

**KNDU/KNDO**

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING**

**January-March 2024**

**COMMUNITY CONCERN ISSUES ADDRESSED  
THROUGH NEWS**

**January 1st- March 31st, 2024**

## NON-ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMING

### KNDU/KNDO LOCAL NEWS AT 4:30AM

Local news and information airs 4:30AM till 7:00AM (Monday through Friday)

### KNDU/KNDO LOCAL NEWS AT 5PM

Local newscast airs 5:00PM till 5.30PM (Daily)

### KNDU/KNDO LOCAL NEWS AT 6PM

Local newscast airs 6:00PM till 6:30PM (Daily)

### KNDU/KNDO LOCAL NEWS AT 11PM

Local Newscast airs 11:00PM till 11:35PM Sunday through Friday and 11:00PM to 11:30PM on Saturday (Weekly)

### KNDU/KNDO LOCAL NEWS SATURDAY

Local news and information airs 7:00AM till 10:00AM (Saturday)

### EARLY TODAY

Network, national and international news, and information airs 4:00AM till 4:30AM (Monday through Friday) (Weekly)

### TODAY

Network national and international news and information airs 7:00AM till 9:00AM (Monday through Friday) (Weekly)

### TODAY II

Network, national and international news, and information airs 9:00AM till 10:00AM (Monday through Friday) (Weekly)

### TODAY III

Informational and entertainment features air 10:00AM till 11:00AM (Monday through Friday) (Weekly)

### NBC NIGHTLY NEWS

Network, national newscast airs 5:30PM till 6:00PM (Daily)

#### SATURDAY TODAY

Network, national and international news, and information airs 5:00AM till 7:00AM (Saturday)

#### SUNDAY TODAY

Network, national and international news, and information airs 6:00AM till 7:00AM (Sunday)

MEET THE PRESS Network, NBC host questions about some of today's most influential and powerful policy makers. The show airs from 8:00AM till 9:00AM (Sunday), and Monday morning 2AM.

DATELINE Network, a two-hour magazine show, airs as part of the NBC broadcast line-up. It also airs early Monday mornings (2:00AM) if Meet the Press is preempted on Sunday due to early sports.

## **ECONOMY/COMMUNITY**

The Tri-Cities and Yakima communities are very close within each other and to each other. Many issues people are concerned about in one community may connect to something in the other or could also be happening in the other. This quarter there has been a mix of things happening for and in the communities. What new laws are in place? What else is being newly enforced? What movements are happening in big issue projects? Black History Month was this quarter, what coverage did NonStop Local have? What is Yakima City Council doing for the community, and what is it doing within its own ranks? What community events are happening? What awards were handed out this quarter?

## **RESPONSE**

DATE: 01/01/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:01:55

SUBJECT: New Washington Laws

On January 1st, KNDU/KNDO reported on the new laws that went into effect on the first of the year in Washington State. Those new laws included changes to the state's minimum wage, some employers no longer being allowed to test for Marijuana and the gun law impacting buying and selling firearms.

DATE: 01/01/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:01:12

SUBJECT: New Oregon Laws

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the new laws that went into effect on the first of the year in Oregon State. Those new laws included adding a program to fund water suppliers and enhance drinking water, as well as requiring more funds to support broadband access and making it affordable.

DATE: 01/11/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:26

SUBJECT: New Airport Parking Rates

On January 11th, KNDU/KNDO reported on the Pasco/Tri-Cities Airport change in parking rates. It was reported that starting in March of 2024, it would cost people two to three dollars more to park their car at the airport in the short-term and long-term lots. Hourly rates did not change.

DATE: 02/23/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:01:12

SUBJECT: Two Cultures Community Powwow

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the Two Cultures Community Powwow. This is a Native American ceremony that was traditionally held when warriors came back from battle. This happened in Pendleton, Oregon over two days. The Powwow had concerts, dances and drumming contests.

DATE: 02/23/24

TIME: 6PM News

DURATION: 00:01:39

SUBJECT: Dam removal signing ceremony

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the historic agreement between the Biden Administration and the Six Sovereigns. The agreement is a ten-year plan for the future of the upper Columbia River Basin. The specific goal is to restore the salmon population and expand clean energy.

