

KSJD, KZET, and KICO
Quarterly Issues-Programs Report
1st Quarter 2023 (January – March 2023)

Issue: Native American Issues

Discussion of Issue: The KSJD listening area is home to the Ute Mountain Ute and Navajo reservations, and the challenges faced by indigenous people from these tribes are many times distinct from those of the general public. KSJD has continued covering more stories related to Native American health, land use, and sovereignty during this quarter

Programming: KSJD broadcast news stories about Native American issues throughout this quarter from a variety of sources.

A. KSJD, in partnership with KSUT, secured funding from a grant source to bring more stories about under-served and under-represented Native American people through the Voices From The Edge of the Plateau project and in particular from Clark Admits, a reporter focused on this endeavor.

- KSJD Feature on 1/31/2023 (3 minutes) – Workshops in Towaoc connect Ute Mountain Ute children with their culture
- KSJD Feature on 2/11/2023 (1 minute) – A hearing-impaired Navajo man will perform at the Superbowl using Native American Sign Language
- KSJD Feature on 2/23/2023 (3 minutes) – Department of Energy announces \$50 million for tribal clean energy projects
- KSJD Feature on 2/27/2023 (4 minutes) – A Tewa Hopi artist shares a Native perspective on human history in southwest Colorado

B. News Programming (Regularly during news programming on weekdays from 5:00 to 9:00am and 4:00 to 6:00pm)

- News Feature on 1/3/2023 (8 minutes) – Once a boarding school, a college now aims to reclaim education for Native people
- KSJD Feature on 1/11/2023 (1 minute) – Ute Mountain Ute Tribe plans to improve food options in Towaoc
- News Feature on 1/27/2023 (3 minutes) – Deaths of despair also affect Native American Communities, study shows
- News Feature on 2/5/2023 (4 minutes) – Native Americans speak out about the lasting horrors of Indian boarding schools

- News Feature on 2/7/2023 (2 minutes) – Native Americans seized Wounded Knee 50 years ago. Here's what 1 reporter remembers
- News Feature on 3/12/2023 (4 minutes) – Climate change is making a springtime tradition for the Umatilla tribes hard to uphold
- News Feature on 3/14/2023 (4 minutes) – Indigenous groups lash out after an oil drilling project is approved in Alaska
- News Feature on 3/15/2023 (5 minutes) – So you began your event with an indigenous land acknowledgement. Now what?
- News Feature on 3/18/2023 (4 minutes) – Denver's local indigenous groups are helping manage its bison herds

C. National Native News – a four-minute news module from Native Voice One that reports on tribal issues from across the United States airs on KSJD every weekday afternoon at 4:30pm during All Things Considered.

Issue: Student Overdoses and Access to Narcan

Discussion of Issue: Fentanyl overdoses among young people have become a nationwide issue. After a high school student in nearby Durango, Colorado overdosed on fentanyl, students began a campaign to have access to the Narcan, a drug that can save people from the effects of an overdose. The students wanted to be able to carry Narcan on school grounds but school administrators were reluctant.

Programming: KSJD broadcast news stories about Native American issues throughout this quarter from a variety of sources.

A. KSJD, in partnership with KSUT, covered this story in a six part series as part of the Voices From The Edge of the Plateau project and in particular from Clark Admits, a reporter focused on this breaking news in March of 2023. The series included the following news features:

- KSJD Feature on 3/14/2023 (5 minutes) – One overdose turned Durango teens into activists
- KSJD Feature on 3/15/2023 (5 minutes) – Students pushed 9R district administrators for months before public Narcan campaign
- KSJD Feature on 3/18/2023 (5 minutes) – Students carrying Narcan: Durango 9R weighs the risks and benefits
- KSJD Feature on 3/21/2023 (5 minutes) – Animas High School took different path with students and Narcan
- KSJD Feature on 3/27/2023 (5 minutes) – Administering Narcan during an overdose event: medical experts weigh in

