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**ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> -September 30th, 2023**

**3rd Quarter**

## Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following as significant issues facing our community in this quarter.

- A. **Local Government:** This November, the city of Boise will hold its election for mayor. We interviewed one candidate on the challenges of being the Boise mayor. Crime, housing, education, and transportation issues were discussed. The issue of police safety and funding is an issue that many experts believe will decide who is Boise's next mayor.
- B. **Boise State University:** Boise State University is a national football brand and a significant employer in the Treasure Valley. We report on the university's new innovative ways of attracting attention and educating students in the post-Covid world. The issue of how sports impact the university's bottom line is discussed in-depth.
- C. **Idaho Is America's Most Unregulated State:** Idaho has prospered and gained population while other neighboring states have lost people. We report how Idaho's state government's pro-business approach has helped the state gain national employers. We examine the pros and cons of a massive merger between supermarket giants Kroger and Boise-based Albertsons. Both liberal and conservative senators have spoken out against the deal stating that it will hurt consumers and jobs will be lost.
- D. **Presidential Selection Process:** The state legislature voted earlier this year that all spring primary elections will be held in May. The new law was passed and signed by the governor. The Idaho Republican Party had tried to move the state's presidential primary to February or March. Opponents said that would cost the state millions. We speak with one expert who provides a history of caucuses and primaries in Idaho. The state continues to be one of the largest states in the country with a super majority ruling state government.

## Section II. Responsive Programs

**Idaho Insights** is a **30-minute** public affairs program written and produced by Townsquare Media in Boise, Idaho. The topics addressed are drawn from issues in the city of Boise and the surrounding communities. The program airs on all six Townsquare Media stations in Boise, Idaho **every Sunday** as follows: **KXLT-FM, KAWO-FM, KIDO-AM and KFXD-AM at 6:00 a.m.** and **KSAS-FM and KCIX-FM at 7:00 a.m.**

**7/02/23: Idaho Celebrates American Independence:** Nampa, Idaho has hosted the God and Country Festival for over fifty-seven years. We spoke with event organizer and podcaster, Dee Sarton, on the economic impact of the festival. Throughout the day, speakers and teachers teach classes to Idahoans young and old covering the history of Idaho and America. Local elected officials salute the military and first responders.

### ***Community***

**7/09/23: Idaho's First Congressional District Report:** Idaho Congressman Russ Fulcher joins us to answer questions concerning a possible government shutdown in the fall, the war in Ukraine, and concerns over lack of privacy and the deep state. The congressman shares with us how his work on the energy and natural resource committees impacts lives in Idaho. He concludes that the state could benefit if American companies were allowed to explore and develop the state's massive Lithium deposits. This rare mineral is used in the development of electric vehicles. The congressman shares with us the details of his recent trip to the US/Mexican Border.

### ***Government, Energy, Politics***

**7/16/23: Idaho Celebrates Western Culture:** The Snake River Stampede has been going on in Nampa, Idaho for over one hundred years. The annual rodeo is the largest in Idaho and one of the top ten rodeos in the country. However, the event is more than cowboys, horses and cowgirls. We spoke with former state senator Jeff Agenbroad, a member of the board, on how the stampede continues to instill traditional western values. Idaho is an agriculture state, and the stampede allows young Idahoans to learn essential skills that will be used on farms and ranches throughout the state. The stampede board produces money that is used for scholarships, funding of the future farmers of America and other youth organizations.

### ***Tradition, Community, Recreation, Agriculture, Youth Organizations***

**7/23/23: Idaho's Legal and National Challenges:** Idaho Attorney General Raul Labrador was elected to take a different approach than his predecessor, Lawrence Wasden. Mr. Labrador explains his decision to seek legal action against Idaho's Health and Human Resources. The attorney general tells us about his concerns over possible violations of the state's sunshine law involving the University of Idaho's attempted purchase of the University of Phoenix. He also updates us on how the state defends itself against several lawsuits from the Biden Administration and Planned Parenthood. Attorney General Labrador discusses the challenges of state officials in dealing with the growing threat of child trafficking. The threat of Fentanyl and the state's partnership with the federal government was detailed. He urged the state's congressional delegation to pressure the administration to secure the border.

### ***Government, Education, Child Trafficking, Drug Abuse***

**7/30/23: Inside Idaho's Capital City's Mayor's Race:** Former Boise Police Chief Mike Masterson joins us to discuss his candidacy for mayor. He's running as a nonpartisan against incumbent Lauren McLean. The former chief breaks down the issues that forced him out of retirement, such as the lack of transparency of local government, the current state of the Boise Police Department, the significant turnover in the city's workforce, and the hiring of outside firms to investigate the Boise Police Department. Mr. Masterson says if elected, he will restore faith in city government.