DATE: 02/23/24

TIME: 11PM News

DURATION: 00:01:00

SUBJECT: Prosser PD Chief Resigns

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the resignation of the Prosser police chief. It was reported that the chief decided to resign with the belief that someone else could better serve the department. It was also reported that the now former police chief had been placed on administrative leave during an investigation into allegations staff members made against him.

DATE: 02/26/24

TIME: 6PM News

DURATION: 00:00:24

SUBJECT: Prosser City Admin Let Go

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the city of Prosser's separation with the city administrator. It was reported that Prosser's mayor decided to separate the man's employment from the city without cause. It was also effective immediately. The city of Prosser said the Police Chief's resignation and the separation with the administrator were not connected.

DATE: 02/26/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:02:25

SUBJECT: Housing Segregation

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the history of segregation in the Tri-Cities in the 1940s and 1950s. This was done as part of the Black History Month coverage. Reporter Max Hughes did an in-depth report where he talked with members of the community about what they went through during that time and how where they lived was determined by their skin color.

DATE: 03/01/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:26

SUBJECT: Bill to Expand Veteran Benefits

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the bill that was passed and sent to Governor Inslee's desk to help local Veterans. It was reported that House Bill 2014 would extend Veteran benefits to more than 35,000 Washingtonians. This helped them qualify for state benefits not federal.

DATE: 03/05/24

TIME: 11PM News

DURATION: 00:01:20

SUBJECT: Yakima City Council Repeals CIC

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the Yakima City Council repealing the Community Integration Committee. It was reported that the committee was no longer an official one for the city, however it could still hold meetings and propose ideas to the city council. KNDU/KNDO heard from people for and against the decision.

DATE: 03/12/24

TIME: 5AM News

DURATION: 00:01:00

SUBJECT: Hanford Women's History

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on Women's History month, specifically what the Hanford site was doing in honor of it. Reporter Dan Hanson talked with the women who work at the site about what they did for the Manhattan Project.

DATE: 03/12/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:48

SUBJECT: Clover Island Award

On March 12th, KNDU/KNDO reported on the award presented to the Port of Kennewick for Clover Island. It was reported that the award was in recognition of the restoration of Clover Island. That project helped return the shoreline into a more sustainable habitat.

DATE: 03/15/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:01:05

SUBJECT: Polar Plunge Preview

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the Polar Plunge coming back. It was reported that the Polar Plunge had been postponed from January to March because of dangerously cold-water temps. Reporter Dan Hanson talked with Special Olympics Washington about how people prepare to jump into freezing cold water and how this event helps benefit Special Olympics.

DATE: 03/19/24

TIME: 11PM News

DURATION: 00:02:35

SUBJECT: YVCOG presentation

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the Yakima Valley Conference of Governments 2023 year in review and its 2024 plans, goals and projects. Reporter Tomas D'Anella talked with the Conference of Governments' executive director about why the community should care about what it is doing. He also watched the Yakima City Council meeting where this was discussed. He reported that 2023 was a busy year. He also reported that

the goals and projects for this year include housing action plans, expanding the new crime lab and trying to bring an Amtrack route to the Yakima Valley.

### **HEALTH**

Health is always a major factor in any community and in the Tri-Cities and Yakima areas, there are many health issues still being discussed or investigated. What health issues arise this quarter and what is being done for treatment, prevention and awareness? What is the update around Insulin prices? This quarter we had very cold temperatures, what tips were given to help homeowners and pets stay warm? Were there warming centers open? What free screenings could people take advantage of this quarter? What are the updates around COVID-19 and other illnesses?

## **RESPONSE**

DATE: 01/01/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:30

SUBJECT: Insulin Price Cap

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the Lantus Insulin price cap making diabetes medication more affordable for a lot of diabetics. It was reported that the company Sanofi's Lantus' cap landed at 35 dollars a month. The other two insulin manufacturers also reduced their prices.

DATE: 01/11/24

TIME: 5AM News

DURATION: 00:00:36

SUBJECT: Yakima Water P-FAS Free

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the continued testing of Yakima's water near the Training Center. It was reported that the City of Yakima had found P-FAS in the water a year and a half ago and has been working to clear it since. This was the day they declared the water P-FAS free.

