FCC Public Issues & Programs List: Fourth Quarter 2018

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(A) Legend/map key for abbreviations

(B) Summary of major news stories, features, interviews, forums and debates regarding state, area and local issues* for

OCTOBER 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 OCTOBER 2018

1. Dan Margolies reported on the continuing investigation into possible prosecutorial misconduct connected to prisoners at the Leavenworth Detention Center. Scores of inmates are now seeking to have their convictions overturned in light of revelations that thousands of attorney-client communications may have been recorded and handed over to federal prosecutors.
   (DM-LEAVSUIT.wav) – aired 10-02-18 – ME/R – length: 4:02 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

   POL/CR

2. Stephen Koranda, Jim McLean and Madeline Fox of the Kansas News Service held a roundtable discussion on campaign action in Kansas for the first week of October. President Donald Trump is expected to visit Topeka to campaign for Kris Kobach and Steve Watkins, the Republican candidates for governor and the 2nd District congressional seat, respectively.
   (KNS-ELEXRND-WK5.wav) – aired 10-05-18 – ME/R – length: 4:12 – airtimes: 6:45am. 7:45am

   POL

3. Statehouse reporter Stephen Koranda provided an overview of the Kansas gubernatorial candidates' plans for public education and school spending. He discussed the implications of each plan, and addressed the financial viability of each of the plans.
   (SK-EDANLYS.wav) – aired 10-09-18 – ME/R – length: 4:30 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

   ED/ECO/POL

4. The candidates running for Kansas governor squared off in a public debate in Wichita. Stephen Koranda, Brian Grimmett, and Madeline Fox of the Kansas News Service talked about the event, and ABOUT what each candidate had to say.
   (KNS-GUBFORUM.wav) – aired 10-10-18 – ME/R – length: 4:09 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

   POL/ECO/ED

5. Sam Zeff reported on the low public profile being kept by 3rd District congressional candidate Sharice Davids. She's been dominating the race, but some establishment Democrats say she hasn't been especially visible on the campaign trail.
   (KNS-SHARICE.wav) – aired 10-11-18 – ME/R – length: 4:10 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

   POL/HI

6. KPR's J. Schafer talked with Linda Dishman, winner of the Milken Educator Award. It's a $25,000 prize that is awarded annually for innovative teaching methods, particularly focusing on history. Dishman is a 5th-grade teacher at Berryton Elementary School.
   (LINDA-1.wav and JS-DISHMAN.wav) – aired 10-12-18 – ATC/R – length: 3:00 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 5:44pm

ED/HI

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7. Nomin Ujiyediin reported on Medicaid expansion…an issue that has split the state along partisan lines and on which the three leading candidates in the Kansas governor's race have widely divergent opinions. It's likely that whoever's elected will ultimately decide if KanCare is expanded, or steered in another direction entirely.
   (KNS-GOVMEDEX.wav) – aired 10-16-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:27 – airtimes: 4:44 pm, 5:44pm

HE/POL/ECO

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8. Stephen Koranda, Madeline Fox, and Jim McLean of the Kansas News Service held their weekly political roundtable. This time, they discussed Vice President Mike Pence's visit to Wichita for a GOP campaign rally, and the status of the governor's, congressional, and competitive legislative races.
   (KNS-ELEXRND7.wav) – aired 10-19-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:13 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 5:44pm

POL/ECO

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9. Secretary of State Kris Kobach has proposed making a change to KanCare, the state's Medicaid program. He wants to combine the current program with a payment system known as "direct primary care," which is sometimes referred to as 'concierge medicine." Nomin Ujiyediin examined Kobach's claims that such a change would generate big savings to the program, but found that such expectations are unrealistic.
   (KNS-DIRECT.wav) – aired 10-23-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:19 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 5:44pm

HE/ECO/POL

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10. Madeline Fox reported on the surprising strength of Democratic candidates in the Kansas congressional races, particularly in the 3rd District. She examined the Democratic Party's strategy of trying to turn out voters who usually don't bother to show up at the polls. If there is to be a "Blue Wave" of Democratic winners on Election Day, those tactics – rather than persuading the groups that traditionally turn out to vote – may end up being what carries the day.
    (MF-WYCOVOTE.wav) – aired 10-25-18 – ME/R – length: 3:42 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

