

KIDO-AM/FM, KFXD-AM/FM, KCIX-FM,
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ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST
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## Section I. Issues

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

- Idaho's Human Trafficking Problem. Idaho's Canyon County is one of the state's most populated counties. With the rising population, increased human trafficking, and Idaho's children being blackmailed through social media. We spoke with a member of the Canyon County Anti Trafficking Taskforce on their solutions to this growing threat to Idaho communities.
- Idaho Legislative Issues: The sixty-seventh session of the Idaho Legislature begins with a challenging agenda. Idahoans continue to want their property taxes lowered along with a more sustainable formula for funding public education: a senator and a representative report on the first few weeks of the session.
- Idaho School Board Controversy: The Caldwell School District policy proposal, 3281, would allow students to determine their choice of restrooms based on gender preference, not their birth. The policy was met with massive resistance from parents and community leaders that drew national attention.
- Idaho Leaders' Role with Greater Idaho: The Greater Idaho movement is an effort by several eastern Oregon counties looking to become part of Idaho. The movement leaders have partnered with legislators in Idaho who've passed a bill to begin discussions with their Oregon counterparts. Several Oregon counties have voted to become part of Idaho moving the Oregon state line.
- Idaho's Law Enforcement Challenges: The Boise Police Department has been the topic of many
  negative news stories due to the Boise mayor forcing the resignation of the police chief. The
  mayor has fired another high-profile leader and has hired a Washington, DC-based law firm to
  investigate the department over allegations of institutional racism. The firm is charging the city
  five hundred thousand dollars.

## **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.** 

1/01/23: Idaho's Human Trafficking Problem, Crime, Public Safety: Idaho's Canyon County is one of the state's most populated counties. With the rising population, the crime of human trafficking has increased human trafficking, along with Idaho's children being blackmailed through social media. Deborah Craft is the leader of the Canyon County's Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force. She describes how minors can become victims of human traffickers through social media. Mrs. Craft shares prevention tips and how to spot someone who is being trafficked in Idaho.

**1/08/23:** Idaho's Role in January 6<sup>th</sup> Riot, Politics: Pam Hemphill, a sixty-nine-year-old grandmother cancer survivor, was sent to federal prison for her role in the January 6th riot in Washington, DC. Mrs. Hemphill described what it was like to be in chaos and how she was later arrested. Mrs. Hemphill revealed how that day had changed her life forever as she continued to move on from her time in

prison, where her life was routinely threatened. The activist continues to lobby for the release of her fellow January 6th participants.

1/15/23: Idaho Legislative Issues, Taxes: The sixty-seventh session of the Idaho Legislature begins with a challenging agenda. Idahoans continue to want their property taxes lowered along with a more sustainable formula for funding public education. Senator Tammy Nichols and Representative Heather Scott detail their plan for education savings accounts and property tax relief. Other proposals include school choice, the transgender issue, and books in Idaho Public Libraries.

**1/22/23:** Idaho School Board Controversy, Gender Issues: The Caldwell School District policy proposal, 3281, would allow students to determine their choice of restrooms based on gender preference, not their birth. State Senator Chris Trakel attended the school board meeting that abruptly ended. He spoke about a bill being introduced in the legislature that would make it a state law that gender would determine a student's restroom.

**1/29/22**: **Idaho Abortion Law, Women's Rights:** Doctor Michael Karfeldt discusses the latest bill in the Idaho Legislature that would adjust Idaho's 'Trigger Law.' The Biden Administration has filed a federal lawsuit seeking to overturn the law after the Supreme Court's decision concerning Roe v. Wade. He also discussed the growth of naturopathic medicine in Idaho

**2/5/23:** Idaho Congressional Report, Debt: Congressman Russ Fulcher previewed President Biden's upcoming State of the Union Address. The congressman reported on congressional efforts to audit the amount of money America is sending to Ukraine. Senator Jim Risch noted how the new Congress would handle the growing national debt problems. The senator expressed his concern about China's continued aggression against Taiwan.