DATE: 01/12/24

TIME: 5AM News

DURATION: 00:00:51

SUBJECT: Tri-Cities warming center prep

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the freezing cold temperatures the area was having. KNDU/KNDO looked into what places were opening as warming centers and what centers were already open for the community if they needed a place to warm up. It was reported that one warming center even had entertainment for kids and adults.

DATE: 01/12/24

TIME: 5AM News

DURATION: 00:00:29

SUBJECT: Keeping Pets Warm

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on how to keep your pets warm during freezing cold temperatures. Tips from the City of Yakima were shared which included using heat lamps for animals outside, using blankets and using straw to make a warmer bed.

DATE: 02/20/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:35

SUBJECT: Flu Season Could be Over

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on Flu season. It was reported that the peak of flu season may be over, but virus levels were still high everywhere in the U.S. It was reported what hospitalization rates looked like between December and February as well as what viruses were more commonly spread during that time.

DATE: 02/23/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:28

SUBJECT: Free Heart Health Screenings

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the free heart health screenings being offered by Lourdes and Trios Health care. It was reported when and where the screening was being held. Other resources were also available at the event.

DATE: 02/27/24

TIME: 11PM News

DURATION: 00:00:32

SUBJECT: Free Skin Cancer Screening

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the free skin cancer screenings being offered by Derma-Health Dermatology. It was reported this was done to help raise awareness on skin cancer as well as check people for it.

DATE: 02/28/24

TIME: 5AM News

DURATION: 00:00:23

SUBJECT: CDC on Spring Boosters

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the CDC recommending spring booster shots for COVID-19. It was reported which age group may be at a higher risk of still getting COVID. It was also reported when the CDC expects to see COVID cases rise again.

DATE: 03/01/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:01:25

SUBJECT: COVID 5 Day Isolation

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on changes being made to COVID guidelines. It was reported that the 5-day isolation period was being dropped. Reporter/anchor Zander Adams looked into how this change will impact students needing to go back to school and employees needing to go back to work after getting the virus.

DATE: 03/06/24

TIME: 5AM News

DURATION: 00:00:32

SUBJECT: No More Free At Home COVID Tests

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on another COVID guideline change. It was reported that the Federal Government is stopping the free at home COVID tests. It was also reported that even though these tests may have expired dates, the CDC claimed they should still be fine.

DATE: 03/18/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:27

SUBJECT: New DOH COVID guidelines

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the Washington State's Department of Health's newly adopted COVID-19 guidelines. It was reported how the state's guidelines are like the CDC's.

DATE: 03/18/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:26

SUBJECT: Pollen season is early

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported that allergy season could be worse this year. The Department of Health says allergy season started 20 days early as well this year. It was also reported what steps you can take to lessen the allergy symptoms.

DATE: 03/18/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:24

SUBJECT: Asbestos Banned in U.S.

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported that the last form of Asbestos is now banned in the U.S. It was reported on what that form is and where it was able to be found before being banned. KNDU/KNDO also reported that asbestos has been linked to more than 40,000 deaths.

DATE: 03/19/24

TIME: 11PM News

DURATION: 00:00:49

SUBJECT: Alzheimer Stats for 2024

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the Alzheimer's Association's 2024 statistics report. The report says people with dementia and their caregivers have trouble using the current health care system. KNDU/KNDO also reported what else the survey found and what people asked said about their or their family's healthcare.

### **EDUCATION**

Education has always been very important to the Tri-Cities and Yakima communities. With the start of the new year, it brought changes to FAFSA. What were those? How did that last year look for schools? What bills are being proposed and passed for schools? Are there any open scholarship programs this quarter? What awards were given out this quarter? What are local schools doing to try to improve learning?

## **RESPONSE**

DATE: 01/04/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:49

SUBJECT: FAFSA changes

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the changes made to the Federal Student Aid Application or FAFSA. It was reported that the launch was supposed to hit in December but it start late because of issues. KNDU/KNDO reported those issues were. It was also reported what changes were made to the FAFSA form, like shortening it.

DATE: 01/11/24

TIME: 5AM News

DURATION: 00:00:43

SUBJECT: OSPI year in review

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the Washington State Superintendent's year in review. It was also reported what goals the OSPI had in mind for 2024. It was reported that his main goal for the upcoming year was to review Washington's learning standards.

