

## **FCC Issues Programs List**

# 2nd Quarter Issues List for Station KENW-TV April 1st to June 30th, 2023

## Section I. Issues.

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our communities in this quarter:

- **A.** Covid 19: The problems caused by the pandemic in our area.
- **B.** Education: Issues relating to education in our region.
- **C. Health Matters**: The problems associated with health and healthcare in rural areas during a pandemic.
- **D. Governmental Matters:** Matters of public interest involving government and government agencies.
- E. Gender and Race: Matters concerning gender and race problems and discrimination.
- **F. Environment**: Issues associated with climate change and the impact of other environmental problems.

# **Section II. Responsive Programs**

The station has broadcast programming that deal with the issues listed above. Programming that discusses those various issues are listed below..

#### Public Service Announcements-- KENW-TV, FCC Issues, Q2 – 2023

- Employment Opportunities 4/01/2023 through 6/30/2023: 1195 times for 2 minutes each (at various times daily between main programming elements, listing current local job openings on KENW 3-1, 3-2, 3-3)
- Weather on the Hour -4/01/2023 through 6/30/2023: 3613 times for 1 minute each (at the top of every hour) of graphical update on weather conditions for communities in the

- viewing area on KENW 3-1, 3-2, 3-3
- Fentanyl Awareness (Health Matters) 4/1/2023 through 6/30/2023: 119 times for 15 and 30 seconds each of information about the dangers and prevalence of fentanyl (aired various times daily) on KENW 3-1, 3-2, 3-3
- Veterans Affairs (Health Matters) 4/1/2023 through 6/30/2023: 105 times for 15, 30, and 60 seconds each of information about mental healthcare resources for military veterans KENW 3-1, 3-2 and 3-3

## **D:** Governmental -- KENW-TV, FCC Issues, Q2 – 2023

New Mexico In Focus – 05/21/2023 11:00 am KENW 3-2; 12:00 pm KENW 3-1, and 05/22/2023 6:00 am KENW 3-1 – 60 minutes

Gene Grant and a trio of special panelists discuss the end of Title 42. First, our panelists consider how officials around New Mexico prepared for the closing of the Trump-era immigration policy and ask why we haven't seen the huge increase in migration many predicted. Then, Gene asks the panel to consider the journey a migrant takes when seeking asylum and questions how this country's immigration system can improve.

Gene also sits down with Rep. Mark Duncan to discuss how the community in Farmington and San Juan County are reacting and recovering from a mass shooting that killed three people and injured six others.

Our Land's Laura Paskus sits down with Jorge Silva-Bañuelos, superintendent of Valles Caldera National Preserve, to talk about how the National Park Service tries to balance public access with protecting wildlife and ecosystems — pluschanges that might be coming, especially as the preserve works on a new management plan.

A criminal justice reform bill that would have made it tougher to lock up probationers and parolees for minor, so-called "technical" violations. Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham vetoed the measure earlier this year. Executive Producer Jeff Proctor asks Eighth Judicial District Attorney Marcus Montoya and Chief Public Defender Bennett Baur whether the governor made the right choice to veto that bill.

#### **NEWS 3 NEW MEXICO – ISSUES Q2 2023**

#### A: COVID-19 -

3/8/2023 – Lockdown Files

Some government officials in the U.K. are getting worldwide attention. Matt Hancock the former secretary of state for health and social care in the U.K. during 2020 just had some texts leaked from WhatsApp according to an article from the New York times. Some are calling these leaked texts the lockdown files. Hancock is seen sending messages how he wanted to "scare the pants off everyone". The messages then go on to also reveal discussions over when to "deploy" details of a new strain of the virus. This conversation happened on December 13th of 2020. Hancock then announced that a new Covid variant had been identified in the U.K. on December. 14th. Five days later, it was declared that London and southeast England had to enter a new tier 4 stay at home alert level for Covid.

#### B: Education -

02/17/2023- Fernandez On Education. 05:03:13, 1 minute 37 seconds

U-S Representative Teresa Leger Fernandez visiting school in the third congressional district in New Mexico to learn more about the needs for local students and what she can do to help in Washington. Teachers at the head start said the biggest challenge is dealing with student to teacher ratios.

