

## ISSUE & PROGRAM LIST

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

JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2022

#### SECTION I. ISSUES

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

- A. **City of Shelby Update:** From road repair to council meetings these topics are always of concern to our local community.
- B. **Legislative Update:** Our local representative updates what is going on with the state of Montana.
- C. **Toole County Update:** From election to county taxes and weed control, 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:** From the Right to Repair Bill to the need for a local Co-op, we need support from the community.

#### 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.

**1/3/2022 9:05 AM MAYOR**

**City of Shelby Update.** Our guest on This, That & The other was Shelby Mayor Gary McDermott who discussed the first council meeting of the year’s agenda. The Mayor said the City has been successful in receiving historic preservation grants that would allow them to re-roof and do exterior work on the historic former Shelby City Hall. He noted that two American Rescue Plan funds would allow the city to proceed on with a new phase of the storm drain project and restoration at the sewer lagoon. The city would also be replacing the airport water tank and replacing lines to the tank. The city continues to work on a “quiet zone” the Montana Department of transportation and Burlington Northern RR. It would involve fencing alongside a portion of the tracks near the Galena Street crossing. And the Mayor once again confirmed that local businessman Steve Williamson had plans to build a 48-unit housing-apartment complex on the North side of Shelby.

#### **1/4/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Community Needs.** Valier Area Development Corporation (VADC) members Laura, Carol and Cheryl discuss the fishing derby on January 15<sup>th</sup> in Valier. Registration in advance or day of event. Family minded event and fundraiser for the VADC which helps promote the town of Valier.

#### **1/5/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Community Needs.** Bob Hjelm & Gus Chambers represented the Pondera Arts Council (based out of Conrad, MT) & discussed the showing of an upcoming Montana PBS documentary at the Orpheum Theatre in Conrad, pertaining to the infamous Dempsey/Gibbons fight in Shelby back in the 20's.

#### **1/7/2022 9:05 AM TOOLE COUNTY LIBRARY**

**Toole County Update.** Our guest on This, That & the Other was Toole County Librarian Heidi Alford who gave us a rundown of the numerous programs and opportunities that the library offers. For example the Montana Library to go, the state library website that allows users to download e-books, and other things for a two week period, just like checking out a regular book. The libraries in Shelby and Sunburst offer story times for preschoolers once a week. The Shelby library has a reading program called a thousand books before kindergarten. Prizes are awarded for every benchmark of 100 and then a major prize if a thousand is reached. They also have "hot spots" to check out. The Hot spots allow for increased Wi-Fi connections.

#### **1/10/2022 9:05 AM MARIAS RIVER LIVESTOCK**

**Agricultural Concerns.** The guest on This, That & the Other was Jeff Habets a rancher between Conrad and Shelby and Brian Grebliunas, who operates a feed testing lab in Chinook. Both were here to discuss an upcoming workshop put on by the Marias River Livestock Association. The workshop will focus on testing feed sources for cattle. 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. Grebliunas would be explaining how to take samples and how to interpret the reports that come back from the lab.

#### **1/14/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION**

**Community Needs.** Our guest on This, That & the Other was David Irvin, head of the Northern Transit Interlocal. The Transit system offers the general public rides to and from hospitals, doctor appointments and other locations in Great Falls and Kalispell. Irvin gave us a rundown on days when the service is running, where it's going on a particular day, and departure times. He also noted it's a free service but donations are accepted.

### **1/21/2022 9:05 AM TOOLE COUNTY AMBULANCE**

**Toole County Update.** Our guest on This, That & the Other was Bob Winney, head of the Toole County Ambulance service. Winney explained that Covid-19 protocols were one thing that the ambulance crews have had to adjust and train for. If they detected symptoms from a patient or were advised that a victim had Covid and had to go into a house they would proceed to full dress, including masks, face masks, gloves and booties. He noted that the Toole County crew had lots of experience in fact so much that they're on the lookout always for new blood as some may be about ready to retire. He told us that the Toole County Ambulance crew averages one and a half calls per day or 400 per year.

### **1/28/2022 9:05 AM TOOLE COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**Toole County Update.** Don Hartwell, Toole County Commissioner talked to Anne about Toole County's updates. Preparing for the Border Freedom Rally and Convoy tomorrow at the Sweetgrass border. Toole County sheriffs will be on hand to control the protest. All truckers and citizens will meet at the border at 10am to protest the mandates.

### **2/2/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Community Needs.** Brent Hanson from the Marias Valley Archery Club was in the studio discuss the club's membership recruitment. Brent also updated us on an upcoming "shoot" the club's having. Brent shared an excellent overview of what the club was about, how long it's been around & what the future looks like for our Golden Triangle archers. Brent's interview was an educational experience for all our listeners, & hopefully, more area archers, along with those wanting to get involved with archery & the club, will get signed up.

### **2/4/2022 9:05 AM AGRICULTURAL PORT DIRECTOR**

**Agricultural Concerns.** Our guest on This, That & the Other was the director for the Northern Express Transportation Authority Ag port authority in Shelby, Curtis Shuck. Shuck told us that business at the port was holding steady with many who occupy the port to transload everything from pulse crops to junk cars are either expanding or considering expansion. He did note that with the nearby border at Coutts, Alb., Canada closed due to a truckers protest, business at the port was impacted greatly with some movement restricted totally. The port serves Canada, Mexico and the United States and features rail car transloading, a 110 car shuttle facility, lumber transload, palletized product transloading, and bulk rail car transloading.

