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Lewiston High School:
Citizens would like the cost of and the need for a new Lewiston High School addressed. Citizens are concerned whether to remodel or build a Lewiston High School.

Airport Authority Board:
The progress and formation of the Nez Perce County Airport Authority Board has importance to our viewers. The governing board will oversee operations and procedures of the Lewiston Airport. The Airport Authority Board was initially recommended by the FAA and is being used by other cities.

Endangered Species:
Create knowledge and awareness of endangered species. Wild salmon populations are declining and the status of the gray wolf and the Giant Palouse Earthworm has generated controversy.

Mega Loads Transport on Hwy 12:
Emmert International plan to move oil refinery equipment for Conoco Phillips on Hwy 12 bound for the Kearl Oil Sands in Alberta, Canada. These shipments could pose safety issues and threaten the river corridor on U.S. Highway 12.

Drug Abuse:
The use of illegal and prescription drugs for non-medical use has been increasing at alarming rates in the area. Communities need to work together to help prevent the abuse of illicit drugs.

Cheryl Sonnen, Regional Storm Water Coordinator Asotin County Public Works, was interviewed on 7/27/10.

Chris Lanning, Technical Sergeant US Air Force Recruiting Service, was interviewed on 8/4/10.

Linda Stricklin, Director Workforce Training Lewis-Clark State College, was interviewed on 8/5/10.

Steven Branting, Nez Perce County Historical Society, was interviewed on 8/23/10.

Dan Marsh, Interim Manager City of Lewiston, was interviewed on 9/9/10.

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The Need to Address Lewiston High School

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 9/14/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:54
Description: KLEW News reported that the 52 million dollar proposed Lewiston High School facility bond would cost taxpayers $1.36 per thousand dollars in home value. But in a tough economy that has many citizens concerned. Bond advocate Chip Damato says there are many reasons that make 2010 a good year for the bond. The last school bond Lewiston passed was in 1960. Damato says students and the community need an updated facility to bring learning up to date.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 9/15/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 2:01
Description: KLEW News reported that supporters kicked of an informational meeting last night for Lewiston voters on the High School Bond Levy. Residents gathered at the Red Lion to learn more about the levy. Lewiston High School history teacher Scott Funk says a new high school is needed for the safety of the students, particularly special needs students during an emergency. Because there are classes on the second floor it takes teachers five to ten minutes per student to rescue them. Campaign organizer Chip Damato says it's also about investing in the future of Lewiston. The group has set up a website where people can find answers to frequently asked questions and a link to a calculator that will show homeowners how much the bond will cost them.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 9/28/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:51
Description: KLEW News reported that in just over two weeks Lewiston citizens will vote on whether to approve a bond levy for a new Lewiston High School. Recent graduate Chris Schrette says students need a new high school because the one they have isn't safe. Congestion is a real issue and there are also major safety risks with having so many entrances and exits when most modern high schools only have three or four exits. Schrette made a short video outlining some of those concerns, which have now been posted to YouTube. In it he shows problems with congestion and safety, and talks to Principal Bob Donaldson about the need for a new building.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 9/29/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:30
Description: KLEW News reported that community tours were given at the Lewiston High School so visitors could see why the school district is proposing a 53 million dollar bond levy. People got a look at everything from the eighty year old boilers to a gym shower turned into storage closet and everything in between. Students expressed their biggest issue is upstairs where there is no fire escape or a way to get out. There also are no windows and you can hear the band and choir room practicing and it's really distracting. Staff took tours around the campus and faculty was on hand to answer questions and point out the disrepair in the buildings. Many of those on the tours expressed surprise at how bad conditions are in the school.

