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Dan Johnson, Solid Waste Manager, City of Lewiston, was interviewed on 4/13/10.

Scott Ekberg, Idaho Unit Manager, Nez Perce Nat'l Historical Park, was interviewed on 4/16/10.

Melvin Johnson, Executive Director, Nez Perce County Emergency Services, was interviewed on 4/26/10.

Peggy Browning, Office Manager, WSU Asotin County Extension, was interviewed on 5/25/10.

Jeff Guillory, Director, Diversity Education for Washington State University, was interviewed on 6/9/2010.

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The Need to Address Cultural Awareness

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 4/7/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 2:54
Description: KLEW News reported that The Borah Symposium wrapped up Wednesday night at the University of Idaho. This year's topic dealt with social media and how it can and is impacting global issues. Mark Trahant, self-described writer, teacher and Twitter poet delivered a presentation called "Twitter and Democracy." At the news conference he talked about the positives and the shortcomings of using social media networking. Also at Wednesdays morning's news conference was Violeta Krasnic, a human rights trainer and advocate for a group called WITNESS. WITNESS promotes using social media to bring about change by getting video cameras in the hands of citizens. Dr. James Lewis, Senior Fellow and Program Director for the Center for Strategic and International Studies appeared at the news conference as well.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 5/28/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:50
Description: KLEW News reported that Lapwai Elementary School celebrated their 10 year anniversary of the "After School Program" with students performing a welcoming dance during the event held Thursday afternoon. After School Program Director Candace Hoisington said they focus on academic achievement and have a lot of special programs like 4-H and Girl Scouts. The After School Program has a supplemental grant that's celebrating the Nez Perce culture. David Aiken has been working with the program for all ten years and says it's an important resource for the community.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 6/4/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:51
Description: KLEW News reported that a new exhibit at the LCSC Center for Arts and History opened Friday afternoon. The Chinese Remembering Exhibit runs from now through July 16th, the public is invited to come and walk around the see all of the exhibits and learn about the Chinese that were here in the 1800's. The exhibit features Chinese artifacts from the historical museum at St. Gertrude's in Cottonwood, as well as from Lewis-Clark State College own collection. As part of the remembering project, on June 24th there will be a day filled with lectures in the Morgan's Alley Orchid room and the next day there will be a jet boat trip into Hells Canyon to tour historically significant locations.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 6/16/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 2:20
Description: KLEW News reported that a conference was held at Lewis-Clark State College that focuses on the Indian Child Welfare Act. The conference featured workshops for social workers, advocates and Tribal members. Workshops addressed issues facing the Native American culture with regard to federal protection. Nadja Jones, National Indian Child Welfare Association member, said "There's definitely a gap between the practices of really good, profound, thoughtful social work the policy that's written by, perhaps people that aren't as connected to the community needs." Nez Perce Tribe Social Services Manager Wendy Thomas said conferences like this help members understand the law and the Indian Child Welfare Act is federal law and is generally not acknowledged or appropriately practiced throughout the State of Idaho and nationwide.

Program: KLEW-TV Community Calendar
Date/Time: 6/19/10, Sign-on to Sign-off
Duration: 0:30
Description: Northwest Region Indian Education Summit held on June 28-July 1 at Lewis-Clark State College and features a number of workshops and educational experiences that focus on improving the education for Native American students. A complete agenda on the summit as well as information on the presenters can be found on the web site.
http://www.lcsc.edu/aisle/summit.asp

