Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Station(s): KTWO-AM, KKTL-AM, KRVK-FM, KWYY-FM KRNK-FM, KTRS-FM

July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Ecology:** K2 Radio covers topics and stories about the invasive animals in our community including feral cats, grasshoppers and Mormon crickets, and the wild turkeys. We also talk to experts about invasive plant species not limited to Russian Olive trees.
- B. Food Insecurity: K2 Radio covers stories of our local food supply and how businesses are trying to increase more localized food sources through business connections. Casper was once described as a "food desert," but foodpreneurs are working to change that, in tandem increasing community-focused events and partnerships. We talk to several people about gardening in Wyoming both the joys and challenges that come with it.
- C. **Community Awareness:** K2 Radio speaks with local agencies about community issues like crimes related to drugs and alcohol in the community and its impact on residents' safety. We also talked to city council members in the wake of Casper Mayor Bruce Knell resigning.
- D. **Healthcare:** The founder of Jason's Friends discusses the financial costs associated with cancer and how difficult it is to find care in Wyoming. Often, people must travel out-of-state for treatment and it can be quite taxing in all aspects of their life.
- E. **Economy:** K2Radio is dedicated to learning about Casper's small businesses and what's being done to help them thrive. We also talk to Amy White, the director of an organization called Dress for Success, to learn about resources available to women to gain employment.
- F. **Suicide:** For Suicide Awareness Month, we chatted with Carol Salveson about the work she is doing to prevent Veteran Suicide. We discussed the enormous problem of suicide in Wyoming.

Date Aired	Time aired	Duration (Minutes)	Program Name	
07/02	6:00am	30 Mins.	Report to Wyoming	Ecology, Invasive Species, Recreation. Game and Fish supervisor Matt Jolivet discusses the importance of preventing the spread of invasive species.
07/09	6:00am	30 Mins.	Report to Wyoming	Food Insecurity, Nutrition. Chef Leah Burback comes in to explain the importance of growing food locally. We discussed what is available to forage in Wyoming and how networks are forming to bring more fresh food to rural areas in the state.
07/16	6:00am	30 Mins.	Report to Wyoming	Community, Government. Tom Rea with the Wyoming History Project goes over the importance of preserving the past and tells a story about corruption in Casper that cautions listeners about the dangers of government overreach.

Section II. Responsive Programs

07/23	6:00am	30 Mins.	Report to Wyoming	Economy, Community Resources, Employment, Women's Issues, Equality. Amy White is the director for Dress for Success, an organization that helps women by providing free workwear and resources for finding and keeping employment. We chat about the challenges many women must overcome to do just that.
07/30	6:00am	30 Mins.	Report to Wyoming	Community Safety, Drug/Alcohol Abuse. Amber Freestone, the Casper Police Public Safety Information Officer, talks about drugs and alcohol in Casper and what is being done to keep residents safe.
08/06	6:00am	30 Mins.	Report to Wyoming	Community, Climate, Recreation, Gardening. The Master Gardeners pop in to chat about their biggest fundraiser of the year, featuring local yards and gardens. We chat about the challenges with gardening in Wyoming, but also the great rewards that come with it.
08/13	6:00am	30 Mins.	Report to Wyoming	Economy, Small Businesses. This episode looks at small businesses in Wyoming. We chatted with the SBA director to learn more about what makes starting a business and keeping it going so challenging here in Wyoming.
08/20	6:00am	30 Mins.	Report to Wyoming	Healthcare, Cancer, Loss, Community. The founder of Jason's friends shares her story about losing a son to cancer and the journey that prompted her to start a nonprofit to help others struggling with the financial burden of a sick child.
08/27	6:00am	30 Mins.	Report to Wyoming	Community, Food Insecurity, Agriculture. The founder of the Greenhouse Project, Leanne Miller, talks about plans for expansion in Casper, including a five-acre project to include 200 apple trees and five greenhouses for community use.
09/03	6:00am	30 Mins.	Report to Wyoming	Community, Personal Finance. Nikki Hawley drops in to discuss <i>United Way</i> : what it is, what it does, and how Casperites can help. This episode scrutinizes where they spend their money.
09/10	6:00am	30 Mins.	Report to Wyoming	Suicide, Mental Health, Veteran Issues. Veteran Carol Salveson talks about PTSD in veterans and what she is doing to prevent veteran suicide.
09/17	6:00am	30 Mins.	Report to Wyoming	Entertainment. British writer and filmmaker Simon Parker cruises through Casper on a coast-to-coast trip to learn if the nation is as divided as it seems.
09/24	6:00am	30 Mins.	Report to Wyoming	Community, Local Government, Crime. In the wake of the mayor's resignation, city council members discuss the seriousness of allegations against him, and strategy moving forward.