

## 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)

April 1, 2021 – June 30, 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.

A. **Environment.** Montana's winter and spring brought unusual weather. In our forested area, we were concerned with how the trees were coping with the shifting snow and rain patterns and other factors associated with climate change.

B. **Education.** School budgets are always on the public radar and our University of Montana has been experiencing funding and enrollment challenges. We also looked at lack of education about our American military history.

C. **Marijuana.** Voters approved recreational marijuana in last year's election. The state legislature wrangled with the specifics and we looked at what the voters wanted versus what the legislature approved.

D. **Economy.** The economy of Montana has been through a lot of changes, mainly caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have had housing price jumps as people move out of the urban areas and at the same time, we are seeing homelessness. Yet, many jobs go unfilled.

E. **Law Enforcement.** We often have current law enforcement stories, but we also looked at what financial struggles happen when an officer is hurt on the job. There are perspectives that aren't often examined.

F. **Healthcare.** Among the many health stories we regularly cover, including COVID, we have opinions about how the whole system works (or doesn't work), especially for low income populations, and how what you eat can make a difference.

G. **Homelessness.** Missoula County became very aware of an increasing population of homeless people. The causes were varied, including the pandemic and a resulting loss of jobs. With the winter weather Montana is known for, how to house those people became a priority.

## 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
4/03/21 4/04/21	<b>Environment</b> – Peter Christian and Nick Chrestenson interviewed Peter Kolb, Forestry Professor, about climate change in the woods. He explained details of the weather conditions and Montana’s impact from 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.
4/10/21 4/11/21	<b>Education, Economy</b> – The University of Montana has been struggling with reduced enrollment, which in turn, leads to less state funding. University of Montana History Professors Dr. Mehrdad Kia and Michael Mayer discussed the recent budget and staff cuts at the university. They shared their opinions and answered a handful of questions from callers. Kia believes new leadership is necessary.
4/17/21 4/18/21	<b>Marijuana, Economy</b> – Montana Legislature recently concluded its every-other-year session. Local Senator Dan Soloman and Missoula Representative Mike Hopkins were interviewed. Soloman talked about education bills that he supported and he also supports the current Montana state budget, which is the major administrative role of the legislature. Hopkins, meanwhile, talked about the recreation marijuana initiative, passed by voters in last year’s election. The legislature worked on ways to implement recreational marijuana and how money raised from taxes would be used.
4/24/21 4/25/21	<b>Law Enforcement, social media</b> – Missoula Police Department Public Information Officer Travis Welsh was facing retirement and joined us to talk about his duties, especially how he balances working with the officers and the public. He has been in law enforcement for 30 years and shared some of his experiences on the job. He also talked about how social media has had a significant impact, not necessarily all good, on what he does as a PIO.
5/01/21 5/02/21	<b>Economy, COVID-19</b> – Patrick Barkey is the director of the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research and is one of the top economic advisors in the state. He talked about the current Montana economy, bringing in the effects of COVID-19, shutdowns, masking requirements and other restrictions that have affected business. He also looked to the future, and his expectations of the state’s economy. We also discussed the local Missoula and Western Montana economy, including the affordable housing concerns. Barkey has an annual seminar and teased some highlights from the 2021 session.
5/08/21	<b>Healthcare, Economy</b> – Local author and businessman Scott Billadeau wrote a book call “Healthy Modern Hyouman”. He explained his belief

5/09/21	that the United States healthcare system is broken. After listing some of the deficiencies, he suggested drastic changes. And, to add to the changes needed in America healthcare, Billadeau believes Americans really need to eat better before things get worse.
5/15/21 5/16/21	<b>Law Enforcement</b> – What happens to law officers when they are injured or retire? Chris Hoffman served as Ravalli County Sheriff and Ravalli County Commissioner. He came on the show to talk about the Montana Guardian Fund. It is a non-profit charity dedicated to providing financial assistance to families of fallen or injured Montana Peace Officers. The Montana system of support falls short when job-related injuries occur. He used a recent incident of a local officer seriously wounded on the job. His recovery has been a financial struggle. Chris and his wife hope to build the Montana Guardian investment fund so that annual interest income from the account can meet officers' needs.
5/22/21 5/23/21	<b>Economy</b> – Missoula Chamber of Commerce Director of Membership Mark Losh and Director of Government Affairs & Communications Clint Burson joined us. Losh talked about the new members at the chamber and Burson talked about the Legislative session. Burson outlined the bills the chamber supported and whether those proposals passed or not.
5/29/21 5/30/21	<b>Education, Armed Forces</b> – Susan Campbell Reneau hosts the annual Memorial Day Services in Missoula and she talked about this year's event. As one of most ambitious series of commemorations in the state, they visit 12 different locations in Missoula, with a special ceremony at each. She hopes to increase awareness to all ages, young and old, about the importance of Memorial Day and why it is a day of mourning and not a celebration. She also talked about the proper ways to dispose of an old or damaged American flag.
6/05/21 6/06/21	<b>Economy, Cryptocurrency</b> – Ryan Alter is the CEO and Owner of Alter Enterprises in Missoula. In the economic world, the rise of NFTs and crypto-currencies have bloomed, amid public confusion. He talked about how crypto-currency started, where it is at today, and the impact it could have on the world in the future. We discussed the ups and downs of Bitcoins and how a bitcoin value is determined.
6/12/21 6/13/21	<b>Law Enforcement, Gun Laws</b> – John Lott is the President of the Crime Prevention Research Center. He talked about the Second Amendment of the Constitution and gun legislation on Montana. Lott is concerned with attempts to change gun laws, sharing his thoughts and answering questions about 'red flag' laws and concealed carry permits. The Montana legislature passed some new gun laws recently that actually expanded some of the rules.
6/19/21 6/20/21	<b>Economy, COVID-19</b> – The Missoula Chamber of Commerce suggested we talk with "Kart Kleen" President and CEO Jason Gardiner. Kart Kleen manufactures high quality, innovative and portable sanitization equipment. Gardiner explained how the equipment was designed to not only reduce human exposure to disease-causing organisms such as

	<p>COVID-19, but to also help the “bottom line,” by decreasing inventory costs. He also offers on-demand cleansing treatments for organizations. Looking at future sanitation problems, the company recently produced an Incident Response Bag that they will display in Helena.</p>
<p>6/26/21 6/27/21</p>	<p><b>Homelessness, Economy</b> – As part of our continuing coverage of homelessness in Missoula and the area, Office of Emergency Management Director Adrian Beck joined us. She discussed the Incident Command Team for Operation Shelter. With the homelessness problem increasing, she talked about how the team will identify and evaluate temporary housing sites. Their very interesting scoring system has actually been used to reject some sites.</p>