DATE: 01/12/24

TIME: 5AM News

DURATION: 00:00:32

SUBJECT: Senate Bills for Narcan in Schools

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the Senate Bill 5804 which aimed at putting Narcan in all schools. It was reported that the bill wanted to also increase the number of doses of Narcan each school was allowed to have. KNDU/KNDO also reported on Senate Bill 5923 that wanted to increase education on Fentanyl overdoses and how to prevent them.

DATE: 02/23/24

TIME: 6PM News

DURATION: 00:00:26

SUBJECT: Yakima scholarships

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported scholarship applications opened by Yakima Federal Savings and Loan. It was reported that the scholarships are part of the bank's Academic Excellence Program. KNDU/KNDO reported how students could apply and when deadlines were.

DATE: 02/23/24

TIME: 11PM News

DURATION: 00:00:34

SUBJECT: Pre-School for Migrants

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported that the Sunnyside School District opened a preschool for migrant students. It was reported that the preschool was being run out of Sun Valley Elementary School. KNDU'KNDO also reported what students needed to qualify for the preschool program.

DATE: 02/23/24

TIME: 11PM News

DURATION: 00:00:27

SUBJECT: Sunnyside district forum

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported that the Lower Yakima Valley Latin-X Coalition was going to be holding an open forum about the Sunnyside School District. It was reported that the forum was for community members to express thoughts and concerns with the school district. It was also reported when and where the event was happening.

DATE: 02/26/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:34

SUBJECT: WSU Tri-Cities honors Elson S. Floyd

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on WSU Tri-Cities honoring Elson S. Floyd. He was the University's first black President. It was reported what WSU was doing in his honor during Black History Month and how people in the community could take part.

DATE: 03/01/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:35

SUBJECT: ESD 123 regional art exhibit

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the Educational School District 123's art exhibit at Columbia Basin College. KNDU/KNDO reported on why the exhibit was created and how many students participated. It was also reported where the community could check out the exhibit and until when.

DATE: 03/09/24

TIME: 11PM News

DURATION: 00:01:44

SUBJECT: STEM Fair at La Salle High School

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on La Salle High School's first ever Science Technology Engineering and Math fair. Reporter Tomas D'Anella went down to it to see what was offered to students and parents. He also talked with the President of the school and an Astrophysicist at the fair.

DATE: 03/18/24

TIME: 11PM News

DURATION: 00:00:37

SUBJECT: Paul Bill signed into law

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on House Bill 1146 being signed into law. It requires schools to notify students and parents about any dual credit programs available. Dual credit programs include Running Start and College in the High School. It was reported why the bill, now law, called for this.

DATE: 03/18/24

TIME: 11PM News

DURATION: 00:00:26

SUBJECT: Inclusive learning bill signed

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the Lias inclusive learning bill that was signed into law. The bill, now law, requires school districts in Washington State to start including curriculum to teach about LGBTQ+ histories, contributions and perspectives. It was reported that Senate Bill 5462 would go into effect in June.

DATE: 03/20/24

TIME: 5AM News

DURATION: 00:01:17

SUBJECT: Hanford teacher award

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the State of Washington giving a local teacher an award. Reporter Dan Hanson got to talk with the teacher about his award and what it means to him. It was reported who the man was, where he teaches in the Tri-Cities and why the state gave him the award.

### **CRIME/SCAMS/FIRES/PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Tri-Cities and Yakima are always busy with crime, but how do local law enforcement respond? The first homicides of the year happened, what do police know? Are cases being closed and/or followed up on? How well is Law Enforcement keeping up with crimes? What crime is happening around the region? Are there any new laws related to crime?

## **RESPONSE**

DATE: 01/04/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:32

SUBJECT: Missing person's body found at Leslie Groves Park

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on a missing woman's body being found in a car in a parking lot at Leslie Groves Park in Richland. It was reported she was reported missing that

morning. It was reported that Richland Police and the Benton County Coroner oversaw the investigation.

DATE: 01/04/24

TIME: 5 PM News

DURATION: 00:00:50

SUBJECT: 4-year-old dies, parents arrested and in court

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on a 4-year-old's death in Kennewick. The child had been possibly exposed to fentanyl and died in the hospital. It was reported that the child's father was arrested, taken into custody and booked for a first-degree manslaughter charge. It was reported that the mother was also arrested, booked and charged with first-degree manslaughter.

