



## **FCC Issues Programs List**

**4th Quarter Issues List for Station KENW-TV  
October 1st to December 31st, 2021**

### **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.
- G. Historical:** Matters concerning historical data in our region.

### **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, Q4 – 2021**

- Employment Opportunities-10/01/2021 through 12/31/2021: 2 minutes each (at various times daily between main programming elements: of current local job openings on KENW 3-1, 3-2, 3-3)
- Weather on the Hour- 10/01/2021 through 12/31/2021: 1 minute each (at the top of every hour) of graphical update on weather conditions for communities in the viewing are on KENW 3-

1, 3-2, 3-3

- COVID Vaccinations- 10/01/2021 through 12/31/2021: 15 and 30 seconds each (15 times daily) of Information about COVID Vaccinations on KENW 3-1, 3-2, 3-3
- High School Equivalency (Education)- 10/01/2021 through 12/31/2021: 15 and 30 seconds each (aired various times daily) on KENW 3-1, 3-2, 3-3
- 211 Benefits: Healthcare, Food, Mental Health, Contact Info- 10/01/2021-12/31/2021: 15 and 30 seconds each (aired various times daily) on KENW 3-1, 3-2, 3-3
- Living Minute COVID Booster (COVID)- 10/01/2021-12/31/2021: 1 minute each (aired various times daily) on KENW 3-1, 3-2, 3-3
- Living Minute Reducing Heart Attack Risk (Health Matters)- 10/01/2021-12/31/2021: 1 minute each (aired various times daily) on KENW 3-1, 3-2, 3-3
- Living Minute Keeping Kids Safe from COVID in Schools (COVID-19)- 10/01/2021-12/31/2021: 1 minute each (aired various times daily) on KENW 3-1, 3-2, 3-3

**A: COVID-19 -- KENW-TV, FCC Issues, Q4 – 2021**

10/12/2021 and 10/14/2021—You Should Know, 9:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.—30 minutes

Interview Dr. Mary Mason, Founder of Little Medical School. We talked about the fact that, in 1998 Dr. Mason began developing classes designed to catch the interest of children ages 4 to 14 in the practice of medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine. Students who spent time in Little Medical School classes, many of whom are now working in the field of medicine, often tell Dr Mason that the classes helped them understand how important it was to have a strong background in mathematics and the sciences. In the years since Little Medical School started it has become a franchise business and is now located in 13 countries across the world. In this time of a worldwide pandemic, which to some seems endless, there are efforts being made to encourage our youths across the world, to serve mankind by using their intelligence to make this planet a safer place to live.

10/13/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

Coverage was given on an extension of indoor, public setting mask mandates after a rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in the state.

10/15/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

Coverage was done on Los Alamos nuclear laboratory workers being required to get vaccinated, and a collective lawsuit that vaccine dissenting employees put forward in response.

10/16/2021 and 12/11/21 – Report from Santa Fe, 6:00 p.m. – 30 Minutes

Bobbi Heller, the executive director of Felines and Friends New Mexico, and her rescue partner, Murad Kirdar of the Santa Fe New Mexico Animal shelter, discuss what is happening with the excess of animals currently in the rescue shelters and what can be done to help. The abundance of dogs and cats was brought about because of the lack of spay and neuter accessibility during the pandemic, when the surgeries were not deemed as essential. Though that hat did change eventually, but the damage had been done where there were many, many litters and those litters started having litters because they can have two and three a year. So, we are now playing catch up for all of those births from last year. It is unprecedented how many animals are at the shelter right now under the age of two years old. The shelters are at capacity; many have gone to fee-waived adoptions, trying everything to find homes for these animals because there are just so many rights now.

10/18/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 provided coverage on Southwest Airlines backpedaling on their plan to have unvaccinated workers put on unpaid leave- meaning workers whose vaccination exemptions were not processed by December 8 would be allowed to continue working.

10/22/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 provided coverage on reported “brain fog” in those who recover from COVID-19—which can last for months, and an amendment to ABQ’s public health declaration which orders police and first responders to get vaccinated against COVID.

11/03/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 shared information about results from an Albuquerque Journal poll that showed the majority of the voters supported vaccine mandates.

11/05/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

New Mexico received its first shipment of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine for kids.

