

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Station:

KWKH, KTUX, KVKI, KRUF, KXKS, KEEL

January 1st, through March 31st, 2021

Section I. Issues

The station has identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- **Louisiana’s COVID-19 Economic Shutdown & Reopening:** Louisiana was one of the hardest hit, and first states, to deal with COVID-19. The state went into full “Stay At Home” Lockdowns, before slowly lifting into a 3-Phase reopening. We’ve staying in constant contact with the Governor’s Office and Louisiana Department of Health to inform our audience of the guidelines, and what to expect during the closures and reopening process. As the state saw declines in numbers after the vaccine rollout started, we saw more and more openings. Along with much more optimism about the post-COVID future.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Rollouts and Expansion:** The COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Northwest Louisiana really ramped up in early 2021. As the vaccine rollout started, and expanded, we talked to those in charge every step of the way. From state representatives with the Louisiana Department of Health, to the leaders at LSU Health who were facilitating the area’s mass vaccination site, we heard all of the details on a regular basis.
- **Local COVID-19 Capacity and Treatment Concerns:** Before the vaccine rollout started helping to pull the COVID numbers back in the state, our region was dealing with a surge in hospital capacity and treatment needs.
- **Winter Weather:** Our region dealt with two snow storms to start the year, both leaving accumulating snow, which is very uncommon for our area. But the second storm also brought ice and sub-zero temperatures. Leading to deadly outcomes in our area.
- **Shreveport City Reform:** From bond issues to marijuana decriminalization, the City of Shreveport debated some large scale issues in the first part of 2021. We spoke with city leaders about the changes they were proposing, and how the city would execute these possible changes in the future.

Section II. Responsive Programs

| Date(s) Aired | Program Name | Description of Issue Discussed | Duration | Time |
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| 1/3/21 | Viewpoints | <p>COVID-19 Vaccine Rollouts and Expansion: Louisiana Department of Health Region 7 Director Dr. Martha Whyte reflects on a year of COVID, and previews the upcoming vaccine rollout in Louisiana.</p> <p>Louisiana’s COVID-19 Economic Shutdown & Reopening: Shreveport Mudbugs General Manager Scott Muscutt talks about working through a year of COVID, and what the attitude should be moving forward to bring Shreveport, Louisiana, and the country back from the pandemic.</p> | 30:00 | <p>KWKH 6am KTUX 6am KVKI 6am KRUF 6:30am KEEL 10am KXKS 11:30pm</p> |
| 1/10/21 | Viewpoints | <p>COVID-19 Vaccine Rollouts and Expansion: Dr. John Vanchiere from the LSU Health Shreveport Medical School is in charge of the mass vaccination site at the State Fairgrounds in Shreveport. He explained the plan to rollout vaccines to our region.</p> <p>US Capital Attack: US Senator Bill Cassidy describes what it was like to be inside the US Capital when it was attacked on January 6th.</p> <p>Local COVID-19 Capacity and Treatment Concerns: Willis Knighton Chief Administrative Officer Brian Crawford tells us what the capacity concerns are in his hospital network right now, and what is being done to combat their rising COVID numbers.</p> | 30:00 | <p>KWKH 6am KTUX 6am KVKI 6am KRUF 6:30am KEEL 10am KXKS 11:30pm</p> |

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| 1/17/21 | Viewpoints | <p>COVID-19 Vaccine Rollouts and Expansion: Louisiana Department of Health Region 7 Director Dr. Martha Whyte shares the progress of the COVID vaccine rollout, and talks about expansion efforts for eligibility.</p> <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Economic Shutdown & Reopening: Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser talks about virtual Mardi Gras efforts during the pandemic, and how we will build back tourism in the state post-COVID.</p> <p>Winter Weather: Shreveport Police Chief Ben Raymond talks about the winter weather in Shreveport. Including the road conditions and what his department experienced during the storm.</p> | 30:00 | <p>KWKH 6am KTUX 6am KVKI 6am KRUF 6:30am KEEL 10am KXKS 11:30pm</p> |
| 1/24/21 | Viewpoints | <p>Shreveport City Reform: Shreveport City Councilwoman Levette Fuller talks about major bond issues in Shreveport that may not make it to the ballot this Spring because of infighting in the City Government.</p> <p>Shreveport City Reform: Shreveport City Council Chair James Flurry says the major bond issues in Shreveport will not be on the ballot this Spring.</p> <p>State Gas Tax: State Rep Jack McFarland talks about a possible raise to the state's gas tax to pay for road repairs.</p> | 30:00 | <p>KWKH 6am KTUX 6am KVKI 6am KRUF 6:30am KEEL 10am KXKS 11:30pm</p> |

