

**ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LIST**

**For January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021**

**FOR STATION KAIR Atchison, Kansas**

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1st Quarter for KAIR  
January-March 2021

Section I. Issues.

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in the quarter.

**A. Covid-19 pandemic**

**B. Public health/healthy living**

**C. Home safety**

**D. Education**

**E. Ongoing matters pertaining to changes regarding Native American themed mascots in local schools**

**F. Severe weather**

Programs to address issues for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021 on KAIR

***COVID-19 pandemic***

*KAIR Country News*--broadcast January 2 at 7 & 8 a.m and 12 p.m. News story about additional COVID-19 deaths being reported in Brown County and an update on the COVID cases in the county. Duration, 1 minute.

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*KAIR Country News*—broadcast January 2 at 7 & 8 am and 12 p.m. News story about additional COVID-19 deaths being reported in Doniphan County and an update on cases in Doniphan County along with Atchison County. Duration, 2 minutes

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*KAIR County News*--broadcast January 5 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 p.m. News story about the Doniphan Co Commission voting to extend the county's mask mandate for one week. Duration, 1 minute.

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*KAIR Country News*—broadcast January 5 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 p.m. News story about the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in Kansas. Duration, 1 minute.

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*KAIR County News*—broadcast January 13 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 p.m Update on COVID-19 vaccinations and testing being conducted in Atchison County. Duration, 2 minute.

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*KAIR County News*—broadcast January 14 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. News story on the local disaster emergency being extended in Atchison County due to the coronavirus pandemic. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR Country News*--broadcast January 16 at 7 & 8 am and 12 pm News story about the countywide mask mandate in Doniphan County being extended until February 22. Duration, 1 minute.

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*KAIR Country News*--broadcast January 16 at 7 & 8 am and 12 p.m. News story about new COVID-19 quarantine guidelines adopted by the Royal Valley Board of Education for students in pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR Country News*—broadcast January 20 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 p.m. News story about preparation underway in Atchison County for phase 2 of Kansas' COVID-19 vaccination plan. Duration, 2 minutes, 30 secs.

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*KAIR Country News*--broadcast January 20 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 p.m. News story about the Atchison Co Commission approving virus-related changes at the Atchison County Courthouse. Duration, 1 minute.

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*KAIR Country News*--broadcast January 22 at 5 p.m and January 23 at 7 & 8 am and 12 p.m. News story about Doniphan County moving to Phase 2 COVID-19 vaccinations and how those eligible can receive the vaccine. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR Country News*--broadcast January 23 at 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 p.m. News story about Atchison County moving to Phase 2 of the COVID-19 distribution and how those eligible can receive the vaccine. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR County News*—broadcast January 30 at 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 p.m. News story about two additional COVID-19 related deaths being reported in Brown County and an update on the last case count. Duration, 1 minute

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*KAIR Country News*—broadcast February 4 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 p.m. News story on the Jefferson County Commission voting to extend the county's mask mandate until February 16. Duration, 1 minute.

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*KAIR Country News*—broadcast February 4 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm News story on a coronavirus variant found in the United Kingdom being identified in Kansas. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR Country News*--broadcast February 8 at 12 & 5 p.m. and February 9 at 6, 7 & 8 a.m. News story about an additional COVID-19 death being reported in Brown County and update on coronavirus cases in the county. Duration, 1 minute.

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*KAIR Country News*--broadcast February 9 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 p.m. News story with an update on the COVID-19 stats from Jefferson County. Duration, 1 minute.

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*KAIR Country News*—broadcast February 18 at 6, 7, & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. Story on the Jefferson County Commission voting to extend the county's mask mandate until March 1. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR Country News*—broadcast February 24 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 p.m. Story on the Doniphan County Commission voting to rescind the countywide mask mandate and latest COVID stat's in the county. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR Country News*—broadcast February 24 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. Story on the Atchison County Commission voting to extend the county's COVID-19 related mandates, but increasing the number of people allowed at public locations from 20 to 40. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR Country News*—broadcast February 27 at 7 & 8 am and 12 p.m. Story on three additional COVID-19 related deaths being reported in Jackson County and update on the county's coronavirus case count. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR Country News*—broadcast March 2 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. Story about the Jefferson County Commission voting to extend the county's mask mandate until March 15 and update on COVID cases in the county. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR Country News*--broadcast March 16 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. Story about about the state of Kansas moving to Phases 3 and 4 of the COVID-19 vaccination plan starting March 22. Duration, 1 minute.

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*KAIR Country News*--broadcast March 16 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. Story about the Atchison County Commission voting to lift the local health orders that were issued due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but keeping mask mandate in place. Duration, 2 minutes, 30 secs.

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*Kair Country News*--broadcast March 16 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. Story about the Jefferson County Commission voting to lift the county's mask mandate and instead highly recommend the public continue to wear masks. Duration, 1 minute.