The Need to Address Responsible Government Spending

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 3/9/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 2:25
Description: KLEW News reported that Lewiston's city manager Jay Krauss was fired at last night's City Council meeting. In the opening public comments, several members of the audience spoke on City Manager Jay Krauss's behalf. After swearing in new council member Tim Broemeling, the council went into executive session. Upon their return, City Attorney Don Roberts spoke. Roberts discussed the terms of the separation agreement, which includes language concerning Krauss's accomplishments. The separation was not for legal, ethical or moral reasons but simply because of what is referred to as the dynamics of the relationship between Krauss and the city council. The agreement also includes a provision that both sides will offer complimentary references concerning each other and that Krauss will waive his right to any cause of action against the city.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 4/7/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 2:31
Description: KLEW News reported that Governor Butch Otter was in Lewiston campaigning for your vote in the May primary. Otter made national headlines in March when he became the first governor to sign a law requiring the state's attorney general to sue the federal government over health care reform. He says it is important to be one of the 17 states involved in the lawsuit. Otter says the economy is slowly improving, but cuts are still needed statewide. Decisions like closing 9 State Health and Welfare Offices, including one in Orofino, are tough decisions and necessary.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 4/9/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:37
Description: KLEW News reported that the Port of Clarkston says going green is not only environmentally smart but also fiscally responsible when it comes to their new Evans Road development. Port Manager Wanda Keefer says they are still in the planning stages but are now calling the project a sustainable business park. She says sustainability will guide everything from the way the roads are planned to what businesses will be there. The port was awarded over $100,000 in grant money for security enhancements that will be used to get a camera system up and running.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 6/1/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:40
Description: KLEW News reported that Congresswomen Cathy McMorris Rodgers from District 5, visited with local politicians, economic and tourism officials and others, at the Clarkston Quality Inn. Outside the meeting members of the Lewiston/Clarkston Tea Party held signs asking for "no more spending." Tea Party member Andrew Lightfoot says that their perception is that she supports fiscal responsibility. She supports the government staying within budgetary limits. They wanted to know that she has their support for doing so. The group expressed concerns over both the federal and local government's spending money irresponsibly.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 6/18/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 2:49
Description: KLEW News reported that a group of Lewiston citizens called "Citizens for Better Government," filed preliminary petitions for the recall election of Mayor Kevin Poole, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Cannon and Council Members Thyra Stevenson and Dennis Ohrtman. The group is concerned with the way tax dollars are being spent and believes the city council's interest do not represent the taxpayers interests. Fred Fritz says one of three ambulances has been moved to Asotin County and is giving quicker service to their residents. The problem is we're paying $718,000 for that ambulance to be there. We're getting $381,000 back, so we are subsidizing it. He doesn't think the taxpayers of Lewiston have the responsibility or should have to be paying for that service.

The Need to Address Hunger in the Community

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 4/6/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:27
Description: KLEW News reported that at Curves in Lewiston, Community Action Partnership was busy loading vans, trucks and cars with food collected by gym members. The goal for their 12th annual food drive was to raise 5,000 pounds of food during the month of March. Community Action Partnership Food Bank Manager Connie Granbois says it's great when businesses get involved with helping others. She says the food bank is at a high level of need right now.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 4/15/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:41
Description: KLEW News reported that Regence BlueShield of Idaho President Scott Kreiling judged a food drive sculpture contest at Regence Thursday afternoon. The contest is about raising awareness about the need for donations for the Idaho Food Bank. All the food will be donated to the food bank. Community Investments Specialist Samantha Skinner says, "Our goal is to collect 3,000 pounds. So last year we collected about 2,800 pounds and are hoping to exceed that." The wining sculpture looked like a grocery bag with an R for Regence.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 5/10/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:52
Description: KLEW News reported that after Saturday's National Letter Carrier Association food drive the Community Action Partnership food bank is a little fuller. The food drive brought in just less than 20,000 pounds of food and continues to be the largest one day nationwide food drive. While the additional items will help carry the food bank into the spring and summer months, manager Connie Grandbois says donations are still down. The food bank will be having another opportunity for the community to help out. This Saturday they will team up with Pacific Steel and Recycling where people can bring recyclable cans to the parking lot behind Tomato Brothers. Proceeds from the recycling will go to help the food bank provide additional food to the community.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 6/22/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:56
Description: KLEW News reported that the valley school districts are offering breakfast and lunch for children at no cost. The Summer Food program was established initially to ensure that children who lived in low income areas have access to nutritious meals during the summer when school is not in session. The meals are prepared and served based on federal nutrition guidelines to make sure they're getting the necessary components of a healthy, well, founded meal.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 6/24/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:56
Description: KLEW News reported that the Clarkston Community Garden held a ribbon cutting ceremony. Community Garden organizer Dan Cease says the purpose of the garden is to provide gardeners with an opportunity to grow their own vegetables or sell them. Also, the main objective is to give food to the food bank for those that really need it. A wide variety of veggies are growing as more people get involved. Right now they have twenty-nine raised garden beds and have room for about one hundred more. Depending on size, you can get your own garden space for about $15 a year.