POL

KANU NEWS SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 2018

1. Celia Llopis-Jepsen reported on the Kansas secretary of state's race. Kris Kobach's tenure marked a shift in the focus of the office from basic oversight of elections to a platform for discussing topics ranging from immigration to gun ownership. However, the two candidates running for the office…Scott Schwab and Brian McClendon…are offering two different visions for the future of the position.
   (CLJ-SOSRACE.wav) – aired 11-01-18 – ME/R – length: 4:04 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

   POL

2. Andrea Tudhope reported on concerns in Johnson County over election issues. The vote tally was delayed after the August 2018 primary, and county election officials blamed new voting machine software. But there are now further worries about the county's voting machines themselves, in addition to other issues.
   (KNS-JOCOVOTE.wav) – aired 11-05-18 – ME/R – length: 4:00 – airtimes: 6:45am, 8:45am

   POL

3. Jim McLean, Stephen Koranda, and Madeline Fox of the Kansas News Service participated in their weekly roundtable discussion of Kansas politics, focusing on campaign ads, voter registration and candidates' closing arguments as Election Day approached.
   (KNS-ELEXEVE.wav)—aired 11-05-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:20 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 6:44pm

   POL/ECO

4. Jim McLean, Madeline Fox, Brian Grimmett and Stephen Koranda all reported on election results. Democratic state Senator Laura Kelly was elected Governor of Kansas, defeating Secretary of State Kris Kobach. Scott Schwab was elected Secretary of State, and Vicki Schmidt won the race for Insurance Commissioner. Sharice Davids was elected to Congress in the Kansas 3rd District, and Steve Watkins won the seat for the Kansas 2nd.
   (KNS-ELEXWRAPUP.wav) – aired 11-07-18 – ME/R – length: 6:59 – airtimes: 6:50am, 7:50am

   POL

5. Laura Lorson spoke with Matt Naylor, president and CEO of the National World War I Museum and Memorial, about the centennial of the Armistice that ended that conflict. The museum sponsored days of special programming and a multimedia presentation to mark the occasion.
   (WW1-100.wav) – aired 11-09-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:28 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 6:44pm

   HI/ED/POL

6. Jim McLean reported on optimism among health care consumers, advocates, and providers that the state of Kansas might expand its Medicaid coverage, now that Laura Kelly…a Democrat…has been elected governor. For many years, Republican control of both the Legislature and the governor's office has meant that there has been no support for Medicaid expansion. But Kelly's election could change that.
   (JM-MEDEXP.wav) – aired 11-13-18 – ME/R – length: 3:44 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45 am

   ECO/POL/HE

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7. Sports reporter Greg Echlin prepared a profile of newly-named University of Kansas head football coach Les Miles. Miles won a national championship as the head coach at Louisiana State University. Hopes are high at KU, where the football program has always taken second billing to the school's high-caliber men's basketball program. But transforming KU's football team could be a very tall order.
   (GE-MOREMILES.wav) – aired 11-19-18 – ATC/R – length: 3:48 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 5:44pm

   SP/KU/AR/HI

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8. Jim McLean spoke with former Kansas governor Kathleen Sebelius. Sebelius was instrumental in persuading governor-elect Laura Kelly to run for the state's top job, and was important in Kelly's campaign as a fundraiser and consultant. Sebelius says that coalition building will be key to Kelly's success in the position.
   (JM-SEB2WAY.wav) – aired 11-21-18 – ME/R – length: 3:55 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

   POL

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9. Madeline Fox of the Kansas News Service reported on the Kansas Department for Children and Families plan to fix some of the chronic problems in its foster care programs. DCF is planning to hire more businesses to run its foster care service, but there are concerns that some of the changes could create new problems of their own.
   (MF-NEWDCTF.wav) – aired 11-27-18 – ME/R – length: 4:00 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