### **2/7/2022 9:05 AM MAYOR**

**City of Shelby Update.** Our guest on KSEN's This, That & The Other was Shelby Mayor Gary McDermott who gave us a run down on city council projects and a preview of the monthly meeting agenda. The mayor explained that a public hearing would begin the meeting in regard to a zone change on the north side of Shelby and in regard to lighting the coyote walking and

biking trail. Marias River Electric submitted a bid to provide poles and materials for \$60,000 and the City has a grant of \$40,000 to trench the wiring. The mayor also discussed a grant for tearing down the old Bitterroot School and use the property for residential housing. The Council was also expected to accept a resignation from Councilman Aaron Heaton who was moving out of ward 1 into Ward 111.

### **2/11/2022 9:05 AM TOOLE COUNTY MAINTENANCE**

**Toole County Update.** Our guest on KSEN's This, That & The Other was Doyle Arves with the Toole County Road dept. Arves told us the County was mainly involved still with snow removal, always making school bus routes and mail routes the top priority. He noted that the department is responsible for approximately 11-hundred miles of road in our rural county.

### **2/18/2022 9:05 AM TOOLE COUNTY FIRE**

**Toole County Update.** Our guest on this, that & the other was Shelby Volunteer fire chief Ron buck. He reported that the firefighters and law enforcement were looking for the public's help in finding an individual who may have started a fire east of Shelby. The fire destroyed two buildings, one a Shed that contained barrels that were exploding and made it dangerous. Buck explained how local fire departments all over the area have written agreements to assist one another if they are called to help. Buck also said that Shelby has one of the most state of the art fire halls in the state and they are fully equipped with 11 trucks including 3 brush trucks, 3 pumpers, 2 tankers and more. And he also made us aware that the local department was constructing a monument for firefighters statewide who have served 20-years plus on their local fire department and that there have been 42 in Shelby alone.

### **3/4/2022 9:05 AM TOOLE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER**

**Toole County Update.** Our guest on This, That & The Other was Toole County Clerk and Recorder Treva Nelson who provided an update on election procedures and a rundown on candidates who have filed for the June primary election. Treva reminded us of key dates in the upcoming election such as May 13<sup>th</sup> the date that absentee ballots will be mailed out. She noted that registration must be done by noon the day before the election and that registering could be done any time before that by having a form mailed to you, picking one up at the Clerk and Recorder's office or going online. Nelson said the filing deadline for candidates is March 14<sup>th</sup>. She also told us about upcoming election judge trainings march 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10am in the ambulance building and April 7<sup>th</sup> in the ambulance building.

### **3/6/2022 9:05 AM MAYOR**

**City of Shelby Update.** Our guest on This, That & The Other was Shelby Mayor Gary McDermott who gave us a rundown on the fairly light agenda at the first of the month Council meeting tonight. The mayor also explained that the Council was into phase II of the process for demolishing the former Bitterroot school. The school has been vacant for more than 20 years and is deteriorating. Removing asbestos is part of the plan and the City has a 300-thousand

dollar grant to do the work. The city is working on funding a low income home on a city lot next to the water tank and they are moving forward on a new water line and water tank at the city airport. The mayor reported that two individuals had expressed an interest in the vacant council position. Jace Yarn was appointed to that position at the Monday night meeting.

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

**Community Needs.** Norma Ashby on Western Art Week in Great Falls. This special week in Great Falls, evolved from the infamous Russell Auction, It's been said "more western art is bought & sold than any other place on earth, our good neighbors to the south, Great Falls, Montana. Norma's a long time broadcaster having hosted a statewide television morning show for years.

### **3/11/2022 9:05 AM LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**Legislature Update.** Senate Representative Llew Jones talked to Mark about the legislature updates. More Montanans working than ever before. Unemployment is at lowest rate ever and dealing with high costs of gas. Border issues continue to be an issue.

### **3/15/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Community Needs.** Roger Paulson from the Conrad (MT) Booster Club on the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Booster Club Chinese Auction raising money for Conrad's athletic program. First time getting together since the outbreak of Covid. Largest fundraiser for the Conrad Booster Club.

### **3/25/2022 9:05 AM TOOLE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER**

**Toole County Update.** Our guest on This, That & the Other on KSEN AM 1150, was Kelsi Buckley, the Toole County Disaster & Emergency services Coordinator. Kelsi told us about a "Code Red" program that the county is putting in place. They have already installed all land lines in the county for emergency notifications and are now making a push to sign-up cell phone users. She also explained what constitutes a disaster. In the case of Toole County it could be anything from a blizzard to a hazardous material spill from the railroad. She also told us about some of the plans that are in place for such events.

### **3/28/2022 9:05 AM COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Community Needs.** Members of the Pondera Arts Council in Conrad talked about the live presentation this upcoming performance of EMPIRE TRIO at the Orpheum Theatre on Sun, April 3, at 2pm. Conrad area students have been invited to sing with them. Tickets on sale Olson's Drug & Folklore.