11/10/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 shared that the u-s reopened to many vaccinated international travelers which allowed families and friends to reunite for the first time since the pandemic began and offered a boost to the travel industry that was hurt by the pandemic.

11/12/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 shared with the public that the New Mexico health officials had said the state's indoor mask mandate would be extended though the order was originally set to expire that Friday.

11/17/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

The state continued to report more covid-19 cases with that Monday’s report showing over 3,700 new infections between Friday and Monday. The report marked the second straight weekend of rising case counts.

12/03/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 provided information about how Pfizer said its covid-19 vaccine could be “quickly” adapted to target the omicron variant. Also, in this episode the centers for disease control and prevention are changing covid-19 testing requirement for international travelers coming to the U-S.

## **B: Education -- KENW-TV, FCC Issues, Q4 -- 2021**

10/02/2021 and 12/04/21 – Report from Santa Fe, 6:00 p.m. – 30 Minutes

Kathy Flynn is the executive director of the National New Deal Preservation Association. She explained how the WPA Art came about. She is the author of the *New Deal: A 75th Anniversary Celebration and Public Art and Architecture in New Mexico from 1933 to 1943*. Flynn explained to host Lorene Mills that The New Deal came about after the stock market crash when this country was in the great depression era of the 30s. Franklin Roosevelt was elected and took office on March 3 of 1933. The first thing he did was work to create all kinds of jobs. It was then that the WPA was created, the works progress administration. It was a program that put people to work building highways, building roads, building schools, building anything to ensure that people could go back to work, make money, and take care of their families. There were 45 different kinds of projects total, including the WPA Art Project. Many of

those public art works still exist around the country. Flynn explained where the ones in New Mexico that still exist are located.

10/17/2021—Cultura, 11:30 a.m. – 20 minutes, 41 seconds

Cultura interviews New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department Secretary Elizabeth Groginsky and discusses the challenges and goals within this newly created department within the New Mexico government. Also, the show sits down with the Eastern New Mexico University Child Development Center to discuss Eastern New Mexico University childhood education programs.

10/18/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 provided coverage on the local Portales Municipal School district's "Critical Race Theory" school board meeting, in which teachers objected to new social studies standards that examine the material condition and mistreatment of people of color in America's history.

10/22/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 provided coverage on New Mexico's adjustments to school tax levies, renewing property tax code on buildings, computers, and air venting systems in order to keep money within local districts.

10/29/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

This episode of News 3 New Mexico spoke about a bus driver strike in Las Cruces and how they returned to work after an unfruitful contract negotiation with their employer.

11/09/2021 and 11/11/2021—You Should Know, 9:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. – 30 minutes

Interview with Dr. Dustin D. Seifert Chair, Department of Music and Director of Bands at Eastern New Mexico University and Dr. Wayne Anderson Worship Pastor at First Baptist Church Portales, New Mexico. We discussed the importance of music in the field of education. It was pointed out that music has been proven of value to students in every field of the science taught at the university level today. There was also an effort to encourage viewers here at the center of our service area to help with scholarship funding at Eastern New Mexico University by joining the ENMU Friends of Music and attending the Music Department's annual POPS concert.

11/10/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 provided information from a report that showed the state made progress in improving access to computer science education but was struggling in some areas. According to the report...44% of public high schools offered a computer science course during the 20-20 and 20-21 school year, compared to 32% in the school year prior.

This episode also had a News Package from Student Reporter Marilyn Upchurch about the recent school board meeting that discussed topics like fundraising, weight training becoming a sport, weekly Covid testing, and new social studies curriculum.

11/17/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 shared information that New Mexico's public education department was asking the legislature for a \$6.7 million increase in budget. education secretary 'Kurt Stein-house' told a panel of lawmakers that he needs at least 33 more employees. \$3 billion in state funding goes to school districts each year. New Mexico schools also received an additional \$1 billion in pandemic relief this year. Also in this show, New Mexico's supreme court considered whether state legislators should have a say in spending more than 1 billion in federal pandemic aid.