They say little ones need lots of attention and they would like to see more teachers and teacher aides in the head start program to help out.

#### C: Health Matters -

02-24-2023- No Abortion Ban- 05:04:41, 0.50 Seconds.

There will be no special election to decide the fate of Clovis' anti-abortion clinic ordinance. According to the Eastern New Mexico News, a petition asking for a vote is not certified so the petition is rendered invalid and the ordinance remains in effect. The group, Eastern New Mexico Rising, a local grassroots progressive organization, had gathered 447 signatures on a fifty-five-page petition looking to turn to Clovis voters to decide the fate of the ordinance. This ordinance forbids establishment of an abortion clinic in the Clovis city limits. The minimum number of signatures of registered voters the group needed on the petition was 269. 209 of the signatures were declared invalid, which means the group came up short and the ordinance will stay in place.

#### D: Governmental -

2/22/2023- No more plastic recycling for city of Clovis. 05:04:41, 0.27 Seconds.

The city of Clovis will no longer be accepting plastic for recycling. The city has suspended the plastics recycling program, plastic will be entirely removed from recyclable items. The public works department encourages Clovis residents to place plastics in their regular trash cans.

People can still recycle tin cans and cardboard at drop-off recycling centers located in front of Albertson's and Walmart in Clovis.

## 3/1/2023 – CYFD Child Placement Standards change

An Eastern New Mexico lawmaker is highlighting a lawsuit filed against the Children, Youth and Families Department on behalf of four-year-old boy who suffered abuse at a foster home placement. Republican senator David Gallegos of Eunice has introduced measures to increase accountability and oversight over CYFD. The lawsuit alleges that the department failed to evaluate the home and the placement family to CYFD standards. The boy was subjected to chronic and recurring physical abuse, and medical and nutritional neglect. Senator Gallegos has introduced senate bill 373 to create the office of the child advocate and provide independent oversight over CYFD.

3/24/2023 - Tatum Election

A special election will be held in Tatum to decide if a fifth council member should be added. It comes after a resident-led petition received more than the required number of signatures to prompt the election. According to the Hobbs news sun, the petition required five percent of registered Tatum voters to sign the petition in order for it to be validated and adopted. The petition requested a special election be held to add a fifth councilor to the Tatum city council. Currently there are four council members and the mayor exercise(s) a tie breaking vote when needed. Even though a general election is approaching in November, the ballot item can't wait until then, as the wording of the petition calls for the election to be held within 90 days of the resolution.

#### F: Environment -

02/17/2023- Prescribed Burns 05:04:50, 0.44 Seconds.

Beginning On the first Monday of April throughout the month of April, the bureau of Land Management plans to conduct prescribed fire operations in northwest of Roswell in eastern Lincoln county and east of Roswell in the sand ranch area in Chavez county. People in Roswell, Midway, Dexter, Hagerman, Elida, Tatum and other nearby communities may see smoke from this initiative.

### 2/15/2023 ENMU Enrollment Increase

The spring 2023 total headcount is 4,849 students, up from 4,490 in spring 2022. According to a news release from the university's marketing and communications department, numbers have increased in every category from spring 2022. Undergraduate enrollment numbers are at 3,551 students, a nine percent increase from spring 2022. ENMU saw a 19 percent increase in transfer students from spring 2022 to spring 2023.

#### 4/7/2023 – Flooding Procedure

As we all know--it rarely floods in Roosevelt county. It rarely even rains for that matter. But flooding can happen as it did back in 2018. Back then in rural Roosevelt county there were several high-water rescues. Now residents and business owners in Roosevelt county are encouraged to review the latest updates to local flood risks and potential future flood insurance requirements. Officials with the federal emergency management agency announced that preliminary flood risk information and flood insurance rate maps have been updated for the county. According to a FEMA press release, local, state, and FEMA officials, all worked together to update maps. A community review of the maps has taken place but before the maps become final they must survive a 90-day appeal and comment period.

#### 4/28/2023 – Rabies Outbreak

A recent outbreak in rabies has prompted the De Baca county commission to approve renewal of a contract with the U.S. department of agriculture to fund the wildlife service's cooperative program for fiscal year 2024.

