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ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST

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4th Quarter

Section I. Issues

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

- A. Growth and Transportation:** Idaho continues to be one of the fastest-growing states in the nation. The state's governor declared that the Gem State was the most unregulated in the country. As businesses continue to move in along with new residents, transportation needs additional funding to keep up with the growth. The issue of public safety was discussed.
- B. Eagle Mayor's Race:** Eagle, Idaho, is a small suburban town of over 30,000 residents. Folks moving in have dubbed it 'Idaho's Orange County.' A recent election resulted in a runoff between two former Californians claiming that Eagle has lost its roots to the Gem State. Both sides have accused the other of not handling essential issues such as development, the local senior center and water rights. Those issues and others were discussed with both candidates.
- C. Idaho's Fentanyl Challenge:** Idaho public safety officials continue to document the dangers associated with the drug Fentanyl. Several folks have died due to using the drug, and a Caldwell police officer had to inject himself with Narcan to save his life after arresting a drug suspect. We examine what the state is doing to prevent more deaths from this drug and a possible new bill that will enhance the penalties for drug dealers in Idaho. Healthcare and law enforcement were discussed.
- D. Idaho's Hospitals and Ammon Bundy:** Saint Luke's Hospital Systems is the state's largest public employer. The system was awarded a 52-million-dollar settlement against Mr. Bundy, a former gubernatorial candidate and activist. The former candidate vowed to continue the fight to save his home but fled the state after another showdown with law enforcement was avoided. We discussed the impact of the anti-government movement on the state's healthcare system. The issue of public safety was discussed.

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.**

10/01/23: Idaho's Energy Battle: Idaho Congressman Russ Fulcher joins us to discuss energy issues facing Idaho. The congressman is a member of the House Energy Committee. Idaho has one of the most significant lithium deposits to produce electric vehicle batteries. However, federal regulations have limited private industry and prevented the state from mining the lithium deposits. Congressman Fulcher reports on his efforts to allow Idahoans the ability to mine lithium. **Natural Resources, Energy, Politics.**

10/08/23: Caldwell, Idaho's Challenges and Opportunities: Caldwell Mayor Jason Wagoner explains how a high school football game has united his community. The Caldwell native speaks on how his city has embraced the massive amount of people who have moved into the area. Many people have moved to Caldwell due to the affordability of homes compared to other Treasure Valley cities. He shares his plan to build schools, roads, and other infrastructure before too many people enter the area. **Community, Education, Crime, Transportation.**

10/15/23: Idaho Transportation Challenges: Ada County Highway Commissioner Kent Goldthorpe joins us to discuss the state's transportation issues. His commission has built several roundabouts that have caused many folks to complain on social media. Mr. Goldthorpe explains how national studies have determined that roundabouts relieve traffic congestion. The Ada County Highway Commission has recently fought with the state concerning city roads in Boise. Mr. Goldthorpe explains why the county and not the state government should continue to oversee city roads in Boise, Meridian, and all other Ada County cities. **Transportation, State Government, Taxes, Public Safety.**

10/22/23: Idaho's Legal and Political Challenges: The federal government has taken issue with Idaho's abortion 'Trigger Law.' The law prohibits abortions in the state without regard to the life of the mother. The law has attracted national attention and a lawsuit from Planned Parenthood and the Biden Administration. State Senator Brian Lenny, one of the law's supporters, defends the law. He also explains why the legislature passed a law prohibiting minors from getting transgender surgery and a bill defining what gender can use a bathroom in Idaho Public Schools. **State Government, Public Safety, Education, Public Health.**

10/29/23: Idaho Election Preview: Political Consultant Mike Tracy previews the upcoming local and state elections in Idaho. The cities of Boise, Meridian, Eagle, and Middleton will elect mayors. Middleton voters will determine whether the city will allow alcohol at restaurants. If passed, the city says that several local and national restaurants and sports bars will move into the city. **Local Government, Policy, Economics.**

11/5/23: Idaho's Camp for Kids with Cancer: Camp Rainbow Gold is a camp designed for kids with Cancer. The camp is funded entirely by the community. Camp Director Elizabeth Lizberg discussed funding challenges and the medical needs of the kids who attend Camp Rainbow Gold. The camp helps kids fighting terminal and nonterminal Cancer enjoy a normal summer camp experience. After years of searching, the camp has found a permanent home in Fairfield, Idaho. The camp continues to ask folks to help fund their programs. **Community, Public Health.**

11/12/23: Idaho's Agriculture Economy: State Representative Ted Hill explains the economic impact of Idaho's Agriculture industry. The state is one of the nation's leaders in Sugar Beet, Potato, Wheat, Corn, and Beef. Representative Hill shares the challenges of Idaho farmers who now can sell their land at a more significant profit to developers. He explains that the governor passed and signed his bill prohibiting the Chinese Government or businesses from buying land in Idaho. Another issue that was discussed was the defeat of the bill that would have allowed undocumented workers to drive legally in Idaho. **Public Safety, Agriculture, Education, State Government.**