11/21/2021- Cultura, 11:30 a.m. – 28 minutes, 18 seconds

In this episode, Cultura explores three different religious institutions and their spiritual journey in New Mexico. Segment one of Spiritual Journeys in New Mexico features the Upaya Zen Center. The Upaya Zen Center in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a Buddhist monastery that offers daily Zen meditation, weekly dharma talks, and programs on Buddhist teachings, Buddhist art, neuroscience, and social engagement. Segment two of Spiritual Journeys in New Mexico features the Monastery of Christ in the Desert. At the Monastery of Christ in the Desert there lives a community of monks each of whom and as a community seek to be in union with God. Segment three of Spiritual Journeys in New Mexico features Dar al Islam. Dar al Islam is a non-profit organization dedicated to cultivating greater understanding of Islam among Americans to establish our commonalities and build stronger relationships. They are committed, via their Mission, Vision and Approach, to an integrated, appreciative society.

12/18/2021 – Report from Santa Fe, 6:00 p.m. – 30 Minutes

Lawrence Weschler is an extraordinary author. *The Atlantic* magazine said that his entire body of work contains the disquieting strangeness that lurks at the heart of human experience. The article further explains that Weschler's work is not creepy, spooky, or disquieting, but it is like wondrous nature and a rebirth of wonder. In this interview, Weschler states that he didn't think of himself as a creative nonfiction writer; he thinks of it as writerly nonfiction. In other words, he writes as if the reading mattered, and it is meant to be read as if the writing mattered.

#### **C: Health Matters -- KENW-TV, FCC Issues, Q4 – 2021**

10/06/2021 – 5 p.m. – News 3 New Mexico

During our news cast we share information about child maltreatment rates in New Mexico were the sixth highest in the nation in 2019... not below the national average, as stated in a July presentation. On this day we also shared information about hundreds of thousands of covid-19 home tests kits were being recalled over false positives. The Australia company Ellume pulled over 400 thousand home test kits.

10/13/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

As part of our news program, we showed a "Health Minute" package going into focus on sudden infant death syndrome, and what to do to prevent it.

10/15/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

As part of our news program, we showed a "Health Minute" detailing how the U.S reached a new record for amount of drug overdoses within a year during the pandemic.

10/18/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 aired a "Health Minute" package that went into detail on the issue of binge drinking, which kills 95,000 yearly.

10/22/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes News 3 aired a "Health Minute" packaged that detailed the FDA's proposal to allow Americans to directly buy their own hearing aids without going through a doctor.

10/27/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 aired a “Health Minute” package from CNN news source that spoke about how flooding is a leading cause of death in the nation. This news episode also aired information on how Albuquerque homeless rate has risen where many in the city named homelessness as a top issue to the area.

11/17/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

Reports from the show stated public health experts warned nations across the globe to prepare for a flu pandemic. Researchers said the world is not ready to deal with an influenza pandemic like the one in 19-18 where the flu killed 50 million to 100 million people through 19-19. Also, in this show... a report from Mandy Gaither and Health minute said the U-S hit a record number of reported drug overdose deaths in a 12-month period or amidst the pandemic. According to the C-D-C... opioids caused most of those deaths. Some are now choosing opioid alternatives after surgery.

12/01/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 shared information about how the supreme court appeared prepared to uphold a Mississippi law that would ban almost all abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, even in cases of rape or incest. which would be a dramatic break from 50 years of rulings.

Also, in these dates show, an antiviral pill got FDA approval that week, Mandy Gaither had the story in health minute.

#### **D: Governmental -- KENW-TV, FCC Issues, Q4 – 2021**

10/09/2021 – Report from Santa Fe, 6:00 p.m. – 30 Minutes

Dede Feldman served from 1997 to 2012 as a New Mexico State Senator. She was chair of the public affairs committee and the author of several books including *Inside the New Mexico Senate: Boots, Suits, and Citizens*; an inside look at how things work and how things don't work in the New Mexico Senate. It utilizes several different stories of why certain bills fail and why certain bills succeed which she states depends upon advocacy, timing, and leadership. The books examine the death penalty and medical marijuana and the failure of the legislature to tackle gun control.

10/08/2021—News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

Coverage was done on the leasing of federal land for oil and gas production in the Permian Basin region, the reopening of abortion clinics in Texas after a temporary lift of the controversial post-six-week abortion ban, Representative Yvette Herrell touring Fort Bliss after a female U.S Soldier was assaulted by an Afghan refugee, and a New Mexico state monetary assistance program for low-income families as part of COVID relief.

