

FCC Public Issues & Programs List: Third Quarter 2018

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*Enclosed is a listing of some of the significant issues to which radio station KANU FM 91.5 responded, along with some of the most significant programming treatments of those issues for the period of time specified. This listing is by no means exhaustive, and a more complete, detailed listing can be found in the official KANU news archives. The order in which the issues appear has no significance, and does not reflect any particular priority for these stories.

TOPIC CODE

AG – Agriculture

AR – Arts & Entertainment

CR – Crime

ECO – Economy & Business

ED – Education

ENV – Environment

HE – Health

HI -- History

HS – Human Sexuality

KU – University of Kansas-related story

MI – Military-related story

POL – Kansas Government & Politics

RE – Religion

RR – Race Relations

SP – Sports

WX – Weather-related story

FORMAT CODE

R – Report

C – Commentary

PROGRAM CODE

ME – Morning Edition
ATC – All Things Considered
WE -- Weekend Edition

KANU NEWS SUMMARY FOR JULY 2018

1. Brian Grimmert reported on the challenges in creating a market for industrial hemp in Kansas. The state legislature legalized its production, but finding ways to sell and promote the crop will require creating a marketing infrastructure from scratch.

(BG-HEMP.wav) – aired 07-06-18 – ME/R – length: 4:13 – airtimes: 6:45am, 8:45am

AG/ECO/ENV

2. Celia Llopis-Jepsen reported on the candidates hoping to take the place of Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach. Kobach is running for governor and will be stepping down from his current post. Kobach has become a nationally controversial figure, and his tenure as Secretary of State has raised the profile of the office.

(CLJ-SOSRACE.wav) – aired 07-09-18 – ME/R – length: 4:12 – airtimes: 6:45am, 8:45am

POL/RR

3. Kansas News Service editor Amy Jeffries talked with Celia Llopis-Jepsen about whether the state of Kansas is in compliance with a federal court order to fix its voter registration practices. The short answer? It's complicated.

(2WAY-VOTEREG.wav) – aired 07-10-18 – ATC/R – length: 3:54 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

POL/CR/RR

4. Sports reporter Greg Echlin provided a profile of an unusual Kansas athlete. Aaron Yoder of Peabody, Kansas, is the world record holder in the event of running backwards.

(GE-RUNBACKW.wav) – aired 07-12-18 – ME/R – length: 3:24 – airtimes: 6:45am, 8:45am

SP

5. Amy Mayer of Harvest Public Media reported on efforts being made by rural states, counties and towns to attract and retain young people in communities. The phenomenon of communities' best and brightest young people heading off to college and never returning has come to be known as "brain drain." Some small towns are trying to turn that situation around, and are trying to encourage "brain gain" by luring those students back home.

(HPM-BRAIN.wav) – aired 07-13-18 – ME/R – length: 4:17 – airtimes: 6:45am, 8:45am

ED/AG/ECO

6. Brian Grimmett reported on the Kansas Democratic Party's upcoming gubernatorial primary election. It's the first time in 20 years a primary's been needed to choose the party's candidate for the governor's office. The competition is forcing Kansas Democrats to reconsider and redefine their party's identity. (BG-DEMPRM.wav) – aired 07-18-18 – ME/R – length: 4:12 – airtimes: 6:45am, 8:45am

POL/HI

7. Jim McLean reported on the Kansas Republican gubernatorial primary. Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach and incumbent governor Jeff Colyer are leading the pack, positioning themselves as diehard conservatives. But they're on opposite ends of the spectrum when it comes to personal style and temperament. (JM-GOPPRIM.wav) – aired 07-19-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:10 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 4:44 pm, 6:44pm

POL/ECO

8. Stephen Bisaha of the Kansas News Service reported on the debate over gun control and Second Amendment rights, and the role it's playing in the Kansas primary elections. Democrats running for governor are finding themselves pulled between primary voters seeking to implement gun control, and general election voter eager to protect gun rights. (KNS-GUNSCAMP.wav) – aired 07-23-18 – ME/R – length: 4:01 – airtimes: 6:45am, 8:45am

HI/POL/CR

9. Esther Honig of Harvest Public Media reported on the push to have large-animal veterinarians learn to speak Spanish, to help them better communicate with farmworkers. About half of the people who work with livestock in the U.S. are immigrants, many of whom have Spanish as their first language. (HPM-SPANVETS.wav) – aired 07-25-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:03 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

