

## ISSUE & PROGRAM LIST

### QUARTERLY ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST FOR STATION KSEN AM & KZIN FM

APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 2022

#### SECTION I. Issues

KSEN/KZIN have identified the following issues and significant issues facing our community in this quarter

- A. **City Update:** From road repair to council meetings these topics are always of concern to our local community.
- B. **Legislative Update:** Our local representatives update what is going on with the legislative session and issues in the state
- C. **Toole County Update:** From county taxes to wildlife issues, our community has received many local updates.
- D. **Community Needs:** This is a topic that can be broken down into two groups. Local residents who are in need of assistance from medical needs to emotional support and local residents who find it important to assist those in need.
- E. **Agricultural Concerns:** Noxious weeds and the issues with lack of rain and what to do about the drought

#### SECTION II: Responsive Programs

“This, That, and the Other” (T.T.O.) is a locally produced program that features 15-minute segments on the above issues as detailed below.

#### **4/4/2022 9:05 AM MAYOR**

**City Update, Infrastructure.** Shelby Mayor Gary McDermott was our guest on This, That & the Other. The Mayor discussed the agenda for the first council meeting of the month. He specifically emphasized there would be two public hearings. The first to discuss numerous abandoned vehicles in a single location on Treasure Street that violated city ordinances. He reported 15 vehicles, 7 rvs and numerous trailers that needed to be removed. The second public hearing would deal with an application for a TSEP grant and community development block grant to aid in a storm drain project along Oilfield Ave.

#### **4/5/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**City Update, Environment, Recycling.** Lorette Carter to discuss Shelby clean up week, Arbor Day, and the mountain of cans challenge at the Shelby Elementary School along with a discussion of recycling opportunities.

#### **4/6/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Community Needs, Health/Wellness, Covid.** Our guest on was Stephen LeMarr, a Conrad pharmacist who was organizing a public meeting on the effects of Ivermectin on Covid-19. LeMarr reported that the drug had shown remarkable success on Covid patients who had lost their energy, had terrible coughs, pain and more but had almost totally recovered by using the Ivermectin. LeMarr called it Long Haul Covid, and said it is estimated that as many as 50-percent of people in the world who contracted Covid-19 are now suffering the ill effects of this conditions.

#### **4/7/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Community Needs, Elder Care, Medicare, Health/Wellness.** Our guest on Kristin Grow of the Coalition for Medicare Choices. Kristin said the coalition was a coalition of more than 2-million seniors advocating for their health care. She said the seniors advocate for Medicare Advantage because it's more affordable than other insurance plans and offers extensive benefits such as prescription drug coverage, grocery delivery, dental, vision, transportation to and from appointments and health and wellness programs.

#### **4/14/2022 9:05 AM CHIEF OF POLICE**

**City Update, Public Safety, Crime.** Our guest on This, That & The Other was Mike Schultz, the Chief of Police for the City of Cut Bank. Mike discussed the need to pass a 100-thousand dollar mill levy over 10 years to add an additional officer to the Cut Bank Police force. He explained how criminal arrests had skyrocketed in Cut Bank during 2020 from 20-30 arrests per month to as many as 60-70. He also reported that the severity of crimes had risen to a level never seen before in the city of approx. 3-thousand people. He noted that there seemed to be more and more incidents that involved the presence of firearms.

#### **4/15/2022 9:05 AM TOOLE COUNTY UPDATE**

**Community Needs and Events.** Our guest on This, That & The Other was Linnette Doane, a member of the Marias Fair Board. Linnette specifically gave us details on this year's upcoming rodeo Fri. and Sat. night at the Fair. She told us that this year's Fair would also include Indian Relay Races on Thursday night and live entertainment would follow all three nights of the relay races and rodeo's at the fair. She also talked about the need for vendors, mainly groups to run concession stands.

#### **4/18/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Community Needs, Local Services.** Toole County Friends of the Library hosting a dinner theatre on April 29, & 30<sup>th</sup>, at Shelby Elks. Shelby's Linda Dumas was a special guest. Happy to have this event back after several years on no fundraising for the library.

#### **4/19/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Community Needs.** The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Trail Mixer Auction (charity auction) with Kelly Paladino, from the Lewis & Clark Foundation in Great Falls. Only one fundraiser per year so get out and bid.

#### **4/20/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Community Needs, Educational Programs.** Our guest on This, That & The Other was Mary Miller on behalf of the Alliance for Youth. The Alliance sponsors a Health Rock Camp for kids at a location west of the divide. She explained that the camp involves education in a number of areas such as responsible choices and good health. The Camp is essentially free of cost and applications are available at schools in Shelby and Sunburst.

#### **4/22/2022 9:05 AM TOOLE COUNTY UPDATE**

**Toole County Update, Infrastructure, Emergency Services.** Our guest on This, That and The Other was Toole County Commissioner Mary Ann Harwood. Mary Ann said commissioners had been mainly working on how to handle American Rescue Plan funds and that some of those funds would be used for broadband services. She also reported that funds would be shared with the City of Shelby and Sunburst for infrastructure projects since the County government is not involved directly with building infrastructure projects.

