



FCC Issues Programs List

4th Quarter Issues List for Station KENW-FM
October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Section I. Issues

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our communities 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.

A: Covid 19 -- KENW-FM, FCC Issues, Q4 - 2025

12/14/2025 - Radiolab – 10:00 a.m. – 57 minutes

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B: Education -- KENW-FM, FCC Issues, Q4 - 2025

12/25/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

Whether you love the King's College Choir or Christmas with the Platters, music is wrapped up in how we celebrate the holidays. Musician and band director Stephanie Sanders plays her favorite holiday songs and shares why they're so meaningful for her.

11/20/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

Philip Lorish says despite the cultural moment that audio books are having and that impenetrable, digital mass distribution behemoth who shall not be named – bookstores matter. So he's just opened a bookstore--Commerce Street Book--in Charlottesville, Virginia. And: As a child, Lamar Giles was allowed to read anything he wanted, so he read everything from DC comics to Stephen King novels. There was nothing called "young adult" literature when he was coming up. Now he writes it and wants kids today have the same freedom to read he had.

10/5/2025 - Radiolab – 10:00 a.m. – 57 minutes

NASA has launched countless spacecraft into space, but occasionally, those space crafts include human-made art like poems or music. Why? As part of the recent missions, NASA asked US Poet Laureate Ada Limón to write a poem that would serve as a message from planet Earth to be engraved on the outside of the spaceship. On this special episode, we let kids from all across the country ask their questions about the mission, the poem, and Jupiter's ocean world. The kids ask their questions directly to NASA scientist Dr. Cynthia Phillips and Poet Laureate Ada Limón and the result is a humorous and deep investigation of why poetry belongs in space and why there might be life on this faraway moon.

10/12/2025 - Radiolab – 10:00 a.m. – 57 minutes

What does it mean to stand on the edge of a void, and what happens when you scream into it, or choose not to? In this live taping from an outdoor theater on the edge of Manhattan, we bring you three stories about voids. One about a fish that screams into the night—and the mystery of its counterpart that doesn't. Another about a group of women who gazed at the night sky and taught us

just how vast the universe is, and a third about a man who talks to aliens, and the people who tell him he's putting human civilization at risk by doing so. Then, we turn back to Earth with the help of a reading from Samantha Harvey's hit novel *Orbital* performed by actor Helga Davis.

10/19/2025 - Radiolab – 10:00 a.m. – 57 minutes

How do you pay proper tribute to a legend that many people haven't heard of? Joe Frank told stories that were thrillingly weird, deeply mischievous (and sometimes head-spinningly confusing!). He had a big impact, not just on us at Radiolab, but the entire field of audio storytelling. In this episode, Jad sits down with *This American Life* host, Ira Glass and *On The Media* host Brooke Gladstone to talk about Joe's work.

10/26/2025 - Radiolab – 10:00 a.m. – 57 minutes

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11/2/2025 - Radiolab – 10:00 a.m. – 57 minutes

Democracy is on the ropes. In the United States and abroad, citizens of democracies are feeling increasingly alienated, disaffected, and powerless. Some are even asking themselves a question that feels almost too dangerous to say out loud: is democracy fundamentally broken? Today on Radiolab, we ask a different question: how do we fix it?

11/9/2025 - Radiolab – 10:00 a.m. – 57 minutes

Over the course of millions of years, human voices have evolved to hold startling power. These clouds of vibrating air carry crucial information about who we are, and we rely on them to push ourselves up and out into the physical world. This week, we're on a journey to understand how we got our unique sonic fingerprint, the power it affords us, and what happens when it's taken away.

11/16/2025 - Radiolab – 10:00 a.m. – 57 minutes

In 1995, a tragic fire in Pittsburgh set off a decades-long investigation that sent Greg Brown Jr. to prison. But, after a series of remarkable twists, Brown found himself contemplating a path to freedom that involved a paradoxical plea deal—one that peels back the curtain on the criminal justice system and reveals it doesn't work the way we think it does.

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Close your eyes and imagine a red apple. What do you see? Turns out there's a whole spectrum of answers to that question and producer Sindhu Gnanasambandan is on one far end. In this episode, she explores what it means to see—and not see—in your mind.

12/7/2025 - Radiolab – 10:00 a.m. – 57 minutes

Until recently, scientists assumed humans were the only species in which females went through menopause, and lived a substantial part of their lives after they were no longer able to reproduce. And they had no idea why that happens, and why evolution wouldn't push females to keep reproducing right up to the end of their lives. But after a close look at some whale poop, and a deep dive into chimp life, we find several new ways of thinking about menopause and the real purpose of this all too often overlooked second act of life. After that we go on a little journey with our own Molly Webster, who'd heard, in passing about the dreaded fertility cliff and started wondering: is 35 a real deadline? Or is it all in our heads? And if it is, where did this anxiety around the age come from and what should we do with it? Join Molly as she wows a real live audience with the tale of her investigation and its findings, through science, story, and comedy.

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Sometimes a seemingly silly question gets stuck in your craw and you can't shake the feeling that something big lies behind it. Here at Radiolab, we like to collect those kind of questions and occasionally find answers for them. So this week, we've rounded up a host of them all relating to our weird and wonderful bodies; we go down throats and get under the skin, we take on evolution and anatomy and molecular cosmetics, and discover some very not-stupid answers to our seemingly stupid questions.

12/28/2025 - Radiolab – 10:00 a.m. – 57 minutes

How can we live the longest, feeling life possible? The answer leads our producer on a journey to make one week feel like two. And the journey leads her to a whole new answer.

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10/14/2025, 10/16/2025, 10/20/2025, 10/22/2025 - All About Ag – 8:20 a.m. 2:46 minutes

Farmers are often unfairly stereotyped as uneducated, but successful farming requires extensive knowledge across various fields. They must understand climate, weather patterns, and how these factors influence crop selection and harvest timing. Knowledge of biology, ecology, soil science, and agronomy is essential, as conditions like soil quality and water availability directly affect crop health. Crop rotation is crucial for maintaining soil nutrients and health. Economic awareness, including production costs and market trends, further informs farmers' decisions. Their expertise typically surpasses that of a standard four-year college education. This content is supported by New Mexico Ag in the Classroom and its partners.

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10/27/2025, 10/29/2025 - ENMU Weekly Events Calendar – 8:15 a.m., 9:39 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar. Hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston recap recent events, including homecoming week celebrations. This week features multiple sports: volleyball on Tuesday at 6 p.m., soccer on Wednesday at 11 a.m., and football on Saturday at 6 p.m. There's also mention of the ongoing ENMU System Faculty Exhibition at the Reynolds Gallery. As fall progresses, attention shifts to winter sports and upcoming student recitals. Additionally, Haley Goebel promotes a film event at Enchantment Vineyards and highlights the role of on-campus museums in education and culture. In Ruidoso, a presentation on avoiding abuse scams takes place, along with a classic film screening. The calendar underscores community engagement and the importance of supporting student athletes and educational initiatives.

11/10/2025, 11/12/2025 - ENMU Weekly Events Calendar – 8:15 a.m., 6:41 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar. Hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston highlight upcoming events, including Veterans Day acknowledgments at various campuses, such as a Boots to Books event and a recognition ceremony on the Roswell campus. Sports coverage includes the men's home basketball games and the last home football game against A&M Kingsville. Music enthusiasts can enjoy a fall jazz concert at Buchanan Hall. The play "This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing" runs Thursday through Saturday, with ticket options available. Other offerings include a stained glass art presentation and a beginning crochet class in Roswell. Acknowledgment is given to community support for educational programs. Tune in every Monday and Wednesday for updates.