10/13/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

Coverage was done on: New Mexico not providing same day voting registration for voters that arrive at polls on November 2, Governor Lujan Michelle Grisham settling for \$150,000 with a former campaign spokesman over allegations of harassment In which she poured water onto his crotch, the extension of indoor mask mandates for public settings in reaction to a high number of new COVID-19 cases, and the New Mexico Child Protection Department's misleading child maltreatment data it gave to state legislature.

10/15/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

Coverage was done on: Ruidoso holding a public hearing on cannabis zoning and regulation, the shortage of housing options for ex-inmates leaving the prison system, 71 million dollars' worth of

emergency rental aid being awarded to New Mexicans, the creation of an advisory board for political redistricting in the state, and the Biden Administration's plans to re-instate Trump era border policy which would require asylum seekers to stay in Mexico while being processed.

10/18/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 provided coverage on: New Mexico loosening restrictions against retired police officers returning to work in response to the shortage of officers throughout the state, and the 13,000 early ballots cast in ABQ's mayoral race.

10/22/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 provided coverage on: New Mexico senator Martin Heinrich backing an initiative to end "noncompetitive bid" loopholes which allow oil and gas companies to buy land at extremely cheap rates without needing to generate any kind of product for 10 years, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham returning an excess four thousand dollars in excess donations from a corporate contributor, and the state distributing seven million dollars to child care providers across the state in order to support parents in the workforce.

10/29/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 provided data information released from the US border patrol which showed a record number of deaths at the Mexico border last year.

11/10/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 provided information on the democrat backed 1.2 trillion infrastructure bill that will bring New Mexico at least \$ 3.7 billion in the coming years for road improvements and water projects. Also, on this show: proposals to lift minimum pay for state government employees to \$15 an hour for at least 1,200 public workers. Another governmental topic included advocates for alternatives to mass incarceration in New Mexico warned of harmful outcomes in a public safety initiative from the governor that aims to reduce crime and violence after a record number of homicides in Albuquerque. This episode from November 10th also included information on inflation numbers from October that came out from the bureau of labor statistics which showed prices in the country rose six-point-two percent over the past twelve months.

11/12/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 provided information on the village of Ruidoso council approving cannabis zoning and regulation ordinance with a five to one vote. The ordinance was an update to existing Ruidoso codes outlining where cannabis sales, production and consumption could occur... without any regulation set. Also, in that show; New Mexico economic development put into action a 20-year strategy for diversifying the state's economy which came from a recent announcement that the state received \$1 million. The work includes improving capital and economic recovery resources and calls for the availability of start-up resources and an online dashboard to track the impact.

11/13/2021 – Report from Santa Fe, 6:00 p.m. – 30 Minutes

New Mexico Secretary of State, Maggie Toulouse Oliver, discusses past and future elections in this country and New Mexico. She explains that a lot of the threats were to our elections were propagated by the Nation of Iran. Oliver explained that several nation states have decided to get involved in tampering with elections here in the United States. Russia gets a lot of the attention, China is also responsible for a lot of the activity, but she stated that Iran is most active in trying to uproot our democracy and create chaos. She went on to explain that, during the last election, Iran had created a

website that targeted her and several other election officials across the nation. She said the web site took their personal information like addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and even pictures of their homes and posted them online. In addition, the site was collecting bitcoin to supposedly pay bounties for anybody who would be willing to commit violence against those of officials who were listed on this website. Oliver went on to explain that there is a huge initiative going on now, just as there was in 2016, about cyber security at the national level. She explained that New Mexico was working together with the Department of Homeland Security, the DOJ, and the FBI to ensure the security of election officials at all levels. On Election Day, and during the election process, Oliver explained that her office, the state police, FBI, and local law enforcement officials would be all working together to make sure that they are able to quickly respond to any potential threats to public safety on election day.

11/17/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 reported according to Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham a statewide cut in gross receipts taxes will be on her agenda during the legislature which meets in January. The announcement came during an economic development event.

