

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Program List for Station – KRJN Oct - Dec 2020

Assessment of Issues for this quarter: Issues important to our community are gleaned from local clubs & organizations, law enforcement, business owners, city/county/state employees, politicians, other media, Facebook and Twitter postings, conversations with community members at community concerts, special events and other functions.

Section I. Issues.

A. Education: Issues relating to education in our community, including Northeastern Junior College, as well as other educational opportunities at the local library and museum during the time of shutdowns.

B. Health/Safety/Pandemic/Mental Health: The discussion of programs and events that are cancelled, and support for families during the COVID Pandemic. Discussions include ways to stay safe (mentally & physically), and other health guidelines.

C. Business/Government: The discussion of policies related to business development, and accessing those things during COVID

E. Agriculture: The many issues relating to Agriculture including government programs, regulations and information from ag associations.

Section II. Responsive Programs

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

During the lockdown and continuing into quarter 4 we also broadcast the weekly sermon each Sunday of the Iglesia de Cristo Nuevo Amanecer.

Monday - Friday a 20 minute news and information segment airs at noon and at 6pm covering community items and news. This segment covered the remote/non remote school situation, the move from Orange to Red on the COVID dial, available church services during the holiday season, the new officers and changes in the Fort Morgan police department, city news, and other information as relevant. This segment focuses on getting information to the Hispanic members of our community.

Education:

Weekend Digest: 15 minutes (Sun 5:30 am MT) -

10/4/20 - Ben Blecha chats with Peetz FFA advisor Ron Gentry about how his chapter navigated the school year during a pandemic. They discussed the challenges of balancing education, community support, and the health & safety of the students.

10/18/20 - Ben Blecha interviews students and advisors at Caliche Schools about their "Sources Of Strength" program. The program has come to the forefront in the midst of the pandemic.

10/25/20 - RE-1 Valley Schools Superintendent Shila Adolf discusses Covid numbers in the school district, but also how various departments (especially The Arts) have discovered solutions to the challenges offered by the Pandemic.

11/8/20 - NJC V.P. of Student Affairs, Dr. Linda Merkl, discusses the Spring Semester and continuing COVID mitigation on the campus. Like many other guests, the discussion centered on the challenges the college faces in balancing in-person and remote learning.

11/22/20 - Ben Blecha talks to Lauriana May, the Music Instructor at Fleming Schools about teaching during a Pandemic her inaugural year. And, obviously how to traverse the challenges of being a first-year teacher while also tackling the pitfalls of a pandemic.

11/25/20 - Andy Rice discusses the virtual nature of the NJC Winter production with Theatre Director Nathan Robinson. They talk about the importance of keeping the Arts alive and well during the pandemic.

12/6/20 - Andy Rice's discussion with Marci Henry, the Athletic Director at NJC about how fundraising has changed this year. The fundraiser has shifted to a more virtual and remote approach during the pandemic.

Family Life/Health/Safety:

Weekend Digest: 15 minutes (Sun 5:30 am MT) -

10/4/20 - Michelle Staley interviews with Shari McMinn about Shari's new book, "Death Where is Thy Sting?" It's a book about dealing with the loss of loved ones and grappling with our own mortality.

10/25/20 - Haxtun FFA Advisor Jeff Plumb discusses how the program has had to adapt to COVID-19 restrictions. Like other school groups, they've had to come up with unique ways for the program to continue with their usual activities.

11/1/20 - Centennial Mental Health's Maranda Miller and Andy Rice discuss the Pandemic, its effect on all of us and what CMHC is doing to help. They go over a number of programs and services available to the community.

11/29/20 - Andy Rice talks to Maranda Miller of Centennial Mental Health about navigating the holidays in the year that is 2020. Obviously both bring their own stress and their own challenges, and citizens may need help dealing with those issues this time of year.

12/6/20 - Lorrie Boyer interviews Doreen Hills, from the Center for Healing Trauma & Attachment, in which they discussed upcoming webinars and improving coping skills in the midst of the year that is 2020.

12/27/20 - Ben Blecha talks with Miranda Miller about the mental health crisis being experienced by young people in Northeast and Eastern Colorado. Specifically, they discuss ways that parents, grandparents, and guardians can help support their children and recognize the signs of needing help.

11/1/20 - Michelle Staley talks to Abbe Lutalo, Fort Morgan Police Department's newest hire about what she- the daughter of Ugandan immigrants- brings in terms of skills and Cultural knowledge.

12/20/20 - Andy Rice and members of Centennial Mental Health discuss options available to area youth who are experiencing mental health crises in NE Colorado. There have been a number of suicides in the area amongst high school students, and there is a need to provide young people with support

Community Growth and Business Development:

Weekend Digest: 15 minutes (Sun 8:30 am MT) -

10/11/20 - Laurie Jones joined Andy Rice on the telephone to discuss virtual training available to area businesses through the SBDC (Small Business Development Corporation)

Agriculture:

Weekend Digest: 15 minutes (Sun 5:30 am MT) -

10/11/20 - Lorrie Boyer talked to Travis Taylor, livestock specialist, about cows. Specifically, utilizing High-Nitrate forages. They went over the pros and cons of utilizing High-Nitrate forages for cattle, and which breeds benefit most.

10/18/20 - Andy Rice talks to Peggy Stoltenberg of the CSU Northeast Regional Engagement Center about a new program available to area ag producers. The Engagement Center has been working virtually with producers and ag experts to develop the program.

11/8/20 - Lorrie Boyer discusses the Colorado State Ag budget with Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg. They touch on some key points within the budget and what the Department of Ag will be working on in 2021.

11/29/20 - Ben Blecha speaks with Brooke Larson of the Prairie FFA about overcoming Ag Education challenges during a Pandemic.

12/20/20 - Lorrie Boyer interviews CSU's Dr. Lorann Stallones about suicides among the Ag Community. There has long been a push to focus more attention on the mental health of farmers and ranchers. 2020 has shown an even brighter light on that need.

12/27/20 - Lorrie Boyer talks with Candiss Leathers of Colorado Agrability about upcoming Winter Weather Webinars.