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ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST

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2nd Quarter

Section I. Issues

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

- **Idaho's Post Primary Political Challenges:** Idaho's Republican Party is one of the most dominant political parties in the country. The super majority controls every constitutional and federal office in the state. With its size, there are some significant challenges. The party wants to remove the state Republican woman, the college Republicans, and young Republicans from voting on state party issues. The party is considering moving up the state's presidential primary to March. We speak to a forty-year Idaho political operative detailing the party's direction.
- **Idaho's Infrastructure Challenges:** Idaho continues to be one of the fastest-growing states in the country. Idaho's largest county, Ada County, deals with more automobiles and trucks on its roads. The county must continue to fund additional roads and bridges while keeping the traffic patterns flowing. The legislature voted to eliminate emissions testing for the county. We speak with a highway district commissioner.
- **Idaho's Agriculture Economy:** Although the state continues to attract new industries, the Gem State's economy is still powered by its ranch and farm communities. We report on how significant those communities continue to provide jobs for Idahoans. Agriculture jobs allow workers to work in a safe and stable environment. Idaho's farm products are some of the most sought after good throughout the world. We speak with a beef processor.
- **Idaho's 100 Deadliest Days:** As Summer approaches, so do the one hundred deadliest days. The period covers Memorial Day to Labor Day when most Americans are on the road for family travels and vacations. Excessive speeds, careless driving, and other hazards jeopardize public health. We speak with the Idaho State Highway Patrol commander, offering safety tips.
- **Idaho's Secret Drug War:** The Fentanyl crisis has gripped the Gem State but is underreported, according to local law enforcement sources. The entire region, the Treasure Valley, is one of the most trafficked meth and Fentanyl areas in the country. Several local law enforcement officers have been hospitalized due to exposure to this dangerous drug. We gather a panel of experts on how the local community handles the crisis.

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.**

4/02/23 Idaho's Legal Issues: Idaho elected a new attorney general who has taken the federal government to court concerning the border crisis. The state is currently being sued by the Biden Administration over its trigger law which many legal experts believe is the toughest in the country. How one defends a state and other legal challenge is explained by Chuck Ambrose a former federal prosecutor. **Border Control, Immigration, Politics**

4/09/23 Idaho's Post Primary Political Challenges: Veteran Idaho Political Consultant Mike Tracy explains why the leadership of the Idaho Republican Party wants to remove the Idaho Young Republicans, the College Republicans, and the Lady Republicans from the state executive committee. The leadership of the state party wants Idaho to be a bigger player in the upcoming presidential primary contest, while the legislature declined to move the state's primary date. Mr. Tracy previews the upcoming summer meeting in North Idaho. **Politics**

4/16/23 Idaho's Infrastructure Challenges: Ada County Highway District Commissioner Kent Goldthorpe reviews the increased funding for roads and bridges in Idaho. Ada County is the state's most populated county suffering from the most traffic congestion in the state. Mr. Goldthorpe explains how his group works to lobby the state and local municipalities to fund projects that will aid not only Ada County residents, but the entire Treasure Valley. He explains how the legislature could vote to do away with air quality emissions on cars in the county. Air quality is a major concern in the Treasure Valley. **Infrastructure, Environment, Air Quality**

4/23/23: Idaho's Agriculture Economy: The Idaho Cattle, Agriculture, Beef Industry continue to fuel jobs and products throughout the world. CS Beef Packer is a food processing plant in Kuna, Idaho that provides jobs along with processing thousands of pounds of food meeting USDA and FDA safety standards. Mr. Cherry provides an insight on how big the Idaho agriculture economy is along with describing employment opportunities for Idahoans who want to learn a trade. The company processes cattle from the field to table. Food safety guidelines are discussed along with technological advances that increase worker safety within farm communities. We report on how significant those communities continue to provide jobs for Idahoans. Agriculture jobs allow workers to work in a safe and stable environment. **Economy, Agriculture, Food, Safety on the Job**

4/30/23: Idaho Legislative Recap: State Representative Ted Hill reviews the 2023 Idaho Legislative schedule. Representative Hill discussed the legislature overriding Governor Little's veto concerning property tax reform. The library bill that failed to overcome the governor's veto is discussed along with the representative's bill banning gender education in Idaho schools. The state did pass a law banning transgender surgery for minors that will be in January 2023. **Economy, Taxes, Education, LGBTQ+**

