

KNCT QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT
 (January, February, March 2024)

This report was compiled by KNCT-FM Program Director Gary Emmert. Below is an example of what KNCT and the news department broadcasts in response to community needs, issues and challenges.

On the Dock - Every Wednesday and Friday at 6:15pm, our host Rick Smith covers information about fishing, game, wildlife, and other outdoor recreation news in the area. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department works hand in hand with Mr. Smith to create and produce these episodes, which normally last 5 minutes in length.

The Senior Report - Recorded and produced every week and aired on Saturday mornings at 9:20am, host Joyce Mayer informs local senior citizens and their family members with pertinent news and information about health, education, and recreation in the KNCT-FM listening area. Each program is 30 minutes in length.

The USO Report - Each Sunday at 1:30pm, the Center Director of Fort Hood’s USO informs our listeners of events and programs designed to assist Soldiers, Veterans, and their family members in the KNCT-FM listening area. Each episode is approximately five minutes in length.

Voice of Texas Veterans - Every Sunday at 3:30pm, host Julia Conner features services offered by the Texas Veterans Commission, a state agency that offers free services to Veterans in the state of Texas. Each episode is approximately 10 minutes in length.

Weather - Bill Hecke has been KNCT’s meteorologist for over 36 years, providing multiple weather reports and hourly updates each day for our listeners. In addition to his expert weather coverage, Bill addresses hot and cold weather safety concerns. He also promotes wellness clinics that offer free healthcare for children in the area and animal shelters that need help finding homes for our four-legged friends. Altogether, Mr. Hecke gives about 40 minutes of weather and public service coverage per day.

Quarterly Issues/Program List Below is a list of some of the significant issues responded to by 91.3 KNCT-FM in Killeen, Texas, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024. This list is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment
Reading Rooms	USO Report	1/1/2024	1:30pm	5 minutes	New activities at the Fort Hood USO are highlighted in this episode, including bingo, free lunches and book reading rooms. The book reading rooms allow service members who are living apart from their families to record them reading a book to their children.
Services for Veterans	Voice of Texas Veterans	1/1/2024	3:30pm	10 minutes	Whether it's the end of 2022 or the beginning of 2024, the Texas Veterans Commission is here for veterans, family members and survivors. They talk about free services, with emphasis on Claims, the PACT Act and the Hazlewood education benefit.
Managing Fish Populations	On the Dock	1/4/2024	6:15pm	5 minutes	The Toyota ShareLunker program has played an integral part in making Texas a destination for hundreds of thousands of anglers in search of this prized sport fish. Grabbing a pole, hitting the water and hauling in a 13-pound plus largemouth bass would be a great way to jumpstart the new year. The cast of the line, the lure landing just right on the water and a strike from a possible fish of a lifetime is what many anglers strive to experience.
Programs Available to Senior Community	Senior Report	1/7/24	9:20am	25 minutes	Joyce emphasizes to listeners the importance of beginning the new year by getting up to date on immunizations needs. Adult protective services information was then discussed to help bring awareness of and stop adult abuse in Texas. Topics included financial, physical and emotional abuse. Symptoms