***Local Government, Policing***

**8/6/23: Idaho's Ruling Political Party's Public Growing Pains:** We speak with Chris Troupis, a retired attorney who investigated a Republican National Committeeman who resigned from his position. The investigation found out that the committeeman was living in North Carolina. Mr. Troupis reports on the disagreement between the legislator and the state party over the Republican Presidential Primary. He explains that a presidential caucus will take place in March to determine Idaho's presidential delegates.

***Presidential Election, Politics, Government***

**8/13/23: Idaho's Second Amendment Sanctuary City:** Mayor Trevor Chadwick of Star, Idaho, explains his decision to pass a resolution protecting the Second Amendment in his city. Star, Idaho, has become a favorite destination of former Californians. With growth, comes challenges involving school funding and additional infrastructure needs. Mayor Chadwick discusses his efforts to attract commercial businesses to his town to transfer the tax burden from residents to retail companies. The mayor discusses the additional property taxes on new homes that fund the expansion of city roads. The relationship between city and state government is explained.

***School Funding, Local Economy, Property Taxes, Local Government***

**8/20/23: Idaho's Role in the Convention of States:** The Convention of States is a national movement involving a significant revision of the United States Constitution. US Senator Rick Santorum holds a town hall meeting in Boise, explaining the pros and cons of such a convention. He answers questions concerning a new Bill of Rights. The senator told us that this move is the only way to stop the further expansion of the federal government.

***Government***

**8/27/23: Idaho's Third Largest City's Economic Growth:** Nampa Mayor Debbie Kling shares her vision for job creation in Nampa, Idaho. The mayor has an aggressive approach to economic development. During her two terms, Nampa has attracted an Amazon Fulfillment Center, a massive Pepsi Distribution Center, and several other prominent businesses. The mayor credits the city's relationship with law enforcement for providing a safe, pro-business environment. The mayor explains the city's decision to take over the local office of Hispanic Affairs after concerns were shared over how the building was being used. She pledges to work with the community to reopen the facility. Nampa also is one of the country's centers for Ukrainian refugees. She explains how the city works with the new arrivals, helping them find a safe place in America.

***Economic Development, Refugees***

**9/3/23: The Business of Idaho's Most Famous University:** Boise State Athletic Director Jeremiah Dickey has been a force since he arrived in Boise. Mr. Dickey has successfully raised money to fund infrastructure upgrades to Albertsons Stadium, Extra Mile Arena, and other athletic facilities. Boise State is one of the largest employers in the state. The athletic director explains how sports and the success of the athletic department's teams attract new students and additional revenue to the university. Mr. Dickey reviews the recent conference realignment in college football.

***Athletics, Education***

**9/10/23: Idaho Remembers September 11<sup>th</sup>:** Eagle, Idaho, Mayor Jason Pierce and several others join us to honor the memory of Americans who died in the attacks on September 11th, 2001. The Idaho Army and Air National Guard members describe their many deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan following the attacks. The Idaho Army and Air Guard units are some of the country's most actively deployed National Guard units. Mayor Pierce and others recall what they were doing that day and how those attacks influenced Idaho and the rest of the country. The construction of the state September 11th Memorial was discussed as part of the program.

***Civics, Community***

**9/17/23: Idaho Is America's Most Unregulated State:** Mountain States Policy Center Founder and CEO Chris Cargill explains how the Idaho Legislature works to attract international and national companies to Idaho. Mr. Cargill reviews the legislative challenges of school funding, transportation funding, and the various factions of the state's dominant political party. He believes the merger between Albertsons and Kroger would benefit consumers. However, several US Senators and many state attorney generals believe the deal is bad for Idaho. The Mountain States Policy Center is a nonpartisan think tank.

***Government Funding, Economy***

**9/24/23: Idaho's Presidential Selection Process:** The Idaho Republican Party will hold a presidential caucus instead of a primary. The party wants to attract presidential candidates to raise the Gem State's profile. A move to have a special session of the state legislature by members of the Idaho House and Senate failed to get enough votes. Veteran Political Operative Mike Tracy reviews Idaho's political and primary history from current Governor Brad Little to iconic Senator Frank Church.

***Presidential Election, Government, Politics***

### SECTION III

**This section is a list of public service announcements that aired on KIDO-AM/FM, KAWO-FM, KSAS-FM, KFXD-AM/FM, KXLT-FM, KCIX-FM.**

Adoption, RAIN, No More, Vet. Affairs, Alz.Org, Fatherhood, Air Force Reserve, Stuttering Foundation, Gun Safety, Idaho Army National Guard, Idaho Air Nation Guard, Idaho 2 Fly, Building Better Birthday, Camp Rainbow Gold, Idaho Humane Society, Stop Text Stop Wrecks, Buzzed Driving, Wounded Warrior Project, Autism,