

## **KIJV Huron, SD Quarterly Issues/Programs List Second Quarter (April-June) 2020**

KIJV provides its listeners with programming that addresses important issues of local concern. Among the issues and events covered during the preceding calendar quarter were:

**Severe Weather:** Coverage of severe thunderstorm warnings for Beadle County and surrounding areas.

**Business:** Reported on announcement by Kim Ulmer, with US Beef Producers LCC, regarding Packer to Plate program which could bring a meat processing plant to Huron.

**Healthcare:** Aired the Well One Connection, a weekly program that features interviews with medical professionals and topics related to healthcare.

**Utilities:** Reported on the planned construction of a natural gas fired generation plant in Huron by Northwestern Energy.

**COVID-19-** Covered meetings of Beadle County Unified Task Force. The task force was created to provide oversight and information on efforts to manage pandemic response in Beadle County.

**Local Government:** Reported on weekly meetings of the Huron City Commission. Meetings are held each Monday at 5:30 pm.

**Education:** Reported on changes to end of the year check-in procedures for the Huron School District to keep students and staff safe.

**Public health:** Coverage of Governor Kristi Noem's appearance in Huron to award state funds to the city and county for COVID related expenses.

**Politics:** Reported on appointment of Lynn Schneider to fill out the term of late District 22 lawmaker Bob Glanzer, who died of complications from COVID 19.

### **April**

April 4<sup>th</sup>- Live coverage of Beadle County Unified Task Force briefing (COVID-19 Task Force) at noon from Huron City Commission room. The one hour event covered changes at HRMC (hospital), including the addition of the rapid point-of-care COVID-19 testing machine, information about Beadle County statistics and flattening of the curve, update from the Beadle County testing facility and call

center and resources for food and essential needs, and ways to donate. Briefing aired in its entirety at noon. Matt Watson-Program Director.

April 14<sup>th</sup>- Reported on Denny Sanford's donation of \$75,000 to Beadle County Rental Assistance program. The fund is earmarked for people living and working in Beadle County who are unemployed due to COVID-19. 1-2 minute news story aired at noon and 5pm. Mike Rudd-News Director.

April 19<sup>th</sup>- Reported on plans for prayer parade to honor late wrestling coach Tom Baszler. The parade was held May 20<sup>th</sup> to allow students and friends to pay their respects. There was no public funeral due to COVID restrictions. Baszler passed away suddenly from a heart attack on April 18<sup>th</sup>. 1 minute segment ran on sports at 6,7,8 and 9 am. Jeff Duffy-Sports Director.

April 27<sup>th</sup>- Weekly Well One Connection program featured Inpatient Services Director Amy Goergen who talked about changes made at HRMC to keep public and staff safe from COVID-19, such as visitor restrictions, the creation of a triage area and PPE. 2-4 minute program aired at 10am. Matt Watson-Program Director.

## **May**

May 5<sup>th</sup>- Reported on Huron City Commissions decision to repeal the COVID 19 ordinance which was passed in late March. The ordinance put restrictions on businesses, including restaurants and recreational facilities, aimed to slow the spread of COVID 19. Commissioners felt the ordinance had helped slow the spread of the disease and was no longer needed. 1-minute news story aired at 7,8 and 9 am. Mike Rudd-News Director.

May 8<sup>TH</sup>- Reported on appointment of Lynn Schneider to District 22 State House seat by Governor Kristi Noem. Schneider will fill out the term of the late Bob Glanzer who died in April from COVID 19. A general election for the seat will be held in November. 1-2 minute news story aired at noon and 5pm. Mike Rudd- News Director.

May 15<sup>th</sup>- Reported on announcement by Northwestern Energy that it plans to build an \$84 million, 58-megawatt natural gas fired generation plant in Huron. It will replace existing units that were built in the early 60's. The plant will be installed at the existing location. 1-2 minute news story aired at 7,8 and 9 am. Mike Rudd-News Director.

May 25<sup>th</sup>- Reported on new end policies for end of year check-in of materials at Huron School District. Check-in of materials took place outdoors with

employees wearing masks. 1 minute news story aired at noon and 5pm. Mike Rudd-News Director

## **June**

June 4<sup>th</sup>- Coverage of severe thunderstorm warnings across the area, including Beadle, Hand and Spink county. A line of storms produced hail, heavy rains and high winds across the area. Announcer Jeff Duffy provided continuous coverage from 7:20 pm until the final warning expired at 9:20pm.

June 9<sup>th</sup>- Coverage of severe thunderstorm warnings for Davidson, Hand, Hanson and Sanborn County. Storms packed high winds and hail. Live reports throughout the 6am hour from announcer Jeff Duffy. Warning expired at 7am.

June 19<sup>th</sup>- Interviewed Kim Ulmer of US Beef Producers LLC about plans to possible build a beef producing plant in Huron. The project, which would be undertaken through the Packer to Plate program would address concerns about the beef supply. 2-3 minute news story aired at 7,8 and 9am. Mike Rudd-News Director

June 25<sup>th</sup> Reported on Governor Kristi Noem's stop in Huron on the 24<sup>th</sup> to announce state funds being made available for COVID related expenses. Huron was the third city of four that Governor Kristi Noem visited in reference 200 million dollars in Cares act funding designated for city and county expenses. She outlined the funding and met with city and county officials. 1-2 minute news story aired at 7,8 and 9 am. Mike Rudd-news director