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KGPR – FOURTH QUARTER REPORT – ISSUES/CONCERNS – 8 JAN 2021

KGPR continued to broadcast 18 hours of local programming with its partner station KUFM (Missoula, MT), featuring music shows Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:55am – 12:30pm, and Thursdays from 2-4 p.m., and Saturdays from 2-4 p.m. The morning and Saturday shows provided updates on COVID rates and public health measures, PSAs, weather and topical news bits provided by live radio hosts.

Due to COVID, KGPR has been conducting recorded interviews over the phone with Mayor Bob Kelly, Cascade County Public Health officer Trish Gardner, Commissioner Jane Weber about public health and local economic impacts. Also interviewed were some local business owners about navigating the COVID and economic challenges during this pandemic.

KGPR Tuesday shows from 1pm – 3pm are utilizing pre-recorded and past interviews during 'On Point' Veterans Show, Musicians Mix (featuring local artists) hosted by Grant Stebbins, and Native Son Rising. Also because of the increase in COVID infections, shows have been put on hold, such as 'Home on the Family Farm' with Montana Farmers Union, hosted by Del Darko.

KGPR has a wonderful outdoors show called "Front Range Outdoors" with hosts Marty Bannon and Amy Grishak which has gone to archived shows during the pandemic. The show features interviews with local wilderness groups, Glacier National Park staff, outdoor enthusiasts, etc. KGPR's Saturday current events and civics show "Voices and Views" have featured local authors like Ken Robison, a retired US Navy Captain and well-known Montana historian.

KGPR has been posting podcasts to our website, kgpr.org, and have secured the Montana State Parks and Big Sky Country National Heritage Area as news sponsors in Nov 20 to underwrite KGPR directly. We also provided archived recordings of 'Native Son Rising' from Doug Wendt which feature Native-American music and culture.

On Friday nights, KGPR provides some free form music shows "The Rivers Edge", "The Sound Wave" and again "Native Son Rising" besides mid-Tuesday afternoon.

KGPR in conjunction with KUFM (operated by Montana Public Radio) broadcasts national and state election news, interviews and analysis from NPR and news produced by MTPR out of the state capitol.

The Great Falls Public Radio Association also submitted a license renewal 21 Nov. 2020 to the FCC and began FCC required public notices about the renewal application in Dec 2020.

Submitted by Richard D. Liebert, 6 January 2021, President, Great Falls Public Radio Association (which operates KGPR, kgpr.org)