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| 2/7/21 | Viewpoints | <p>COVID-19 Vaccine Rollouts and Expansion: Louisiana Department of Health Region 7 Director Dr. Martha Whyte shares her hope for vaccine eligibility expansions.</p> <p>COVID-19 Vaccine Rollouts and Expansion: Dr. John Vanchiere from the LSU Health Shreveport Medical School is in charge of the mass vaccination site at the State Fairgrounds in Shreveport. He explains the latest vaccine eligibility expansion, and where you can access the vaccine in Shreveport.</p> <p>Local Casino Industry: State Gaming Control Board Chairman Mike Noel talks about potential relocation of a Shreveport/Bossier Casino to south Louisiana.</p> | 30:00 | <p>KWKH 6am KTUX 6am KVKI 6am KRUF 6:30am KEEL 10am KXKS 11:30pm</p> |
| 2/14/21 | Viewpoints | <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Economic Shutdown & Reopening: State Fair of Louisiana General Manager Chris Giardano talks about the need for reopening in the state and our region. Sharing that many in the event industries cannot afford to stay closed any longer.</p> <p>US Capital Attack: US Senator Bill Cassidy talks about the fallout from the Capital Attack on January 6th, and the impeachment trial.</p> <p>COVID-19 Vaccine Rollouts and Expansion: Red River Teachers Union President Jackie Lansdale says teachers should be moved up in the eligibility for COVID -19 vaccinations.</p> | 30:00 | <p>KWKH 6am KTUX 6am KVKI 6am KRUF 6:30am KEEL 10am KXKS 11:30p</p> |
| 2/21/21 | Viewpoints | <p>Winter Weather: Shreveport City Councilwoman Levette Fuller offers updates on when the city might get water back on after the winter storms.</p> <p>Winter Weather: Public Service Commissioner Foster Campbell explains how the power grid failed during the winter storms, and what needs to be</p> | 30:00 | <p>KWKH 6am KTUX 6am KVKI 6am KRUF 6:30am KEEL 10am KXKS 11:30pm</p> |

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| | | <p>done to get back to normal.</p> <p>Winter Weather: Louisiana Department of Transportation Secretary Dr. Shawn Wilson talks about the conditions of the roads around our area, and state, as a result of the winter storm.</p> | | |
| 3/7/21 | Viewpoints | <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Economic Shutdown & Reopening: Chief of Staff for Governor John Bel Edwards, Mark Cooper, talks about the move to Phase 3 for the state's economy.</p> <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Economic Shutdown & Reopening: State Fire Marshal Butch Browning explains the move to Phase 3 for the state's economy, and what that means for local businesses.</p> <p>COVID-19 Vaccine Rollouts and Expansion: Dr. John Vanchiere from the LSU Health Shreveport Medical School updates us on the latest eligibility changes for the COVID vaccines</p> | 30:00 | <p>KWKH 6am</p> <p>KTUX 6am</p> <p>KVKI 6am</p> <p>KRUF 6:30am</p> <p>KEEL 10am</p> <p>KXKS 11:30pm</p> |
| 3/14/21 | Viewpoints | <p>Shreveport City Reform: Shreveport City Councilman John Nickelson talks about his recent proposal to decriminalize marijuana possession in Shreveport.</p> <p>COVID-19 Vaccine Rollouts and Expansion: Dr. John Vanchiere from the LSU Health Shreveport Medical School updates us on the latest eligibility changes for the COVID vaccines, and changes to the schedules at the State Fairground mass vaccination site.</p> <p>Issues With Sexual Misconduct At State Universities: University of Louisiana college system President Dr. Jim Henderson talks about the fallout over a report that LSU leadership ignored multiple sexual assault issues.</p> | 30:00 | <p>KWKH 6am</p> <p>KTUX 6am</p> <p>KVKI 6am</p> <p>KRUF 6:30am</p> <p>KEEL 10am</p> <p>KXKS 11:30pm</p> |

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| 3/21/21 | Viewpoints | <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Economic Shutdown & Reopening: State Fair of Louisiana General Manager Chris Giardano announces a Spring State Fair as the state continues to reopen in Phase 3.</p> <p>COVID-19 Vaccine Rollouts and Expansion: Dr. John Vanchiere from the LSU Health Shreveport Medical School updates us on the latest eligibility changes for the COVID vaccines, and changes to the schedules at the State Fairground mass vaccination site.</p> <p>Winter Weather: President of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Industry Mike Moncla explains the gas shortage in our region, and how the winter storms from weeks ago led to the shortage.</p> | 30:00 | <p>KWKH 6am KTUX 6am KVKI 6am KRUF 6:30am KEEL 10am KXKS 11:30pm</p> |
| 3/28/21 | Viewpoints | <p>Shreveport City Reform: Shreveport City Councilwoman Levette Fuller talks about the final vote to decriminalize marijuana possession in Shreveport.</p> <p>Louisiana's COVID-19 Economic Shutdown & Reopening: Louisiana State Superintendent of Education Dr. Cade Brumley explains that as schools are seeing more and more in-person learning, it time to bring back standardized testing in the state.</p> | 30:00 | <p>KWKH 6am KTUX 6am KVKI 6am KRUF 6:30am KEEL 10am KXKS 11:30pm</p> |