

Quarterly Issues Program List

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1st Quarter – January 1st through March 31st, 2023

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Section II – Programs

Issue: Restoring Drivers Licenses

Program Title: At Issue

January 2nd, 2023 – 6 a.m. - 30 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson presents a repeat of an October 9th, 2022, program from a workshop discussion with the Wichita City Council. Municipal Court Administrator Nathan Emmorey talks about a new program that will help people restore suspended driver’s licenses. The Wichita Area Restoration Program, WARP, is based on programs in other cities that help people restore their licenses to gain access to transportation, housing and employment. There are also comments from Vice Mayor Becky Tuttle and City Council Member Brandon Johnson, and a look at the Sedgwick County perspective from District Attorney Marc Bennett and Deputy District Attorney Aaron Breitenbach. The workshop presentation is presented with a new introduction and closing that reports City Council approval of a contract with Kansas Legal Services to put this Program into effect.

Issues: Crime, Local Government and Taxes

Program Title: At Issue

January 8th, 2023 – 6 a.m. - 30 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an extended, in-depth news report featuring comments from a December 30th news conference about recent shootings in Wichita. The briefing was held by Wichita Police Chief Joe Sullivan, along with Deputy Chief Jose Salcido and Lieutenant Chad Beard. There are also comments from local pastors Albert Paredes and Odell Harris, Jr. appealing to the public to get involved and reduce gun violence.

The last five minutes of the program feature comments from Wichita Mayor Brandon Whipple, looking back at the past year for the city and talking about his goals for the new year, including reducing homelessness, continuing job growth and economic development strategies, and continuing public safety initiatives.

Issues: Crime, Law Enforcement

Program Title: At Issue

January 15th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 28 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an extended, in-depth news report following up on the previous week’s program dealing with crime and violence. The program features a presentation from an October workshop with the Wichita City Council, with an update on a “violence interruptor program” that is aimed at reducing gun violence. The city is working with the national consulting firm of Cure Violence Global to implement a program in Wichita. There are comments from City Manager Robert Layton, Assistant City Manager Donte Martin, with Brent Decker and Cobe Williams of Cure Violence Global. There are also comments from Mayor Brandon Whipple and City Council Members Brandon Johnson and Mike Hoheisel. The city is working to put the program into effect in northeast and southern neighborhoods in Wichita, in the districts of Johnson and Hoheisel.

Issues: Emergency Management, Mental Health

Program Title: At Issue

January 22nd, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 31 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an extended, in-depth news report with two topics.

The first topic is from the previous week’s meeting of the Sedgwick County Commission, announcing a new email and phone alert system called Civic Ready Alert. Deputy Emergency Management Director Jonathan Marr and Operations Officer Cody Charvat explain the system that will be available to Wichita and Mt. Hope, soon to be available in other cities. It provides notifications on community bulletins, health advisories and emergency situations.

The second segment of the program is a discussion from an earlier County Commission meeting on a partnership with the KU Medical Center-Wichita. The county is providing funding to help with the first year of a program to train up to four psychiatrists a year to work with children and adolescents on mental health needs. The discussion features Deputy County Manager Tim Kaufman, Deputy Chief Financial Officer Brent Shelton, Dr. Rachel Brown with the KU Medical Center and County Commissioners Jim Howell and David Dennis.

Issue: State Government and Taxes

Program Title: At Issue

January 29th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 31 minutes – KFDI's George Lawson presents an edited presentation of Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's State of the State Address, delivered to the Kansas Legislature on January 24th. The Governor presents her agenda for the coming year, including sales tax cuts, Medicaid expansion, mental health services, and other issues.

Issues: Highways and Transportation

Program Title: At Issue

February 5th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 31 minutes – KFDI's George Lawson presents an interview with Kansas Department of Transportation's Wichita Metro Public Affairs Manager Tom Hein. He talks about designs for planned improvements along K-96 from Interstate 135 to the Kansas Turnpike. The project includes widening of K-96 from four to six lanes, and major improvements for seven interchanges. Hein talks about the designs and the timeline for the project, and he also talks about the ongoing improvements being made to the North Junction with I-135, I-235, K-96 and K-254.

