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In our continuing efforts to serve the public interest, KSOO Radio broadcasts programming responsive to issues of concern to Sioux Falls and the surrounding area.

Following is a list of those issues and our station's programming treatment of them.

Issue Covered: Sioux Falls School Board Elections

**Program:** "Viewpoint University"

**Length:** 20 minutes

**Date/Time Aired:** 4/6/15 4:30pm

**Guests and Program Description:** Three candidates competed for two open positions on the Sioux Falls School Board. Program hosts spoke with incumbent Kate Parker regarding her candidacy.

Issue Covered: Sioux Falls School Board Elections

**Program:** "Viewpoint University"

Length: 20 minutes

**Date/Time Aired:** 4/8/15 4:30pm

**Guests and Program Description:** Three candidates competed for two open positions on the Sioux Falls School Board. Program hosts spoke with incumbent Todd Thoelke regarding his candidacy.

Issue Covered: Sioux Falls School Board Elections

**Program:** "Viewpoint University"

**Length:** 20 minutes

**Date/Time Aired:** 4/9/15 4:30pm

**Guests and Program Description:** Three candidates competed for two open positions on the Sioux Falls School Board. Program hosts spoke with challenger Randy Dobberpuhl regarding his candidacy.

Issue Covered: Sioux Falls School Board Elections

**Program:** "Viewpoint University"

**Length:** 45 minutes

**Date/Time Aired:** 4/7/15 4:30pm

**Guests and Program Description:** Concerned citizens petitioned to refer the Sioux Falls School Board's decision to set the calendar for the next three years. At issue was the school's start date tabbed for mid August. Program hosts spoke with Barb Newitt a teacher at Roosevelt High School who supported the Board's calendar and Rhonda Lockwood-Powell who supported the calendar change.

Issue Covered: Referred Law Process

**Program:** "Viewpoint University"

Length: 15 minutes

**Date/Time Aired:** 4/2/15 4:15pm

**Guests and Program Description:** After the completion of the S.D. Legislature, a couple of laws passed during the session prompted the circulation of petitions to stop the enactment of the laws and refer them to a public vote. One of them was a bill to change the requirements for candidates who wished to run for office (SB 69). The other instituted a minimum wage for workers under the age of 18 (SB177). Program hosts spoke with petition circulator Cory Heidelberger of Aberdeen on his involvement.

Issue Covered: Referred Law Process

**Program:** "Viewpoint University"

**Length:** 20 minutes

**Date/Time Aired:** 4/22/15 4:30pm

**Guests and Program Description:** After the completion of the S.D. Legislature, a couple of laws passed during the session prompted the circulation of petitions to stop the enactment of the laws and refer them to a public vote. One of them was a bill to change the requirements for candidates who wished to run for office (SB 69). The other instituted a minimum wage for workers under the age of 18 (SB177). Program hosts spoke with Zach Nistler of the South Dakota Democratic Party about their involvement.

Issue Covered: Sex Trafficking

**Program:** "Viewpoint University"

**Length:** 20 minutes

**Date/Time Aired:** 4/23/15 4:30pm

**Guests and Program Description:** One of the stated objectives of the U.S. Attorney's office in South Dakota for the past few years is to combat sex trafficking. Program hosts spoke with Kimberly LaPlante who is the head of Tapestry International, an organization designed to be an advocate for the victims for sex trafficking.

Issue Covered: Race Relations in South Dakota

**Program:** "Viewpoint University"

**Length:** 45 minutes

**Date/Time Aired:** 4/29/15 4:00pm

**Guests and Program Description:** An elementary school from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation was ushered into the spotlight after an incident in Rapid City where a man shouted insults and sprayed beer on students from the school. Program host did a program on location from the school to talk with school administrators and students about their school.

Issue Covered: Race Relations in South Dakota

**Program:** "Viewpoint University"

**Length:** 45 minutes

**Date/Time Aired:** 4/30/15 4:00pm

**Guests and Program Description:** Indian reservations in South Dakota are notorious for a higher rate for suicides than other areas of the state. Program host did a program on location from the Rosebud Indian Reservation speaking with local minister Jack Moore about suicide and the spiritual health of residents.

Issue Covered: South Dakota Tourism

**Program:** "Viewpoint University"

**Length:** 45 minutes

**Date/Time Aired:** 5/4/15 4:00pm

**Guests and Program Description:** The first full week in May is Tourism week in South Dakota. Program host spent time in various areas of the state that are worthy destinations for ambitious travelers. Host was on location in Belle Fourche, which is near the geographic center of the United States.

Issue Covered: South Dakota Tourism

**Program:** "Viewpoint University"

**Length:** 45 minutes

**Date/Time Aired:** 5/5/15 4:00pm

**Guests and Program Description:** The first full week in May is Tourism week in South Dakota. Program host spent time in various areas of the state that are worthy destinations for ambitious travelers. Host was on location at the Sanford Underground Lab in Lead.

Issue Covered: South Dakota Tourism

**Program:** "Viewpoint University"

**Length:** 45 minutes

**Date/Time Aired:** 5/6/15 4:00pm

**Guests and Program Description:** The first full week in May is Tourism week in South Dakota. Program host spent time in various areas of the state that are worthy destinations for ambitious travelers. Host was on location at Fort Sisseton State Park near Britton.

Issue Covered: South Dakota Tourism

**Program:** "Viewpoint University"

**Length:** 45 minutes

**Date/Time Aired:** 5/7/15 4:00pm

Guests and Program Description: The first full week in May is Tourism week in South Dakota. Program host spent time in various areas of the state that are worthy destinations for ambitious travelers. Host was on location in Watertown home of the Bramble Park Zoo and the Terry Redlin Art Center. The following day, President Barack Obama gave a speech at the commencement of Watertown's Lake Area Technical Institute. The topic of the President's visit was also discussed regarding preparations for the event with Dr. Leslie Hanson the Watertown Superintendent of Schools and Michael Cartney the President of LATI.

Issue Covered: South Dakota Tourism

**Program:** "Viewpoint University"

**Length:** 45 minutes

**Date/Time Aired:** 5/8/15 4:00pm

**Guests and Program Description:** The first full week in May is Tourism week in South Dakota. Program host spent time in various areas of the state that are worthy destinations for ambitious travelers. Host was on location in Brookings at the Children's Museum of South Dakota.

Issue Covered: Storm Coverage

Program: "Main Street Cafe"

**Length:** 3 hours

**Date/Time Aired:** 6/22/15 4:30am

**Guests and Program Description:** In the early morning hours a storm system categorized as a "derecho" traveled hundreds of miles causing widespread damage. Winds approaching 100 miles per hour caused serious damage locally in Hartford, Crooks, Renner, Brandon, Sioux Falls and Garretson. Program hosts followed the storm as it passed through the area and kept the public abreast of the latest developments. Also victims of damage provided reports of their losses.