

**Issues Programs List**  
**Quarterly Issues Programs List**  
**Station: KTEM-AM**  
**October 1st, 2019 through December 31st, 2019**

**Section I. Issues**

**The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in this quarter.**

**A: Feed My Sheep Shoe Drive:** Many families in Bell County face financial difficulties and turn to local charity Feed My Sheep for clothing assistance. Throughout October and November, Feed My Sheep collected donations of new and gently used shoes to aid those in need.

**B: Coats for Kids Charity Drive:** Many families in need turn to local outreach program Hope for the Hungry for assistance with clothing. Hope for the Hungry hosts an annual Coats for Kids drive to collect new and gently used coats for area children in need. They also provide food resources for families in need of assistance.

**C: J.A.I.L. Ministries Outreach Programs:** Belton is home to the Bell County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center. The J.A.I.L. Ministries program offers assistance to the families of inmates, mentors at-risk youth, and helps ex-prisoners find job training and employment opportunities.

**D: Hunger Relief in Central Texas:** Bell County has a 14.3% poverty rate, and many families in our area rely on assistance from local food banks. These organizations collect food and essentials for families in need year-round, but receive most of their donations from the public during the holiday season.

**E: Safe Processing of Hunted Meat:** Thousands of Killeen-Temple residents hunt at and around Lake Belton and Stillhouse Hollow Lake during deer and waterfowl season. There are documents and tags the State of Texas requires in order for hunters to stay within legal hunting requirements, as well as have the meat from tagged animals safely and responsibly processed.

**F: Safe, Responsible Hunting:** 21 counties in Texas have made changes to their antlerless deer provisions, including Austin County and Bastrop county. Many hunters from Bell and surrounding counties visit these neighboring counties to hunt, and they need to be aware of which sort of animals they are allowed to hunt and how to report them in order to be compliant with state and county hunting rules. These provisions were changed in response to an overpopulation of deer in these counties, which is of concern not only to hunters but to all residents.

**G: Responsible Fishing:** Thousands of residents from Bell and surrounding counties fish on Lake Belton and Stillhouse Hollow Lake. Many employ traps and other passive fishing techniques that are regulated by Texas Parks and Wildlife, and fisherman can face legal

consequences for failure to regularly date, check, and maintain those traps due to the mortality rate of fish. The State of Texas recently passed changes to these legal requirements - most notably changes to how frequently this passive fishing gear is checked and re-dated. Fishermen are also now allowed to use the Customer ID on their fishing license to label this gear rather than their name and address - a privacy and safety concern for many anglers.

**H: Feral Hog Safety:** Texas is home to a high population of invasive, destructive feral hogs. A woman in Anahuac, Texas (Chambers County) was recently fatally injured by feral hogs on her property, which made national headlines and brought attention to the need for awareness of the feral hog population and how people can protect themselves and their property when encountering or hunting these animals.

**I: Boating Safety in Cold Weather:** Boaters and anglers take to Lake Belton and Stillhouse Hollow Lake year-round, including in winter months when temperatures can dip to potentially dangerous levels. Boaters need to know what to do if they are stranded on the lake in cold weather, what to do if they're ejected from their vessel and can't get back aboard, and what sort of safety gear they can take with them to survive and signal for help. This is particularly relevant because our local lakes host several fishing tournaments during winter months, and people not familiar with the lakes might have an accident or not know which numbers to call for help if they're stranded.

**J: Preventing the Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease:** In 2012, it was discovered that deer imported to Texas to add genetic diversity to existing populations had brought with them a condition known as Chronic Wasting Disease. It is now illegal to import deer to Texas, and Texas Parks and Wildlife, along with law enforcement, have programs to crack down on this practice. Meanwhile, hunters who harvest deer in counties where the disease is known to be prevalent are required to take the animals to check stations to help prevent the spread of the disease to other parts of the state and to prevent human beings from consuming meat that could potentially make them seriously ill.

**K: Free Children's Clinic:** Bell County is home to many families with uninsured children and teens. A local organization called Feed My Sheep provides a series of free walk-in children's clinics throughout the year to ensure that these children have access to healthcare and parents have information on how to keep their kids safe and healthy.

## Section II – Responsive Programming

### KTEM-AM Quarterly Issues Programming Report

**KTEM-AM provides listeners with programming 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 months of October, November, and December of 2019.**

