

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

KTHC-FM and KYYZ-FM

January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following as some of the more significant community issues addressed by this station for the quarter specified. This listing is by no means complete, nor is the order in which these issues appear intended to imply any degree of priority or significance of the issue.

- A. **Education.** We covered the happenings at Williston State College. Williston State College is a major asset to the Williston area. It will be a huge benefit for the area with the expansion of the health care programs at WSC.
- B. **Education/Scholarships.** We covered the topic of scholarships. A local business is stepping up and offering scholarships to area students to help with the cost of their education.
- C. **Healthcare.** We covered topics from raising funds for childcare in a local hospital, to raising funds for hospital equipment to better serve area patients
- D. **Health/Blood Donations.** An annual blood drive competition between law enforcement and first responders was discussed. The importance of giving blood was highly stressed to keep the local blood bank stocked.
- E. **County Involvement.** We discussed the monthly happenings in Williams County. The topics discussed were from health to taxes. And the importance to the county and city on the upcoming county public safety tax that is up for renewal in the next ballot.
- F. **Drug Prevention.** We covered the topic of drug prevention in today's youth. With drug use on the rise and the increase in the use of fentanyl and deaths due to fentanyl overdose, drug prevention has become an important topic for our area youth.
- G. **Education/Overcrowding.** We discussed the overcrowding in the Williston School system. The importance of the public to get out and vote on the upcoming bond issue to build a new elementary school in Williston.

Section II. Responsive Programming

Date	Time	Duration	Issues Covered	Program Description
01/02/2024	KTHC-FM 3:40pm KYYZ 7:15am	20 min	Education, Healthcare	Today we visited with Dr Herning, President of Williston State college. Herning talked about the expansions happening at the college to better serve the needs of the students. Groundbreaking will take place soon for the new Health Care Building, and the process has started in the developing of the health care programs that will be taught in this new building.
01/16/2024	KTHC-FM 3:40pm KYYZ 7:15am	20 min	Education	We visited with Dr Zahi Atallah, Vice President of Academic Affairs with Williston State College about the happening at WSC. Atallah talked about how a college education helps build a person's skills and opportunities for their future. Atallah Stated that WSC is very affordable for students to attend. It is such a benefit to the local economy to have WSC in the community.

01/18/2024	KTHC-FM 4:40pm KYYZ 7:15am	15 min	Education, Scholarships	Mountrail Williams Electric Cooperative is offering an Amped Up Scholarship program is year. Dubi Cummings, manager of communications and PR for WMEC was in to visit about the scholarship opportunities available for area students. This year instead of 1 scholarship being offered, they are offering 4 scholarships. These scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each. Cummings says that MWECC is dedicated to the investment of our area youth and encourages all local students to apply for these scholarships.
01/31/2024	KTHC-FM 3:40pm KYYZ 7:15am	15 min	Education, Tuition Assistance, Charities,	Today we visited with Jeremy and Shayla from Trinity Christian School about Giving Hearts Day coming up on February 8th. Giving Hearts Day was formed for people to donate to the charities and causes they love. Jeremy says that all money donated to Trinity Christian School on Giving Hearts Day will go towards their Tuition Assistance Program which helps families who qualify with tuition assistance to Trinity Christian School.
2/1/2024	KTHC-FM 4:40pm KYYZ 7:15am	15 min	Health, Blood Drive	Today we visited with Heather Cook, Chief Information Officer with the Williston Police Department about an upcoming blood drive on February 5 th and 6 th . This blood drive is the annual Battle of the Badges, between the police department and the fire department. They will be teaming up with Vitalent for the blood drive. Heather stressed the importance of donating blood to keep the local blood bank stocked.
2/6/2024	KTHC-FM 3:40pm KYYZ 7:15am	20 min	Education, Financial Aid	We visited with Dr Herning, President at Williston State College with an update on the happenings at WSC. Herning said that the semester census count will come out later that day. Herning says that the state funding that the college receives is based on this census count. When there is an increase in enrollment the state funding increases. Herning says with extra funding WSC will either use that funding to create new programs or to hire additional faculty. Herning also announced that the TrainND Foundation will be awarding 16 \$1,000 scholarships for the CNA program.
2/8/2024	KTHC-FM 4:40pm KYYZ 7:15am	14 min	Scholarships, Charities, Education	Hannah with the Upper Missouri Ministries was in to talk about Giving Hearts Day. Hannah says today is the day that you can go online and donate to your favorite charities. Upper Missouri Ministries is one of those charities that people can donate to. Donations to UMM will be used for scholarships for children to attend UMM.
2/15/2024	KTHC-FM 4:40pm KYYZ	15 min	Health, Eyecare	L Reiersen with the Williston Korner Lions Club was in to visit about their upcoming fundraiser cornhole tournament. She talked about the vision screenings that the club does with the kids in the