					<p>of abuse were also discussed to let listeners know what to look for.</p> <p>Holiday food drive information and locations in Killeen and Harker Heights. Homeless Awareness Response Program (HARP) highlighted, to include types of non-perishable foods that are needed to help those in need.</p> <p>AARP Tax Aide Program looking for volunteers to join the tax preparation team. Individuals needed to help seniors fill out tax returns and run the tax software. Emphasis has been placed on the need for bilingual volunteers.</p> <p>The Senior Community Employment Office is offering assistance to individuals over the age of 55 who are looking for part-time employment.</p>
Services for Veterans	Voice of Texas Veterans	1/8/2024	3:30pm	10 minutes	<p>The Texas Veterans Commission has so many free services for veterans, family members and survivors, it takes a while to explain them all! That is one reason they have a virtual TVC Question and Answer session every month. Anyone can attend. They brief you on our services and then you can ask questions and get answers right then and there, LIVE! The virtual Q and A is held on the second Tuesday, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm (Central Time). Listeners will get a brief overview of everything we do and then representatives from each department will be online to answer any questions.</p>
Parklands Public Awareness	On the Dock	1/11/2024	6:15pm	5 minutes	<p>The Art of Texas State Parks is intended to increase public awareness of Texas parklands and heighten their popular appeal through the elegant and inspired works of Texas' contemporary painters. The national park system has long collaborated with artists to portray their landscapes, but until now, no such artistic record had been undertaken for state parks. The Centennial Celebration of Texas State Parks offers the perfect occasion to create a lasting visual record of Texas State Parks in art and, at the same time, memorialize the past and ongoing development of the distinctive collection of Lone Star parks and natural areas.</p>
Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease	On the Dock	1/13/2024	6:15pm	5 minutes	<p>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) received test results last month confirming diagnoses of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease virus 2 (RHDV2) in two desert cottontail rabbits and one black-tailed jackrabbit in El Paso County. This marks the first confirmed cases of RHDV2 in wild rabbits in Texas this winter.</p> <p>Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD) is a highly contagious viral disease that can affect both domestic and wild rabbit species, including hares, jackrabbits and cottontails. This disease is nearly always fatal and primarily affects adult rabbits. The viral agent, Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV), is a calicivirus with two strains, RHDV1 and RHDV2, both reported in North America in recent years. RHDV appears only to affect rabbit species (lagomorphs). It is not known to affect humans, livestock or pets other than rabbits. However, pets should not be allowed to consume dead animal carcasses.</p>
Programs Available to Senior Community	Senior Report	1/14/24	9:20am	25 minutes	<p>Information regarding food drive sponsored by KISD to gather non-perishable items for individuals with special needs.</p> <p>Shared information on various Parkinson Disease groups in the Central Texas area, including Belton, Killeen, and Salado.</p> <p>Diabetes self-management program announced in the Harker Heights community.</p>
Mental Health Services for Veterans	Voice of Texas Veterans	1/15/24	3:30pm	10 minutes	<p>TVC Grantee Baylor Scott and White Offers Free Mental Health Services to Veterans and their Families.</p> <p>Baylor Scott and White and their Warrior Research Institute is one of the Fund for Veterans' Assistance grantees. Thanks to that grant, they can provide free mental health services to veterans and eligible family members across the state via Telehealth. Without the Telehealth option, some veterans would not have access to the therapy they need. In this episode, guest Dr. Elizabeth Coe explains how veterans benefit and what treatment is available.</p>
Toyota Sharelunker Program	On the Dock	1/18/2024	6:15pm	5 minutes	<p>O.H. Ivie Lake claimed the first Legacy Class largemouth bass of the 2024 Toyota ShareLunker collection season Sunday for the second consecutive year. Tom Nilssen of New Braunfels landed ShareLunker 633, which registered at 13.52 pounds on the scale. O.H. Ivie has enjoyed a tremendous run of Lunkers, boasting 12 in each of the last two seasons.</p>