11/20/2021 – Report from Santa Fe, 6:00 p.m. – 30 Minutes

Don Hancock, who is with the Southwest Research and Information Center, discusses nuclear waste storage at WIPP in southeastern New Mexico and other sites around the country. The new mission is to take plutonium pits, the cores of nuclear bombs, that are stored at the PANTEX Plant in Texas near Amarillo, and truck them from PANTEX to Los Alamos, so that means people who drive the roads from Amarillo to New Mexico on I40, then up US285 to Santa Fe and take the Santa Fe bypass around Santa Fe to the south and the west on 599 to go to Los Alamos. Los Alamos would change the solid plutonium pits into powder form, into oxide. So that would be a dangerous form because that's where it is more easily inhaled, for example, in case of an accident. So, the trucks would then go with the powdered plutonium back from Los Alamos by Santa Fe by of 285 down to Cline's Corners and from there east to South Carolina, which is a 3,000-mile trip that could be very hazardous.

12/03/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

Information from the New Mexico education officials details a 200 million plan to increase teacher salaries by at least 7% next fall. Also in this show, New Mexico plans to provide business loans of up to 250 thousand toward small-scale cannabis businesses in an effort to provide economic opportunity to communities that were hit hard by past criminal enforcement of marijuana laws. Included in this show, New Mexico oil and gas businesses released a commissioned study indicating that state and local governments are more reliant than ever on fossil fuel revenue to fund public services such as education.

**E: Gender / Race -- KENW-TV, FCC Issues, Q4 – 2021**

10/22/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 provided coverage on Eddy County judge Lisa Riley who won a defamation lawsuit over a principal in the Carlsbad school district who alleged she called him a “dumb Mexican”.

11/12/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 looked at national news that showed people in the u-s have quit their jobs in record numbers. According to the bureau of labor statistics - an all-time high that 4-point-4 million people quit their jobs in September. This show also shared information on U-S families receiving their latest monthly child tax



credit.

**F: Environment** -- KENW-TV, FCC Issues, Q4 – 2021

10/13/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 covered the uptick in earthquake/seismic activity in the Permian Basin of New Mexico that is caused by fracking and deep horizontal drilling.

10/15/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 covered the \$90,000 in civil penalties paid to the state by Enterprise Field Services after failing to report a fire occurring at their facility in Eddy County- going 134 days past the deadline of notice. The initial fine was \$204,000.

10/18/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 covered the New Mexico Environment Department's testing of private wells which found small amounts of pollutant chemicals that are the byproduct of firefighting foam—the chemicals are shown in lab studies to cause issues with reproductive and immunological systems in animals.

11/12/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 covered the electrical transmission line connecting eddy and lea counties that was completed as Xcel Energy continued its increase to power southeast New Mexico. The project's progress helped meet the rising demands as eddy and lea counties were two of the fastest growing in the state. The project was part of the company's grid expansion.

11/17/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

news 3 reported that the New Mexico economic development department officially announced an infrastructure grant to the city of Clovis to extend its water system to the Clovis regional airport. The more than \$2.1 million grant has been discussed over the last few months in public meetings. Also, in this show, President Biden had called for an investigation into oil and gas companies... as he says he is searching for a way to lower gas prices.

12/01/2021 – News 3 New Mexico, 5:00 p.m. – 26 minutes

News 3 reported that A natural gas processing company based in Fort Worth, Texas is sougning to grow its presence in the Permian basin, by purchasing two facilities on either side of the region. Also in this show... information about the Increasing earthquake activity in the Permian basin has prompted the state to up its seismic monitoring and request that oil and gas operators reduce how much wastewater they pump underground. Another story included information on how New Mexico lawmakers are endorsing a resolution which would add language to the state's constitution ensuring the public's right to a healthy environment.

**G: Historical** -- KENW-TV, FCC Issues, Q4 -- 2021

12/26/2021- Cultura, 11:30 a.m. – 27 minutes, 32 seconds

This episode highlights three historical hotels in New Mexico from the wild west days that may also have hauntings. The first segment was on the The Castañeda Hotel in Las Vegas, New Mexico which was built in 1898 and was Fred Harvey's first trackside hotel – the beginning of America's first hospitality empire. The second hotel is the historic Eklund Hotel which has been a landmark for travelers of Clayton, New

Mexico since the 1890s. It began as a two-story rock building in 1892. The third segment of this episode is The St James Hotel in Cimarron, New Mexico which was built in 1872 by Henri Lambert. Its saloon, restaurant, and 43 rooms have all been renovated to an upscale hotel.