

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)

October 1, 2020 – December 31, 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.

A. **Environment.** The area is becoming more compost aware, with the Missoula government adding more improvements to their facility, which continues a growing county-wide environmental awareness. We also looked at the annual forest fire season in Montana.

B. **COVID-19.** COVID-19 pandemic was again the main issue facing our area during the quarter. We checked on economic impacts, government responses, and also how first responders are affected, including law enforcement situations.

C. **Election.** The election brought with our usual candidate interviews, but also the national concerns about possible voter fraud. Locally, we had reporters at the election headquarters and also interviewed Missoula Elections Administrator after the vote.

D. **Homeless.** Due to COVID-19, the homeless situation became even more urgent in all of Western Montana. The Missoula Poverello Center instituted a temporary winter shelter. We looked into it.

E. **Economy.** The economy faced changes on all sides this quarter. COVID-19 affected the bottom line on many businesses with more closing their doors. But others were rising to the challenge. Also, a recreational marijuana bill passed in the election. We looked ahead to the possible economic opportunities.

F. **Law Enforcement.** The Montana Attorney General has immense authority on law matters in the state – from Highway Patrol to working with the legislature about law enforcement. So, we talked about the issues with the outgoing Attorney General and the new incoming head of that state office. 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.

G. **Cyber Security.** Montana is in the top ten for cybercrime risk. Besides our Public Service Announcements, we talked to a local firm that has been successful in protecting area networks and the types of problems face local networks.

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
10/03/20 10/04/20	Environment – Missoula Compost Facility Manager Jason Duffin joined us to talk about how the free leaf drop off this year is coinciding with the street departments normal collection. He highlighted the improvements the City has been able to make to the facility and also talked about future upgrades.
10/10/20 10/11/20	Elections - We spoke to Missoula Elections Administrator Bradley 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, with Seaman assuring voters that Montana’s mail-in ballot process was very good.
10/17/20 10/18/20	Environment - We spoke to Forestry Professor Peter Kolb about climate change, forest management, and wildfires in Montana. He answered questions from callers and explained the science behind his theories. He also talked about what Montanans should expect in this fall’s forest fire season.
10/24/20 10/25/20	Homeless - Executive Director of the Poverello Center Amy Allison joined us to discuss Missoula’s Emergency Winter Shelter Program. The temporary shelter runs from November to March and can host up to 150 people who need it. We talked about why something like this is so important and how it was funded. The Poverello Center was also affected by COVID-19 infections this year.
10/31/20 11/01/20	Elections - Jacob Elder is a Missoula resident who decided to run for mayor. He shared his heart-wrenching story of how he came to Montana and what life was like when he arrived here. He came from a small town in Africa when he was just a boy and eventually served in the US Marine Corps. He is currently attending law school at Missoula’s University of Montana and getting his master’s degree as well.
11/07/20 11/08/20	Economy - We spoke with Director Patrick Barkey of the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research about the current Montana economy. We talked about the economic impact of legalizing recreational marijuana in the state. We discussed how COVID-19 is impacting local businesses. We also talked about affordable housing and what to expect moving forward. Barkey’s analysis each year is the standard for Montana economic statistics.
11/14/20 11/15/20	Elections - Head of the Montana Shooting Sports Association Gary Marbut joined us to talk the recent election and about Second Amendment rights and red flag laws. He talked about the process of purchasing a firearm in Montana. He also talked about what gun owners should expect under a Biden administration.
11/21/20	Economy - We spoke with Southgate Mall General Manager Tim Winger about their 2020 challenges, shut-down restrictions that happened in the

11/22/20	spring throughout the state, and current event management, operating under Missoula county restrictions, which are more stringent than the Montana mandates. We also discussed their holiday 2020 outlook and current impacts of COVID-19. We also talked about their 2021 outlook and leasing opportunities, which were more positive than some national mall situations.
11/28/20 11/29/20	COVID - The City of Missoula and Partnership Health Center launched its Missoula CARES program recently. The program, called in full Missoula Collaborating for Access to Resources and Emotional Support, creates two new Missoula Fire Department units, called Mobile Support Teams, to respond to help people experiencing behavioral health emergencies. Randy Okon of the Missoula Fire Department and Terry Kendrick of Partnership Health Center spoke with us about the pilot program, and how important it is becoming, especially dealing with COVID-19 stresses.
12/05/20 12/06/20	Law Enforcement – Current Attorney General Fox joined us for the last time as attorney general of Montana, because of state term limits. We talked about his eight years in office. He reminisced about MHP trooper Wade Palmer, who was seriously injured in a Missoula area shooting. He also praised the Montana High Patrol and other law officers. He also discussed several lawsuits of which he was a part.
12/12/20 12/13/20	Law Enforcement – Montana Attorney General-elect Austin Knudsen joined us and we discussed his plans for the future. He plans to be hard on crime in Montana and wants to crack down on the meth problem in the state. He also answered several questions from callers about a variety of different topics. He said he would strongly support the Constitution’s Second Amendment “right to bear arms,” too.
12/19/20 12/20/20	Cybercrime – From Morrison-Maierle Systems, Sales and Marketing Director Julie Maloney joined us and talked about cyber security. Unfortunately, Montana ranks third in the nation for cybercrime risk. Morrison-Maierle, a local company, designs and implements a unique system of policies, processes and technical controls to proactively and verifiably protect networks. She also explained some of the recent cybercrime incidents and provided some internet tips.
12/26/20 12/27/20	COVID - Missoula Mayor John Engen joined us and talked about the difficulties surrounding COVID-19. He defended the city and county restrictions that have been stricter than the statewide mandates and again encouraged wearing masks. He talked about the changes that took place in city government in 2020 and what we should expect in 2021. We also discussed affordable housing in Missoula and what the city’s plans are for the future housing growth.