11/19/23: Idaho Nonprofit Teams with Law Enforcement: Boise Rescue Mission CEO Bill Roscoe and Canyon County Sheriff Kieran Donahue explain their partnership. For several years, the sheriff's office has partnered with the Idaho nonprofit to find homes for homeless men, women, children, and veterans. Sheriff Donahue explains how the partnership has aided convicted felons in finding a job and a home after serving their time. Reverend Roscoe explains the service the Mission offers to those who need help and the continued fight against drug addiction in Idaho. **Law Enforcement, Community, Drug Addiction.**

11/26/23: Idaho Republicans First Amendment Issue: The leader of the State Senate, Chuck Winder, has stripped three Republicans of their committee vice chairmanships. The move by the Senate Pro Tempore has never happened in state politics. Senator Winder said his action was warranted due to the behavior of the three senators and their social media comments. State Senator Bryan Lenny explains why he was stripped of his vice chairmanship. The senator describes the rift within the state's Republican Party and previews the upcoming legislative session. **First Amendment, State Government, Community Standards, Politics.**

12/3/23: Idaho's Additional Energy Challenge: Idaho Congressman Russ Fulcher joins us to discuss several energy-related issues. The congressman joined and disclosed that he and a few other congressmen had discovered a 'secret deal' by the Biden Administration to allow several dams to be blown up that would impact land and hydroelectric power to Idaho and Washington State. Congressman Fulcher and the others have sent a letter to the Biden Administration demanding answers. The congressman gave an update on the state's opposition to the Lava Ridge Project, which would create a giant windmill farm in Idaho to provide energy to California. The recent security breach at the Idaho Nuclear Laboratory was discussed. The laboratory is home to the nation's most advanced nuclear technology and cyber security. **National Security, Energy, Natural Resources, Federal Government, State Government.**

12/10/23: Eagle, Idaho Mayor's Runoff: After the November election, Eagle residents will choose between Mayor Jason Pierce and City Council President Brad Pike. Both candidates join us in discussing the annexation of the Avimor subdivision, Eagle's water supply, growth in Eagle, the nonrenewal of the city's senior center, and the contract with the city's police department. The campaign has gotten personal, including the state's Republican party backing Mayor Pierce in this nonpartisan election. Both candidates are Republicans. **Law Enforcement, Transportation, Water Rights, Education, Development.**

12/17/23: Idaho's Antigovernment Movement's Impact on State's Healthcare: Ammon Bundy has fought the federal Government in Nevada, Oregon, and Idaho. The activist served time in federal prison before moving to Idaho to eventually run for Governor. Mr. Bundy recently lost a defamation lawsuit from Saint Luke's Health Systems for 52 million dollars. Mr. Bundy had threatened not to leave his home and had to be forcibly arrested while attending a football fundraiser. Mr. Bundy left his home and is now

on the run from law enforcement. Jacob Stern, a writer from The Atlantic, spent time with Mr. Bundy during his last months in Idaho. He shares how Mr. Bundy's fight with Saint Luke's has undercut trust in the state's healthcare system. **Healthcare, Law Enforcement, Public Health, Public Safety.**

12/24/23: Idaho's War on Crimes and Drugs: United States District Attorney Joshua Hurwit explains how the Federal Government works with Idaho's state and local law enforcement. The US Attorney explains the dangers of the Fentanyl epidemic in Idaho and across the country. He reports on how his agency is helping Canyon County law enforcement battle the Mexican Drug Cartels. Mr. Hurwit shares information on how folks can help eliminate human trafficking in Idaho. **Law Enforcement, Federal Government, Drugs, Human Trafficking, Legal System, Child Services.**

12/31/23: Avoiding Idaho Scams: United States Attorney for Idaho Joshua Hurwit reports on how to avoid several scams. He says that internet scams happen after the holiday season and as well as during the holiday season. Mr. Hurwit details how cryptocurrency is used to fund criminal actions. Child safety on the internet was discussed. He gives tips on how parents can protect their kids from online predators. Cyber security protection for businesses and individuals was explained. **Child Protection, Public Health, Scams.**

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.

Idaho Army National Guard, Idaho Air National Guard, Teen Center for Healing, Bright Focus, American Medical Association, Feeding America, Disaster Checklist, RAINN, Veteran Helpline, Marines, U-mergency, Anti-Vaping, AARP, American Heart Association, Arthritis Foundation, Alzheimer Association, Autism Awareness, FEMA, NHTSA, Veterans Affairs, Saint Jude, Buzzed Driving, STEM, US Forest Service, National Police Association