					<p>"In the past two years, O.H. Ivie has been a top producer of ShareLunker bass, so it is not surprising the first Legacy Class Lunker of 2024 was caught in this reservoir," said Natalie Goldstrohm, Toyota ShareLunker coordinator. "This catch was a great way to start off the season — we are very grateful that Mr. Nilssen decided to loan his fish to the Toyota ShareLunker program. With the help of anglers like Mr. Nilssen loaning their catches to TPWD, we can continue growing bigger, better bass for future generations."</p>
Programs Available to Senior Community	Senior Report	1/21/24	9:20am	25 minutes	<p>Information pertaining to senior Veterans provided. The Disabled American Veterans in Gatesville is open to help Veterans file disability claims.</p> <p>Volunteer van drivers needed to transport Veterans in the area to the VA center in Temple.</p> <p>New COVID variant has led to an increase in area. Information to help contain the spread is shared with the listeners.</p>
Helping Veteran Entrepreneurs	Voice of Texas Veterans	1/22/24	3:30pm	10 minutes	<p>The TVC's Fund for Veterans' Assistance awards grants to nonprofits who in turn assist veterans. LiftFund is using its FVA grant to teach veteran entrepreneurs about showcasing their business in the digital world. It is not as scary as some might think. Texas Veterans Commission Business Consultants work one on one with veterans and spouses who want to start or grow their own business.</p>
Information for the Senior Community	Senior Report	1/28/24	9:20am	25 minutes	<p>Day for Women event in Temple profiled, as well as programs happening at the Mayborn Science Theater.</p> <p>Information for individuals in need of food deliveries provided.</p>
Program Highlights	USO Fort Hood	1/29/24	1:30pm	5 minutes	<p>Events on Fort Hood highlighted, including a cooking demonstration event in conjunction with HEB.</p> <p>Incoming First Sergeants and Commanders courses were also highlighted. This event gives a tour of USO and the many different services available to service members in their unit.</p>
Services for Veterans	Voice of Texas Veterans	1/29/24	3:30pm	10 minutes	<p>In this episode, our host checks in with city officials in Laredo, to discuss grants that are helping veterans with home repairs and financial assistance and how listeners could use a helping hand in their community.</p>
Information for the Senior Community	Senior Report	2/4/24	9:20am	25 minutes	<p>Many senior centers have reopened since the winter ice storm.</p> <p>Seniors Living Smarter seminars in Georgetown announced. Listeners trying to get their affairs in order are encouraged to attend this free event.</p>
Therapy Dogs	USO Report	2/5/24	1:30pm	5 minutes	<p>In celebration of the USO's 82nd birthday, host Benjamin Griffin discusses the ways this non-profit organization supports the military and their family.</p> <p>Benjamin also highlights a new therapy dog program intended to help service members battling PTSD. Shiloh, who is a giant schnauzer, will be available every Monday at the USO location in the Rivers Building on Fort Hood.</p>
Health Awareness for Women Veterans	Voice of Texas Veterans	2/5/24	3:30pm	10 minutes	<p>With February being American Heart Month, this episode discusses a Women Veterans Program urging listeners to take time to learn about the risk factors for heart disease and learn what they can do to keep your heart healthy and strong.</p>
Information for the Senior Community	Senior Report	2/11/24	9:20am	25 minutes	<p>The FBI is reporting that seniors are being scammed regarding their Social Security. Victims are asked to provide personal information. The administration will not call and require you to pay them money.</p> <p>A thing called Bank Jugging is happening in the community. Individuals sit outside banks spotting potential victims and burglarize them when they get to their vehicle. Recommendations on how to avoid this are provided. Situational awareness is strongly encouraged when leaving any financial institution.</p>
Service Member Support Programs	USO Report	2/12/24	1:30pm	5 minutes	<p>Update on a therapy dog program, called Hot Dogs and Hounds.</p> <p>Service members also participated in a paper airplane contest.</p>

