

Issues Program List

KLYQ (Hamilton, MT); KGVO (Missoula, MT); KMPT (East Missoula, MT); KAMM-FM (Frenchtown, MT)

KYSS-FM (Missoula MT); KENR-FM (Superior MT); (KBAZ-FM, Hamilton, MT)

July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020

SECTION 1. ISSUES

The above stations have identified the following as some of the more significant community issues addressed by this station for the quarter specified. This listing is by no means complete, nor is the order in which these issues appear intended to imply any degree of priority or significance of the issue.

A. **Economy.** The business climate is undergoing massive changes unheard of because of COVID-19. We had numerous interviews with local experts, trying to keep track of how the economy has been shaken, including housing prices as people move out of highly infected areas.

B. **COVID-19.** COVID-19 pandemic was again the main issue facing our area during the quarter. Almost all topics were affected by the disease. The State of Montana allowed schools to start and the virus reared up again at the beginning of fall.

C. **Election.** The freight train that is the upcoming general election was on everyone's mind. Besides the typical issues and candidates, we talked to others who often are on the sidelines.

D. **Education.** Due to COVID-19, we went through a strange graduation period and summertime was filled with plans for the fall school opening, including what parents were going through as they balance all the things thrown at them this year.

E. **Human Trafficking.** The almost invisible crime of human trafficking has been getting some attention. We examine how local area young people are trapped into the international crime.

F. **Legal Justice.** Over a dozen wrongful convictions have been corrected in Montana. We talked to legislators and others about some of the cases and what more is planned.

SECTION II. RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS

“Community Viewpoint” is a 28-minute locally-produced program that airs weekly on each station at the following times: Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. on KLYQ and KGVO. Sundays at 6 a.m. on KMPT, KAMM-FM, KYSS-FM and KBAZ-FM.

DATE AIRED	DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE
7/04/20 7/05/20	Education – We spoke with Missoula County Public Schools Superintendent Rob Watson about remote learning and budgets. We talked about how students will be graded if the school year ends prematurely (which it did). He also explained that the school lunch program is continuing even though classes are all “distance learning.”
7/11/20 7/12/20	Economy - UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research: We spoke with Director Patrick Barkey about the current Montana economy. We discussed how COVID-19 is impacting local businesses. We also talked about affordable housing and what to expect moving forward.
7/18/20 7/19/20	Education - Office of Public Instruction: We spoke with Superintendent Elsie Arntzen about how this year went for Montana schools. We talked about how COVID-19 impacted the end of the school year and several graduation ceremonies. We also talked about what we should expect next year and how schools plan to make things as safe as possible for students in the fall.
7/25/20 7/26/20	Economy - We spoke with Planning Section Manager Laval Means and Ward 2 City Councilman Jordan Hess about subdivisions in Missoula. We discussed subdivision regulations and why the matter to the average Missoula resident. The City of Missoula is taking a look at the City’s subdivision regulations for the first time in more than 10 years, especially with added home sales to people coming here from infection areas.
8/01/20 8/02/20	Human Trafficking - The Lifeguard Group: We spoke with Executive Director Lowell Hochhalter and Board of Directors Member Jamie Rindal about human trafficking in Montana and Missoula. They announced a brand-new hotline they created to help people get the help they need. We discussed examples of human trafficking in Missoula and what they do as a group to combat that issue. They hold school assemblies and give our kids an escape they desperately need.
8/08/20 8/09/20	Legal Justice - Mark French and Pascal Redfern: They joined us to discuss wrongful convictions in Montana. We also discussed compensation for those individuals and if it is enough. We discussed the role the Law and Justice interim committee as well. We learned that there have been 14 Montana exonerations since 1989.
8/15/20 8/16/20	Election - Gary Marbut: Gary Marbut joined us to discuss the Montana Green Party being removed from Montana ballots. He is a candidate for Senate District 47 and moved to intervene in the lawsuit. Marbut accused Democrats of intending political murder, stating that if Democrats were successful then his candidacy will die.

8/22/20	<p>Economy - Missoula Chamber of Commerce: Director of Membership Mark Losh and Chairman of the Board Steve Clawson joined us. Clawson works with city and county officials to promote company initiatives and keep them informed about work projects and community impacts. He also meets with local legislators to educate them about key issues affecting the utility business and potential legislation in the upcoming session. We discussed all that and more.</p>
8/23/20	
8/29/20	<p>Economy, Law Enforcement - Mayor John Engen and Chief Jason White: They joined us to discuss the city budget, specifically law enforcement. We briefly discussed the recent protests around the country and what Chief White is doing to keep everyone safe in Missoula. We talked about training and community discussions.</p>
8/30/20	
9/05/20	<p>Election - Missoula Elections Administrator Bradley Seaman: We spoke to Seaman about the upcoming election. He answered several questions and concerns from callers. We talked about potential voter fraud on the security of Missoula ballots.</p>
9/06/20	
9/12/20	<p>Election, Gun Rights - Former NRA President David Keene: We spoke to Keene about the upcoming election and why the senate race is so important for the second amendment. We discussed the history of the NRA and how they determine their grades for politicians. We also talked about gun rights in Montana.</p>
9/13/20	
9/19/20	<p>COVID-19 - The Missoula Chamber of Commerce brought in folks from Kart Kleen. President and CEO Jason Gardiner was in studio. Kart Kleen manufactures high quality, innovative, and portable sanitization equipment. Designed to not only reduce human exposure to disease-causing organisms, but to also decrease inventory costs and offer on demand cleansing treatments for organizations.</p>
9/20/20	
9/26/20	<p>Child Abuse - Parenting Place Missoula: Marilyn Thorn and members of her staff joined us to talk about parenting place. They are a community based non-profit organization whose mission is the prevention of child abuse and neglect through strengthening families. We discussed the many services their organization provides.</p>
9/27/20	