- KSJD Feature on 3/28/2023 (3 minutes) – 9R Board of Education says students should be allowed to carry Narcan
- B. News Programming (Regularly during news programming on weekdays from 5:00 to 9:00am and 4:00 to 6:00pm)
- News Feature on 2/21/2023 (5 minutes) – Politicians say they'll stop fentanyl smugglers. Experts say new drug war won't work
 - News Feature on 3/10/2023 (4 minutes) – Mexico's leader denies his country's role in fentanyl crisis. Republicans are furious
 - News Feature on 3/13/2023 (6 minutes) – Are harsher fentanyl sentences the solution to the opiate crisis? Experts say no
 - News Feature on 3/14/2023 (3 minutes) – Mexican pharmacies are selling pills laced with deadly fentanyl to U.S. travelers
 - News Feature on 3/15/2023 (5 minutes) – What does America's fentanyl problem mean for U.S.–Mexico relations?
 - News Feature on 3/30/2023 (5 minutes) – FDA approves the overdose-reversing drug Narcan for over-the-counter sales

Issue: Climate and Water In The West

Discussion of Issue: Water has become the nexus through which many social and economic issues in the west are viewed, including agriculture, climate change, and growth. KSJD has used our programming to take a deep look at water issues locally, and across the country so that our listeners can be better educated on the challenges the future may hold around water issues.

Programming: KSJD addressed this issue through a variety of programs, including local and national news interviews and coverage, as well as public service announcements.

A. News Programming (Regularly during news programming on weekdays from 5:00 to 9:00am and 4:00 to 6:00pm)

KSJD's local, regional, and national news programming provided a variety of content related to climate change and water issues across the West, including the following stories:

- News Feature on 1/11/2023 (2 minutes) – How ocean water vapor may be an answer to a climate change issue
- News Feature on 1/11/2023 (5 minutes) – Heavy rain is still hitting California. A few reservoirs figured out how to capture more for drought
- News Feature on 1/16/2023 (4 minutes) – Rainstorms helped California's drought conditions, but there's further to go
- News Feature on 1/19/2023 (4 minutes) – Recent heavy snow is crucial to the Colorado River but it's not a drought ender
- News Feature on 1/20/2023 (4 minutes) – This winter's rain and snow won't be enough to pull the West out of drought
- News Feature on 1/31/2023 (4 minutes) – California opposes the water use plan between the states that share Colorado River
- News Feature on 2/2/2023 (4 minutes) – Six states agree on a proposal for Colorado River cutbacks, California has a counter
- News Feature on 2/2/2023 (2 minutes) – Snowpack is above average in southwest Colorado but water managers caution that drought persists
- News Feature on 2/3/2023 (6 minutes) – Climate change and a population boom could dry up the Great Salt Lake in 5 years
- News Feature on 2/27/2023 (3 minutes) – Despite historic amounts of rain and snow, California is still in a drought emergency
- News Feature on 2/27/2023 (6 minutes) – Here's why Arizona says it can keep growing despite historic megadrought
- News Feature on 3/19/2023 (5 minutes) – The Supreme Court will hear a 20-year-old case on giving the Navajo Nation access to a water source
- News Feature on 3/19/2023 (5 minutes) – Supreme Court cases could reshape Navajo Nation water rights
- News Feature on 3/23/2023 (3 minutes) – 3 reasons why California's drought isn't really over, despite all the rain

B. KSJD Local News (90-second spots airing Monday through Saturday at 5:04am, 6:04am, 7:04am, and 8:04am as well as weekdays at 5:35pm)

Daily newscasts that cover local and regional news headlines, including stories about climate change and water issues related to municipal systems, local rivers, and agriculture.

C. Farm News and Views (Weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45am)

Locally produced four-minute feature offers information and analysis about agriculture, and occasionally included information about water policy and environmental news that impacts local farmers and ranchers.

Issue: Agriculture

Discussion of Issue: Southwest Colorado and the Four Corners Area are home to farmers and ranchers who need to balance economic and environmental concerns to be successful. Water issues, climate change, and social changes present changes that agricultural producers need to be aware of and respond to. Discussion of these challenges helps to educate and present solutions to farmers, ranchers, and consumers.

Programming: KSJD addressed this issue through a variety of programs, including local and national news interviews and coverage, and a weekly locally produced feature.

A. Farm News and Views (Weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45am)

Locally produced four-minute feature offers information and analysis about agriculture policy and practices and the food economy that is relevant to farmers and ranchers in the KSJD listening area as well as the general public.

B. Capitol Coverage Project (Occasionally on weekdays between 7:00–9:00am)

The Capitol Coverage Project is an effort of Rocky Mountain Community Radio, a group of non-commercial public and community radio stations mainly in Colorado, with stations in Utah and New Mexico. The project provides daily news reports from sessions of the Colorado State Legislature and examines decisions made by elected state representatives and senators, including issues centered on agriculture in Colorado and across the region.