ED/AG

10. Stephen Koranda reported on the crowded field of candidates in the Republican primary for the 2nd Congressional District seat. Incumbent Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins isn't seeking re-election. Seven of her fellow Republicans are now vying to become the Republican nominee...and they're trying to distinguish themselves from one another in the minds of primary voters. (SK-2NDDIST.wav) – aired 07-27-18 – ME/R – length: 4:15 – airtimes: 6:45am, 8:45am

POL

KANU NEWS SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 2018

1. Jim McLean, Celia Llopis-Jepsen, and Stephen Koranda of the Kansas News Service held a roundtable discussion to fact-check various campaign claims during Kansas's primary election season. Candidates made many claims during campaign forums that turned out to be either questionable or flatly untrue. (JM-FACTCK.wav) – aired 08-02-18—ME/R – length: 6:59 – airtimes: 6:50am, 8:50am

POL/ECO/ED/HE

2. Kansas News Service's Jim McLean provided an overview of some important down-ballot races that will appear on primary election ballots. In addition to picking candidates for governor and congressional seats, several hotly contested legislative races could hold the key to control of the state legislature in the next session. (JM-XGRCLAWBK.wav) – aired 08-06-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:10 –airtimes: 4:44pm, 5:44pm

POL

3. Jim McLean, Brian Grimmett, and editor Amy Jeffries discussed the results of the Kansas primary elections. Election Day ended with a lot of frustration in Johnson County, a still-to-be-decided Republican gubernatorial primary, and a shift to the right in the makeup of the Kansas House. (KNS-DEBRIEF.wav) – aired 08-08-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:13 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 5:44pm

POL/ECO/ED

4. Ben Kuebrich reported on the implications of the Lesser Prairie Chicken being kept off the national endangered species list. The state of Kansas and other farm states are hoping to block its inclusion in order to keep the cattle ranching and oil industries clear of tougher regulation on land and resource usage. (BK-PCHICKEN.wav) – aired 08-13-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:10 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

AG/ECO/ENV

5. Jim McLean, Madeline Fox, and Amy Jeffries held their weekly political discussion roundtable, focusing on the Kansas primary election and Kris Kobach's eventual selection as the Republican nominee for governor. (KNS-TABLEWRAP.wav) – aired 08-15-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:05 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 6:44pm

POL

6. KPR's J. Schafer talked with the chairman of Kansas Audio-Reader's advisory board, Randolph Austin. The University of Kansas announced that it would no longer provide funding for Audio-Reader, the nation's 2nd-oldest radio reading service. Within three years, KU will stop its roughly \$300,000 in annual support. Schafer and Austin discussed the future of the service, and what options it and its users have.
(JS-RANDYA.wav) – aired 08-17-18 – ME/R – length: 4:05 – airtimes: 6:45am, 8:45am

KU/ECO/ED

7. KPR News Intern Taylor Smith reported on a small-town celebration known as "Tootlefest," which takes place annually in Miltonvale. It's become a tradition for the town to celebrate the closing days of summer, and the joys of small-town life.
(TS-TOOTLEFEST.wav) – aired 08-24-18 – ATC/R – length: 3:19 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

AG/AR/HI

8. Carla Eckels reported on a University of Kansas professor who is the founder of the Emmett Till Memory Project and a consultant for the Emmett Till Memorial Commission. Dave Tell is helping the Till Family, the NAACP, and others in Mississippi hoping to mark the site of Emmett Till's murder as part of a larger remembrance project. Physical signs marking key locations in the Till murder story have been vandalized and removed, so Tell has been working on ways to remember the slain teenager that rely on smartphone apps and other digital landmarks.
(CE-EMMETT.wav) – aired 08-27-18 – ATC/R – length: 6:59 – airtimes: 3:51pm, 5:51pm

KU/HI/RR/CR

9. Jim McLean of the Kansas News Service spoke with reporter Celia Llopis-Jepsen about why a small but vocal political action committee is launching attack ads against the GOP candidate for Kansas governor, Kris Kobach. Long-standing criticisms of the conservative politician are being thrust into the foreground of the campaign, centering on charges that Kobach is linked to racists and racist commentators and writers.
(JM-PACATTACKS.wav) – aired 08-28-18 – ME/R – length: 4:05 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

