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Radio Station KXPO AM Grafton, ND

**Issues & Programs Exhibit**

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Issues of concern to Langdon, Cavalier, Walhalla and Grafton ND areas include:

- Agriculture
- The Arts
- Business & Economy
- Charity/Community
- City/Town
- Crime, Safety & Security
- Culture & Religion
- Education
- Environment
- Family
- Health
- National Issues
- Public Service
- State Issues/Politics
- World Issues/National Politics

Simmons Multimedia Stations produce a number of daily and weekly programs that address many of the above concerns. In the following pages is a description of the programming we provided during this quarter focusing on many of the above issues.

## **Issues & Programs Outline**

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**Section C: Public Service Announcements**

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# SECTION –A–

## Short & Long Form Programs

**Program:** Country Morning

**Description:** Each weekday morning from 6:30 to 7 AM Country Morning offers listeners a full half hour of farm news and features targeting topics of concern to producers in the Red River Valley. Country Morning is hosted by NAFB Farm Broadcaster Don Wick and originates from the studios of Red River Farm Network in Grand Forks, ND. Country morning airs on Simmons Multimedia Stations KNDK AM at Langdon and KXPO AM at Grafton, ND.

**Air Time:** Weekdays 6:30 to 7 AM

**Program Hosts:** Don Wick, Randy Koenen

**Program:** Agriculture of America

**Description:** This is a daily 1 hour program that addresses national farm and agricultural issues. A typical hour will include agricultural news and market updates, interviews with farm experts and policy makers. AgriTalk is heard on a number of stations and is heard on Simmons Multimedia Stations KNDK AM at Langdon, ND and KXPO AM at Grafton, ND. The program originates from the studios of The American Ag Network in Fargo, ND.

**Air Time:** Weekdays 11 AM to 12 Noon

**Program Host:** Mike Pearson

**Program:** Agriculture Today

**Description:** This daily half hour program features late breaking news and features of interest to farmers in the upper Red River Valley. Typical offerings include agricultural news and information plus a segment devoted to farm weather as well as a calendar of farm related events of interest to local producers. Agriculture Today is another production of Grand Forks based Red River Farm Network and airs on Simmons Multimedia Stations KNDK AM at Langdon and KXPO AM at Grafton, ND.

**Air Time:** Weekdays 12:30 to 1 PM

**Program Hosts:** Don Wick, Randy Koenan

**Program:** Farm Talk

**Program Description:** This daily hour long program is hosted by Erick Johnson who takes his microphone to gatherings of farmers and agriculture news makers across the region. The program airs on Simmons Multimedia Stations KNDK AM at Langdon and KXPO AM at Grafton, ND.

**Air Time:** Weekdays 2 to 3 PM

**Program Host:** Erick Johnson

**Program:** The Water Cooler

**Program Description:** This daily morning feature is produced locally from the studios of KXPO AM at Grafton, ND and features interviews with civic and community leaders. The program shines the spotlight on local events and issues important to the local community.

**Air Time:** Weekdays 8:15 to 8:30 AM

**Program Host:** Bill Hickock

**Program:** The XPO Exchange

**Program Description:** This daily feature gives listeners the opportunity to call in and buy-sell-trade merchandise to others listening. In addition, the items are posted on the program link of our website. The Expo Exchange has been running continuously for over 50 years and continues to enjoy local popularity.

**Air Time:** Weekdays 8:40 to 8:50 AM

**Program Host:** Mike Allen

**Program:** Local High School Play by Play

**Program Description:** Throughout the year Simmons Multimedia Stations produce over 200 local high school and amateur sports play by play broadcasts. Such productions include high school hockey, basketball, football, volleyball, wrestling and track events. In addition to our terrestrial radio broadcasts live streaming of these games is provided via our station websites enabling distant family members, fans and school alumni the opportunity to hear the games.

**Air Time:** Various

**Program:** Week in Review

**Program Description:** Week In Review is an hourly 2 to 3 minute recap of the local news stories and original content produced during the previous week by our Simmons Multimedia News Department. These programs air following the national news throughout the weekend offering listeners the chance to hear any stories they may have missed during the week. Late breaking local news is also incorporated into these newscasts when events warrant.