Date	Time	Program	Description of Program/Issue	Duration	Issue
10/06/19	7:15 AM	Sunday Gathering with Rick Smith and Bill Hecke	Hosts Rick Smith and Bill Hecke spoke with Dr. Steve Ponder about local outreach group Feed My Sheep's effort to collect donations of new and gently used shoes for families, particularly children. They also discussed how people in need to can benefit from services provided by Feed My Sheep, including upcoming free children's clinics.	10 minutes	Feed My Sheep Shoe Drive
10/13/19	7:20 AM	Sunday Gathering with Rick Smith and Bill Hecke	Hosts Rick Smith and Bill Hecke spoke with a representative of the local chapter of Hope for the Hungry. The organization has a charity banquet planned for November 14, at which they'll be collecting donations of new and gently used coats to beneif area children in need. They also discussed other resources for families in need provided by Hope for the Hungry, including food assistance and after school programs for children of low-income families.	10 minutes	Coats for Kids Charity Drive
10/13/19	7:45 AM	Sunday Gathering with Rick Smith and Bill Hecke	Hosts Rick Smith and Bill Hecke spoke with represetatives of the non-profit J.A.I.L. Ministries program about their efforts to help ex-prisoners find job training and employment, as well as provide financial assitance to the families of current inmates and mentor at-risk youth. The ministry is currently collecting gifts that will be donated to the children of local inmates at Christmas.	10 minutes	J.A.I.L. Ministries Outreach Programs

11/22/19	5:05 PM	On the Dock with Rick Smith	Host Rick Smith talked about the Temple Breakfast Lion's Club's 'Stuff the Boat' food drive as part of a larger, county-wide effort by the Lion's Club and other organizations to raise donations of food and essentials for families in need. These donations were being collected to benefit four major food banks in Bell County. Information discussed included drop-off locations, the items most needed, and the influx of people to Bell and surrounding counties that has led to an increase in requests for assistance. He also provided information on where those in need can receive food and essentials free of charge.	10 minutes	Hunger Relief in Central Texas
11/22/19	5:20 PM	On the Dock with Rick Smith	Bell County Constable Fred Churchill discussed State of Texas requirements concerning the documentation and tagging of animals hunted for meat during deer and waterfowl season. These requirements are meant not only to ensure people are safely and responsibly hunting at and around our area lakes, but to ensure the safe and responsible processing of the meat from these animals. Hunters must meet certain requirements to harvest meat from these animals, and local processors must meet State requirements to prepare it.	10 minutes	Safe Processing of Hunted Meat
11/22/19	5:45 PM	On the Dock with Rick Smith	Bell County Constable Fred Churchill discussed changes to antlerless deer hunting provisions in 21 counties across Texas, including counties neighboring Bell County to which many local hunters travel. The changes are due to an overpopulation of deer in those counties, which is of concern not only to hunters but to all residents. Constable Churchill discussed the legal requirement of hunters to report animals harvested within 24 hours and shared information about resources hunters can use to stay in compliance, including smartphone apps that allow reporting of animals harvested and any poaching hunters may witness. He also shared tips on being safe while driving through areas in which the deer population has swollen, as deer are likely to bolt into the street while being pursued by mates at this time of year - a serious traffic safety concern in areas that have seen a deer population boom.	10 minutes	Safe, Responsible Hunting
11/29/19	5:10 PM	On the Dock with Rick Smith	Bell County Constable Fred Churchill discussed changes to state laws concerning the frequency with which fishermen in Texas must date, check, and maintain passive fishing gear, as well as how these traps are to be labeled. The updates are meant to keep fish mortality rates and waste low, as well as to allow fishermen to label traps with their fishing license ID number rather than their name and address for privacy and safety reasons.	10 minutes	Responsible Fishing

11/29/19	5:30 PM	On the Dock with Rick Smith	Constable Fred Churchill discussed the case of an Anahuac, Texas (Chambers County) woman who was fatally injured by a feral hog. These invasive animals have been a statewide safety and environmental concern for a number of years. Churchill shared tips on how people can protect themselves and their property when encountering or hunting feral hogs, as well as information about the legal obligations of hunters harvesting these animals.	10 minutes	Feral Hog Safety
12/20/19	5:05 PM	On the Dock with Rick Smith	Hosts Rick Smith, Billy Conway, and Constable Fred Churchill discussed the need for boaters and anglers on our local lakes to prepare for freezing temperatures, including ways to signal for help if stranded on or off your vessel, how to get back aboard your vessel if you fall out in the cold, the necessity of leaving a float plan with someone back on shore, and the sort of gear you should wear and keep on you in order to survive and stave off hypothermia.	10 minutes	Boating Safety in Cold Weather
12/20/19	5:10 PM	On the Dock with Rick Smith	Constable Fred Churchill discussed the history of chronic wasting disease among deer populations in Texas. He then explained that hunters harvesting deer in affected counties are legally required to take the animals to a check station to help prevent the spread of the disease to other parts of the state, as well as prevent humans from consuming deer meat that could make them seriously ill. He provided information on how hunters can find these stations, including a mobile app from Texas Parks and Wildlife.	10 minutes	Preventing the Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease
12/22/19	7:45 AM	Sunday Gathering with Rick Smith and Bill Hecke	Rick and Bill interviewd Dr. Steve Ponder about a series of free Feed My Sheep Children's Clinics that will be hosted across Bell County to benefit uninsured children and teens. Dr. Ponder shared information about what services will be provided at the clinics (including well/sick visits, sports physicals, hearing/vision/dental screenings), how, where, and when people in need can take advantage of them, and tips for keeping kids and teens safe and healthy. Personal hygiene products are also provided to those in need at the clinics.	15 minutes	Free Children's Clinic