POL/RR

10. Commentator John Richard Schrock discussed why the art of listening is so important to learning, and how attention can play a part in determining what kind of lives students will ultimately lead. He was inspired to write because of the dangerous cave rescue in Thailand that gripped the world in mid-August, 2018. (JRS-LEARNNDIE2.wav) – aired 08-15-18 – ME/C – length: 3:36 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

ED/ENV

KANU NEWS SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

1. Madeline Fox reported on the history of abortion policy at the state level. President Donald Trump has made it clear that he plans to appoint justices who would overturn the landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision effectively legalizing abortion in the United States. If that happens, decisions on abortion laws will be shunted to individual states. Kansas abortion regulations are very restrictive, though they were not always so stringent.
(MF-ABORHIST.wav) – aired 09-05-18 – ME/R – length: 3:56 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

POL/HE/HI/RE/HS

2. Reporters from the Kansas News Service discussed political developments in Kansas over the course of the past week. Jim McLean, Stephen Koranda, and Madeline Fox talked about the governor's race, which saw an uptick in political advertisements and featured a policy debate at the Kansas State Fair.
(KNS-ELEXRND1.wav) – aired 09-07-18 – ME/R – length: 4:01 – airtimes: 5:45am, 7:45am

POL

3. KPR's Laura Lorson talked with Kate Frick and Stephanie Marchesi, the proprietors of the Myers Hotel Bar in Tonganoxie. They talked about the challenges faced by women running a business in the hospitality industry.
(MYERSHOTEL2.wav) – aired 09-10-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:25 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 5:44pm

ECO

4. Jim McLean reported on the gubernatorial debate held at the Kansas State Fair. Republican Kris Kobach, Democrat Laura Kelly, and independent candidate Greg Orman answered questions posed by journalists and audience members. The crowd present was actively engaged in the process.
(JM-STFAIRDEB.wav) – aired 09-10-18 – ME/R – length: :40 sec....airtimes: 6am, 7am, 8am newscasts

POL

5. Brian Grimmatt of the Kansas News Service reported on the resurgence of the Kansas oil and gas industry. The petroleum industry bust of 2014 hit small and independent operators particularly hard. Now that energy prices are rising, oil producers are trying to work out how much...and whether...to crank up production levels.
(BG-KSOIL.wav) – aired 09-13-18 – ME/R – length: 4:03 – airtimes: 6:45am, 8:45am

ECO/ENV

6. The weekly Kansas News Service roundtable featured Stephen Koranda, Sam Zeff, and Jim McLean discussing developments in the Kansas 2nd and 3rd district congressional races.

(KNS-ELEXRND-2.wav) – aired 09-14-18 – ME/R – length: 4:08 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

POL/ECO

7. Beth Golay of KMUW spoke with author Sarah Smarsh about her new book, “Heartland.” The book discusses Smarsh’s experiences growing up amongst the working poor. Smarsh argues that the working class and its political preferences have been wildly misrepresented in the mainstream media.

(BG-SMARSH.wav) – aired 09-18-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:00 – airtimes: 4:44 pm, 5:44pm

ECO/POL/AG/ED

8. Kaye McIntyre hosted an installment of KPR Presents, a weekly public affairs show, focused on political analysis and a preview of the upcoming midterm elections. She and her guests touched on Kansas races, including the governor’s office and the 2nd and 3rd congressional district races, and on the national implications of widespread voter discontent.

(2018 Midterms Preview.wav) – aired 09-23-18 – KPR Presents – length: 59:00 – airtimes: 6 pm

POL/ECO/ED

9. The weekly Kansas News Service political roundtable discussion featured Jim McLean, Stephen Koranda, and Madeline Fox. They talked about the influx of outside money into the Kansas 2nd and 3rd District congressional races, along with the significance of some surprising endorsements in the Kansas governor’s race.

(KNS-ELEXRND-3.wav) – aired 09-21-18 – ME/R – length: 3:40 – airtimes: 6:45am, 8:45am

POL

10. The weekly Kansas News Service political roundtable discussion featured Jim McLean, Stephen Koranda, and Madeline Fox. They talked about new revelations that one of the candidates in the Kansas 2nd Congressional District race misrepresented his role in a company that he claimed to have built himself, from scratch. They also discussed how polls indicate the Kansas governor’s race is extremely close, and at this point shows Kris Kobach and Laura Kelly locked in a virtual dead heat.

(KNS-ELEXROUND-WK4.wav) – aired 09-28-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:10 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

POL