

COMMUNITY ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST FOR STATION – KBTL

Third (July1/September 30) Quarter, 2022

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EL DORADO/BUTLER COUNTY ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED:

A. Community Safety – Effect from COVID-19

“**El Dorado Issues**” – Broadcast September 14th, 12:00 noon. Segment duration 15 minutes. A segment of our locally produced talk show featuring a discussion of availability of COVID boosters for new variants. Segment examined community perceptions that COVID is no longer (if ever) danger to citizens, impact of seasonal flu/pneumonia on public health, and potential flare-ups of other viral disease (i.e. monkeypox).

B. Public School Education – Lack of Teaching/Support Personnel

“**El Dorado Issues**” – Broadcast September 7th, 12 noon. Segment duration 10 minutes. A segment of our locally produced talk show featuring a discussion of continued lack of public school teachers and bus drivers for USD 490 (El Dorado) and surrounding school districts in Butler County. Looked at various contributing factors for this situation, as well as programs to address the emergency (i.e. emergency teacher certification, bus driver training workshops, et al.). Compared current shortages to this time last year (2021), and long-term strategies by colleges and universities to provide licensed teachers.

C. K-12/Higher Education – Student Loan Forgiveness

“**El Dorado Issues**” – Broadcast September 21st, 12 noon. Segment duration 15 minutes. A segment of our locally produced talk show featuring a discussion of various existing and new programs by Federal government to reduce and/or forgive higher education student loans. Segment specifically looked at Public Service forgiveness in connection to Butler Community College employees, as well as recent general reductions announced by the President.

D. Transportation Infrastructure Upgrades – Roads and Bridges,

“**El Dorado Issues**” – Broadcast September 28th, 12 noon. Segment duration 10 minutes. A segment of our locally produced talk show featuring a discussion of the impact of funding infrastructure support bill passed by Congress last year. Specifically examined the impact in Butler County, including on-going and proposed repairs to bridges (i.e. Highway 54) and roads. Also discussed problems with passenger and freight rail travel.