5/7/23: Idaho's China Connection: Representative Ted Hill explains how Idaho works with China on trade and how the state's technological industries are threatened by the Chinese government. The state representative sponsored a bill that bans the Chinese from buying farmland or any land near or

surrounding Idaho's strategic military installations. The state is home to Gowen Field, Mountain Home Air Force Base, and the Idaho Nuclear Laboratories. China is also Idaho's third largest trading partner behind Mexico and Taiwan. Boise based Micron Technologies has been the target of takeover attempts by the CCP. The company has announced it will move manufacturing back to America and Boise.

Representative Hill reports on how Idaho worked with the Biden Administration providing funds for the Micron move. **Technology, Manufacturing**

5/14/23: Idaho's Affordable Housing Crisis: 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. The Boise Rescue Mission partners with KIDO Talk Radio twice a year to raise awareness and funds for their efforts. The Mission is currently in need of over \$800,000 to complete a massive affordable housing project in Boise. **Housing, Inflation**

5/21/23: Idaho's 100 Deadliest Days: Summer time means more Idahoans are on the roads and that means the 100 deadliest days of Summer from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Colonel Kendrick Willis, the commander of the Idaho State Highway Patrol, shares tips on how to stay safe during this period of time. The colonel explains how to drive defensively, wearing your seatbelts, and driving the speed limit help keep folks safe on the highways. The need for more troopers along with what several state troopers learned while on the Arizona border was discussed. **Public Safety, Road Safety**

5/28/23: Idaho Veteran's Issues: Former Navy Seal and bestselling author Jack Carr joins us to discuss the challenges veterans face returning home to Idaho and Utah. Mr. Carr is a tireless advocate who donates his time and resources helping folks who served our country return home safely. The issues of PTSD, veteran suicide prevention, and job training are discussed with Mr. Carr. The Navy Veteran explains the significance of Memorial Day and how it should be honored as opposed to Veteran's Day. **Veteran Issues, Mental Health**

6/4/23: Idaho Community Policing Standards: Meridian, Idaho is the second largest city in Idaho. Meridian Police Chief Tracy Basterrechea joins us to discuss how he and his officers work within the community. Officer involved shootings have risen in the Treasure Valley in the last few years. The chief shares with us how he and his officers work to proactively combat crime with the aid of the overall Meridian community. School safety officers and drug prevention are other topics of conversation. The law enforcement officer shares his views on why so many law enforcement officers choose to retire in the Treasure Valley. **Crime, Public Safety, Drugs, Law Enforcement**

6/11/23: Idaho Civic Roundtable: Middleton Mayor Steve Rule holds and on air townhall meeting with community, business, law enforcement, and education leaders from the Sunrise Café. Business owners discuss why they're moving to Middleton and their public private partnership with the city. Middleton's police force report on traffic and crime challenges. Mayor Rule believes that his community-based business plan could be a model for big and small cities throughout the state. The city's school system's growth is covered during this event. **Crime, Local Politics, Education**

6/18/23: Idaho's Secret Drug War Part 1: Canyon County, Idaho is one of the major counties on the front line of the state and nation's war on drugs. The county is near the Oregon Border where marijuana is sold legally. Oregon will not prosecute drug offenders caught with harsher drugs like heroin. Canyon County Prosecutor Brian Taylor hosts an on air townhall meeting where he describes how the Treasure Valley is one of the twenty-nine illegal drug hotbeds in the country. He describes how the Mexican

Cartel is operating in his county and the surrounding areas including the use of 'cartel houses.' The prosecutor is joined by the county coroner and other first responders. **Crime, Drugs**

6/25/23: Idaho's Secret Drug War Part 2: Canyon County Sheriff Kieran Donahue continues are townhall meeting on crime, drugs, and safety in the Treasure Valley. The sheriff accurately states how the use of illegal drugs fuels the cartels' ability to operate in Idaho. He explains that the local media doesn't cover the issue and public awareness would aid their efforts to keep Idaho safe and drug free. Sheriff Donahue has been to the border several times and met with former President Donald Trump at the White House on this issue. The overcrowding of the county's jail is explained as a giant safety issue. **Crime, Drugs, Public Safety**

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