The Need to Address Lewiston Airport Authority Board

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 7/2/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:02
Description: KLEW News reported that citizens agree that the Airport Authority board should not be confined to unanimous decision. During the open comment portion of this weeks meeting, attendee Jim Kluss sided with Chairman William McCann that they should be allowed to rule by majority. The board received a response from the county commissioners in regard to changing the joint powers agreement. The county says a unanimous vote is necessary. The board was not able to reach a consensus on a fifth member and will again wait for formal response from the city council and county prosecutor. Even without a fifth member, the board went ahead and adopted a proposal to put in a water system on the south side of the airport.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 7/27/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:43
Description: KLEW News reported that the airport authority board can now operate under majority rule. Lewiston City Councilors and Nez Perce County Commissioners met around the table yesterday to discuss amending the joint powers agreement. Previously the authority board was confined to making decisions unanimously. To this point, officials stood fast to the original ruling, saying it would unite the board as a whole. Airport Authority Board Chairman William McCann Jr. went on to express a frustration shared by many about the requirement of unanimous voting. Both groups unanimously approved a transition plan that will grant full control of the airport of the authority board starting October first.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 7/28/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:08
Description: KLEW News reported that the Lewiston City Council and Nez Perce County Commissioners approved changing the joint Powers Agreement to allow for a majority rule. But just a day later Kent Simmons, one of the city's appointees, resigned from the board. City Council member Thyra Stevenson says she and other city councilors received the email of his resignation. Since Simmons was the city's appointee, Stevenson says the council will need to start the process of selecting someone to take his place.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 8/5/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:30
Description: KLEW News reported that the Airport Authority Board elects its fifth member. Patrick Nuxoll was unanimously voted into the position last night. Board chairman William McCann, Jr. tells Action News Nuxoll has worked at Presnell Gage accounting firm for thirty-eight years and will be a valuable member. Even with the appointment, the board is still short one member. Kent Simmons, a city appointee, resigned last week. The topic of replacing Simmons is on the city council's Monday agenda. The authority board's next meeting is August 18th.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 9/23/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:11
Description: KLEW News reported that after months of operating with incomplete membership, the Airport Authority Board finally has a full five members. Christopher Hayes was appointed by the city to fill the spot vacated by Kent Simmons back in July. The nomination passed by a four to three vote in a meeting last night. The Airport Authority board has been meeting regularly without full membership, but will still take over management of the airport a week from tomorrow.

The Need to Address Knowledge & Awareness of Endangered Species

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 7/19/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:20
Description: KLEW News reported that The Center for Biological Diversity says the federal Fish and Wildlife Service has agreed to take another look at whether the Giant Palouse Earthworm deserves to be listed as an endangered species. The center said today the decision reverses a Bush administration finding that there wasn't enough information to conclude the worms needs protection. In April, University of Idaho officials announced that living specimens of the worm were captured for the first time in two decades.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 7/20/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:39
Description: KLEW News reported that the Giant Palouse Earthworm is getting a second chance at federal protection. The large white earthworm native to portions of Idaho and Washington will undergo a status review to determine if it warrants protection under the Federal Endangered Species Act. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service made the announcement today. The earthworm was once thought to be abundant in the Palouse, but has rarely been seen in the last one hundred and thirteen years. The most recent sighting, earlier this year, located a group of worms near Moscow. Today's announcement responds to a 2009 petition by a number of environmental groups.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 8/5/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:21
Description: KLEW News reported that a federal judge orders endangered species protections reinstated for the gray wolf in Idaho and Montana. Last year the federal government removed protections for wolves in those two states but not in Wyoming. U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy says in his ruling today the government's decision was a political solution and does not comply with the federal Endangered Species Act. Molloy says the entire Rocky Mountain wolf population must be either listed or removed as an endangered species. Defenders of Wildlife, the Greater Yellowstone Coalition and other wildlife advocates sued the federal government after the Fish and Wildlife Service decision in 2009.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 8/6/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 2:24
Description: KLEW News reported that Action News spoke with Idaho Fish and Game Regional Supervisor Dave Cadwallader about U.S. District Judge Molloy ruling that protections can't be different for adjoining states and must be listed as endangered everywhere. Cadwallader says that the State of Idaho Department of Fish and Game is very disappointed and very frustrated with the judge's decision and deeply regret the loss of our authority to manage wildlife. Last year about 16,000 wolf tags were sold in Idaho with hungers killing fewer than two hundred. The judge's decision puts a halt on hunts planned for this fall.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 9/29/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:34
Description: KLEW News reported that a scientific study released today says a proposed hunt for gray wolves in the Northern Rockies would cut the endangered species population in Montana by roughly half during a single season. The study from two Montana State University ecologists raises questions about claims that the wolves could easily withstand hunts proposed this fall in Montana and Idaho. The peer-reviewed report was published online by the Public Library of Science. Wolves in the Northern Rockies were returned to the endangered species list last month under a federal court order, but state officials still want permission to hold the public hunts.

