

Issues Program List

KLYQ (Hamilton, MT); KGVO (Missoula, MT); KMPT (East Missoula, MT); KAMM-FM (Frenchtown, MT)

KYSS-FM (Missoula MT); KENR-FM (Superior MT); (KBAZ-FM, Hamilton, MT)

January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022

SECTION 1. ISSUES

The above 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. The change from intense COVID-19 protections in schools to a more relaxed classroom was welcome, but after-effects by students and teachers remain. Each school in our broadcast area had different rules, which was continued to monitor. Teacher shortages, however, remain.

B. Housing. A migration from cities to rural areas like Montana has brought difficulties as home prices have skyrocketed and the homeless numbers are increasing in ways we weren't expecting. Our coverage dealt with everything from homeless camps and warming shelters to the lack of affordable homes.

C. Local Government. We covered the usual topics of government, such as taxes and infrastructure, but also looked at other local government services such as fire protection, building permits and, of course, the upcoming election.

D. Economy. Besides our great talks with people at the state's top economic research facility at Missoula's University of Montana, we looked at individual economic stories, including unusual success stories during this unusual time.

E. Law Enforcement. Crime has so many topics, and we try to check on them all. We looked at Montana's response and our community's response to human trafficking, including what happens after someone is rescued. Drugs are again a top law enforcement priority.

F. History. The saying is: Those who ignore the past are doomed to repeat it. With that in mind, we looked back at racism – both globally and locally. And, on another subject, how did the whole state of Montana get so involved in Irish celebrations such as St. Patrick's Day?

SECTION II. RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS

“Community Viewpoint” is a 28-minute locally-produced program that airs weekly on each station at the following times: Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. on KLYQ and KGVO. Sundays at 6 a.m. on KMPT, KAMM-FM, KYSS-FM and KBAZ-FM.

DATE AIRED	DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE
1/01/22 1/02/22	History, Racial Issues – We talked to Tobin Shearer, professor of History and Director of African-American Studies University of Montana, along with Regina Shands Stoltzfus, professor of Peace Justice & Conflict Studies and Director of PJCS. We discussed a book they co-wrote called “Been in the struggle: Passing on an Anti- Racist spirituality” and how it affects our present society, both here in Montana and elsewhere.
1/08/22 1/09/22	Housing, Economy - Patrick Barkey, director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Montana, updated us on his economic outlook seminar on affordable housing. He also talked about Missoula and Montana’s economy, and what we should expect in the future.
1/15/22 1/16/22	Law Enforcement, Human Trafficking - Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen, LifeGuard Group President Lowell Hochhalter, and Colonel Steve Lavin discussed human trafficking in our state. The LifeGuard Group is a group of experts who combine their efforts to stop human trafficking in Montana, and to rescue and restore those who are victimized and exploited.
1/22/22 1/23/22	Education, Covid Impacts – We interviewed Missoula County Public Schools Superintendent Rob Watson, who talked about what 2021 was like and what to expect in 2022. We talked about the impacts of COVID-19 in the classrooms and how teachers are feeling. He talked about the likelihood or remote learning going back into effect as well.
1/29/22 1/30/22	Housing, Local Government - Missoula County Commissioners Juanita Vero, Josh Slotnick and Dave Strohmaier discussed how building permits are done in Missoula County and the county’s Housing Action Plan. Public Works Director Shane Stack and Building Official Dave Larkin also joined in on the conversation, detailing why Missoula County requires building permits and how permitting has changed over the recent years. (First aired 1/26/22. Played on 1/30/22)
2/05/22 2/06/22	Local Government, Winter Preparedness – On our regularly scheduled City Talk program, Brian Hensel, the Deputy Public Works Director for streets and Ginny Merriam, the communications director for the city of Missoula, talked about snow plowing and how much Brian’s new employees have helped things this winter. Both talked about priority streets and their “full plow” process. Hensel also “covered” the street sanding, as well.
2/12/22 2/13/22	Law Enforcement, Drug Use and Trafficking – We interviewed Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen about his most recent visit to the southern U.S. border. He talked about the drug cartels that are there and how the drugs are flowing all the way across the country to northern

	Montana, via the interstate highways, among other ways. He highlighted the type of dangerous drug coming into the state.
2/19/22 2/20/22	Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Gun Rights - Dr. John Lott, President of the Crime Prevention Research Center, explained the organization's role. They are dedicated to conducting academic quality research on the relationship between laws regulating the ownership or use of guns, crime, and issues of public safety. He also answered several questions from callers about gun rights and much more.
2/26/22 2/27/22	Local Government, First Responders, Public Safety - Gordy Hughes is the new Missoula Fire Chief. One of Gordy's goals for the department is to accomplish construction of two more fire stations. The Fire Department is committed to its gold standard of a six-minute response time. Fire call volume has grown astronomically, and is now at approximately 11,000 calls for service annually. That's more than 30 calls per day – anything from medical aid to structure fires and other first response situations.
3/05/22 3/06/22	Economy – Essential business survival was the topic. Missoula-based Center for Community Ownership director Andrew Connor, is joining with Crowdfund Montana. Elvis Nuno, President of the Pacific Northwest Rural Broadband Alliance, also joined the conversation. Connor and his group work around Montana and around the country helping communities fill holes in their local economies by using community-owned business models to start and save essential businesses. Nuno's organization builds wireless networks to bring high-speed broadband internet to under-served rural communities around Montana and the rest of the Pacific Northwest.
3/12/22 3/13/22	History - The percentage of Montanans who can trace their heritage back to Ireland is high. Traolach O'Riordain is director of the Irish Studies program at the University of Montana in Missoula. It's an interdisciplinary and inter-collegiate collaboration between the College of Humanities and Sciences and the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Montana's unique ties to Ireland, in part due to early copper mining in Butte, are still strong. Traolach talked about the program's focus on the central role of the Irish language and Gaelic heritage in Ireland's history and on the role of the Irish American diaspora in the western settlement of North America (including Montana), which makes this a unique course of study among Irish Studies programs in America. And, of course, we talked about the history of St. Patrick's Day.
3/19/22 3/20/22	Local Government – We started our candidate interviews for the upcoming elections with Dr. Al Olszewski, who is running for Congress to be a conservative voice for Western Montana in Washington. Over the past 20 years, Dr. Al has cared for over 100,000 patients and was an innovator in the development of minimally invasive joint replacement surgery. He has been honored for his outstanding service to the medical community and patients. He talked about key issues and his campaign for U.S. House of Representatives.
3/26/22	Economy, Public Health – Examination of a locally-owned business that is "finding its nitch" in the marketplace. Jason and Max Gardiner-

3/27/22	Jason are the founders of Kart Kleen, which manufactures high quality, innovative, portable decontamination equipment. They are a Missoula business that has grown exponentially over the past three years. Because of the national and worldwide recognition, they are changing their name to Big Sky Decon.
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