

UEN Channel 9—Programs and Issues Report April 1–June 30, 2024

Listed below are programs that **KUEN** Channel 9, Utah Education Network, 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 staff of the Utah State Board of Education. A representational list of these programs includes:

Reading League's Reading Buddies: What do a dog, a girl, and a robot have in common? First and foremost, Dusty, Dott, and Alphabott are best friends. But they are also reading buddies! Dusty loves to talk, but learning to read is a new skill. With the help of Dott and Alphabott, he discovers that it can be so much fun! Along the way, the friends practice letters, sounds, and reading words, get letters from their globe-trotting friend Otto, practice social skills, and so much more. We hope you'll become a Reading Buddy! **KUEN-TV** aired this series of 30-minute programs Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. beginning April 9.

Real Life 101:Real Jobs, Great Career Choices: Do you know what you want to do for the rest of your life? Have you thought about your dream job? Do you have any idea what it takes to get there? Not sure? Real Life 101 introduces you to real people doing real jobs. From doctors, lawyers, and veterinarians to counselors, teachers, and entertainers. Real Life 101 takes you on the job so you can see for yourself why these professionals love what they do. Learn about jobs you might not know even existed and the education it takes to put you in the right direction! This series of 26 episodes aired Tuesdays at 3 p.m. and Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. on **KUEN**.

Prime Radicals: Each production of the Prime Radicals is based upon the Principles and Standards for School Mathematics provided by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The multi-award-winning series takes the mystery out of math and puts the fun back into learning. Each episode takes viewers to Uncle Norm's workshop, usually the scene of his latest misadventure. The Radicals—cousins Kevin and Alanna—come to the rescue every time by enlisting experts, such as a kite boarder, a rancher, or a maple syrup expert, to help them solve Uncle Norm's problems with mathematical solutions. Designed to engage and entertain, the educational component is subtle and fun, just what kids need to dive deeply into math and see

how it applies to nearly everything they do. This series of seventeen 15-minute episodes aired Thursdays at 11 a.m. beginning June 13 on **KUEN**.

Let's Learn: Let's Learn is an educational public television series for children ages 3 to 8, featuring lessons by educators, STEM specialists, teaching artists, and others. The 130 one-hour programs include instruction in literacy, math, science, social studies, and the arts to supplement at-home learning. The series also supports social-emotional learning and brings viewers on virtual field trips to see dance performances, meet animals, visit botanical gardens, and more. **KUEN** broadcast this series Monday through Friday at 12 p.m.

Biz Kid\$: BIZ KID\$ is the fun, fast-paced TV series where kids teach kids about money and entrepreneurship. Created for school-aged children, each half-hour episode features several young business owners and philanthropists who share their success stories. Whether it's a skateboard designer, a candy store owner, or a hip-hop music producer, the kids on the series inspire young viewers. Throughout the series, kids learn about saving, budgeting, investing, and giving back to the community. Spoofs of old TV shows and comedy sketches performed by a humorous cast of characters make the series a hit with both kids and parents alike. The King of Ka-Ching, a cheesy lounge singer, and Francine Fairtrade, a world traveler with extensive knowledge of all things exotic and financial, are two of the characters who add to the fun. This series aired on **KUEN** Mondays and Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

Global Warming: Science and Solutions: Our planet is warming; it's significantly warmer in the 21st century than it was in the last third of the 20th century. Indeed, four of the warmest years on record have occurred in this century. This global warming is being forced by the unabated burning of fossil fuels pouring CO₂ into the atmosphere ... And this warming appears to be forcing dramatic regional and worldwide climate shifts. This series takes you through the science of global warming and the solutions that may slow it. We need only to trust the science and work together to implement these solutions ... solutions we can no longer afford to ignore. **KUEN** broadcast this series of two 60-minute programs on June 27.

Public Affairs Programming

DW News: A daily newscast from the heart of Europe. As one of the world's largest international broadcasters, Deutsche Welle provides public television viewers the unique opportunity to see our world from another perspective. Global economic crises, war in Afghanistan, and the worldwide campaign to combat global warming are issues that affect viewers on both sides of the Atlantic. On DW News, reporters and presenters from the Berlin studios provide your viewers depth and clarity as well as a unique European perspective on the day's events. **KUEN** aired this series Monday through Friday at 7 p.m.

Energy Switch: Energy and climate are intertwined, two of the most important topics in the world today, yet viewers know very little about them. This show aims to change that. "Energy Switch" brings together two renowned experts from government, NGOs, academia, and industry, with differing perspectives on important energy and climate topics, such as: Could solar and wind power our future? Or could hydrogen be the dominant energy source? Should we have more or less nuclear power? How should we respond to climate change? What policies most effectively reduce emissions? How could we pay for them? These lively discussions and more

are moderated by renowned energy scientist and communicator Dr. Scott Tinker. **KUEN** broadcast this series on Thursdays at 8 p.m.