DATE: 01/04/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:56

SUBJECT: WSP cracks down on illegal street racing

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on Washington State Patrol cracking down on street racing. It was reported that WSP sees this issue across the state from Seattle to Spokane. It was reported that Troopers saw someone going 125 MPH in a 45 MPH zone. It was reported how they are working to stop people from speeding.

DATE: 02/19/24

TIME: 6PM News

DURATION: 00:00:33

SUBJECT: Red Tea Garden robbery

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported a robbery out of Milton-Freewater, Oregon. It happened at the Red Tea Garden, and it was reported a day later that the owner died after being assaulted during the robbery. KNDU/KNDO reported what police knew and were investigating.

DATE: 02/26/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:00:59

SUBJECT: Red Tea Garden robbery suspect

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported that the suspect of the deadly robbery at the Red Tea Garden turned herself in. Reporter Cristian Garza covered the update from the police department and talked with the victim's daughter. It was reported who the restaurant owner was to the community.

DATE: 02/27/24

TIME: 6PM News

DURATION: 00:00:31

SUBJECT: Red Tea Garden robbery suspect charged

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported that the suspect who turned herself in for the deadly robbery in Milton-Freewater was charged. It was also reported what her charges were and what her bail was set at.

DATE: 02/27/24

TIME: 6PM News

DURATION: 00:01:09

SUBJECT: Car prowls on the rise

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported about car prowls on the rise in Kennewick. KNDU/KNDO talked with the Kennewick police department about what officers are seeing, the increase in reports and thefts as well as how to protect your car from falling victim.

DATE: 02/29/24

TIME: 6PM News

DURATION: 00:02:39

SUBJECT: Kennewick Homicide Investigation Timeline

On February 29<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO investigated the Kennewick Police Department's investigation into a homicide case. It was reported that the police tip line is what led them to making an arrest in the case. Reporter Max Hughes goes in-depth to explain what is known about the homicide and its timeline of events.

DATE: 03/01/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:01:59

SUBJECT: 13-year-old shot and killed

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on a 13-year-old dying after he was shot by another teen. Max Hughes looked into the police investigation into the homicide. It was reported what the police knew and what they were still investigating with the case. It was also reported what the school was doing for other students after the deadly incident.

DATE: 03/01/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:01:09

SUBJECT: August homicide arrest made

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on a homicide update from August 2023. It was reported that police had finally arrested the person responsible. Reporter Cristian Garza reported that the woman also led police on a chase through the Tri-Cities ending up in someone's front yard. He reported what happened during the homicide, what happened during that chase and what happened in the courtroom that day. He also talked to the homeowner whose yard she crashed into.

DATE: 03/02/24

TIME: 6PM Weekend News

DURATION: 00:01:04

SUBJECT: WSP Trooper killed on duty

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported that a Washington State Patrol Trooper died while on duty. It was reported that he was a Pasco native. KNDU/KNDO reported what happened during the crash in Marysville and who the Trooper was.

DATE: 03/05/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:01:00

SUBJECT: Pursuit law rolled back

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported on the update or revision to the new pursuit law. These were restrictions set on law enforcement for pursuits. This is an update to the late put in place in 2021. It was reported how this new law changes the pursuit law and what guidelines police officers, state troopers and sheriff's deputies have to follow when it comes to pursuing a driver.

DATE: 03/06/24

TIME: 6PM News

DURATION: 00:00:51

SUBJECT: Trooper suspect identified and charged

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported an update on the WSP Trooper who was killed while on duty. It was reported that the local sheriff's office in charge of the investigation released the name of the suspect accused of killing the trooper. It was also reported that the suspect was charged for vehicular homicide and was being detained because he was in the U.S. illegally.

DATE: 03/12/24

TIME: 5PM News

DURATION: 00:01:02

SUBJECT: Trooper Procession

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, KNDU/KNDO reported a follow up on the WSP Trooper killed on duty. This is the day a public procession and ceremony was held for the Trooper. Many community members joined his family to pay their respects. KNDU/KNDO also reported what a WSP Sergeant had to say about the fallen Trooper.