#### **4/26/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Community Needs, Local Theater.** Wendy Paulson from the Pondera Players in Conrad, for their upcoming performance of Mama Mia, this coming weekend in Conrad. Fundraising event for the Orpheum Theatre.

#### **4/29/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Community Needs, Local Sports, Fundraising.** Adam Kanning from JAK Studios LC in Shelby, on putting together a Back to the 80's performance next month at the Shelby Elks to raise money for the Shelby baseball fields along with a memorial plaque dedicating a field to Jack Johannes.

#### **5/6/2022 9:05 AM TOOLE COUNTY UPDATE**

**Toole County Update, Local Politics.** Our guest for This, That & The Other was Toole County Clerk and Recorder Treva Nelson. Treva gave us an update on plans for the upcoming June 7<sup>th</sup> primary. Ballots would be mailed out on May 13<sup>th</sup> and there would be 3 ballots in each mailing....Republican, Democrat and Libertarian. Voters were instructed to vote just one ballot. Nelson confirmed that registration would have to be done by noon the day before the election per the law passed by the Mt. Legislature in 2021. She also reminded us that polls would be open 7am to 8 pm for live voting on June 7<sup>th</sup> and that absentee ballots had to be returned to the Clerk and Recorder by 8 pm June 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5/9/2022 9:05 AM AG WEED DEPT**

**Agricultural Concerns, Noxious Weeds.** Weed Supervisor Jim Gheriere discussed the need for eliminate noxious weeds due to the devastation they have on ag land by completing wiping out native plant species on any landscape. Jim discussed coping with the weeds and how to prevent.

#### **5/13/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Community Needs and Events.** Jack Widmar from Shelby Kiwanis Club on their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Kite Festival coming up on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The feature was more than successful with Mr. Widmar now scheduled to return to KSEN on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2 days ahead of the family friendly kite festival out at the Shelby Airport.

#### **5/16/2022 9:05 AM TOOLE COUNTY UPDATE**

**Toole County Update, Local Economy.** Our guest on This, That & The Other was Toole County Treasurer Boyd Jackson who gave us an update on County finances. He noted that Sunburst voters approved an increased mill levy that will raise taxes slightly. Jackson explained he was part of a group that interviews students in Sunburst and Shelby for the George Wilson Scholarship which is typically awarded to the top 6 GPA students in both school districts. He made us aware that production of some license plates made at the prisons was slowed down due to supply chain problems with aluminum. And Jackson gave a negative opinion on the proposed CI-121 as he said it would unfairly shift the burden of property taxes to ag land and commercial properties to name a few. The initiative intended to freeze residential property tax rates to 2019 levels.

#### **5/27/2022 9:05 AM TOOLE COUNTY UPDATE**

**Toole County Update, Local Services.** Our guest on This, That & The Other was Toole County Commissioner Don Hartwell who told us about an automated weather system that would be installed at the Shelby airport. It's a state of the art system that will allow bigger planes to land there and nearly all of it was paid for thru a grant. The main goal, Hartwell said is to sell aviation fuel at the airport and bring in additional revenue to the county. Currently, bigger planes, for example, by UPS and Logan Health have to land in Cut Bank due to the better weather system there. He also said the county had awarded a bid to a local contractor to build a storage building at the cemetery in Shelby.

#### **6/3/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Community Needs, Health/Wellness.** Melissa Willis joined us from Valier, to share details on the nearby Lake Francis 3 Annual Triple P Triathlon coming up on Saturday, June 11, in Valier.

#### **6/6/2022 9:05 AM MAYOR**

**City of Shelby Update, Community Events.** Shelby Mayor Gary McDermott talked to Mark about the upcoming events in Shelby. McDermott wanted the community to know the council meeting, is open to the public, you can still send in ideas that you feel need to be completed throughout the community. Road work will be taking place over the next few weeks throughout the town. He

discussed residential buildings and violations of city ordinances including motorhomes and storage units.

#### **6/8/2022 9:05 AM MARIAS RIVER LIVESTOCK**

**Agricultural Concerns.** The guest on This, That & the Other was Jeff Habets was in to visit again about the drought conditions. During a drought year, the nitrates in some of the feed could be at extremely high levels and cause real damage to cattle health, even to the point of death loss in the cattle and calves. Habets focused on how to take samples and how to interpret the reports that come back from the lab.

#### **6/20/2021 9:05 AM FARMERS UNION PRESIDENT**

**Agricultural Concerns, Nutrition.** Montana Farmers Union president Walter Schweitzer talked to Mark about having reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable and nutritious food. Food security incorporates a measure of resilience to future disruption or unavailability of critical food supply due to various risk factors.

#### **6/24/2022 9:05 AM TOOLE COUNTY UPDATE**

**Toole County Update** – Our guest on This, That & The Other was Duke Gardipee who is maintenance supervisor of the local cemeteries. Duke explained that the cemetery was in the process of building a new shed on the grounds at the Mtn. View cemetery to store equipment. He also let us know that there had been several water line breaks at the cemetery and thus they were unable to water properly but those lines were being fixed.

#### **6/27/2022 9:05 AM STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Legislative Update, Severe Weather.** Montana State Representative Matthew Rosendale discussed the discuss his recent trip to assess the flood damage in Stillwater and Park Counties or anything else you might like to discuss with him.