


## **KUEN Channel 9 - Programs and Issues Report October 1-December 31, 2020**

Listed below are programs that **KUEN** Channel 9, Utah's Learning Channel, deems to be of importance in the **KUEN** viewing area. Education is the primary focus of this station, serving educators and all citizens of our service area. These programs are indicative of **KUEN**'s commitment to provide the citizens of Utah access to the highest quality and most effective instructional experiences.

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### **K - 12 Instructional Programming**

**KUEN** approved a comprehensive schedule of instructional programs for use in Utah's elementary and secondary schools. These programs were selected and scheduled in cooperation with the Utah State Office of Education. A representational list of these programs includes;

**American Sign Language:** American Sign Language (ASL) is an easy-to-learn, step-by-step approach to learning sign language, complete with drills and practice exercises to increase signing ability and understanding. It's the perfect guide to the fundamentals of communicating through sign in a variety of everyday situations. Excellent for every American Sign Language (ASL) student as well as teachers, parents and professionals learning ASL to be able to communicate clearly, naturally and start signing with the deaf community and people with hearing loss. Students will learn basic to advanced communication skills, vocabulary, finger spelling, the alphabet the fundamentals of communicating through sign in a variety of everyday situations, proper ASL etiquette and how to properly communicate with people of the Deaf Community. Everyday communication is the centerpiece of each lesson. Grammar is introduced in context, with an emphasis on developing question and answer skills. Students will learn conversational strategies to help maintain a conversation along with interaction activities allowing students to rehearse what they've learned in each lesson. **KUEN-TV** aired this series of 30-minute programs Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

**Diabetes: Nutrition and Sugar:** The diabetes epidemic is a post-World War II phenomenon. At the turn of the 20th century, type II diabetes was virtually unknown, now it is projected to affect half of the American population. A diagnosis of type II diabetes affects every aspect of a person's life: their lifespan is shortened by at least 10 years; they are at risk for kidney disease, blindness, obesity, amputations and the severe negative consequences brought about by the current medicines used to keep their blood sugar levels within normal ranges. This program looks at every aspect of the diabetes epidemic; the dramatic new scientific findings regarding its causes, the health consequences of being diabetic, its' relationship to poverty, and finally, startling new practices put forward by top scientists and nutritionists that are reversing and even curing diabetes through diet. **KUEN-TV** aired this half-hour program, followed by three programs of extended interviews, on Wednesday, November 4 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

**Beyond Our Borders:** American students retain geography and history information better when they experience living images of world cultures. These 58 30-minute programs about some of the world's major countries help students understand other peoples' environments, values, and significant historical contributions. They also feature information-rich maps that clarify geographical data such as a country's global location, major regions, and important cities. The scripts and narrators reflect indigenous cultures, but each program uses language appropriate for North American classrooms. This series aired on **KUEN** Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Teen Kids News:** TEEN KIDS NEWS is a dynamic news program for teens and pre-teens by teens. The half-hour weekly program provides information and news to students in a way that's educational as well as entertaining. The focus of the program is young people, so all the stories are in their words. This program inserts the clear, informed voice of students into the adult-dominated media and provides a unique perspective that is not currently available on network news programs. Weekly Reader provides educational content and works with teachers nationwide to download scripts to teach public speaking, reading and writing skills. **KUEN** broadcast this series Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

**Show Me Science:** Exploring the World of Science for High School & Beyond. The award-winning, Show Me Science series examines the most recent developments and discoveries in science and technology. Each program is designed to help students understand the vital role science plays in our everyday lives and is an excellent in-class, library or home-schooling tool. Students will develop a basic understanding of the fundamentals of Science and work their way up to more complex subjects. Produced in cooperation with an advisory board of top educators, curriculum specialists and administrators. **KUEN** aired this series of six 15-minute episodes on Thursday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m.

**Draw Me a Story:** Painters, artists, sketchers, and crafters use their unique talents to bring color and motion to a fascinating collection of familiar children's stories from around the world. Using paint, oils, chalk, clay, fabric, and other artistic elements, their creative approach is mesmerizing and captivating. Voice-over narration, thematic music and the artist's hand combine to bring each classic tale to colorful life. **KUEN** aired this series Mondays at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. November 2 – November 16.

### **Public Affairs Programming**

**DW News:** DW News presents a half-hour package of international news and analysis with a unique European perspective. The program consists of a 12 minute summary of world headlines reported from Deutsche Welle bureaus around the world. The program also includes a five minute capsule of the latest from the financial markets and up-to-date information on economic trends, followed by an in-depth report on a major issue of the day. This program aired Monday through Friday at 7:00 p.m. on **KUEN**.

**Job-Centered Learning:** Many economists, business owners, and labor leaders have raised alarm about a rising skills gap in the United States between the jobs that are available and those with the skills needed to fill them. Job Centered Learning, a very timely film, takes a critical look at the wide range of career education some high schools are offering as a way of both closing this gap as well as making education more meaningful and relevant for students. **KUEN** aired this one-hour program Thursday October 29 at 8:00 p.m.