10/4/2026 - You Should Know – 10:30 a.m. – 29 minutes

Dr. Francine Stuckey, a retired professor from Eastern New Mexico University, reflects on her 38-year career in higher education, starting from her degrees in home economics and journalism at Kansas State University to obtaining her doctorate at Texas Tech. Stuckey emphasizes her role as an instructor in home economics and the director of the Child Development Center (CDC), discussing its historical background since its establishment in 1949. The CDC served as both a training facility for students and a valuable resource for the community, providing early childhood education during an era when kindergartens were scarce. Stuckey shares insights into the CDC's evolution, particularly the significance of the specially designed building constructed in the early 1970s, which introduced innovative educational concepts and facilities.

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In this episode of "You Should Know," host Evelyn Ledbetter speaks with Stephanie Johnston, a radiographer and First Lady of Eastern New Mexico University, about breast cancer awareness. With 27 years of experience in mammography, Johnston highlights the federal regulations and high standards in training and education within her field. She shares alarming statistics that in 2024, an estimated 300,000 women and 2,800 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the U.S. Johnston discusses risk factors for breast cancer, differentiating between unchangeable factors like gender and age, and modifiable ones such as obesity and hormonal influences. She emphasizes the importance of early detection and the significance of patient information in risk assessment for breast cancer screening.

11/15/2026 - You Should Know – 10:30 a.m. – 29 minutes

Dr. Stephanie Walker, a plant specialist at New Mexico State University, discusses her extensive work and passion for chili peppers, particularly focusing on the New Mexico chili variety. Originally from Pennsylvania, she moved to Las Cruces and developed a love for chili peppers through her work at a processing plant. Dr. Walker shares her educational background, including her master's in horticulture and PhD in agronomy. She elaborates on her latest development, the Numax Odyssey variety, designed for efficient mechanical harvesting, which addresses labor shortages during the short harvest window. This variety aims to improve quality and yield by being more resilient during harvest and minimizing issues with quality hazards such as woody stems. She emphasizes the historical significance of chili development at New Mexico State University, notably initiated by Fabian Garcia, and clarifies the common misconceptions surrounding the terminology of New Mexico and Hatch chili.

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10/8/2025 - Fifty-One Percent – 3:00 p.m. – 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we recognize the 25th anniversary of the Food & Drug Administration's approval of mifepristone, which, in conjunction with misoprostol, is now used for the majority of abortions in the U.S. WAMC's Samantha Simmons speaks with abortion-rights advocate and vlogger Marissa Rudd about her experience using mifepristone, and why she personally chose to have an abortion. We also chat with Kimberly Mutcherson, a professor at Rutgers Law School, about the challenges mifepristone faces in court and in the Trump Administration.

10/2/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

America has a nursing shortage. And it's not for lack of hopeful nurses. There's not enough clinical teaching space. Schools are helping alleviate that bottleneck by hiring actors to impersonate difficult patients in a range of simulations. And: Veterans Affairs hospitals are one of the largest medical providers in the nation. Some veterans are finding psychic and medical relief with classes on African dance and drumming.

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11/24/2025, 11/26/2025 - ENMU Weekly Events Calendar – 8:15 a.m., 4:14 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar with hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and Dr. Johnston. Due to Thanksgiving, all three campuses will be closed from Wednesday through Friday, encouraging family time and safe travels. A men's basketball game in Colorado takes place for those interested. Registration for an NMU soccer camp for high school and college transfer students will begin on January 30-31, with a cutoff date of January 27. Additionally, a free winter steel band concert is scheduled for 7 PM today in Buchanan Hall. Happy Thanksgiving wishes are extended to all. Tune in every Monday and Wednesday morning for updates.

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Elisabeth Kübler-Ross' concept of the stages of grief gave people real footing in understanding how we react to loss. But Sherman Lee says grief isn't experienced in a linear, neat way. Have you ever been

driving and suddenly found yourself in tears about a loss, real or imagined? Or maybe you were washing the dishes and suddenly spaced out and started having painful feelings as you anticipate or remember a loss? He calls these sudden, intense experiences "grief attacks," and says they can happen at any time.

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10/22/2025, 10/24/2025 - Dumb ideas that changed the world – 12:45 p.m., 8:25 a.m.– 2:30 minutes 55

Alchemy, once regarded as a misguided pursuit to turn lead into gold, is being reevaluated by historians and scientists. Practiced during the Middle Ages, alchemists sought immortality and the elusive Philosopher's Stone, but they ultimately relied on flawed reasoning. Despite this, alchemy led to important discoveries, including new alloys, acids, and medicines. Philosopher Giuseppe Gimigliano argues that alchemy was a coherent approach to understanding and manipulating the material world, laying the groundwork for modern chemistry, which has provided clean water and essential medicines. Thus, alchemy, while flawed, had a significant impact on the development of science.

11/19/2025, 11/21/2025 - Dumb ideas that changed the world – 12:45 p.m., 8:25 a.m.– 2:30 minutes 59

In "Dumb Ideas That Change the World," the host discusses the revolutionary impact of Harold Ridley's intraocular lens (IOL) on cataract surgery. Despite initial resistance from the medical community, with Ridley labeled reckless and his lens deemed unnatural, his work ultimately transformed treatment standards. By the 1970s, IOLs became customary, greatly improving patients' vision. Ridley's groundbreaking contributions were recognized late in his life, culminating in his election to the Royal Society and being knighted at age 93, with recent celebrations marking the 75th anniversary of his invention. Jeff Gentry narrates this historical progression.

10/6/2025 - Report from Santa Fe – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

In a discussion on "Report from Santa Fe," Lilia Montoya, President and CEO of Christus St. Vincent Hospital, outlines the hospital's expansion and mission. Christus New Mexico, part of a broader network of facilities across several states and countries, now includes a 200-bed hospital and 34 clinics in Santa Fe, along with another hospital and 18 clinics in Alamogordo. Montoya emphasizes the

mission of "Exceptional care. Exceptional medicine. Extraordinary care. Every person, every day," which guides the hospital's commitment to quality and community service. Under her leadership, the hospital has achieved a five-star rating from Medicare and Medicaid, ranking it among the top 10% of hospitals in the U.S. Montoya, the first female CEO since the hospital's founding, reflects on her diverse background in public and private sectors, which she integrates into enhancing hospital operations and workforce engagement. Her experience includes advocating for community initiatives, aiming to create supportive healthcare environments for all patients and associates.

11/17/2025 - Report from Santa Fe – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

Dr. Wendy Johnson, a family physician and addiction specialist, discusses her book "Kinship Medicine," which advocates for cultivating interdependence to heal both the Earth and ourselves. She highlights her extensive background, including her previous role as medical director at La Familia Medical Center and her involvement with Access Health and Healthy Climate New Mexico, where she promotes healthcare access and climate awareness. Johnson reflects on her experiences in Mozambique and Chile, where she learned about mutual aid and solidarity during challenging political climates. She emphasizes the importance of recognizing the interconnectedness of communities, stressing that true health involves more than just medical treatment, citing research that shows only 20% of health is determined by biology, while 80% is influenced by social factors. She calls for breaking down social divides to build stronger community bonds.

12/16/2025, 12/18/2025, 12/22/2025, 12/24/2025 - All About Ag – 8:20 a.m. 2:59 minutes

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10/21/2025, 10/23/2025, 10/27/2025, 10/29/2025 - All About Ag – 8:20 a.m.3:19 minutes

Farmers and ranchers face significant challenges from pests, diseases, and weeds that threaten their crop production. According to estimates, pests can cause a 20% to 40% loss in crop yield annually. To manage these issues, farmers use integrated pest management (IPM), a science-based approach that allows them to select appropriate pest control methods. This includes prevention strategies like soil cultivation and the use of herbicides to control weeds, which compete for resources needed by crops. As crops grow, farmers must monitor weed levels and may resort to manual removal or specialized tools while being cautious with chemical applications to avoid damaging crops. Advances in agricultural technology are enhancing IPM practices, ensuring the production of healthy crops and a reliable food supply.