The Need to Address Mega Loads on Hwy 12

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 8/17/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 2:11
Description: KLEW News reported that three Idaho County residents filed a lawsuit against Idaho Transportation Department saying the mega-loads move violates the agency's own policies. Today 2nd district court Judge John Bradbury issued a temporary restraining order blocking Idaho Transportation Department from issuing permits to Conoco/Phillips. Linwood Laughy is one of the residents involved in that lawsuit and runs tourism businesses along the river. He says tourism will be most affected, because tourists will be discouraged. This planning has been gong on without public awareness. He says government officials have had a predetermined agenda and are not representing the people in the matter.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 8/18/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:29
Description: KLEW News reported that the battle for the move of big oil equipment up Highway 12 moves to the courtroom, the large Conoco/Phillips mega-loads continue to wait at the port of Lewiston. The equipment arrived in May and is currently on trailers pending the outcome of Friday's hearing in Grangeville. Port Manager Dave Doeringsfeld says he doesn't believe transporting the equipment will not endanger citizens or affect the natural beauty of the highway 12 corridor. 2nd District Judge John Bradbury is holding that hearing Friday in response to a lawsuit filed to prevent Idaho Transportation Department from issuing permits for transporting equipment.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 8/25/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:34
Description: KLEW News reported that both sides of the debate react to 2nd District Judge John Bradbury's ruling that Idaho Transportation Department went against its own policies in issuing permits for oil company mega loads. Action news spoke with Borg Hendrickson and Linwood Laughy the two that filed the lawsuit last week. They are glad that the judge saw what the protection of Highway 12 means to the people who live there. Action news also contacted Idaho Transportation Department executive office in Boise. We received this comment from them – quote "The transportation department is reviewing Judge Bradbury's ruling, and will have an announcement when it decides how to proceed."

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 8/26/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:58
Description: KLEW News reported that Advocates of the West attorney Laird Lucas confirmed an appeal was filed with the Idaho Supreme Court. He says that's a standard operation procedure when a ruling is made in district court. He also says it's no surprise given the importance of such a case. Since the case deals with state laws, the Idaho Supreme Court is the highest this lawsuit can go. Idaho Transportation Department spokesman Jeff Stratten says Emmert International, the moving company for Conoco/Phillips, is paying McAlvain Construction, the contractor doing repairs on the Arrow Bridge, to delay starting the westbound lane work until the case can be heard

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 9/15/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:57
Description: KLEW News reported that as Idaho residents wait for the mega-load appeal by ConocoPhillips and Idaho Transportation Department be heard in the state supreme court, neighboring states weight in on the issue. Oregon U.S. Representative Pete DeFazio wrote a letter to U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood referring to the ExxonMobil loads that are set to move up U.S. Hwy 12. DeFazio says quote "federal tire and axle load limits exist to ensure safe transport by trucks and to protect bridges and pavement. If Idaho and Montana issue oversized and overweight load permits in violation of the Federal Bridge Formula, American Taxpayers will pay the price for the unprecedented wear and tear on our highway system. DeFazio urges the federal transportation department to step in and investigate the permit process in both Montana and Idaho.

The Need to Address Drug Abuse

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 7/7/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:53
Description: KLEW News reported that the abuse of prescription medications is a growing concern. The Palouse River Counseling Center, Pullman Police and the Whitman County Sheriff's Office are teaming up to offer drop-off boxes where residents can anonymously turn in expired or unwanted prescriptions. Palouse River Counseling Center used a fifteen-thousand dollar grant from the Washington Attorney General's Office to install the drop-off boxes. They say it will give people an avenue to put those unused medications in a safe place and keep them out of the hands of children or people looking to use prescription medications illegally.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 7/8/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:32
Description: KLEW News reported that Moscow Assistant Police Chief David Duke tells Action News a Moscow man was doing some yard work in an un-kept part of this backyard in the 600 block of East Street when he came upon a tray of marijuana seedlings. Duke says the backyard is unfenced and it appears the plants were abandoned. The seedlings were between two to four inches in height. Officers confiscated the plants and will destroy them instead of composting the plants.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 8/18/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:56
Description: KLEW News reported that The Idaho Drug Free Youth group is looking for members to pledge to be drug free. The group is new to the Lewiston School District with club advisor Tim Sperber saying it's different than other drug free groups because it's all about the kids. Idaho Drug Free Youth is a chance to recognize kids for making the right decision and help students have fun without the use of alcohol or other drugs. Members submit to a drug test when joining and pledge to sustain from alcohol or other drug use. The group also partners with local businesses for potential reward in the form of discounts as part of their pledge.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 9/20/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:21
Description: KLEW News reported that Clarkston residents met Lewiston residents on the interstate bridge to symbolize joining the two sides in a common goal. Organizer Darrell Keim says its part of a month-long effort to raise awareness about substance addition. People the valley are recovering from meth, alcohol, marijuana, and prescription pills. Second District judge Jeff Brudie was one of the speakers and says this gives him the chance to see the positives resulting from addiction recovery. The event was put on by the Regional Advisory Committee on Substance Use Disorders with the help of some local businesses.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 9/24/10, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 2:30
Description: KLEW News reported that tomorrow agencies throughout Washington State have teamed up with the drug enforcement administration to hold a drug turn in day. The program is designed as an environmentally friendly way to keep old prescription drugs from getting into the wrong hands. If you have drugs you would like to turn in, drop them off at the Asotin County Health District. On the Palouse there is a disposal box located in the foyer of the Whitman County Sheriff's Office in Colfax and Pullman.