

Issues Program List

KLYQ (Hamilton, MT); KGVO (Missoula, MT); KMPT (East Missoula, MT); KAMM-FM (Frenchtown, MT)

KYSS-FM (Missoula MT); KENR-FM (Superior MT); (KBAZ-FM, Hamilton, MT)

January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021

SECTION 1. ISSUES

The above stations have identified the following as some of the more significant community issues addressed by this station for the quarter specified. This listing is by no means complete, nor is the order in which these issues appear intended to imply any degree of priority or significance of the issue.

A. Environment. Besides the pandemic, people are fighting some strange weather patterns this year. We took a look at those issues, including the impacts of possible climate change.

B. COVID-19. Most of our reports this quarter dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic. We dealt with vaccine distribution, how the economy has been affected, emergency responses and schools.

C. Infrastructure. Winter has brought out more gaps in our area infrastructure. While bridges are getting some attention, we also looked at other street issues. Montana’s construction season starts as soon as the snow disappears.

D. Economy. The economy of Montana has been challenging, including cost of housing, which has been rising steadily and how businesses are attracting young employees, instead of them leaving the state. The film industry has discovered Montana and we examined a tie-in with college sports.

E. Law Enforcement. We constantly keep in touch with law enforcement. We also looked at the underlying crime problems that include addictions and the economic situation that many people are enduring, due to the pandemic. The stress can cause them to make the wrong decisions and find themselves in a criminal situation.

SECTION II. RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS

“Community Viewpoint” is a 28-minute locally-produced program that airs weekly on each station at the following times: Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. on KLYQ and KGVO. Sundays at 6 a.m. on KMPT, KAMM-FM, KYSS-FM and KBAZ-FM.

DATE AIRED	DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE
1/02/21	COVID, Law Enforcement – Missoula Attorney Quentin Rhoades talked about a lawsuit he filed against Montana Governor Steve Bullock. The purpose of the lawsuit is to ensure that the state doesn’t restrict the

1/03/21	activities of people who are not infected with COVID-19. He represented a handful of small business in this lawsuit.
1/09/21 1/10/21	COVID, Mental Health – How is COVID-19 affecting the arts? Ballet Beyond Borders: Director Charlene Campbell introduced several guests who talked about the importance of dance and art during this difficult time. We spoke with Ahmed, Casper, and Francesca. They all talked about their personal journeys and how they got to where they are today.
1/16/21 1/17/21	COVID, Local Economy - Justin Philbrick, the owner and CEO of Jakers Bar and Grill and Red Robin in Missoula, talked about how COVID-19 has impacted his businesses. He also talked about some of the benefits and what to expect in 2021. Missoula Chamber of Commerce Director of Membership Mark Losh joined us as well and talked about how the community can support local businesses during this difficult time.
1/23/21 1/24/21	Infrastructure, Local Economy – Missoula Public Works Director for Streets Brian Hensel joined us and so did Communications Director for the City of Missoula Ginny Merriam. Hensel talked about what his team has been doing to keep streets clean and safe during the winter. He talked about what his team does on a day to day basis when there is no snow to plow. He and Ginny also talked about future immediate projects to improve infrastructure in 2021.
1/30/21 1/31/21	COVID, Education - Missoula County Public Schools Superintendent Rob Watson discussed concerns surrounding COVID-19. He also talked about having students go to school four days a week now. We talked about updating curriculums as well. He also talked about what graduation might look like this year.
2/06/21 2/07/21	Economy, Affordable Housing - We spoke with Director Patrick Barkey of the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research. He talked about the current Montana economy and what we should expect in the future. We also discussed the Missoula economy and the affordable housing concerns. Housing prices have been rising astronomically with people moving into the area. He also promoted his 2021 economic outlook seminar.
2/13/21 2/14/21	Law Enforcement, Drug Addiction - Mike Sunderland, Missoula County Sheriff's Detective, joined us and he talked about how he believes the judicial system is broken. He also talked about the increase in violent crime during the COVID-19 pandemic. We discussed the meth problem in Montana as well.
2/20/21 2/21/21	Economy, Athletics – Western Montana has been seeing more film projects, which help with the economy. Tying that into public economic support of sports through the years, we examined the new film The House That Rob Built. We spoke with former Lady Griz Coach Robin Selvig about the film, along with former Lady Griz player Megan Harrington, who produced the film. We spoke with her about the film and what coach Selvig meant to the community. We also spoke with two other former players, Jeanne McNulty and Skyla Sisco, about their experiences as Lady Griz players under coach Selvig.
	COVID, Natural Disasters, Vaccines - Nick Holloway, Deputy Disaster and

2/27/21 2/28/21	Emergency Services Coordinator in the Office of Emergency Management, is working now as the chief PIO on the Missoula County COVID-19 Vaccine Coordination Team. We talked about what OEM does – they save us from every possible disaster, like flooding, earthquakes, pandemics, they go to other states and help with tornados and hurricanes. We also talked about what the city has done to organize vax info and clinics for Missoula County.
3/06/21 3/07/21	Environment, Climate Change – Forestry Professor Dr. Peter Kolb joined us and he talked about climate change. We talked about Montana’s impact on climate change and if there is anything we could do differently. He also answered questions from callers about their own trees and how to save them.
3/13/21 3/14/21	COVID, Travel – Missoula International Airport: Director Cris Jensen and Deputy Director Brian Ellestad joined us. Jensen is outgoing director and Ellestad is taking over this week. They both talked about the challenges surrounding COVID-19 and what to expect moving forward. We also discussed the new terminal construction and when it might conclude.
3/20/21 3/21/21	Economy – Missoula Chamber of Commerce Director of Membership Mark Losh and CEO/President Kim Latrielle talked about their brand new website that aims to connect the Montana workforce and Montana businesses. They are trying to help young people find good paying jobs in the state so they don’t have to leave and come back. Governor Gianforte has agreed to help manage the website.
3/27/21 3/28/21	COVID, Vaccines - Missoula City-County Health Department: Health Officer Ellen Leahy and Vaccine Coordinator Adriane Beck talked about vaccine distribution in Missoula and reflected on the past year dealing with COVID-19. They also answered several questions from callers and talked about what we should expect in the future.