

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)

October 1, 2021 – December 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.

A. Environment. Unusual weather continued into the winter. We had experts recommend best practices for their trees this winter, with huge swings in temperatures, wind and snow expected. The discussion of keeping open space and park areas, which makes our community a desirable place, continues.

B. Elections. This is the year for municipal elections in Montana. Hamilton and Missoula were among the cities having general elections in November. We interviewed various candidates and the main topics included taxes and housing.

C. Government. Our morning news programming has a monthly visit from the Missoula County Commissioners office, which included live phone calls from listeners. These discussions led to a new understanding of county government by the public. Of course, the elections also have brought current government policies under review.

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. Crime is a main topic we cover daily. The elections may bring about changes in sentencing. We have been keeping an eye on national trends relating to the 2nd Amendment. Legalized recreational marijuana in Montana has changed the law enforcement rules, too.

F. Healthcare. Among the many health stories we regularly cover, including COVID, we have a wide gap between those who believe in masks and vaccinations and those who don't. The emotional stress of the pandemic only adds to mental health concerns, too.

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
10/02/21 10/03/21	Homelessness - City Council member Jesse Ramos and City Council candidate Bob Campbell shared their thoughts on city spending, the homeless crisis in Missoula, affordable housing, and much more. Ramos is leaving city council and he was here to endorse Campbell. Campbell is a former police officer.
10/09/21 10/10/21	Economy, Cannabis - Missoula County Commissioners Dave Strohmaier, Juanita Vero, and Josh Slotnick talked about taxing medicinal and recreational marijuana. They answered frequently asked questions about the marijuana local-option tax. It is appearing on ballots this November. They explained how the initiative came to be on the ballot and how much marijuana would be taxed.
10/16/21 10/17/21	Elections - Mayoral candidate Jacob Elder, running for mayor of Missoula and the general election is just a few weeks away. Ballots have already been sent out. Elder talked about some allegations against him. He said his main goal is to focus on the issues – taxes and housing among them.
10/23/21 10/24/21	Homelessness - Reaching Home Manager Emily Armstrong talked about the emergency winter shelter in Missoula. The continuing pandemic means the Poverello Center is still at half capacity. So, again running the winter shelter as a joint venture of the City and County with the Poverello Center as the contractor that will operate it, along with the Human Resource Council.
10/30/21 10/31/21	Elections, Law Enforcement - Three Missoula Municipal Court candidates are running together for the newly created judgeships, and all three appeared on talk back to answer questions from KGVO listeners. Department 1’s Jennifer Streano, Eli Parker in Department 2 and Jacob Coolidge in Department 3 appeared together because, as Jacob Coolidge explained, they want to take Missoula’s Municipal Court in a new direction.
11/06/21 11/07/21	Economy, Homelessness - Patrick Barkey is the director 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. He also discussed his 2022 economic outlook seminar.
11/13/21 11/14/21	Economy, Law Enforcement, Elections - 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 economy and mail in ballots. He spoke about second amendment rights as well.
11/20/21	Economy, Government - Leigh Griffing, the Finance Director for the City, talked about the basic facts about property taxes. Where do they

11/21/21	come from? Who decides how much they are? Where does the money go? Gwen Jones, City Council Vice President and Council representative from Ward 3, has become quite a property tax historian. She gave a little background about how Montana got to where it is today and what the economic thinking has been on the issues.
11/27/21 11/28/21	Law Enforcement, Drug Use, Vaccines, Mental Health, Healthcare - Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen talked about the drug problem in the state. He also talked about challenging President Biden's vaccine mandate. He said he is leading the fight to strike down the mandate that threatens the livelihoods of our healthcare heroes. He said medical facilities have no reason to threaten their employees if they don't get the vaccine.
12/04/21 12/05/21	Environment - Forestry Professor Peter Kolb talked about preparing for winter in Montana, with cold temperatures and snow cover. He also answered questions from listeners about trees in their yards. He talked about the best trees to plant in Missoula and the best ways to maintain them.
12/11/21 12/12/21	Government - University of Montana History Professors Dr. Mehrdad Kia and Michael Mayer focused on the challenges facing the U.S. foreign policy under the Biden administration from Russia's threat to invade Ukraine to the growing threat against Taiwan by China.
12/18/21 12/19/21	Environment - Peter Stark is an adventure and exploration writer and historian. Born in Wisconsin, he took a master's in journalism from the University of Wisconsin, and headed off to the remote spots of the world writing magazine articles and books. He talked about his journeys and how the distant environmental issues affect Montana.
12/25/21 12/26/21	Government, Healthcare - Chair of the Montana Democratic Party Robyn Driscoll and Montana GOP Chairman Don K joined us. Driscoll shared her concerns for Superintendent Elsie Arntzen and Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen concerning COVID rulings. Don K talked about Montana values and what the Republican Party stands for.