the outcomes of the trials for those in this age range were highly relatable to those of adults, leading to the vaccine’s approval for children between 12 and 15-years-old. Joseph acknowledges the uncertainty of the long-term effects of the vaccines, but references history and states, “Every vaccine that’s been invented has been improved over time...and as technology improves, vaccines improve, too. So I would think this will be looked at on how can it improve, how can it protect us more, and the vaccine manufacturers will look to do that while continuing to make it as safe as possible.” She concludes by encouraging people to do their best to prevent the spread of COVID-19. (Local).





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**b. Public Services Announcements PSA'S, 30 sec., variable:**

KTSC-FM broadcast a number of public service announcements throughout the three months providing information about COVID-19, texting and driving, child safety and car seats, driving under the influence of alcohol, adoption and foster care, childhood hunger, suicide awareness, and shelter pets. (Recorded.)

**c. News Programming**

During the month of April, KTSC-FM News Department covered important events relating to a variety of local community issues broadcast in our daily five-minute news brief airing at 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The duration of the news brief totaled 25 minutes per week, totaling 100 minutes of news programming for the quarter. (Local).

**d. American Radio Journal**

In addition to our T-Wolf Talk local long-form public affairs program, we added American Radio Journal to our Sunday morning programming. These pre-recorded shows are 30 minutes in duration and air at 5:00 a.m. MST. The following descriptions of the shows are listed in reverse-chronological order and are submitted for inclusion in the station's 2Q 2021 Issues and Programs List. American Radio Journal compiled the descriptions of the programs listed below:

**American Radio Journal**  
**2021 Q2 Program Notes**

(June 26, 2021 - July 2, 2021) This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Zack Smith** of the Heritage Foundation about the constitutionality of making Washington, D.C. the 51st state; **Scott Parkinson** of the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on a possible infrastructure deal; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine explains why ending the Senate's filibuster would be misguided; And, Dr. **Paul Kengor** from the Institute for Faith & Freedom at Grove City College has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on why major league sports virtue signal a "woke" agenda.

(June 19, 2021 - June 25, 2021) This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Michael Ellis** from the Heritage Foundation about recent cyber attacks; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on the importance of gubernatorial races; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine gets details on the anti-worker PRO Act from **Sean Higgins** of the Competitive Enterprise Institute; And, **Colin Hanna** from Let Freedom Ring, USA has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on a model state conservative conference.

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(June 12, 2021 - June 18, 2021) This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Christine McDaniel** from the Mercatus Center at George Mason University about the proposed Minimum Global Corporate Tax; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-West Virginia) upholding the Senate filibuster; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine explains how new Biden Administration tariffs will further increase the cost of lumber; And, **Jonathan Williams** from the American Legislative Exchange Council has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on how extra COVID-19 unemployment benefits are creating a labor shortage.

(June 5, 2021 - June 11, 2021) This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Phil Kerpen** from American Commitment about how teacher unions influenced CDC policy on re-opening public schools; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on the Anthony Fauci e-mail scandal; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine gets details of a plan to beef up IRS tax collections from **Andrew Wilford** of the American Taxpayers Union Foundation; And, Dr. **Paul Kengor** from the Institute for Faith & Freedom at Grove City College has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on how Marxism influenced the founder of Black Lives Matter.

(May 29, 2021 - June 4, 2021) This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Jonathan Williams** from the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) about the latest *Rich States/Poor States* report; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on a new Contract With America; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine says states flush with cash are getting big money from the American Rescue Act; And, **Colin Hanna** from Let Freedom Ring, USA has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on how journalistic ideology obscure the search for truth.

(May 22, 2021 - May 28, 2021) This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with Dr. **John Sparks** from the Institute for Faith & Freedom at Grove City College about the impact of stacking the U.S. Supreme Court; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on developing 2022 U.S. Senate races; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine looks at a Democrat plan to give a massive tax cut to the rich; And, **Jonathan Williams** from the American Legislative Exchange Council has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on the gold standard in state property tax reform.

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(May 15, 2021 - May 21, 2021) This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Tim Phillips** of Americans for Prosperity about the Biden economic agenda; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on a shake-up in Republican congressional leadership; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine gets details of a new Arizona asset forfeiture law from **Jenna Bentley** of the Goldwater Institute; And, Dr. **Paul Kengor** from the Institute for Faith & Freedom at Grove City College has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on the Left's efforts to defund the police.

(May 8, 2021 - May 14, 2021) This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Ken Cuccinelli** from the Election Transparency Initiative about election integrity; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on a congressional GOP leadership fight; **Eric Boehm** from *Reason* magazine learns from **Dan Alban** of the Institute for Justice about a Biden Administration plan to revive a failed professional license requirement; And, **Colin Hanna** from Let Freedom Ring, USA has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on U.S. Senator Tim Scott's Republican response to President Biden's address to congress.

(May 1, 2021 - May 7, 2021) This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Weifeng Zhong** from the Mercatus Center at George Mason University about U.S./China relations; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on President Biden's latest big spending plan; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine looks at the Biden proposal to spend big on broadband infrastructure; And, **Jonathan Williams** from the American Legislative Exchange Council has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on congressional reapportionment.

(April 24, 2021 - April 30, 2021) This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Jeff Lord** of the *American Spectator* about the real meaning of 'Jim Crow' laws; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on a dust up over congressional procedure; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine talks with **Guy Bentley** of the Reason Foundation about proposed new FDA regulations on cigarettes; And, Dr. **Paul Kengor** from the Institute for Faith & Freedom at Grove City College has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on Major League Baseball and politics.

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(April 17, 2021 - April 23, 2021) This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Grover Norquist** from Americans for Tax Reform about the new and increased taxes in President Biden's infrastructure plan; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on the Left's efforts to pack the U.S. Supreme Court; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazines looks at the possibility of inflation making a return; And, **Colin Hanna** of Let Freedom Ring, USA has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on the new Georgia election law.

(April 10, 2021 - April 16, 2021) This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Robert Krol** from the Mercatus Center at George Mason University about the condition of our nation's roads and bridges; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on discussions about the future of the GOP; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine gets details from **Anastasia Boden** from the Pacific Legal Institute on a case involving Louisiana's Facilities Need Review laws; And, Col. **Frank Ryan**, USMC (Ret.) has an *American Radio Journal* commentary of the impact of COVID-19 on the U.S. economy.

(April 3, 2021 - April 9, 2021) This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Rita Hite** from the American Forest Foundation about a program to preserve our nation's privately-owned forests; **Scott Parkinson** from the Club for Growth has the *Real Story* on President Biden's "infrastructure" plan; **Eric Boehm** and **Christian Britschgi** of *Reason* magazine look at the CDC's extension of the eviction moratorium; And, Dr. **Paul Kengor** from the Institute for Faith & Freedom at Grove City College has an *American Radio Journal* commentary on giving Donald Trump credit for the COVID-19 vaccines.

(March 27, 2021 - April 2, 2021) This week on *American Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Amity Shlaes** from the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation about the GOP's path back to power; **Andy Roth** from the Club for Growth Foundation has the *Real Story* on their latest state legislative scorecards; **Eric Boehm** of *Reason* magazine details the Biden Administration's big spending agenda; And, **Colin Hanna** from Let Freedom Ring, USA talks about the Spring season of renewal.