**La Loche:** In January 2016, a school shooting in the remote Canadian aboriginal community of La Loche, Saskatchewan took the lives of four students and injured seven others. In the aftermath, a caring teacher, worried about eight boys directly affected by the shooting, contacted a TV celebrity the students admired. She hoped that Survivormanstar Les Stroud might spend time with the students. LA LOCHE follows Stroud, the eight young Dene men, and several community and school elders on a wilderness adventure, in which they canoe down a 100-mile river path that their ancestors used to traverse. With one camera, a paddle and a desire to help, Stroud uses this trek to encourage the young men to open up and tell their own stories. This sixty-minute program aired Thursday, November 19 at 8:00 p.m. on **KUEN**.

**NHK Newslines:** NEWSLINE is produced by NHK, Japan's news leading public broadcaster, delivering the latest from Japan, Asia and the rest of the world. featuring global news and current affairs, business, sports, science and technology trends plus global weather forecasts from over 30 news bureaus throughout the world. Their wide network of correspondents around the globe cover breaking news and developing stories, offering a unique Asian perspective. Together with a

team of trusted anchors, NHK NEWSLINE presents a picture of what's happening now, and what's ahead. **KUEN** aired this series twice a day, Monday through Friday, at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Voting Matters:** More than 50 years after one of the most extensive pieces of Civil Rights legislation-- the Voting Rights Act of 1965-- people of color across the United States are engaged in a battle to protect their right to vote. This film follows one dynamic woman who is fighting on the ground and in the courtroom to ensure that this universal right is protected. This 30 minute documentary aired on **KUEN** Thursday, November 22 at 8:00 p.m.

### **General Interest Programming**

**Art Connection:** This weekly series highlights four artists and their craft. Travel around the world, meeting fascinating people and the love of art that connects them all. This series aired Sundays at 7:00 p.m. on **KUEN**.

**Innovations in Medicine:** Fast paced 30-minute program exploring the latest breakthroughs in research and treatment from some of the top medical and scientific centers in the United States. The show has visited such highly regarded facilities as the Salk Institute, UCLA Medical Center, Texas Orthopedic Center and Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and the American Federation of AIDS Research in New York City. Each episode focuses on the hot health topics of the day such as stem cell research, biologics, cancer and even the common cold. In depth interviews on location with the physicians, Nobel Prize Winning scientists and patients sharing their stories, and successes are featured. **KUEN** aired this series Fridays at 9:00 p.m.

**Feeling Good About America: The 1976 Presidential Election:** By 1976, it seemed America was finally on the right track. The Vietnam War and the assassinations of several important political figures were behind us. The crimes of Watergate forced Nixon to resign from the presidency. Americans were ready to be normal again. A new feeling was sweeping coast to coast as people pulled together to celebrate the nation's bicentennial, and to select a new president who could help close the book on an awful decade. **FEELING GOOD ABOUT AMERICA: THE 1976 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION** chronicles the race between incumbent Republican President Gerald Ford and Democratic candidate and Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, who stepped onto the national stage touting his outsider status and promising, "I'll never lie to you." The documentary explores Ford's pardon of Richard Nixon, the anti-establishment sentiment surging through the country, Carter's primary strategy in a crowded field, and the challenge to Ford by Ronald Reagan for the Republican nomination. Using a combination of archival clips and interviews, the film examines this close race and discusses how the 1976 Presidential election was the last time in which the country wasn't polarized in the manner it is today. This program aired on **KUEN** Wednesday, October 28 at 9:00 p.m.

**Getting to the Nutcracker:** A behind the scenes look at what it takes each year to produce the Nutcracker Ballet from auditions to final performance, following the Los Angeles based, Marat Daukayev Ballet Theatre, led by the former Kirov star. Boys and girls, ages 3-18 are profiled; passionate people who, with their families, make incredible sacrifices of time and money, just so that they may dance. The young featured dancers have diverse backgrounds and very different life goals, which may or may not include dance. The audience follows the dancers through the auditions, the rigorous hours of training and rehearsals, and shares the joy of landing a principal role and the pain of losing one. **KUEN-TV** aired this one-hour program Sunday, December 8 at 8:00 p.m.

**Impossible Planet:** Our planet generates an incredible amount of extraordinary phenomenon. A lot of these wonders can be reasonably explained but others baffle even the most experienced scientists. Impossible Planet takes viewers on a journey around the globe to discover just how strange and unaccounted for our world can be. From luminescent, electric-blue waves crashing ashore to mysterious

fairy circles as far as the eye can see, the series explores some of Earth's most incredible natural phenomena This series of 60-minute program aired Mondays at 9:00 p.m. on **KUEN**.

**America's Heartland**: A celebration of the men and women across who grow the country's crops, raise its livestock, tend its nurseries and prepare its food. AMERICA'S HEARTLAND taps into the national fascination with food and curiosity about unfamiliar places and ways of life, while also exploring the American values of family, hard work and the spirit of independence. The series, produced entirely on location, portrays the worlds of agriculture, horticulture and aquaculture complete with fascinating stories, compelling characters, innovative ideas and enticing travel destinations. This series of 30-minute programs aired on **KUEN** Sundays at 12:00 p.m.