The Need to Address Reduced Education Budgets

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 4/6/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:27
Description: KLEW News reported that the state Board of Education agreed to let Idaho's public universities charge students 8.75 percent to 9.5 percent more in tuition and fees next year. The board approved the increases, ranging from 402 and $470 per year, after a nine-hour meeting with the presidents of Boise State University, Idaho State University, University of Idaho and Lewis-Clark State College. While the schools argued that steep declines in state funding for higher education had made tuition and fee increases absolutely necessary to balance their budgets, the board struggled with shifting that burden to students.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 4/7/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:58
Description: KLEW News reported that students gathered at Washington State University today to discuss how access to higher education is being limited. The forum was hosted by the Education Access Coalition. Senior Kristopher Schultz says what the students are trying to do is open up a dialog regarding individual experiences on the campus, regarding people's access to education that have been affected by various factors. He says tuition is a big deal and a huge influence in whether or not students can go to college and get a degree. But looking at other factors such as racism, classism, homophobia, all these other things that exist on this campus is also a big factor in students' ability to not only get into college, but stay in college.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 4/14/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:33
Description: KLEW News reported that Idaho school districts in negotiations to lower pay and benefits for teachers next year to help offset historic cuts to public education are under a June 6th deadline. Governor Butch Otter signed a bill on March 31st that spends 128 million dollars less on public schools during the next fiscal year. Otter also declared a financial emergency for all Idaho schools. The measure allows school boards to negotiate lower pay for teachers even if their districts are not exhausting their funds, a threshold that was required by a 2009 law before they could declare an emergency.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 4/23/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:28
Description: KLEW News reported that Washington republican legislators, Senator Mark Schoesler and Representative Susan Fagan are back in the 9th district. Fagan says she is still concerned about the fiscal responsibility of state government. Higher education is experiencing budget reductions and public schools are experiencing budget reductions. But we came out of Olympia spending more money than we did last year. So what that tells me is we are instituting new programs and spending money in places where if we are in a deficit situation then the worst thing we can do is start new programs. We need to be focusing on things that are of paramount importance to our citizens.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 5/11/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 4:32
Description: KLEW News reported that all over the state of Idaho, school districts have declared a financial state of emergency. Brenda Croy a teacher at Lewiston High School says she has taught for twenty years, the uncertainty of the district's financial future has driven her to an early retirement. Representative Liz Chavez says the recession is a huge factor, but Idaho hasn't fully funded Idaho education for a very long time. Not funding education is going to spill over into corrections, it's going to spill over into Health and Welfare, and spill over into the cities and the counties and they're going to be picking up the tab. Now, in this state of emergency, teachers and administrators are meeting to outline their contracts including salaries and benefit packages.

The Need to Address Quad-Cities Relations

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 4/2/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 2:59
Description: KLEW News reported that a concerned citizen, who was a candidate for the new Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport Authority, said he's expressing his concerns and those of others, in requesting an investigation into the recent formation of the airport authority. The authority is made up of two representatives from the city and two from the county. Those four will elect a fifth member. V. Leroy Chausee, and others who are not named, state in a seven page document that board members orchestrated their appointments and are using the board to further their own personal interests. Thyra Stevenson, who is the liaison between the board and the Lewiston city council, said the city will follow proper procedures in their selection of members and said the city attorney and county prosecutor will be issuing a response to the letter.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 4/12/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:25

Description: KLEW News reported that Nez Perce County Commissioners approve the Joint Powers Agreement for management of the airport, but not before hearing the public sound off on the matter. Last week commissioners voted to veto their current appointments to the airport authority board after their selection process was questioned. This afternoon they approved the agreement despite some citizens calling for more time for public comment. Lewiston resident Leroy Chausse commented that the Joint Powers Agreement final document was just recently completed and should be voted down until it's circulated to interested individuals and a period of public comment is given.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 6/2/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:50
Description: KLEW News reported that Steve Wright, the chairman on the Lapwai School Board is recalled. The school district voted 52 to 7 to remove Mr. Wright from his Zone 4 position. He says the decision was based on his support of a levy that would have allowed five classrooms to be built for junior high students who had been attending class in the old school building. Wright says there were no ethical problems that led to his recall despite claims to the contrary. His position will be officially vacant on June 14th and an election will be held to choose his replacement.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 6/22/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:42
Description: KLEW News reported that Clearwater Paper met with environmentalists at the discussion table to avoid any chance at lengthy litigation. Idaho Conservation League had some concerns about the amount of oxygen sucking material the mill would put into the river. So instead of taking it to the courtroom, Clearwater officials sat down the activists to come to an agreement. Clearwater spokesman Matt Van Fleet says they always try to keep the lines of communication open with environmental groups. Clearwater paper renewed their wastewater permit through the Environmental Protection Agency.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 6/25/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 2:34
Description: KLEW News reported that Lewiston City and the local 1773 Firefighters Union announced Friday they have reached an agreement on a renewed contract, which states the firefighters will waive their right to a 2.6% cost of living increase. Union members and city employees met around the conference table and signed the new contract. Interim City Manager Dan Marsh said the savings will help the city balance its deficit budget. "It's a huge step for the community moving forward and is indicative of what this city council is all about," said Mayor Kevin Poole. "We're willing to listen and work with anybody but we've got the citizens and taxpayers in mind when we make these decisions."