C. News Programming (Regularly during news programming on weekdays from 5:00 to 9:00am and 4:00 to 6:00pm)

KSJD's local, regional, and national news programming provided a variety of content related to agriculture, including the specific examples provided below:

- News Feature on 1/17/2023 (4 minutes) – Saving what's left of the underground water used for large-scale farms in west Kansas
- News Feature on 1/18/2023 (7 minutes) – Seeds developed over thousands of years may help farmers adapt to climate change
- News Feature on 1/19/2023 (4 minutes) – Why the price of eggs spiked so high in the span of one year
- News Feature on 1/22/2023 (4 minutes) – Agricultural research funding has dropped, impacting the fight against climate change
- News Feature on 1/28/2023 (4 minutes) – The U.S. farm bill is up for renewal this year. Here's what's at stake
- News Feature on 2/14/2023 (3 minutes) – A disease affecting marijuana crops could force growers to change their practices
- News Feature on 3/5/2023 (4 minutes) – Amid bird flu, Farmers prepare for a tough poultry season
- News Feature on 3/8/2023 (4 minutes) – Rural communities want to tap federal funding. But it's hard to know where to start
- News Feature on 3/8/2023 (4 minutes) – Without retirement options, many undocumented farmworkers keep working into old age
- News Feature on 3/9/2023 (2 minutes) – In northern California, stranded cows are getting emergency hay drops
- News Feature on 3/12/2023 (6 minutes) – Ukraine's farmlands are affected by the toxic remnants of war
- News Feature on 3/16/2023 (4 minutes) – Lambs aren't white and fluffy and other lessons learned at this campus farm
- News Feature on 3/16/2023 (4 minutes) – California storms are taking a toll on farmworkers like those in the town of Pajaro
- News Feature on 3/29/2023 (4 minutes) – In California, leafy greens farmers both suffered from floods and welcomed the water

D. KSJD Local News (90-second spots airing Monday through Saturday at 5:04am, 6:04am, 7:04am, and 8:04am as well as weekdays at 5:35pm)

Daily newscasts that cover local and regional news headlines, including a variety of topics related to agriculture.

Issue: Education

Discussion of Issue: Understanding the issues facing schools and other education institutions helps families and the general public, and directly impacts the local economy and standard of living. Issues around how schools function and school safety have been particularly important to the KSJD listening community.

Programming: KSJD addressed this issue through a variety of programs, including local and national news interviews and coverage, as well as public service announcements.

A. Capitol Coverage Project (Occasionally on weekdays between 7:00–9:00am)

The Capitol Coverage Project's daily news reports from sessions of the Colorado State Legislature also covered decisions made by elected state representatives and senators on issues related to schools and education.

B. News Programming (Regularly during news programming on weekdays from 5:00 to 9:00am and 4:00 to 6:00pm)

KSJD's local, regional, and national news programming provided a variety of content related to education, including the specific examples provided below:

- News Feature on 1/3/2023 (8 minutes) – Once a boarding school, a college now aims to reclaim education for Native people
- News Feature on 1/10/2023 (8 minutes) – A coordinated nationwide agenda dominated local school board elections last year
- News Feature on 1/23/2023 (7 minutes) – Florida's AP African American studies ban should raise alarm elsewhere, lawmaker says
- News Feature on 2/2/2023 (8 minutes) – COVID's impact on classrooms will linger and must be addressed, according to teachers
- News Feature on 2/10/2023 (9 minutes) – Colorado struggles to serve the state's most vulnerable students
- News Feature on 2/17/2023 (11 minutes) – Foundation started by Virginia Tech shooting victim aims to improve school safety
- News Feature on 2/20/2023 (4 minutes) – How grown-ups can help kids transition to 'post-pandemic' school life

- News Feature on 3/14/2023 (4 minutes) – 3 years after pandemic school closings, how were kids and parents affected?
- News Feature on 3/15/2023 (2 minutes) – Schools across the country say more students are asking for mental health services
- News Feature on 3/25/2023 (4 minutes) – What we know about teacher shortages and how to address them
- News Feature on 3/30/2023 (5 minutes) – States are looking for ways to make free school meals permanent

C. KSJD Local News (90-second spots airing Monday through Saturday at 5:04am, 6:04am, 7:04am, and 8:04am as well as weekdays at 5:35pm)

Daily newscasts that cover local and regional news headlines, including content about local schools.