To Be of Service: The effect of war is profound for all the players engaged in the conflict. Veterans returning home may experience a disconnect from the world they once inhabited and struggle to function. Some veterans come home with a psychological injury called post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). In “To Be of Service,” viewers meet several veterans with PTSD and the service dogs helping them return to the world. Through these deeply bonded relationships, viewers experience the duality of violence and redemption through the lens of addressing recovery from the trauma of warfare. This 90-minute documentary aired Saturday, June 15, at 8:30 p.m.

The Open Mind: A half-hour weekly public affairs broadcast, “The Open Mind” is a thoughtful excursion into the world of ideas, exploring issues of national and public concern with the most compelling minds of our times. Hosted by Alexander Heffner. **KUEN** broadcast this series on Monday nights at 11 p.m. and on Friday mornings at 5 a.m.

NHK Newslines: “Newslines” 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 covers breaking news and developing stories, offering a unique Asian perspective. Together with a team of trusted anchors, NHK “Newslines” presents a picture of what’s happening now and what’s ahead. **KUEN** aired this series twice a day, Monday through Friday, at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

80 Years Later: The film explores the racial inheritance of Japanese American family incarceration during World War II through multigenerational conversations with survivors and their descendants. The film recognizes the 80th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 that imprisoned 120,000 Japanese Americans in World War II. This documentary aired Wednesday, May 22, at 8 p.m.

General Interest Programming

Buzz: In each episode of “Buzz,” we meet a nonprofit and learn about the good it does in the community it serves. And we hear about the thing it needs to make the difference in the organization ... something to reach more donors, volunteers, clients, and fans ... something to give it more buzz. **KUEN** aired this series Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Take Pains, Be Perfect: In an historic Texas barn, in the heat of midsummer, a visionary English professor has been teaching Shakespeare through performance for half a century. His program has inspired generations of students and has profoundly influenced their lives in unexpected ways. This program aired Friday, April 2, at 9 p.m. on **KUEN**.

Discovery Road: Explore the people and places of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA). “Discovery Road” features a ’55 Pontiac which travels along U.S. Highway 89, All-American Road State Route 12, and Scenic Byway State Route 24 in Utah. As the car drives along these roads, viewers will discover the things that make the MPNHA worth driving

themselves. Using music, storytellers, and the characters in the communities along the way, “Discovery Road” presents Utah's history, scenery and culture in an entertaining and educational manner. MPNHA is a federally designated area of central and southern Utah running along the beautiful and historic U.S. Highway 89—including the All-American Road (Utah State Route 12), and Capitol Reef Scenic Byway (Utah State Route 24), which both intersect with U.S. 89 and together form the MPNHA’s Boulder Loop. This series aired on **KUEN** Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 12 a.m.

A Final Landing on Iwo Jima: A “then and now” look at the Japanese island at the heart of a brutal World War II battle, “A Final Landing on Iwo Jima” follows two men as they visit the historic war site. One is a 100-year-old veteran of the 4th Marine Division who returns to Iwo Jima for the final time after being wounded there in the savage battle decades earlier. The other is the son of a marine who has spent decades searching for details of his father's time on the island with little luck. He finally visits Iwo Jima to piece his dad’s wartime puzzle together. Narrated by sportscaster Jim Nantz, the film details events leading up to, through, and after the Battle of Iwo Jima via veteran interviews, archival material, and recreations. **KUEN** aired this program on Saturday, May 18 at 8 p.m.

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. **KUEN** broadcast this series Sundays at 7 p.m.

Attenborough and the Giant Elephant: In this award-winning one-hour special, Sir David Attenborough investigates the amazing life story of the most famous elephant to have ever lived: Jumbo. A Victorian-era animal superstar, Jumbo is believed by many to be the biggest elephant in the world, a creature so large that his name became synonymous with being huge. Joined by a team of scientists from around the world, Attenborough gains unique access to Jumbo’s skeleton at the American Museum of Natural History to separate fact from fiction. What clues lay in Jumbo’s bones? Can they tell us more about this giant, how he lived and how he died? Our care and understanding of elephants has changed dramatically over the last 200 years. At a time when these majestic giants are finally being retired from circus life across much of the western world, the special explores the emotional lives of African elephants and reveal the effects that captivity would have had on Jumbo. It also explores rescue efforts for baby elephants today, transforming these orphans into the wild living Jumbos of the future. **KUEN** aired this program Monday, May 27, at 9 p.m.