**2/12/23:** Idaho's Homeless Problem Expands, Hunger, Human Services, Drug Addiction. Reverend Bill Roscoe from the Boise Rescue Mission says their food supplies are at their lowest in several years. Reverend Roscoe says that inflation has caused fuel prices to be unaffordable for some Idahoans. He has opened a crisis pregnancy center to help homeless young mothers have a safe place to raise their children and get them off the streets. He reveals that the fentanyl crisis is a threat to every Idahoan.

**2/19/23:** Idaho Home Values: Real estate agent Greg Ferrera shares the current housing numbers for Ada and Canyon counties. He says the value of Idaho homes has plummeted due to higher mortgage rates. The state used to lead the nation as the most overvalued home market in the country. The real estate agent said that many remote workers who moved to the Gem State have left because their employers want them back at work.

**2/26/23:** Idaho Education Issues, Personal Finance, Higher Education: Senator Brian Lenney of Nampa reports on his bill to introduce education savings accounts for Idaho students and parents. His bill would allow parents a tax break for tuition or home school costs. Idaho continues to spend more than half of the state's general fund on public education, yet the state's test scores are at the bottom of the nation. He discusses the late legislative moves to bring property tax relief to Idahoans.

**3/5/23: Idaho Property Taxes**: Senator Scott Grow holds a two-hour town hall meeting with voters to discuss his property tax relief bill. He has been working on the bill for two years. He also shares his

thoughts on the redistricting challenges that all legislators have faced this year. The senator believes that his bill has the best chance of approval in the House, Senate, and governor.

**3/12/23:** Idaho Leaders' Role with Greater Idaho: The Greater Idaho movement is an effort by several eastern Oregon counties looking to become part of Idaho. The movement leaders have partnered with legislators in Idaho who've passed a bill to begin discussions with their Oregon counterparts. The group's leader, Matt McCaw, reviews the entire process of moving many of Oregon's eastern counties to Idaho. He tells us that Oregonians that live in those counties do not have a voice in state government. If the movement is successful, state governors, legislators, and Congress will have to approve it.

**3/19/23:** Idaho's Law Enforcement Challenges: The Boise Police Department has been the topic of many negative news stories due to the Boise mayor forcing the resignation of the police chief. The mayor has fired another high-profile leader and has hired a Washington, DC-based law firm to investigate the department over allegations of institutional racism. Interim Boise Police Chief Ron Winegar shares his efforts to rebuild the department. The chief says recruitment is a challenge despite city residents supporting law enforcement. He takes questions from listeners offering tips on how to avoid being a victim of crime.

**3/24/23:** Idaho Economy, Tourism: Local businessman Tim Wrightman examines the current state of the Idaho economy. Mr. Wrightman owns Lazy Bear Ranch, which attracts both in and out-of-state visitors. He says the state's diversity of revenue sources continues to insulate the Gem State from the detrimental effects of the recession that several states are experiencing. Mr. Wrightman believes that Idaho tourism will continue to recover from the Covid lockdowns.

**3/31/23:** Idaho Affordable Housing Crisis: CEO and President of the Boise Rescue Mission, Reverend Bill Roscoe, discusses his group's attempt at providing affordable and transitional housing for Boise residents. The Boise Rescue Mission provides food, clothing, shelter, and drug rehabilitation programs for needy folks. Reverend Bill says that the problem is once folks are ready to leave the program, they cannot afford a place to live. He credits the massive fundraising efforts that have allowed the Mission to purchase and renovate at 57,000 square foot facility that will soon offer affordable transitional housing.

## **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 National Guard, Rotary, Flu Shot, Maddie's Pets, Fentanyl Awareness, Save America, American Legion, St. Jude, ALZ.Org, Air Force Reserve, Gun Safety, Fatherhood.Gov, Stuttering Foundation, Pest Management, Idaho 2 Fly, FEMA, Teen Adoption, Adoption, Autism, Matching Donors, Buzzed Driving, Wounded Warrior Project,