Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Station(s): <u>KMON-AM, KMON-FM, KLFM-FM, KAAK-FM, KVVR-FM</u>

January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Agriculture.** Agriculture is the largest industry in our listening area. Sharing news on the industry is vital to our listeners.
- B. **Elections.** 2024 is an election year and people are unhappy about election administration duties being taken away from the county Clerk and Recorder's office.
- C. **Local government.** A proposal for a local government review is also going to be on an upcoming ballot this election season.
- D. **Local News.** There was an active shooter incident recently at an Air Force base on the outskirts of Great Falls. Communication regarding the event as it was happening was very poor.
- E. Education. There is a new superintendent for our school districts.

Date Aired	Time aired	Duration (Minutes)	Program Name	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
1/3/2024	8:50a	10	Cascade County Commissioner	Local Government, Elections . Commissioner Briggs was on, and discussed ongoing maintenance and upcoming projects at the county fairgrounds, along with the plans for a new evidence building for the Sheriff's Office. He also talked about the interim election office following the removal of those duties from the county Clerk & Recorder's office.
1/10/2024	8:15a	10	Bill Beecher	Education. Bill Beecher was on and discussed the upcoming annual "Bringing the U to You" lecture series from the University of Montana.
1/15/2024	8:35a	10	Montana State University Extension Office	Agriculture. Rose with the MSU Extension Office was on and discussed risk management in agriculture, ag insurance considerations, and the Farm Bill.
1/26/2024	8:35a	10	Montana State University Extension Office	Agriculture. Rose with the MSU Extension Office was on and discussed an upcoming seminar on managing grasshoppers and other pests.
2/2/2024	8:35a	10	Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center	Museums, Recreation, Local Events. Kelly from the Interpretive Center was on to discuss the upcoming Winter Trails Day, that admission to the center would be free the entire month of February, and another upcoming event called "Voices in the Forest".
2/7/2024	8:15a	10	Cascade County	Local Government, Elections. Commissioner

Section II. Responsive Programs

			Commissioner	Grulkowski was on to discuss the interview process for the new election administrator position and an item that will be voted on in an upcoming ballot, namely a possible local government review.
2/12/2024	8:35a	10	Montana State University Extension Office	Agriculture. Rose with the MSU Extension Office was on and discussed the Spring Wheat Breeding Program, including breeding priorities, and quality information.
2/20/2024	8:15a	10	Cascade County Sheriff	Local News, Law Enforcement, Crime. Sheriff Slaughter was on and talked about details of a pre- trial program and an update on a recent active shooter incident at Malmstrom Air Force Base.
2/29/2024	8:15a	10	Great Falls Public Schools	Education. New GFPS Superintendent Heather Hoyer was on and discussed her background and plans/priorities for the district.
3/6/2024	8:15a	10	Cascade County Commissioner	Local Government, Elections . Commissioner Grulkowski was on to provide more information on a possible local government review that will be voted on this year, along with discussing upcoming disaster emergency training.
3/13/2024	8:15a	10	Western Heritage Artists	Local Events, Arts. Lee and Jack with Western Heritage Artists were on to talk about their art show, one of several held across Great Falls as part of an annual Western Art Week event.
3/21/2024	8:35a	10	MT Pulse Crop Committee	Agriculture. Executive Director Liz Edmunson was on and provided an overview of what the Committee does. She also talked about feedback from growers heading into the growing season and an upcoming meeting of pulse crop growers.