10/25/2026 - You Should Know – 10:30 a.m. – 29 minutes

Dr. Stephanie Walker, an Extension Vegetable Specialist at New Mexico State University, discusses her background in horticulture and agronomy, her passion for chili peppers, and her journey into academia after working in industry. Born in Pennsylvania, she moved to New Mexico during middle school, where she developed her interest in chili crops. Walker elaborates on her academic achievements, including a master's focused on disease resistance in chili and a PhD on chili mechanization, noting the importance of efficient harvesting. She highlights the historical significance of chili in New Mexico, referencing Fabian Garcia's pioneering work at the university and the

development of various chili varieties, which are identified with the N-U-M-E-X designation. This legacy has fostered a strong agricultural foundation for chili production and processing in the region.

12/14/2025 - Radiolab – 10:00 a.m. – 57 minutes

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D: Governmental -- KENW-FM, FCC Issues, Q4 – 2023

11/22/2026 - You Should Know – 10:30 a.m. – 29 minutes

Devlin Libetter hosts Chris Recruit, a retired Air Force member and current professor at Eastern New Mexico University, on "You Should Know." They discuss artificial intelligence (AI), reflecting on its evolution and presence in daily life, from smartphones to navigation systems. Recruit emphasizes that AI has been in development since its mention in academic circles in 1956, evolving from simple programs to more sophisticated machine learning. He compares this growth to the rise of the internet and expresses concerns about privacy and the implications of AI, stating it should enhance humanity rather than replace essential human skills. Ultimately, they acknowledge that AI is here to stay, urging a balanced approach to its integration into society.

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Yurok fisherman and tribal leader Sammy Gensaw and environmental scientist-turned-activist Craig Tucker share the epic story of how Indigenous leadership and non-Indian allyship made the impossible inevitable: the biggest-ever dam removal and salmon restoration in history. It represented a literal watershed moment; unprecedented co-equal decision-making between the tribes and their historical nemesis - the US government.

11/10/2025 - Report from Santa Fe – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

In a conversation on Report from Santa Fe, Lorraine Mills interviews Jill Dixon, the Executive Director of the Food Depot, about the critical state of food insecurity in New Mexico. Dixon highlights that while there were positive policy advances towards food security, recent national policy changes, including a pause in SNAP benefits, have created a wave of uncertainty for those struggling to meet basic needs. Dixon emphasizes the importance of community support and the role of churches and food banks in addressing hunger, noting that faith-based organizations constitute over half of the Food Depot's partners. She stresses the unsustainable expectation for these institutions to replace the significant benefits provided by SNAP, which, for every meal distributed by food banks, allows for nine meals through the program. Dixon also acknowledges New Mexico's long-standing challenges, including limited agricultural output due to water scarcity and rising living costs, while praising the strong community support in place to mitigate these issues.

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In this conversation, Lorraine Mills interviews Jill Dixon, Executive Director of the Food Depot, highlighting the urgent issue of food insecurity in New Mexico. Dixon emphasizes the impact of policy changes and a pause in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits, which are exacerbating the crisis. She stresses the necessity for community support and the role of various organizations, including faith-based entities, in addressing hunger. Despite significant challenges, including limited agricultural capacity due to water shortages, Dixon underscores the importance of a collective approach to ensure no one goes hungry, advocating for resilience and kindness among community members to support those in need.

12/6/2025 - Bioneers - Revolution From the Heart of Nature- 10:00 a.m. 29 minutes

In this time of radical upheaval and change, fulfilling the promise of a "more perfect union" in the United States means building a multi-racial democracy through transformative solidarity. As the Founder-in-Residence at Policy Link, Professor Angela Glover Blackwell has spent decades advancing

racial and economic equity at the national and local levels. She says the fate of the wealthiest nation on Earth depends on what happens to the very people who've been left behind.

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E: Gender / Race -- KENW-FM, FCC Issues, Q4 - 2025

12/4/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

New-to-this-country students are constantly being asked to adapt. And often, their well-being is measured almost entirely by their ability to speak English. Alfonzo Perez Acosta is an arts educator. In his classroom, he gives students the tools to let their art do the talking. And: Everybody has a story. Not everyone has a place to tell it. Chioke I'Anson has found a community audio recording space where he hopes to solve the problem of the untold story.

12/11/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

A new anthology of poems, including one that reflects on the weight of a whale, gathers voices from science, the arts, and Indigenous communities to create a portrait of nature in America. Plus: A young

poet laureate is torn between her Cambodian family's expectations of her and her desire to be a free and independent woman.

11/27/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

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11/6/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

The incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII is getting more attention. But most of it focuses on the West Coast. Emma Ito studies the racism and incarceration that East Coast Japanese Americans faced during the war. And: Japanese Americans weren't the only immigrants persecuted during WWII—many German and Italian immigrants were also sent to incarceration camps. John Schmitz says his own family were German Americans who lived for three years in the Crystal City camp.

10/16/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

The red colobus monkey is one of the most endangered primates in the world. Found in West, East, and Central Africa, the once thriving species has been decimated by over-hunting. Josh Linder has devoted his career to studying and conserving these peaceful primates. Plus: An expedition that was the first to ever tag endangered great white sharks in the Mediterranean.

10/9/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

For little girls, princess culture is everywhere. And it's been that way for hundreds and hundreds of years. Also: Through collages and poems we explore Black girlhood and the beautiful resistance Black girls and women engage in every day.

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10/20/2025 - Report from Santa Fe – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

In an interview on Report from Santa Fe, Shelley Lowe, the new president of the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA), shares her journey from growing up in Ganado, Arizona, on the Navajo reservation to her academic pursuits. Raised in an educational family, she faced limited guidance about college when she graduated high school early. Despite earning a full-ride Flynn Scholarship to the University of Arizona, she encountered challenges adjusting to a new environment and faced stereotypes about Native Americans in academia. Lowe struggled during her first year, especially in calculus, illustrating her difficult transition and the necessity of support structures for Indigenous students in higher education.

11/3/2025, 11/5/2025 - ENMU Weekly Events Calendar – 8:15 a.m., 13:05 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar. Hosts Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston discuss the arrival of fall and the new Green and Silver magazine, featuring the "One Roo" annual giving campaign launching on November 20th. They encourage alumni and supporters to connect with the university. Upcoming sporting events include women's volleyball at home, soccer on the road, and men's basketball beginning November 14th. The music department features various recitals, including the Fall Saxophone Studio Recital on November 5th and the Double Reads recital on an upcoming Sunday. A sold-out Pops concert is scheduled for November 8th, a major fundraiser for the Department of Music, featuring Swanee singers. Additionally, a traditional regalia runway presentation will take place on November 6th as part of Native American Heritage Month, with a public welcome at the campus union building at 6 p.m. The hosts round off by mentioning a blood drive as part of their community engagement efforts.

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10/18/2025 - Bioneers - Revolution From the Heart of Nature- 10:00 a.m. 29 minutes

National Poet Laureate and musician Joy Harjo shares her artistic journey as a Native American woman into what she calls the “story field.” She says that in these times of radical disruption, chaos and disturbance, great creativity also pours forth... and we all play a part in which way the story will go.

