

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)

July 1, 2021 – September 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.** Unusual weather continued through summer in Montana. The rain didn't come, but the smoke from Oregon and California wildfires did. That didn't stop people from moving to our area, and we discussed ways of keeping some open space and park areas, which makes our area desirable in the first place.

B. **Elections.** This is the year for municipal elections in Montana. Though Hamilton didn't have enough candidates for a primary election, Missoula did in September and we interviewed the three candidates running for Missoula Mayor.

C. **Government.** A new feature of our morning news programming is a monthly visit from the Missoula County Commissioners. The unique feature of their visits is inclusion of live phone calls from listeners. It led to a new understanding of county government and a new connection between commissioners and the public.

D. **Economy.** The economy of Montana has been reeling, along with the rest of the nation during the pandemic. The state's top economic research facility is at Missoula's University of Montana. We have access to their data and, more importantly, their experts.

E. **Law Enforcement.** Montana is known for its less restrictive gun laws. Has it changed our crime picture? And what about the future? We have been keeping an eye on national trends relating to the 2nd Amendment.

F. **Healthcare.** Among the many health stories we regularly cover, including COVID, we have a wide gap between those who believe in masks and those who don't. The emotional stress of the pandemic only adds to mental health concerns, too. A unique program is making some inroads in that problem area, too.

G. **History.** Those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it. With that in mind, we looked back at 9-11, but we also recalled World War II with the local restoration of a D-Day smokejumper plane, which continues to tour the state and the US.

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
7/02/21 7/03/21	Elections. Jacob Elder is running for mayor of Missoula. Elder spent four years in the United States Marine Corps and also attended the University of Montana. He said he is running to ensure that all Missoulians are given an equal opportunity to succeed in life. This means, as your mayor, fighting for policies that expand the quality of life for all Missoulians.
7/10/21 7/11/21	Environment, Economy - Myron Ebell is director of the Competitive Enterprise Institute’s Center for Energy and Environment, which is one of the most effective advocates for Free Market Environmentalism. Mr. Ebell led the Trump Presidential Transition’s agency action team for the Environmental Protection Agency in 2016 and January 2017. His involvement in the transition led to public protests and marches in several cities in America and Europe.
7/17/21 7/18/21	Healthcare, Mental Health – Operators from the Dunrovin Ranch came to the show. SuzAnne Miller is the owner of Dunrovin Ranch in Lolo and she and James Wasem co-founded the Dunrovin Benefit Corporation to address the chronic health problem of social isolation and loneliness by further developing the social engagement platform, DaysAtDunrovin.com , which was created by SuzAnne. James is the official Tech Wrangler of the Dunrovin Virtual Village while SuzAnne is Chief Creativity Officer – she dreams it up and he makes it.
7/24/21 7/25/21	Environment, Government - Our guest was Morgan Valliant from Missoula City Parks. His title is Ecosystems Services Superintendent, which means he is in charge of managing all the City’s conservation lands. He talked about Marshall Mountain (a former ski area) and how it was dropped in the laps of officials at the City of Missoula. When it re-opens in early August, Morgan will manage it for its unique role as a year-round higher-use recreation area for the region. Lots of kids’ programs and mountain-based sports that meld into our surrounding countryside.
7/31/21 8/01/21	Government, Community - Missoula County Commissioners Dave Strohmaier, Josh Slotnick and Juanita Vero made their second monthly appearance in the studio to answer questions from listeners. One of the main topics discussed was the creation of a new program using the acronym ‘JEDI’ to establish Missoula County’s commitment to a just, equitable, diverse and inclusive Missoula County, which included the hiring of Equity Coordinator Jamar Galbreath.
8/07/21 8/08/21	Elections, Law Enforcement, Homelessness – Shawn Knopp is running for mayor of Missoula. He talked about the budget, homelessness, and lack of support for law enforcement in the community. He also answered several questions from callers. He is running against current Mayor John Engen who is running for his 5th term and Jacob Elder.
8/14/21 8/15/21	Economy, Housing – Patrick Barkey is the director of the university of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research, the most respected economic research organization in the state. 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, which will also be part of his 2021 economic outlook seminar.

8/21/21 8/22/21	Crime, Government, Gun Control - John Lott is the president of the Crime Prevention Research Center. He talked about the national debt and how it is getting out of control. He also talked about the current national nominations in various departments and why that's dangerous for gun owners. He spoke about Second Amendment rights as well.
8/28/21 8/29/21	Elections, Homelessness, Economy, Housing - Mayor John Engen is running for his fifth term as mayor of Missoula. He talked about the homeless problem in Missoula and also talked about property taxes. He is in favor of a tourism tax and would like that to be implemented as soon as possible. He also talked about what he enjoys the most about being mayor.
9/04/21 9/05/21	History, Community - Susan Campbell Reneau hosts the annual Never Forget Service on September 11th. This year is the 20th anniversary and she talked about how there is increased interest in the event and what to expect. We also mentioned other area ceremonies. Susan also shared her thoughts on the controversial withdrawal from Afghanistan, a country that was implicated by the Twin Towers destruction.
9/11/21 9/12/21	History - Brian Douglass and Eric Ristau talked about the Miss Montana C-47 WWII airplane and a documentary about its restoration and subsequent flights. The film was released later in September. Eric directed the film titled "Return to the Big Sky." They talked about Miss Montana's historic flight on the 75th anniversary of D-Day, where it was one of the planes selected to drop paratroopers on that Memorial Day in France. They also discussed other trips the plane has taken since then and how it has been received by audiences of all ages.
9/18/21 9/19/21	Healthcare, COVID-19 - Quentin Rhoades is a Missoula attorney. He addressed the issue of requiring masks for elementary school children and his efforts to call out what he termed a lack of science in the policy. He thinks masks for students should be optional. He believes masks cause harm in young students' ability to learn, to socialize, and in their health. He said the school district is violating the Montana Constitution with its mandatory policy. He filed suit and a court date was set for arguments.
9/25/21 9/26/21	Environment, Government, Economy – Nathan McLeod from Missoula City Parks and Robert Giblin from the Downtown Missoula Partnership talked about the upcoming Caras Park project. It's a public-private partnership. The Missoula Downtown Foundation raised money to match the Park Department's allocation of \$700,000 to fund the projects. Donations came from more than 50 Missoula businesses. The project will remove a hill between the Riverfront Trail and the Caras Park pavilion and add more outdoor amphitheater seating and ADA access. Better electrical and lighting infrastructure is planned and major improvements are happening to the stormwater system. The work coincides with major work on the Higgins Avenue Bridge, which is partially above the downtown park.