Veteran Friendly Employers	Voice of Texas Veterans	2/12/24	3:30pm	10 minutes	The Federal HIRE Vet Medallion Award is made for exceptional veteran friendly businesses. In this episode, Julia explains how businesses can apply for the award here, talks to TVC employment folks about the award, and how TVC helps veterans find new careers.
Civil Rights	Like it Is	2/13/24	7pm	60 minutes	<p>The first half of the program, titled "Crossing Bridges," discusses the effects of poverty, racism and violence in Birmingham, Alabama with Dr. Abraham Lincoln Woods. Dr. Woods was an American civil rights leader, who helped coordinate the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and stood behind Martin Luther King Jr. during his historic "I Have a Dream" speech.</p> <p>The second discussion features a conversation with the last surviving member of the "Gang of Four," Larry Gossett. During the 1960s, marches, boycotts, and moments of unrest arrived in Seattle as the battle for civil rights played out across the country. Four local activists — Roberto Maestas, Bob Santos, Bernie Whitebear and Gossett — joined together to give voice to Seattle's minority communities. Their nickname was the Gang of Four.</p> <p>The last conversation in this episode is with Dr. Billie Jean Young, who gave a special performance of her one-woman play "Fannie Lou Hamer: This Little Light." The play depicts the life of Fannie Lou Hamer, a sharecropper in Mississippi who was drawn into the Civil Rights Movement by her desire to vote and to secure voting rights for the younger generation.</p>
Park Closure	On the Dock	2/15/24	6:15pm	5 minutes	<p>After more than 50 years of public use and outdoor recreation by Texas families, Fairfield Lake State Park will be permanently closed to the public Feb. 28. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) was notified by its lessor, Vistra, the owner of the site, that the land lease for Fairfield Lake State Park was terminated due to the impending sale of the property. Texas State Parks has 120 days to vacate the state park before it is turned over to the new owner, Todd Interests.</p> <p>"Losing Fairfield Lake State Park would represent a significant step backward in our efforts to expand outdoor recreational opportunities for Texas' booming population," said Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Chairman Arch "Beaver" Aplin III. "This loss is especially unfathomable at a time when we are celebrating 100 years of state parks, yet absent any cooperation or interest in working with us from the developer, we have no other options. Rest assured Commissioners remain committed to working with Todd Interests to maintain this important public asset and grow outdoor recreation in Texas."</p>
Information for the Senior Community	Senior Report	2/18/24	9:20am	25 minutes	<p>Apache Arts and Craft center on Fort Hood is open to individuals. Woodworking, ceramics, and other hands-on crafts available. Projects available to grandchildren as well.</p> <p>Fitness class available to help pregnant and postpartum women. Classes and individual assistance is provided.</p> <p>Mobile food pantry will be in Nolanville. It is set up with the intent to distribute foods to those in need. Information is available on Facebook, including current and future event locations.</p>
Networking Services for Spouses of Veterans	Voice of Texas Veterans	2/19/24	3:30pm	10 minutes	The Veteran Spouse Network, the topic for this episode, is a safe place where active duty, and veteran spouses and partners can rally round each other to help ease the transition process. Support groups are many and meetups can be in person or virtual. Participants can connect with the groups that best fit their needs. Whether the family is about to transition, just getting out, or been out for a while, the Veteran Spouse Network is available and Julia explains the various programs and how to connect.
Bird City Texas Recipients	On the Dock	2/24/24	6:15pm	5 minutes	<p>Audubon Texas and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) are excited to announce Austin and Cedar Hill as the newest additions to the Bird City Texas flock. This certification program recognizes cities' efforts to ensure birds, wildlife and people thrive in their communities. Austin and Cedar Hill have displayed leadership as Bird Friendly Cities by excelling in three criteria areas: community engagement, habitat enhancement and protection and creating safer spaces for birds. Their Bird City Texas certification will continue through 2026.</p> <p>Since the Bird City Texas program began in 2020, eight other cities have been certified. Certified cities participate in the community-focused program to protect birds and their habitats where people live, work and recreate. To do this, cities employ science-based bird initiatives and community-centric action. The Bird City Texas communities are able to leverage this</p>

					designation to attract 2.2 million bird watchers in Texas, a major component of the \$1.8 billion economic impact from Texas wildlife viewing across the state.
Information for the Senior Community	Senior Report	2/25/24	9:20am	25 minutes	Community assistance information provided for alternatively located family members and friends called an elder call locator. Enables individuals to do health and welfare checks on loved ones.
Awareness	Still Going on	2/28/24	7pm	60 minutes	“Still Going On” is an award-winning, four-part, hour-long award-winning radio documentary saluting William Grant Still and other African-American composers. Still, often referred to as “the Dean” of African American composers, composed more than 150 works including 5 symphonies and 8 operas. Born in Mississippi, he grew up in Little Rock Arkansas, and attended Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio
Migratory Game Bird	On the Dock	3/3/2024	6:15pm	5 minutes	The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s (TPWD) 2024–24 proposed migratory game bird regulations mirror last year’s season lengths, timing and daily bag limits. No changes were required due to federal regulatory modifications for season length or daily bag limits. In addition, staff are not proposing any substantive changes to any migratory game bird hunting season.
Information for Senior Community	Senior Report	3/4/24	9:20am	25 minutes	Area Agency on Aging information provided. Topics include medicare programs, low-income resources, Veteran assistance, and more. AARP holding event that offers information on new automobile features. Collision warnings, drowsy driver alerts, and other new technology features are discussed to give listeners information available in new vehicles. Bell County area Parkinson’s Disease support group information is provided. Included are information on events and locations of various events and meetings.
Awareness	Still Going On	3/7/2024	7pm	60 minutes	“Still Going On” is an award-winning, four-part, hour-long award-winning radio documentary saluting William Grant Still and other African-American composers. Still, often referred to as “the Dean” of African American composers, composed more than 150 works including 5 symphonies and 8 operas. Born in Mississippi, he grew up in Little Rock Arkansas, and attended Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio.
Wild Turkey Numbers	On the Dock	3/10/24	6:15pm	5 minutes	While the 2022 drought and heat have reduced wild turkey numbers across Texas, hunters who hit the field this spring should see plenty of birds in areas that typically house huntable populations of wild turkeys. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists say hunters will have the most luck in the Cross Timbers, Edwards Plateau and South Texas ecoregions.
Information for Senior Community	Senior Report	3/11/24	9:20am	25 minutes	Area Agency on Aging information provided, this time focusing on family members of seniors programs they offer as well as locations and contact information. Information for support groups designed to assist caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s Disease. Tax filing season is here, and AARP is open and ready to assist qualifying individuals in Killeen. Contact and eligibility information provided to listeners.
Fairfield Lake State Park	On the Dock	3/15/24	6:15pm	5 minutes	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) announces it will temporarily reopen Fairfield Lake State Park for free day-use-only visitation beginning March 14. On Feb. 13, TPWD was given 120 days’ notice to vacate the property before it is turned over to the contracted buyer. TPWD closed the park on Feb. 28 to begin preparations for decommissioning the park. Staff have already begun decommissioning the park but developed a plan for its temporary reopening after a Thursday meeting of the House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism. Committee members including Chairman Trent Ashby suggested TPWD consider reopening the park, given its popularity and the economic benefit its visitors provide to Freestone County.
Boating and Fishing Grants	On the Dock	3/17/24	6:15pm	5 minutes	The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has been awarded a pair of R3 program grants by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) to support state