10/25/2025 - Bioneers - Revolution From the Heart of Nature- 10:00 a.m. 29 minutes

In this program, we drop in on a remarkable conversation between two world-renowned Native American women artists. National Poet Laureate and musician Joy Harjo riffs with distinguished fine art photographer Cara Romero. They discuss how life is art, and how they make their art to reflect the lived truths of their cultures and people.

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10/13/2025, 10/15/2025 - ENMU Weekly Events Calendar – 8:15 a.m., 9:57 minutes

Welcome to ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar. This week features various activities, including a concert by Mark Chestnut, with a \$10 discount on adult tickets using the promo code GRAYHOUNDS. The event coincides with the Portales Peanut Festival, which offers free admission, art booths, and food. Local sports events include volleyball and women's soccer games. Homecoming festivities are scheduled from October 20th to 25th, with various events throughout the week, including a bonfire and dance. Notable cultural activities include a big band dance on October 16th and a Chocolate Sunday event supporting art programs. The Reynolds Gallery is also showcasing work from ENMU faculty across various disciplines.

11/20/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

Philip Lorish says despite the cultural moment that audio books are having and that impenetrable, digital mass distribution behemoth who shall not be named – bookstores matter. So he's just opened a bookstore--Commerce Street Book--in Charlottesville, Virginia. And: As a child, Lamar Giles was allowed to read anything he wanted, so he read everything from DC comics to Stephen King novels. There was nothing called "young adult" literature when he was coming up. Now he writes it and wants kids today have the same freedom to read he had.

10/28/2025 - Best of our Knowledge – 3:00 p.m. – 30 minutes

The Best of Our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. Ever thought about wanting to change the shape of your head, well peoples in Latin America did thousands of years ago. This practice is called head binding and was done on newborns, when their heads are pliable, to have the desired form of being flat, round, or cone shaped. We learn all about head binding and the cultural significance of it all.

12/8/2025, 12/10/2025 - ENMU Weekly Events Calendar – 8:15 a.m., 8:12 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar hosted by Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston. This week marks the finals period for students across all campuses, with graduation celebrations also approaching. Events include a midnight breakfast organized by Student Life to support students during finals. Both men's and women's basketball teams will compete against UT Dallas. Additionally, an elite camp registration for women's soccer is open until January 27th. The sashing ceremony for Multicultural Affairs is scheduled for Thursday, and the graduation ceremony is on December 13th, with 481 students expected to walk, including 135 master's graduates. All campuses will close from December 24th to January 4th, with the spring semester starting on January 12th. Registration for classes is currently open, and the emphasis on the One Eastern initiative highlights the interconnectedness of the three campuses. Online and hybrid learning options are also available to accommodate students' schedules.

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On this week's 51%, we recognize the 25th anniversary of the Food & Drug Administration's approval of mifepristone, which, in conjunction with misoprostol, is now used for the majority of abortions in

the U.S. WAMC's Samantha Simmons speaks with abortion-rights advocate and vlogger Marissa Rudd about her experience using mifepristone, and why she personally chose to have an abortion. We also chat with Kimberly Mutcherson, a professor at Rutgers Law School, about the challenges mifepristone faces in court and in the Trump Administration.

10/15/2025 - Fifty-One Percent – 3:00 p.m. – 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we speak with artist Barbara Benish about how she started the ArtMill Center for Regenerative Arts in the Czech Republic, and how artists continued to work under the totalitarian regime of former Czechoslovakia. Benish came to the Czech Republic from Los Angeles in 1989, just as a revolution overturned the country's long-running Communist regime. Initially hoping to explore her roots, Benish saw how the arts survived decades of censorship through community, how creativity continued to influence and change society, and how the arts flourished after the revolution. Benish tells the story of this time and the creation of her community in her new book ArtMill: A Story of Sustainable Creativity in Bohemia.

10/22/2025 - Fifty-One Percent – 3:00 p.m. – 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we speak with Dickinson College Professor Amy Farrell about her new book Intrepid Girls: The Complicated History of the Girls Scouts of the USA. A former Girl Scout herself, Farrell explores how the organization has both empowered girls and reinforced discrimination throughout its more than 100-year history. Intrepid Girls tells the nuanced story of how the Girl Scouts shaped the lives of more than 50 million girls while also segregating scouts of color, operating in Japanese incarceration centers, and avoiding the word "feminist."

10/29/2025 - Fifty-One Percent – 3:00 p.m. – 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month and speak with author Helen Winslow Black about her new book Seven Blackbirds, following main character Kim as she escapes an abusive marriage and builds a new life for herself and her child. We also speak with a Binghamton University student calling for better access to birth control on campus, and stop by the University of Vermont, where Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor recently spoke about her life's work and the various challenges at the country's highest court.

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On this week's 51%, we recognize Veterans Day and speak with Edie Meeks, a veteran of the Army Nurses Corp who was one of roughly 10,000 nurses to serve in the Vietnam War. From 1968 to 1969, Meeks worked in the Intensive Care Units of the 3rd Field Hospital in Saigon and the 71st Evan Hospital in Pleiku. Now 81, Meeks shares memories of her service — and her struggle to adjust after coming home — in an upcoming episode of the PBS series *After Action*.

11/19/2025 - Fifty-One Percent – 3:00 p.m. – 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we hear from pipa virtuoso Wu Man about her work with the famous Silkroad ensemble, and the group's latest tour of "American Railroad," recognizing the immigrant communities that built the U.S. Transcontinental Railroad. We also hear a performance from Catskill, New York singer-songwriter Kendra McKinley, and chat about why she loves to write "music for smoking weed with your bra off."

11/26/2025 - Fifty-One Percent – 3:00 p.m. – 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we speak with Allison Daminger, professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin, about her research into "cognitive" household labor, and how couples divvy up the planning, scheduling, and decision-making that goes into raising children and keeping a home. Daminger found that women were more likely to carry the brunt of cognitive labor in heterosexual relationships — even among egalitarian couples, and even if their partners worked as literal project managers at the office. Daminger explores why this is and compiles her research in her new book, *What's on Her Mind: The Mental Workload of Family Life*.

12/3/2025 - Fifty-One Percent – 3:00 p.m. – 30 minutes

The Food & Drug Administration recently decided to remove "black box" warnings from the packaging of hormonal therapies used to treat symptoms of menopause. On this week's 51%, we speak with internist Dr. Heather Hirsch, founder of the Menopause Clinic at Brigham and Women's Hospital in

Massachusetts, about the change. We also dive into Dr. Hirsch's new book, *The Perimenopause Survival Guide*, and discuss how to recognize what she calls the "evil little sister" of menopause and start treatment early.

12/10/2025 - Fifty-One Percent – 3:00 p.m. – 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we speak with Keene State College Professor Dr. Lisa DiGiovanni about "militarized masculinity," and the connection between authoritarianism, state violence, and misogyny. In her new book, *Militarized Masculinity in Spain and Chile*, DiGiovanni outlines how hyper-masculinity and the idolization of the military contributed to the rise of Spanish Dictator Francisco Franco in the 1930s and Chilean Dictator Augusto Pinochet in the 1970s. In both cases, DiGiovanni says backlash to social progress for women and minorities helped catapult these men to power. She also examines how the arts were used to resist or expose these regimes in their later years, and lays out the warning signs that other countries, including the U.S., should watch for.

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12/24/2025 - Fifty-One Percent – 3:00 p.m. – 30 minutes

On this week's 51%, we speak with Emory University Professor Miriam Udel about how a 20th Century movement of Yiddish literature strived to help Jewish children make sense of a tumultuous world and shape the future of Jewish culture. Udel's latest book on the subject — including how some Yiddish stories helped to promote equality for young girls — is *Modern Jewish Worldmaking Through Yiddish Children's Literature*. We also speak with therapist Laurel van der Toorn about how to address "holiday burnout."