	7:15am			tri-county region, and the equipment they are hoping to update with proceeds from the fundraiser. Reierson also talked about how the donated glasses are recycled for others to use again.
2/21/2024	KTHC-FM 3:40pm KYYZ 7:15am	20 min	County Involvement, Health, Taxes	Bo Anderson, vice chairman with the Williams County Commission was in to visit about the happening in William's County. Part of this month's topic centered around the Williams County NDSU Extension programs. Anderson discussed the March Wellness Wednesday event. This event will focus on 8 areas of wellness including physical, social, emotional, spiritual, financial, occupational, intellectual and environmental. Anderson also discussed the county public safety tax that is up for renewal on the next ballot for voters to decide. Anderson stressed how important this tax is to William's County and the city of Williston. This tax is split 50/50 between the county and city. A portion of this tax is used for health and safety issues, including 1 st responder equipment.
3/1/2024	KTHC-FM 4:40pm KYYZ 7:15am	20 min	Drug Prevention, Education	There is a presentation for area school children and parents coming to the Williston area March 5 th , called Fighting Fentanyl. Today we visited with the two presenters of this presentation, Rocky Herron, and Brian Keen. Rocky has a 31 year career with law enforcement and the DEA, and Brian has over 20 years in law enforcement and School Resource Officer. They have become advocates for fighting fentanyl and trying to keep it off the streets. They say that the drug challenge is many times worse today than it was years ago. They stress that early education with the youth is key. When educating the children about drug abuse you need to be very direct and honest with them, no sugar coating. Rocky says that an average of 10,000 people a month are lost to a drug overdose, and claims that our nation is in a drug crisis. Fentanyl has become the most dangerous drug out there today. Rocky and Brian are hoping that their presentation will be a wake up call for many people. They say they do these presentations because they are 2 people that care deeply about the mental and physical health of today's youth.

3/5/2024	KTHC-FM 3:40pm KYYZ 7:15am	15 min	Education	Dr Herning, President of Williston State College was in to give us the monthly update as to the happenings at WSC. Herning talked about the expansion of the Healthcare Facility. With this new expansion WSC will see a rise in recruiting and student numbers. The new healthcare programs this facility can offer students will benefit the Williston area.
3/6/2024	KTHC-FM 4:40pm KYYZ 7:15am	15 min	Community Involvement	Today we visited with Calli Stellmacher, Assistant Public Information Officer with the Williston Police Department. WPD will be holding 2 months in-depth training course for citizens called The Citizens Academy. During this training course, citizens will see what law enforcement officers go through on a daily basis. Citizens will go through a background check to be able to attend this course. North Dakota laws and local city laws will be taught. Citizens will get to experience a crash reconstruction, drone use, learn from the street crime team, and the dive team. Stellmacher says that this is an excellent course for anyone to take if they are at all interested in a career in law enforcement.
3/8/2024	KTHC-FM 3:40pm KYYZ 7:15am	15 min	Healthcare	Marcia with CHI St Alexius Hospital Foundation was in to talk about their upcoming fund raiser golf challenge event to be held Friday, April 5 at the Range in Williston. Marcia says that a lot of sponsors have stepped up to make this event possible. All moneys raised at this event by the foundation go directly to improvements at CHI St Alexius Hospital. Marci says that 100% of the funds raised through this event will go towards the Operation Restoring Comfort Project. With this project the foundation will purchase all new beds for all rooms in the hospital. Marcia says that the new technology of these beds will improve patient care and nursing abilities. Any additional funds raised will go towards the upgrade to the Emergency Room and the new behavioral health wing. Marcia says that a capital campaign has been set up for giving to this worthy cause if you are not able to attend the event.
3/20/2024	KTHC-FM 3:40pm KYYZ 7:15am	15 min	Education/Parenting	Blanche Waggoner, Parent Educator for Region 1 with the NDSU Extension Office was in to discuss educational opportunities for North Dakota Parents and Caregivers. Waggoner says that these training seasons encourage positive parenting practices that allow children to thrive though out their lifetime. The extension offers a monthly training webinar. This month's webinar is called I-Brain – learning in the age of distractions. Waggoner says they also offer what is called

				<p>Parent Cafe on zoom. This is an interactive training session that Waggoner calls a safe space for parents to discuss the challenges of raising children in today's world. In-person classes are also offered to encourage positive discipline and active parenting.</p>
3/27/2024	<p>KTHC-FM 4:40pm</p> <p>KYYZ 7:15am</p>	20 min	Education/Overcrowding	<p>Today we visited with Dr Richard Faidley, superintendent of Williston School District #7. Faidley talked about the hiring of Jason Germundson as assistant superintendent of schools. Germundson's role will be to supervise and mentorship grades 6 through 12. He will oversee academic curriculum to make sure the school system is offering the best education for students. Faidley also discussed the upcoming vote on the bond issue for building a new elementary school in Williston. Faidley says that this is a critical need for our community and area students. With the increase in student numbers since 2009 the schools are overcrowded. Some of the elementary schools are having to teach some special needs program students in the hallways. 20 million dollars will be contributed through the school system's capital fund with an additional 35 million dollars to be voted on with the bond. Faidley says that information on the bond issue can be found on the Williston School District 7 website. Plus, an informational meeting will be held that evening at the Middle School Campus, with multiple stations being set up with information on building the new school.</p>