The second segment of the program features comments from a recent news briefing held by Sedgwick County on a study that is being made of two high-accident intersections. The locations are 21st Street North and 167th Street West, and 79th Street South at Greenwich Road. Sedgwick County Sheriff's Colonel Brian White, Interim County Engineer Lynn Packer, and County Commissioners David Dennis and Jim Howell talk about the upcoming study and the concerns they have heard from residents.

Issues: Hunger and Food Availability, Recreation

Program Title: At Issue

February 12th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 29 minutes – KFDI's George Lawson hosts an extended, in-depth news report with comments from a recent Wichita City Council workshop. The discussion is an update on the Healthy Corner Store Initiative, with plans to establish six corner stores later in 2023. The discussion is led by Eileen Horn and Juan Vila with the consulting firm of New Venture Advisors. There are also questions from City Council Member Mike Hoheisel.

The final six minutes of the program are from a recent news briefing led by Wichita City Council member Becky Tuttle, talking about the continuation of the Bike Share ICT program, with sponsorship by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas. She is joined by Andrea Larsen of Blue Cross Blue Shield and Jan Maeve-Saggerson with the image firm of Visual Fusion. The program provides rental bicycles for transportation around downtown Wichita and other locations.

Issues: U.S. Military History and Current Affairs

Program Title: At Issue

February 19th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 34 minutes – KFDI's George Lawson presents an interview that was previously aired on this program on May 22nd, 2022. It features former federal prosecutor Tony Mattivi and retired U.S. Navy Commander Kirk Lippold, who was the commander of the USS Cole when it was attacked by suicide bombers at a port in Yemen in October 2000. Mattivi was the lead prosecutor in the investigation of the bombing. They talk about the attack and the investigation and also offer their thoughts on the war in Ukraine. The interview is presented with a new introduction and closing comments to reflect that Tony Mattivi is now the 13th Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. His nomination was confirmed by the Kansas Senate in January, and he then took the oath of office.

Issues: Local Government and Community Issues

Program Title: At Issue

February 26th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 28 minutes – KFDI's George Lawson presents an extended, in-depth news report with two segments.

In the first segment, Denise Sherman, Executive Director of the Kansas African American Museum in Wichita, offers comments from a recent presentation to Sedgwick County Commissioners on Black History Month and the related exhibits that the Museum will have on display.

The second segment is a presentation of Wichita Mayor Brandon Whipple's State of the City Address on February 23rd. The Mayor talks about the progress the city has made during the past year in such areas as economic growth, public safety, and quality of life.

Issue: Severe Weather Preparedness

Program Title: At Issue

March 5th, 2023 – 32 minutes – KFDI's George Lawson presents an interview with Chance Hayes, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service office in Wichita. They talk about Severe Weather Awareness Week, which is this coming week, March 6-10 and provides information on weather warnings, lightning safety, and other issues. Information is also shared about upcoming weather safety presentations in the Wichita area.

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March 12th, 2023 – 6 a.m. - 30 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson presents a repeat of the previous week’s interview with Chance Hayes, Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service office in Wichita. The interview is slightly edited to remove a reference to the planned statewide tornado drill, which was held the previous Tuesday. There is new information presented following the interview on the next week of severe weather safety presentations in south central Kansas.

Issues: Law Enforcement, Community Development

Program Title: At Issue

March 19th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 31 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson presents an extended, in-depth news report featuring comments from a news briefing held during the past week on the Wichita Police Department. The briefing covered a report from the Chicago firm of Jensen Hughes on the culture and operations of the department, and there are comments and reaction to the report from Wichita City Manager Robert Layton, Police Chief Joe Sullivan, Mayor Brandon Whipple, and consultants Robert Davis and Edward Denmark.

The final seven minutes of the program are an interview with Justin Constantino, Assistant Director of Community Development for the City of Andover. He talks about a final draft of a comprehensive plan to guide growth and development over the next ten years in Andover. There is a public comment period that expires in a few days.

Issues: Animal Control, Public Education

Program Title: At Issue

March 26th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 27 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson presents an extended, in-depth news report featuring comments from a recent Wichita City Council workshop. Police Lieutenant Derek Purcell and Captain Dan East discuss operations of the city’s Animal Control department and talk about a possible ban on pet sales at local retail pet stores. This issue is under consideration in the Kansas Legislature.

The program concludes with a one-minute report from ABC reporter Michelle Frantzen on a trend by school districts, including one in Missouri, to go to a four-day week.