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F: Environment -- KENW-FM, FCC Issues, Q4 - 2025

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Gumbo, BBQ, and biscuits—what makes Southern food Southern? It was the fusion of cultures—African food brought by enslaved people, British and French food brought by early European colonists—that created a mouthwatering Southern cuisine. And: For indigenous communities in the Canadian Arctic and Sri Lanka, hunting and gathering is still a main source of food, but climate change is affecting their food sources.

10/16/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

The red colobus monkey is one of the most endangered primates in the world. Found in West, East, and Central Africa, the once thriving species has been decimated by over-hunting. Josh Linder has devoted his career to studying and conserving these peaceful primates. Plus: An expedition that was the first to ever tag endangered great white sharks in the Mediterranean.

10/23/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

From sycamore trees, whose syrup tastes like butterscotch, to Appalachian wasabi — a spicy root they use in their spice blends—an Appalachian landowner is harvesting naturally growing plants and teaching a new generation sustainable harvesting practices. Also: Students in an invasive species class get to eat what they study. They cook up creative dishes that include blue catfish, wild boar, chickweeds, bamboo, kudzu, autumn olive, and wineberries.

10/30/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

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12/10/2025, 12/12/2025 - Dumb ideas that changed the world – 12:45 p.m., 8:25 a.m.– 2:30 minutes
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Nauru, once the richest country per capita in the 1980s, is now an environmental disaster and impoverished nation. Its economy relied on phosphate mining from bird guano, which led to wealth but resulted in ecological devastation by the 1990s. Despite initial financial success, poor investments—including a failed musical—led to the depletion of savings. Today, 80% of the island's surface is barren, with the population facing undernutrition amid high obesity and diabetes rates. To cope, Nauru houses migrant detainees from Australia and uses the revenue to import topsoil for potential agriculture, serving as a cautionary tale of mismanagement and neglect.

10/6/2025 - Report from Santa Fe – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

In a discussion on "Report from Santa Fe," Lilia Montoya, President and CEO of Christus St. Vincent Hospital, outlines the hospital's expansion and mission. Christus New Mexico, part of a broader network of facilities across several states and countries, now includes a 200-bed hospital and 34 clinics in Santa Fe, along with another hospital and 18 clinics in Alamogordo. Montoya emphasizes the mission of "Exceptional care. Exceptional medicine. Extraordinary care. Every person, every day," which guides the hospital's commitment to quality and community service. Under her leadership, the hospital has achieved a five-star rating from Medicare and Medicaid, ranking it among the top 10% of hospitals in the U.S. Montoya, the first female CEO since the hospital's founding, reflects on her diverse background in public and private sectors, which she integrates into enhancing hospital operations and workforce engagement. Her experience includes advocating for community initiatives, aiming to create supportive healthcare environments for all patients and associates.

10/13/2025 - Report from Santa Fe – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

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10/20/2025 - Report from Santa Fe – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

In an interview on Report from Santa Fe, Shelley Lowe, the new president of the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA), shares her journey from growing up in Ganado, Arizona, on the Navajo reservation to her academic pursuits. Raised in an educational family, she faced limited guidance about college when she graduated high school early. Despite earning a full-ride Flynn Scholarship to the University of Arizona, she encountered challenges adjusting to a new environment and faced stereotypes about Native Americans in academia. Lowe struggled during her first year, especially in calculus, illustrating her difficult transition and the necessity of support structures for Indigenous students in higher education.

12/8/2025 - Report from Santa Fe – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

David Suzuki joins Lorene Mills on "Report from Santa Fe," discussing his new book "Letters for My Grandchildren." He reflects on his experiences as a grandfather and the lessons learned throughout his life as he confronts his mortality at 82. Suzuki emphasizes the responsibility of elders to share life lessons with younger generations, including the transient nature of fame. He critiques humanity's impact on the planet, arguing that we are a powerful but unsustainable force in environmental change. An anecdote shared highlights his dialogue with a tar sands CEO, advocating for a human-centered approach to discussing energy and environmental issues.

12/29/2025 - Report from Santa Fe – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

Dr. Jane Goodall, a prominent scientist and humanitarian, discusses her Roots and Shoots program during an interview celebrating its 25th anniversary. Since its inception in 1991 with just 12 students in Tanzania, Roots and Shoots now involves over 100,000 active groups across 140 countries. The program empowers youth to pursue projects aimed at helping people, animals, and the environment, fostering a sense of agency and responsibility. Goodall emphasizes the positive impact of the youth involved, highlighting their commitment to environmental stewardship and community engagement. She also expresses hope for the future, citing the resilience of nature, the potential of technology, and the compassion found within human and animal communities as key reasons for optimism in addressing global challenges.

10/2/2025, 10/6/2025, 10/8/2025 - All About Ag – 8:20 a.m. 2:56 minutes

Livestock, primarily herbivores, produce nutrient-rich manure as a byproduct of their digestion, which is a significant concern for dairy farmers. In New Mexico, with 271,000 dairy cows producing around 24,587 pounds of milk annually per cow, each cow also generates approximately 18 pounds of manure daily. This manure is frequently applied as fertilizer to crop fields, as it is rich in essential nutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. However, to ensure optimal use, manure and soil tests are necessary. Advancements in technology have introduced various processing methods, including composting and anaerobic digestion, which enhance nutrient retention and environmental sustainability. Overall, manure is a critical resource in promoting sustainable agriculture.

11/11/2025, 11/13/2025, 11/17/2025, 11/19/2025 - All About Ag – 8:20 a.m. 2:53 minutes

Alaska, the largest U.S. state, presents unique agricultural challenges due to its short growing season and permafrost. Despite covering 665,000 square miles, only about 1,200 farms operate on nearly 870,000 acres. Greenhouses thrive, allowing for the cultivation of vegetables, flowers, and particularly large produce like cabbages, aided by nearly continuous summer daylight. Key agricultural areas include the Matanuska-Susitna and Tanana Valleys, with Delta Junction noted for barley production. Livestock farming includes approximately 20,000 cattle, along with smaller herds of reindeer and other animals. Although fishing isn't classified as agriculture, aquaculture is significant in Alaska, especially for shellfish and the state's renowned salmon fishery. Overall, while agriculture generates modest cash receipts of about \$47 million annually, it plays a critical role in supporting food security.

and community resilience in remote areas. Alaska exemplifies how agriculture can adapt and thrive in challenging environments.

11/18/2025, 11/20/2025, 11/24/2025, 11/26/2025 - All About Ag – 8:20 a.m. 3:32 minutes

Since the onset of agriculture, tillage has been essential for soil preparation and weed control. It entails manipulating the soil using various tools and encompasses three main systems: conventional tillage, no-tillage, and conservation tillage. Conventional tillage, once standard, has drawbacks such as erosion risk and reduced rainwater absorption, contributing to the Dust Bowl in the 1930s. No-tillage leaves the soil undisturbed, requiring specialized equipment but protecting it from environmental factors. Conservation tillage combines both methods, preserving crop residue and minimizing soil disturbance. This approach addresses issues like soil compaction and nutrient decomposition, promotes healthy soil, and alleviates herbicide resistance in weeds. Farmers leverage tillage not only for production but also for land conservation, supported by organizations such as New Mexico Ag in the Classroom.

