

Quarterly Issues Programs List for KBAZ-FM Hamilton MT

October 1 – December 31, 2018

SECTION 1. ISSUES

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

A. **Elections.** Primary election interest was high this year, and the voter turnout was extremely high in absentee balloting and at the actual polls. There were a few problems.

B. **Crime.** Once again, drugs seemed to be a main motivator for crime in western Montana. We also were looking at Human Trafficking, recovery issues from sexual assault and an increasing lack of foster homes for kids whose parents were in trouble with the law.

C. **Education.** Funding issues have caused a huge shake-up at Missoula's University of Montana. In K-12, new school buildings are nearing completion throughout the area. Also, we found out how homelessness is affecting schools.

D. **Ecology.** Wildfires are a growing problem in the area, along with massive amounts of smoke from forest fires in other western areas. We also examined how wildlife is affected by climate change.

E. **Health.** Montana has had severe consequences from opioid abuse. There is a problem of getting help for any type of addiction in a rural area, with help not immediately available to those who need it.

SECTION II. RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS

A. Elections.

Community Viewpoint: November 10 at 6 a.m. 20 minutes. Discussion with Montana Secretary of State and local candidates about midterm outcomes and long waits for results in major cities throughout the state, including Missoula.

B. Crime.

Community Viewpoint: October 20 at 6 a.m. 20 minutes. Discussion with Montana Attorney General Tim Fox about Human Trafficking in Montana and new approaches on how to combat it.

Community Viewpoint: November 3 at 6 a.m. 20 minutes. Discussion with sexual assault survivor Barb Jenkins about her case was handled by the Missoula criminal justice system.

Community Viewpoint: December 15 at 6 a.m. 20 minutes. Discussion with Montana Attorney General Tim Fox about various issues from meth use to a new state strangulation law and use of DNA in court cases. He also looked ahead to the January Montana State Legislature.

Community Viewpoint: December 29 at 6 a.m. 20 minutes. Discussion with Foster Families and Youth Dynamics representative Katie Gertin about the large number of foster homes in the state and the lack of homes. Details of how placement works and the struggles and benefits of being a foster home.

C. Education.

Community Viewpoint: October 6 at 6 a.m. 20 minutes. Discussion with University of Montana professors about staff and funding changes and impact on the university's liberal arts education opportunities in Missoula and throughout Montana. Guests included Prof. Mehrdad Kia.

Community Viewpoint: October 27 at 6 a.m. 20 minutes. Discussion with Missoula County School Superintendent Mark Thane about the new Jeanette Rankin elementary school, how busses will run and when the sidewalks will be finished.

Community Viewpoint: December 1 at 6 a.m. 20 minutes. Discussion with Missoula County School Superintendent Mark Thane about his retirement and changes he's seen, including how homelessness has affected Missoula County Public Schools (and all area schools).

D. Ecology.

Community Viewpoint: November 24 at 6 a.m. 20 minutes. Discussion about global warming including the impact on wildlife with Frank Szollosi from the National Wildlife Federation.

Community Viewpoint: December 8 at 6 a.m. 20 minutes. Discussion with MSU Forestry professor Peter Kolb about wildfire causes and prevention in Montana and with recent devastating California examples.

E. Health.

Community Viewpoint: December 22 at 6 a.m. 20 minutes. Discussion with counselor Patrick Ryan about addiction and recovery in Missoula, including the nature and analysis of addiction as well as the difficulty of finding help in the state where services are often stressed because of long waiting periods.