The commission agreed to pay \$43-thousand dollars to fund the predator protection program provided by a long-time USDA employee. It's a prevention program for livestock and helps manage a recent outbreak of rabies found in a cat and three skunks in the county.

#### G: Historical -

2-22-2023- Ruidoso Race Honors 05:06:58, 0.26 seconds

The stage is set for the Ruidoso Downs racetrack hall of fame this summer. Five individuals and one race horse will be inducted this summer. The annual ceremony scheduled for June 29. Among those being honored is "See Me Do It,"

the 1989 world champion, has been selected as this year's horse inductee. See Me Do It won 17 career races in 24 starts accumulating earnings of close to a million dollars.

2/15/2023 UFO Expo

UFO expo festivities will take place on march 10-12. The event will include talks, films, music, cosplay, food and more in downtown Roswell for that weekend. The event will feature conversations with well-known personalities of ufology, like Derrel Sims. Tv host and investigator Ben Hansen is also involved. The event will now be the second major u-f-o event in Roswell. The annual event each summer draws tens of thousands of people to Roswell and pours in several million dollars into the local economy.

## 2/24/2023 Bobi turns 31 on May 11th

A dog named bluey held the title of the worlds "oldest dog ever" for almost a century. He was born in 1910 and lived for 29 years and five months. However, a new champion has arisen, and his name is Bobi. Bobi is a Portuguese dog who has been alive for 30 years and 286 days. Bobi was never tied down, and has since roamed the farms and forests near a Costa Rica family's home. Bobi lives on a diet of human food, rather than dog food. Bobi is a purebred Portuguese mastiff which is a breed of livestock guardian dog with an average life expectancy of 12 to 14 years, but it seems that he was quite literally built different. With luck, Bobi will live a long and healthy life.

#### H: Agriculture -

2-22-2023- New Mexico feral cows 05:14:44, 0.38 seconds

A helicopter with a shooter will fly over a portion of the vast Gila wilderness in southwestern New Mexico next week, searching for feral cows to kill. U.S. Forest service managers approved the plan to protect sensitive spots in the nation's first designated wilderness area. The move sets the stage for legal challenges over how to handle unbranded livestock and other stray cows as drought deepens in the west.

The Gila national forest issued the decision amid pressure from environmental groups who raised concerns about nearly 150 cattle whose hooves and mouths are damaging streams and rivers. Ranchers, meanwhile, have criticized the plan to shoot cows from a helicopter as animal cruelty. They said the action violates federal regulations and will be problematic when carcasses are left to rot.

## 2/15/2023 Chipmunk Laws

The Penasco chipmunk which is native to the Sacramento mountains around the Lincoln national forest near Ruidoso is now the center of a lawsuit. A lawsuit is underway alleged federal action to protect the chipmunk after the species' numbers dwindled and it was believed to be at risk of extinction. The U.S. fish and wildlife service in 2021 proposed listing the Penasco chipmunk as an endangered species in the lawsuit filed by the center for biological diversity, the group argued the agency had since failed to finalize the listing and protect the species. About 54 percent of the chipmunk's current range is within the Lincoln national forest, already affording it some federal protections.

#### 3/22/2023 - Bear Huggers

If you love the outdoors and don't mind interacting with the occasional bear, then a job may be waiting for you.

New Mexico department of game and fish posted a job on Facebook that says it is looking for professional bear huggers. The post includes photos showing workers cuddling baby bears. The agency is actually looking to hire conservation officers... And interactions with bears is only one part of the job. The listing says the department is looking for someone who likes to hike in strenuous conditions, has the courage to crawl into a bear den, and will trust co-workers to keep them safe during the process. The department says the job is guaranteed to bring someone the experience of a lifetime. Those interested have until march 30-th to apply.

#### I: Business –

02-22-2023-Beer Delivery- 05:05:29, 0.27 Seconds

A bill is currently going through committee's in the roundhouse. House bill 343 would allow brewers to ship their products, just like wineries. Through house bill 343, beer deliveries would require the

signature of an individual over 21 upon delivery. The same way that wine is currently delivered. The bill would also allow access to out of state breweries to participate in competitions and festivals in New Mexico. This could be huge win for breweries to expand sales in New Mexico