

Here follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station KMUC, Columbia, Missouri along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period October, 2018 through December, 2018. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

1. "The Uncertain Future of Soybean Futures"

In-depth feature reporting

December 6, 2018

Aired at 6:00pm

4:00

Farmers know every year they're going to encounter surprises from things out of their control, like drought or pests. This year, great growing conditions led to a bin-busting soybean harvest, but a tit-for-tat exchange of tariffs with China meant that country went from being a major buyer to virtually ignoring U.S. soybeans.

2. "How Midwestern National Forests Keep Fires at Bay and Prepare for Climate Change"

In-depth feature reporting

December 19, 2018

Aired at 5:00 p.m.

4:00

A stand of trees in the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri looks a little more sparse than what is often depicted in a forest. The trees are eight to ten feet apart, and that's on purpose, fire management officer Greg Painter said. It's how the Mark Twain and other national forests in the Midwest, like the Shawnee in Illinois and Hoosier in Indiana, keep fires at bay. That type of density, as well as a diverse mix of trees, will help the forests withstand climate change, which in the Midwest will look like warmer weather, shorter winters and fewer hard freezes of the soil. That's top of mind for foresters, as the devastating Camp Fire in California has brought more attention to forest management and the role climate change is playing in the severity and frequency of major wildfires.

3. "You Need to Take Care of Yourself to be Able to Take Care of Others"

In-depth health reporting

December 25, 2018

Aired at 2:00pm

4:00

Dawn Day is a sexual assault nurse examiner or SANE nurse and the sexual assault program coordinator at the Mercy hospital in Springfield. She spoke about the stress it can put on nurses to take care of patients who are victims of

sexual assault, and a little bit about how she and others deal with those stressors.

4. **“‘Babies at Work’ Program: ‘It Really is a Win-Win for Everybody”**

In-depth health reporting

December 27, 2018

Aired at 4:00 p.m.

4:00

Leona Greer and Laura Goddard both work at the Randolph County Health Department in Moberly. Leona is the Nutrition, Breastfeeding and WIC Coordinator, and Laura is the lead secretary in the clinic. They spoke about how programs like the new “Babies at Work” program the health department is piloting could benefit other families and other businesses.

5. **“If You’re not Taking Care of High Blood Pressure, You’re Not Taking Care of Your HIV”**

In-depth health reporting

December 26, 2018

Aired at 3:00pm

4:00

Jannis Evans and Devin Hursey both work in the HIV treatment and prevention field and have served on committees advocating for people with HIV in Missouri and across the country. They sat down at this month’s Legislative Advocacy Day sponsored by the Missouri HIV Justice Coalition where they both were advocating for changes to Missouri’s HIV criminal laws, and they spoke about some of the reasons HIV impacts communities of color at a higher rate.