

First Quarter Issues and Perspectives for KKCI

January 8th... 2023 Year in Review Weather--4:00 Visit with Jeremy Martin, CMO-NWS, Goodland office...Focused on low storm injuries/deaths due to safety of listeners and advance Storm Warnings now issued by the NWS and aired on the Rocking M Radio Network instantly and repeated . . . Reviewed life threatening blizzard over the Christmas Holidays.. Spoke of Increased advance storm preps for home and Vehicles..and many ways to monitor the severe weather events.

January 16, 4th, -5:00 visit City Manager of Goodland Tony Brown visited with me on Goodland City 2023 Year in Review..Spoke of Improvements at eh Goodland Airport and safety devices for incoming-outgoing aircraft...longer runways..Also visited on Increased Fire Protection and new Fire Truck coming to the Fire Department. Continued upgrading of the Citys west Industrial Park..readying it for industry and later homes platted for construction.

January 6th, 5:00 visit Kansas Senator Rick Billinger from Topeka on current issues for Western Kansas residents..including the Highway Taxes..highway construction...Local abortion Control legislation in the Senate and House...plus Single Flat Tax rates being considered..talked fo the Senator's plan to run for reelection..YES, he will run.

February 14, 5:00 visit with KHP Trooper Media Director Todd Hileman on high speeds of drivers clocked and ticketed in Western Kansas. Dangers of those drivers on the highway and the danger of the speeding driver. Reviewed the "Move Left" Law in Kansas, allowing for better safety for all involved..including the reminders of double fines and jail sentences for posted construction zone speed limits. Visited on the NW Ks KHP Troop Strength..its where it should be.

February 15 and 15..5:00 visits with Sherman County Sheriff Burton Pianalto concerning the dangers of Fentanyl in the County and Midwest. Sheriff gave Kansas stats on the higher number of arrests made in the County..higher potency of the drug..and how one pinhead size of the drug can kill a person. Discussed the higher number of drug dealers selling the drugs to younger drug-users/children. Pill parties discussed..and warning to Parents on dangers of the internet and hidden drug contacts on I-phones. (This was the first of a four part series, aired on the 19th, 20th and 21st)

February 27th,...5:00 Year in Review with Shawna Blanca, CFO, Cheyenne County Ks Hospital..higher patient count served in 2023..more nurses hired..one new Doctor and many new LPNs added to the staff. Consistent updates and training for Staff Members in safety and patient rights of protection. Visited about the upcoming County Health Fair in St. Francis and Bird City Health Clinics..and told of new Hyperbaric Therapy center gaining in patients and better wound care healing and faster.

March 7th, Kollins Smades and her Mother again solicit new toys and new clothing for Children's Hospital unit in Denver. She was a patient for a liver transplant several years ago and the Children's unit needed more new toys and new clothing for trips home.or for longer stays at area clinics with family. The collection runs for 3 weeks..then items will be given to the Hospital in Denver for use by youngsters (up to 18 years of age) and Family members. This is the third annual drie for the toys and funds.

March 13th, 5:00 visit with Crissy Livengood,. Sherman County Communications Director and 9-1-1- Lead Dispatcher. Told of new dispatchers needed to fill out the roster..spoke of rural residents making house numbers and addresses well seen by emergency responders...visited on funds received for the console dispatch systems. Told the importance of young family members not being afraid to call 9-1-1- for an emergency and what information to know and give to the Dispatcher.

March 21, 5:00 visit with Matt Berringer on the upcoming Sherman County Fire School , Friday through Sunday.. Firefighters form 40 Midwest Fire Departments will be in town learning the updates on fire rescue from vehicles..grain bins and dwellings. Unique circumstances of Fires and trucks set up for emergencies. How departments can increase response time with reworked emergency travel routes. the theme--"It's not your Grandfather's Fire Department anymore" .

March 27 th and 28th.. 5:00 visit with New Goodland "Crush Plant" manager Evan Balhazar on the hiring coming up for 40 well paying positions in and around the new plant for Sherman County..told of current construction and installation of new equipment for the oilseed crushing plant...and the need for local workers and later truck drivers hired to bring in the seed..and later haul away the oil for shipping.

Jan 2 Mann listening Tour Sherman County

Jan 20 Legis Latte Colby KS- legislative talk

Jan 29 Public meeting on US 40 bridge

Jan 31 Energy Bill Assistance Colby Event Center

Feb 19th Interview with Katina Brenn USD 315 Superintendent

Feb 27 Logan County Community Foundation

Feb 28 CMS 7th Grade career Fair

Feb 28 8th Grade Business Development

Feb 28th Interview with Sgt Lange about scams

March 2 Gem Lions Annual Soup Day

March 5 Blood Drive Colby

March 6 CCC Ag Career Day

March 11 Storm Spotter Class in Colby

March 24 Colby CVB update . ***