11/25/2025, 11/27/2025, 12/1/2025, 12/3/2025- All About Ag – 8:20 a.m. 2:28 minutes

October is Firewood Month in New Mexico, emphasizing smart firewood usage to maintain healthy forests which provide essential ecosystem services for agriculture. However, forests face threats from pests, with an estimated 406,000 acres affected in 2024. Firewood can facilitate the spread of these pests, prompting the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to recommend buying firewood locally, avoiding long-distance transportation, and burning it soon after purchase. These practices help protect forests, ensuring a healthier environment for recreational activities. The segment is supported by New Mexico Ag in the Classroom and partners like American Ag Credit and soil and water conservation districts.

11/29/2026 - You Should Know – 10:30 a.m. – 29 minutes

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12/20/2026 - You Should Know – 10:30 a.m. – 29 minutes

"You Should Know," hosted by Evelyn Ledbetter, who interviews Dustin Seifert, the Chair of the Department of Music at Eastern New Mexico University. They discuss the excitement surrounding the holiday concert, which will showcase approximately 120 student performers. Seifert shares his background, highlighting his move from the Midwest due to harsh winter conditions to New Mexico's milder climate. He reflects on his educational journey, noting his experiences at the University of Akron and the University of Illinois, emphasizing the familial environment in music education. The

segment also includes a musical performance of "Jingle Bell Rock," showcasing the students' talent and dedication.

10/11/2025 - Bioneers - Revolution From the Heart of Nature- 10:00 a.m. 29 minutes

Yurok fisherman and tribal leader Sammy Gensaw and environmental scientist-turned-activist Craig Tucker share the epic story of how Indigenous leadership and non-Indian allyship made the impossible inevitable: the biggest-ever dam removal and salmon restoration in history. It represented a literal watershed moment; unprecedented co-equal decision-making between the tribes and their historical nemesis - the US government.

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What would it feel like to live in a world where our built environment was as elegant as nature's designs? What if our living and working spaces nurtured our human communities and quality of life? Architect and designer Jason F. McLennan takes the revolution from the heart of nature and the human heart into our built environment. He is shifting the fateful civilizational inflection point we face - from degradation to regeneration - from fear to love.

10/4/2025 - Bioneers - Revolution From the Heart of Nature- 10:00 a.m. 29 minutes

Imagine an underground web of mind-boggling complexity, a bustling cosmopolis beneath your feet. Quadrillions of miles of tiny threads in the soil - pulsing with real-time messages, trading vital nutrients, forming life-giving symbiotic partnerships. This is the mysterious realm of fungi. In this episode, we visit the intricate wonder of the mycorrhizal fungal networks that make Life on Earth possible, with biologists Toby Kiers and Merlin Sheldrake.

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National Poet Laureate and musician Joy Harjo shares her artistic journey as a Native American woman into what she calls the "story field." She says that in these times of radical disruption, chaos and disturbance, great creativity also pours forth... and we all play a part in which way the story will go.

10/25/2025 - Bioneers - Revolution From the Heart of Nature- 10:00 a.m. 29 minutes

In this program, we drop in on a remarkable conversation between two world-renowned Native American women artists. National Poet Laureate and musician Joy Harjo riffs with distinguished fine art photographer Cara Romero. They discuss how life is art, and how they make their art to reflect the lived truths of their cultures and people.

11/1/2025 - Bioneers - Revolution From the Heart of Nature- 10:00 a.m. 29 minutes

These days, scientists are starting to talk like shamans and shamans like scientists. So says anthropologist and author Jeremy Narby. And, he says, we need to talk about talking – because words matter. In this episode, Bioneers Senior Producer J.P. Harpignies speaks with Narby about how the very language and words we use reveal the topography and limits of our worldview, including Western culture's adamant centuries-long but now increasingly discredited assumption that intelligence is restricted only to human beings.

11/8/2025 - Bioneers - Revolution From the Heart of Nature- 10:00 a.m. 29 minutes

Visionary urban planners and community organizers recognize that effectively addressing the climate crisis requires drawing down carbon out of the atmosphere and sequestering it back where it belongs in natural systems. Urban forestry is a nature-based solution that simultaneously addresses the parallel crises of climate change and wealth inequality. With Brett KenCairn, Boulder city Senior Advisor and Samira Malone, Urban Forestry Program Manager at the Urban Sustainability Directors Network.

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Plants make up over 80% of life on earth. No animal would exist without plants' ultimate magic trick, turning sunlight into food. And that's just for starters. Today, scientists are unearthing a wildly brilliant world of vegetal genius. But how can we truly understand beings so radically different from ourselves? In this episode, we consider the emerging science of plants from the vantage points of philosophy and ethics, with Harvard scholar Rachael Petersen.

11/29/2025 - Bioneers - Revolution From the Heart of Nature- 10:00 a.m. 29 minutes

We trek into the ancient old-growth forest where the trees reveal an ecological parable: A forest is a mightily interwoven community of diverse life that runs on symbiosis. Our guests are Doctors Suzanne Simard and Teresa Ryan, two Canadian ecologists whose work has helped reveal an elaborate tapestry of kinship, cooperation and mutual aid that extends beyond the forest boundaries.

12/6/2025 - Bioneers - Revolution From the Heart of Nature- 10:00 a.m. 29 minutes

In this time of radical upheaval and change, fulfilling the promise of a “more perfect union” in the United States means building a multi-racial democracy through transformative solidarity. As the Founder-in-Residence at Policy Link, Professor Angela Glover Blackwell has spent decades advancing racial and economic equity at the national and local levels. She says the fate of the wealthiest nation on Earth depends on what happens to the very people who've been left behind.

12/13/2025 - Bioneers - Revolution From the Heart of Nature- 10:00 a.m. 29 minutes

Visionary agri-preneur Reginaldo Haslett-Marroquin unearths a surprising natural-world template for building a global movement that puts the chicken at the regenerative heart of bioregional food systems. These Poultry-Centered Regenerative Agroforestry farms can both renew the land and ultimately support the hundreds of millions of small farmers who produce 70% of the world's food.

12/20/2025 - Bioneers - Revolution From the Heart of Nature- 10:00 a.m. 29 minutes

Today, there's a renaissance of independent journalism dedicated to holding power accountable. Political pressures are mounting to break up media monopolies and provide access to more voices. Independent and investigative media outlets are proliferating, often as nonprofits funded from the bottom up. In this program, we hear from two veteran journalists who lead two of the most courageous and successful independent media outlets in the United States: Monika Bauerlein, the CEO of Mother Jones magazine, and Amy Goodman, host and executive producer of Democracy Now!

12/27/2025 - Bioneers - Revolution From the Heart of Nature- 10:00 a.m. 29 minutes

Dr. Rae Wynn Grant shares her personal odyssey as a wildlife ecologist, conservation biologist and co-host of the famed TV nature show “Wild Kingdom.” As a scientist dedicated to protecting and conserving the diversity of the web of life, she reminds us that, as human beings, we are part of nature. It's all connected, and it's high time to bring about peaceful coexistence, not only with nature, but with one another.

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11/13/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

Into the Sun is a new musical featuring the poems of British war poets and soldiers who were killed in World War I. The title is from Wilfred Owen's 1918 poem Futility, where soldiers try to awaken their fallen comrade with the warmth of the sun. Move him into the sun. Gently its touch awoke him once, At home, whispering of fields unsown. Always it woke him, even in France, Until this morning and this snow.

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11/10/2025 - Report from Santa Fe – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

In a conversation on Report from Santa Fe, Lorraine Mills interviews Jill Dixon, the Executive Director of the Food Depot, about the critical state of food insecurity in New Mexico. Dixon highlights that while there were positive policy advances towards food security, recent national policy changes, including a pause in SNAP benefits, have created a wave of uncertainty for those struggling to meet basic needs. Dixon emphasizes the importance of community support and the role of churches and food banks in addressing hunger, noting that faith-based organizations constitute over half of the Food Depot's partners. She stresses the unsustainable expectation for these institutions to replace the significant benefits provided by SNAP, which, for every meal distributed by food banks, allows for nine meals through the program. Dixon also acknowledges New Mexico's long-standing challenges, including limited agricultural output due to water scarcity and rising living costs, while praising the strong community support in place to mitigate these issues.