					<p>recruitment, retention and reactivation (R3) initiatives to increase fishing and boating participation. Texas is one of only nine states to receive a grant and the only state to be awarded funding for two separate programs.</p> <p>The program grants distributed to Texas will fund initiatives that zero in on the retention of female anglers (with a special focus on Hispanic women) and the use of text messages aimed at reactivating lapsed anglers who bought a "year from purchase" fishing license.</p>
Information for the Senior Community	Senior Report	3/18/24	6:15pm	25 minutes	<p>Hill Country Community Action Association discussed. In addition to location and contact information, their aim is the reduction of poverty amongst older adults and to assist family members. Centers all throughout Central Texas are available to provide meals, both in person and delivered.</p> <p>Support groups for Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease caregivers highlighted, including the opening of a new senior center in Salado. Also, the Area Agency on Aging is providing seminars for caregivers.</p>
Opportunities for Volunteers at the USO	USO Report	3/19/24	1:30pm	5 minutes	<p>National Pi Day was celebrated this week at the USO on Fort Hood as well as St. Patrick's Day activities and treats for service members and their family members.</p> <p>None of these events are possible without the USO's most important asset, their volunteers. Benjamin then goes on to provide information to listeners on how they can become USO volunteers.</p>
Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease	On the Dock	3/22/24	6:15pm	5 minutes	<p>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), in conjunction with National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) and several Texas landowners, has detected the presence of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus 2 (RHDV2) in Bosque and Ector Counties. This case in Bosque County is the ninth and most easterly Texas county to have a confirmed case of RHDV2; TPWD is also investigating suspected cases in Mason County. Several counties in west and central Texas that have had recent confirmed cases of RHDV2 continue to report rabbit mortalities; counties with recently confirmed RHDV2 cases include El Paso, Brewster, Terrell, Gillespie, Reeves, Mills, Pecos, Ector, and now Bosque County. TPWD is currently investigating additional suspect cases in Mason County. The carcasses of two wild jackrabbits were found on a resident's property in Bosque County and were collected for testing in early March after they were reported to be dead with blood coming from the nose. The clinical signs of RHDV2 can include dullness/apathy, not eating, bleeding from the nose and eyes or watery, congested eyes, however most rabbits are found already deceased.</p>
Avian Influenza Detected	On the Dock	3/24/24	6:15pm	5 minutes	<p>The National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) confirmed this week the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in a striped skunk recovered from Carson County.</p> <p>This is the first confirmed case of HPAI in mammals for Texas.</p> <p>Detected in all states across the U.S. except Hawaii, HPAI is a highly contagious virus that transmits easily among wild and domestic birds. The virus can spread directly between animals and indirectly through environmental contamination.</p>