   POL/ECO/HE

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10. Commentator Tom Averill discussed the so-called "migrant caravan" headed towards the southern border of the United States. Most of the people in the group are believed to be seeking political asylum in the U.S. However, the issue of asylum for immigrants has become politically fraught. President Donald Trump has ordered thousands of soldiers to the border to secure it. Averill says the president's reasoning for his actions don't ring true.
    (WJBO-WORDS.wav) – aired 11-29-18 – ME/C – length: 3:29 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

    POL

KANU NEWS SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2018

1. Jim McLean reported on new leaders in the Kansas Legislature. The election in November changed the political makeup of the Kansas House and Senate, and power shifted between ideological wings of the Republican and Democratic parties.
   (JM-HOUSELEAD.wav) – aired 12-04-18 – ME/R – length: 4:04 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

   POL

2. President George H.W. Bush visited the University of Kansas campus in 2008 and delivered an address, as part of winning the annual Dole Leadership Prize. That address was aired in its entirety as part of the Kansas Public Radio public affairs program "KPR Presents," hosted by Kaye McIntyre.
   (2018 George HW Bush 41 ReBcast.wav) – aired 12-02-18 – KPR Presents – length: 59:00 – airtimes: 6pm)

   POL/HI/REL/KU

3. Brian Grimmett reported on a new wave of investment in wind power in Kansas. Big companies are now sinking their own private equity into wind power after the expiration of tax breaks designed to encourage wind power infrastructure development.
   (BG-WINDBIZ.wav) – aired 12-12-18 – ME/R – length: 4:00 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

   ECO/ENV

4. Laura Kelly, governor-elect of the state of Kansas, joined Jim McLean in an appearance before a live audience in Topeka to discuss her plans as she assumes the state's top job. Kelly didn't divulge any details of her budget proposal, but did hint at how she plans to manage getting bills passed as a Democrat working with a Republican-controlled legislature. We heard an excerpt from their conversation.
   (JM-KEL2WAY.wav) – aired 12-13-18 – ATC/R – length: 6:41 – airtimes: 4:51pm, 6:20pm

   POL/ECO/ED/HE

5. Esther Honig reported on the state of the hops market as demand for craft beer has slowed. It had been hoped that hops might become a major cash crop, but the microbrewing and craft beer market has leveled off.
   (HPM-HOPS.wav) – aired 12-14-18 – ME/R – length: 4:17 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

   ECO/AG

6. Madeline Fox of the Kansas News Service reported on an effort in Wyandotte County, Kansas, to improve access to healthy, nutritious food. A group is now experimenting with a grocery store that takes the food directly to shoppers in areas that do not have a lot of brick-and-mortar grocery store options.
(MF-KSFOOD.wav) – aired 12-18-18 – ATC/R -- length: 3:36 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 5:44 pm

ECO/AG/HE

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7. Stephen Koranda reported on a program at the University of Kansas that helps students acquire professional clothing for job interviews and other experiences in the working world. Suits and professional dresses can be difficult for students to afford as they begin their job searches or entry-level jobs.
(SK-FEATKUCLO.wav) – aired 12-31-18 – ATC/R – length: 4:04 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 5:44pm

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8. Commentator Rex Buchanan reviewed the book No Place Like Home, a history of the Kansas LGBT community's struggle for recognition and political rights. Author C.J. Janovy makes the argument that while attention on the overall national struggle for LGBT rights has often focused on the coasts, in cities like New York City and San Francisco, Midwesterners also played a key role in the fight for national acceptance.
(RB-LGBT2.wav) – aired 12-07-18 – ME/R – length: 3:26 -- airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

HI/POL

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9. Political insiders, campaign strategists, and journalists reviewed the Kansas races for governor and Congress in the Dole Institute of Politics Post-Election Conference. Excerpts from this event were played as part of public affairs show KPR Presents.
(2018 Dole Kansas Post Election 1 2 3.wav) – aired 12-30-18 -- KPR Presents – length: 59:00 – airtimes: 6pm

POL/HI