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10/28/2025 - Best of our Knowledge – 3:00 p.m. – 30 minutes

The Best of Our Knowledge explores topics on learning, education, and research. Ever thought about wanting to change the shape of your head, well peoples in Latin America did thousands of years ago. This practice is called head binding and was done on newborns, when their heads are pliable, to have

the desired form of being flat, round, or cone shaped. We learn all about head binding and the cultural significance of it all.

11/20/2025 - With Good Reason – 3:00 p.m. – 29 minutes

Philip Lorish says despite the cultural moment that audio books are having and that impenetrable, digital mass distribution behemoth who shall not be named – bookstores matter. So he's just opened a bookstore--Commerce Street Book--in Charlottesville, Virginia. And: As a child, Lamar Giles was allowed to read anything he wanted, so he read everything from DC comics to Stephen King novels. There was nothing called "young adult" literature when he was coming up. Now he writes it and wants kids today have the same freedom to read he had.

10/13/2025, 10/15/2025 - ENMU Weekly Events Calendar – 8:15 a.m., 9:57 minutes

Welcome to ENMU's Weekly Events Calendar. This week features various activities, including a concert by Mark Chestnut, with a \$10 discount on adult tickets using the promo code GRAYHOUNDS. The event coincides with the Portales Peanut Festival, which offers free admission, art booths, and food. Local sports events include volleyball and women's soccer games. Homecoming festivities are scheduled from October 20th to 25th, with various events throughout the week, including a bonfire and dance. Notable cultural activities include a big band dance on October 16th and a Chocolate Sunday event supporting art programs. The Reynolds Gallery is also showcasing work from ENMU faculty across various disciplines.

11/17/2025, 11/19/2025 - ENMU Weekly Events Calendar – 8:15 a.m., 8:55 minutes

Welcome to the ENMU Weekly Events Calendar, hosted by Evelyn Ledbetter and President Johnston. This week's highlights include the new OneRude annual giving campaign, with encouragement for community support. Men's basketball will have a noon game on Tuesday at the Steve Lloyd Family Foundation Arena, alongside various music events including a woodwind and brass chamber recital and a percussion ensemble concert, both at Buchanan Hall. Creative Connections continues on Thursday evenings for stress relief, and Multicultural Affairs will host native dancing. The Roswell campus will feature a career fair on November 19th and a 5K Fun Run Walk Turkey Trot on the 22nd, benefitting local charities. Additionally, a drone remote pilot class will take place from November 18th to 20th. Overall, the calendar offers a variety of engaging events for the community.

10/1/2025, 10/3/2025 - Dumb ideas that changed the world – 12:45 p.m., 8:25 a.m.– 2:30 minutes

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In "Dumb Ideas That Changed the World," the discussion centers on the 1867 purchase of Alaska, initially criticized as a foolish acquisition by Secretary of State William Seward for \$7 million. Detractors labeled it a "frozen wilderness" and questioned its value, yet historian Michael Hill reveals that contrary to popular belief, public support was actually higher than opposition. Senator Charles Sumner's advocacy highlighted potential resources in Alaska, leading to a swift Senate ratification. Over time, Alaska proved to be a significant asset with a staggering return on investment, exemplifying how some seemingly foolish decisions can yield great benefits.

10/8/2025, 10/10/2025 - Dumb ideas that changed the world – 12:45 p.m., 8:25 a.m.– 2:30 minutes
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Claire Patterson, a prominent geologist, confirmed Earth's age at 4.55 billion years and discovered the dangers of lead in gasoline. In the 1930s, the use of tetraethyl lead (TEL) improved fuel efficiency but caused severe health issues, including neurological disabilities in children due to rising blood lead levels. Patterson proved in 1965 that human lead exposure was significantly high, leading to a global phase-out of TEL starting in 1971. Recent studies indicate that lead exposure has drastically decreased, with current American levels at 1.2 micrograms per deciliter, down from 16 micrograms during peak leaded gas use in the 1970s, showcasing the positive impact of Patterson's work on public health.

10/15/2025, 10/17/2025 - Dumb ideas that changed the world – 12:45 p.m., 8:25 a.m.– 2:30 minutes
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In the debate over aviation history, Brazilians claim Alberto Santos Dumont was the first to fly an airplane in 1906, three years after the Wright brothers' 1903 flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Dumont, with a fortune inherited from his father, became a prominent aeronautic engineer in Paris and constructed the 14-bis, which he flew in front of witnesses. However, the Wright brothers consistently demonstrated their aircraft's capabilities, including multiple public flights before 1906. Critics argue the Wrights used a catapult for initial flights, yet they also demonstrated powered takeoffs. Importantly, Dumont designed his aircraft based on the Wright Flyer's specifications and never claimed to be the first to fly. The broader consensus outside of Brazil attributes the invention of the airplane to the Wright brothers, affirming their contributions to aviation despite the claims surrounding Dumont's legacy.

10/22/2025, 10/24/2025 - Dumb ideas that changed the world – 12:45 p.m., 8:25 a.m.– 2:30 minutes
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Alchemy, once regarded as a misguided pursuit to turn lead into gold, is being reevaluated by historians and scientists. Practiced during the Middle Ages, alchemists sought immortality and the elusive Philosopher's Stone, but they ultimately relied on flawed reasoning. Despite this, alchemy led to important discoveries, including new alloys, acids, and medicines. Philosopher Giuseppe Gimigliano argues that alchemy was a coherent approach to understanding and manipulating the material world, laying the groundwork for modern chemistry, which has provided clean water and essential medicines. Thus, alchemy, while flawed, had a significant impact on the development of science.

10/29/2025, 10/31/2025 - Dumb ideas that changed the world – 12:45 p.m., 8:25 a.m.– 2:30 minutes
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Countless analyses have attempted to decipher Adolf Hitler's ascent to power, attributing it to the Great Depression, the Weimar Republic's shortcomings, and the Treaty of Versailles. However, these explanations overlook a critical truth: Nazi Germany's rise was a failure of democracy. Initially leading a fringe party with 3% of votes in the 1920s, Hitler's hate-filled rhetoric gained traction during economic turmoil, enabling the Nazis to ascend as the second party by 1930 and subsequently win the most seats in successive elections. In 1933, despite only securing 45% of the Reichstag, Hitler was appointed chancellor through a political compromise. His swift move to pass the Enabling Act, with an overwhelming majority, allowed him to dismantle democratic governance and establish a dictatorship, with 95% of voters supporting this regime in a national referendum. The disbanding of all other political parties followed, marking the end of legitimate democracy in Germany for nearly 60 years. The infamous consequences included the Gestapo, SS, and widespread atrocities leading to the destruction of Europe. Ultimately, it is crucial to remember that the Nazis were elected.

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11/12/2025, 11/14/2025 - Dumb ideas that changed the world – 12:45 p.m., 8:25 a.m.– 2:30 minutes
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A dose of humility is essential when reflecting on dumb ideas that have significantly impacted the world. The program aims to shed light on human errors and emphasizes the importance of learning from them rather than ridiculing others. Recent topics include leaded gasoline and the controversy surrounding the invention of the airplane. Referencing fascism, historian Thomas Weber warns against complacency in our beliefs, highlighting our potential to embrace harmful ideologies. The show airs Wednesdays and Fridays, featuring discussions on various subjects, including an essay by Weber on Adolf Hitler's antisemitism. The audience is encouraged to engage with the program by emailing their comments. New episodes are forthcoming.