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*KAIR Country News*--broadcast March 18 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. Story about Doniphan County moving to phases 3 and 4 of the state's COVID-19 vaccination plan. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR County News*---broadcast March 25 at 12 & 5 pm and March 26 at 6, 7 & 8 am. Story about the Kansas Department of Health and Environment investigating the death of an Atchison County woman whose obituary said she died due to a reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR Country News*---broadcast March 27 at 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. Story about Kansas moving to phase 5 of the state's COVID-19 vaccination plan, which includes all those 16 years and age and older. Duration, one minute, 30 secs.

*KAIR Country News*--broadcast March 30 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm Story about Atchison and Doniphan Counties scheduling COVID-19 vaccination appointments for anyone over the age of 18. Duration, 2 minutes.

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### ***Health/ healthy living***

*KAIR County News*—broadcast February 4 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 p.m. News story about a letter the Brown County Commission is sending to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment with concerns about proposed 224,000 head boiler chicken farm northeast of Hiawatha. The Commission is requesting KDHE thoroughly investigate how the proposed facility would affect the water supply in the area. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR Country News*--broadcast March 5 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. Story on the affiliation of the Hiawatha Community Hospital and Atchison-based Amberwell Health, which is to provide patients in northeast Kansas with improved access to a full spectrum of health care services. The decision to affiliate the two rural healthcare systems was announced March 4. Duration, 2 minutes.

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Feature on healthy eating--broadcast March 13 at 7 and 8 am and 12 p.m. K-State Research and Extension nutrition specialist Sandy Procter discussed the importance of eating healthy and the new Dietary Guidelines for Americans. March is “ National Nutrition Month.” Duration, 4 minutes.

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### ***Home Safety***

*KAIR County News*—broadcast January 25 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. Story about a new safety service being provided by the Atchison Fire Department. The Department is offering free in-home safety inspections at the request of Atchison residents. Duration, 2 minutes.

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## ***Education***

*KAIR Country News*—broadcast January 26 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. News story about a proposal from the Atchison USD 409 Board of Education to close Central School and assign all effected students to the Roosevelt facilities. A public hearing on the proposal has been set for February 18. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR Country News*—broadcast February 3 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 p.m. News story about South Brown County USD 430's plans to survey district patrons regarding their perceptions related to district facilities. The USD 430 Board of Education is considering needed facilities improvements in the district and a potential bond election to finance those improvements. Duration, 2 minutes

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*KAIR Country News*—broadcast February 19 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & p.m. Story on a public hearing held on the proposed closure of Atchison's Central School and relocation of the school's students to the Roosevelt building. Duration, 2 minutes, 30 secs.

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*KAIR Country News*—broadcast March 9 at 6,, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. Story on the USD 409 Board of Education voting to close Atchison's Central School at the end of the current school year, with the about 45-50 K-12 students to be relocated to the Roosevelt Building at the Atchison Middle School for the next school year. Duration, 2 minutes.

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**The need to inform on ongoing matters pertaining to changes regarding Native American themed mascots in local schools.**

Part 1 of 2 part series----broadcast February 15 on KAIR newscasts at 6,7, and 8 a.m. and 12 noon and 5 pm on KAIR Country News. Joshua Wolf, a history professor, and selected spokesman for the organization Atchison United, provided background regarding his February 8 address to the Board of Education of USD 409 regarding Atchison United’s push to see the Atchison High School stop using the Redmen mascot due to cultural sensitivity, despite the school board’s 2018 vote to retain the mascot. Duration, 3:32

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Part 2 of 2 part series—broadcast February 17 on KAIR newscasts at 6,7, and 8 a.m. and 12 noon and 5 p.m. Joshua Wolf, a history professor, and selected spokesman for the organization Atchison United, explained the historical context of the term “redmen,” and related titles, saying the term is a pejorative, used to dehumanize Native Americans, which is why Atchison United is working to see the USD 409 Board of Education retire the Atchison High School Redmen mascot. Duration, 3:48.

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*KAIR Country News*—broadcast March 5 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. Story on a mascot educational presentation and public input forum held by the Atchison USD 409 Board of Education on the district's Native American-themed mascots. Nine individuals addressed the board, calling for the controversial mascots to be dropped. Duration, 2 minutes.

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*KAIR Country News*--broadcast March 9 at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 pm. Story about the fate of the Atchison school district's Native American-themed mascots to be decided at the USD 409 Board of Education's meeting in April. Additional public input was received on the mascots at the board's April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Duration, 2 minutes.

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## **Severe Weather Preparedness**

Five part feature series on Severe Weather Preparedness with Kansas State University assistant state climatologist Mary Knapp broadcast March 1-5 during KAIR Country News at 6, 7 & 8 am and 12 & 5 p.m. March 1-5 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Kansas. During part one, Knapp talked about the importance of preparing for the severe weather season. During part two, Knapp discusses ways to receive severe weather alerts. During part three, she discussed the dangers of lightning and ways to protect yourself. During part 4, Knapp discussed two other potential dangers during spring storms—damaging winds and large hail. During part 5, Knapp discussed the dangers of flash flooding. Total duration, 7 minutes.