**Air Time:** Weekends at: 05 past each hour (6am to midnight)

**Program Host:** Various News Staff

**Program:** Ag Day

**Program Description:** Simmons Multimedia's award winning NAFB Farm Director Nick Vorlage produces this daily farm feature that includes news, markets and topics of interest to local agriculture producers. In addition we produce special spring planting and fall harvest programs that are also hyper local to the immediate area.

**Air Time:** Monday through Friday: 7:50, 8:50, 9:50, 10:50 and 11:50

**Program Host:** Nick Vorlage

**Program:** Drayton Lutheran Church

**Program Description:** Weekly Sunday Sermon

**Air Time:** Sunday 9:30 to 10:30 AM

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**Air Time:** Sunday 11 AM to 12 PM

**Program:** FOCUS

**Program Description:** Focus is our Simmons Multimedia Stations weekly Public Affairs program hosted by Nick Vorlage, Jessica Tull and Mike Allen. The program features interviews with local newsmakers and spotlights topics of interest to the communities we serve.

**Program schedule:** Sunday 6 AM

October 1, 2023 - Local Artists have begun to bring extra beauty to area towns by contributing their time and talents to large-scale murals. Interviews with Walhalla-based artist, Sylvia Moore, and Langdon artist Hilary Nowatski.

October 8, 2023 - Bennett Olson, one of the five Hoople, ND committee members working on raising funds for a new Event Center for the town, which will include a bar, restaurant, and community center AND expected to be up and running sometime in 2024.

October 15, 2023 - Kristie Tollefson, Employment Advisor with Job Services North Dakota describes job outreach events occurring in the area, and other tools which people have at their disposal.

October 22, 2023 - We take a spooky tour around the Borderland and Northern Valley to showcase some of the carnivals, haunted, houses, dances, and more occurring during this Halloween season!

October 29, 2023 - Superintendent Frank Schill of the Edmore School District discusses the decision to cease operations at the school following the 2023-24 school year.

November 5, 2023 - Ahead of Veterans Day / Remembrance Day, we spoke to a few area veterans who told us more about their lives before, during, and after their military service!

November 12, 2023 - Cavalier County Health District Administrator Steph Welsh provides some timely advice on ways to stay healthy during the holiday season.

November 19, 2023 - Heading into Thanksgiving week in the United States, we speak to a trio of coordinators and organizers of local area food pantries.

November 26, 2023 - News and Views host Joel Heitkamp talks with North Dakota Senator Kevin Cramer on a number of current topics.

December 3, 2023 - Jessica Tull speaks to Parrell Grossman of the North Dakota Consumer Protection Department to find out some holiday scams residents need to be aware of while doing their holiday shopping.

December 10, 2023 - We speak to Langdon Prairie Health's new CEO Wayne Reid, learn more about his journey in healthcare, and his plans for the LPH.

December 17, 2023 - We speak to Deputy Sabo from the Cavalier County Sheriff's Department to learn more about Reign, the department's new K9 unit.

December 31, 2023 - The city of Cavalier will be host to a TEDx event in 2024! We speak to Jeremy Ratliff, the main organizer of the event for some introductory information.

## **SECTION –B–**

# Newscast Overview

## Section B: Newscast Overview

KXPO Radio produces 10 daily newscasts. Two minute 'morning drive' reports air following National News at 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9am. Other reports occur following CBS National News at 10, 11, 2, 3 & 4 PM with replays and late breaking stories on the half hour evenings and overnights. There is also an expanded thirty minute report during the noon hour each weekday. LOCAL news is also broadcast each weekend with 3 minute reports following National News every hour from 6am through 12 midnight.

News Treatments: The nominal length of each of our lead or feature stories is between thirty and sixty seconds.

News Cycle: Exclusive stories run in each of the daily local newscasts before being archived. In addition these stories are available to our audience on-demand via our station website for one week from date of first broadcast.

## Section C – Public Service Announcements

Each day Simmons Stations air any number of free Public Service Announcements (PSA's) promoting the works of various charitable and non-profit groups and civic organizations.