11/19/2025, 11/20/2025 - Dumb ideas that changed the world – 12:45 p.m., 8:25 a.m.– 2:30 minutes
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In "Dumb Ideas That Change the World," the host discusses the revolutionary impact of Harold Ridley's intraocular lens (IOL) on cataract surgery. Despite initial resistance from the medical community, with Ridley labeled reckless and his lens deemed unnatural, his work ultimately transformed treatment standards. By the 1970s, IOLs became customary, greatly improving patients' vision. Ridley's groundbreaking contributions were recognized late in his life, culminating in his election to the Royal Society and being knighted at age 93, with recent celebrations marking the 75th anniversary of his invention. Jeff Gentry narrates this historical progression.

11/26/2025, 11/28/2025 - Dumb ideas that changed the world – 12:45 p.m., 8:25 a.m.– 2:30 minutes
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The host critiques recent changes in American football rules that have shifted the game from running plays to passing, arguing this has diminished the excitement and effectiveness of the sport. Historically, running backs were central to the game, with successful offenses relying on deception. However, the increase in passing has led to a decline in average yards per pass and penalizes offenses more heavily during rushing plays. This trend favors quarterbacks and receivers, while diminishing the role of running backs and defenses, which the host believes detracts from the game's appeal. The host emphasizes the need for a return to a more balanced play style for improvement.

12/3/2025, 12/5/2025 - Dumb ideas that changed the world – 12:45 p.m., 8:25 a.m.– 2:30 minutes
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In "When Dumb Pays the Bills," the host reflects on the life of Evel Knievel, the iconic daredevil from Montana, whose reckless stunts captivated audiences. Abandoned as a baby, Knievel became known for his impulsive nature and dangerous motorcycle jumps, achieving a world record by clearing 14 buses. Despite crashing 16 times and breaking 35 bones, he entertained millions on ABC's Wide World of Sports and even inspired a popular toy line. With a mix of bravado and humor, Knievel's legacy is defined by his daring spirit, as he embraced a life filled with both risk and reward.

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10/15/2025 The number of teaching vacancies in New Mexico has been falling. A report compiled by New Mexico State University found an 18% decrease in teaching vacancies in the state, along with an increase in the number of students admitted to an educator preparation program. The highest need remains in special education with 216 vacancies around the state. In second place are elementary schools with 128 vacancies statewide. As of Monday, there were a total of 604 teaching vacancies in New Mexico, representing a 2% decrease from last year.

Public Safety:

11/14/2025 The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division announced the launch of its Mobile ID Reader Loaner Program. This will allow businesses to enter into an agreement with the MVD to loan out Tap2ID readers for free. These are age verification terminals that use secure cryptography to verify age on Mobile ID. The New Mexico Wine Association was among the first to utilize the readers. The minimum age required on the terminal can be customized via the online Verify with Credence management portal, making Mobile ID even more accessible for other businesses, such as dispensaries or destinations that offer perks for seniors.

09/30/2025 Attorney General Raul Torrez is looking into illegal robocalls throughout the state, and has issued notice to four companies assessed as being responsible for significant volumes of illegal and fraudulent robocall traffic into and across the United States. The coalition of states attorneys general has been investigating the illegal calls and the providers and entities who help route them. That now brings the number of companies receiving notice from the task force up to 65 since November 2023.

Health:

10/06/2025 For New Mexico residents that are interested in becoming a veterinarian, it became a little easier this year, thanks to the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program. The bill that was signed into law this year provides debt relief to individuals that can commit to working in underserved areas for a period of at least four years. According to the Higher Education Department, the program will help to increase the number of veterinarians in designated rural shortage areas while helping vets with repayment for outstanding loans. The deadline for the program is November 1st, and electronic applications must be filed by that date. Those applications can be found online at hed.nm.gov.

12/01/2025 The New Mexico Immunization Coalition recognized seven public health employees around the state for their efforts to increase access to vaccinations. One of those individuals is from the eastern side of the state, as Rickie Eslick, the nurse manager for both Quay and De Baca Public Health Offices was honored for her work traveling to provide vaccinations to people without access to a pharmacy, clinic or provider. The awards ceremony was held on November 21st in Albuquerque.

Governmental

11/12/2025 Monday's special legislative session in Santa Fe took all of four hours to pass the business at-hand in providing full SNAP benefits for the nearly half-million residents that rely on the program for food assistance. House Bill 1, the only considered matter for the session, passed easily in both the State House and Senate. The legislation, as passed, authorizes the New Mexico Health Care Authority's Income Support Division to spend \$162.5 million to fully cover monthly benefits until either federal payments resume, or until the 30-day regular session begins on January 20th.

12/11/2025 Back in May, the Trump administration indefinitely halted federal approvals for the development of wind energy projects, pending federal review. A coalition of 19 attorneys general filed a lawsuit, seeking to overturn the decision. This week, a federal judge in the US District Court of Massachusetts vacated those actions, ruling that they were arbitrary and contrary to law. Attorney General Raul Torrez, one of those AGs involved in the legal action, said that he is pleased that the court reaffirmed the importance of protecting wind and solar energy that New Mexico produces in abundance.

Environmental:

11/17/2025 The New Mexico Environment Department and the New Mexico Department of Health are urging Mora County residents to get their private wells tested after high levels of metals were found in the county's groundwater. A press release from both departments identified the metals- antimony, arsenic and uranium- and that they exceeded the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water limits. The information came from an independent geologic study that focused on Mora County.

12/18/25 An extension is coming for a company that oversees operations at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in eastern Eddy County. According to the Carlsbad Current-Argus, the US Department of

Energy announced last week that the contract in place with Salado Isolation Mining Contractors, or SIMCO, would extend the deal with the contractor through September 30th, 2029. SIMCO had been hired as the primary management of WIPP over three years ago. This would make for six extensions since the original contract, and is valued at \$3 billion.

History:

10/30/2025 Ten projects around the state geared to celebrating cultural identities of local creative districts will be receiving grant funding. According to the Economic Development Department, the Arts & Cultural District Pilot Grants will fund various projects up to \$100,000. Many of these projects use “creative placemaking,” an approach that integrates art and culture into community spaces to boost connection, vitality, and economic opportunity. Those arts and cultural districts receiving awards on this side of the state include: \$100,000 for Artesia, Mora, Raton and Las Vegas, with \$75,000 cleared for Carlsbad. All of these districts have unique ideas for helping their cities grow their local economies, strengthen their neighborhoods, and tell the story of who they are.

Business:

10/02/2025 Rumors abound on social media, sometimes requiring an official response and that is true in Hobbs. According to the Hobbs News-Sun, there have been rumors appearing recently that suggest Sam's Club and Target are coming to the city. Officials with the City of Hobbs responded that there have been no building plans submitted, nor business registration requests. Another official said that no requests for information or any other permits have been filed with the clerk's office. Others with the City pointed out that Target will

likely never come to Hobbs, citing the corporate policy of not locating in communities smaller than 100,000 residents.

11/06/25 The federal shutdown continues and air travel has been directly affected by the impasse. Airports in major cities and hubs across the U.S. will see flights cut starting Friday, according to a list distributed to the airlines and obtained by the Associated Press. While it will not directly involve any airports in New Mexico, that list includes airports that serve Albuquerque with regular flights to and from the Sunport. The Federal Aviation Administration said Wednesday that it will reduce air traffic by 10% across 40 “high-volume” markets to maintain travel safety as air traffic controllers exhibit signs of strain during the ongoing government shutdown.