

Quarterly Issues Program List

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4th Quarter – October 1st through December 31st, 2023

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Section II – Programs

Issues: Law Enforcement, Affordable Housing

Program Title: At Issue

October 1st, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 29 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an extended, long-form, in-depth news report featuring comments from a recent news conference about the Wichita Police Department. Mayor Brandon Whipple, City Auditor Kristina Rose, and Police Chief Joe Sullivan present the results of a year-long study of the property and evidence section of the Police Department. The study found that there was no missing evidence and there are some policies and practices that need to be revamped.

The second segment of the program is audio of a recent presentation to the Wichita City Council about an Affordable Housing Fund. The city has taken \$5 million from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to create this program, aimed at low-to-moderate-income families. There are comments from Sarah Gooding of the City’s Department of Housing and Community Services, along with Department Director Sally Stang and City Council Member Bryan Frye.

Issues: Local Government, American Rescue Plan Act Funding

Program Title: At Issue

October 8th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 26 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an extended, long-form, in-depth news report featuring comments from a recent workshop meeting for the Wichita City Council. Elizabeth Goltry with the city’s Finance Department presented an update on the city’s use of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. Dr. Scott Lucas of WSU Tech talks about the Future Ready Workforce Development Project and a manufacturing center set up in a former Dillon’s store at 13th and Waco. Another project involving ARPA funds is highlighted by Lynn Loveland, the Dean of Health Sciences at WSU Tech, talking about the Future Ready Healthcare Program and training facilities that have been set up at Wesley Medical Center.

Issues: Technology Growth and Education, Emergency Services

Program Title: At Issue

October 15th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 26 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson presents two segments.

The first is a news conference with Apple, Inc. co-founder Steve Wozniak, from a recent appearance at Wichita State University. He spoke at the second annual Ad Astra Technology Summit, sponsored by the group Flagship Kansas.Tech and he talked about artificial intelligence, diversity in hiring by technology companies, and other issues. There are also comments from Flagship Kansas Past President Luis Rodriguez about attracting a more diverse workforce to the technology industry.

The second segment is an extended, long-form news report dealing with a presentation from a recent Sedgwick County Commission meeting, recognizing the work of the Emergency Management Department’s canine search team. There are comments from Sedgwick County Emergency Management Director Julie Stimson, and Deputy Director Jonathan Marr, along with Canine Search Expert Wayne Leach and County Commission Chairman Pete Meitzner.

Issues: Divisions in Congress, Funding for Ukraine, Healthcare Training

Program Title: At Issue

October 22nd, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 30 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson presents two segments.

The first is a long-form news report featuring comments from U.S. Senator Jerry Moran of Kansas, speaking on the Senate floor about his concerns over divisions among Democrats and Republicans, and how that is affecting the discussion on funding for Ukraine in its war with Russia, and also the impact on issues dealing with the Southern Border with Mexico.

The second segment is a long-form news report featuring comments from a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony at the WSU Tech South Campus. WSU Tech President Dr. Sheree Utash talks about new healthcare training facilities that have been created. The emcee for the ceremony was Andy McFayden of WSU Tech, and there were also comments from Doug Stark with Comfort Care Homes, Emily Newhouse of Newton Medical Center, and WSU Tech students Ana Martinez and Suzy Vaga. The new facilities are temporary until WSU Tech, Wichita State University and the University of Kansas develop a new Biomed Center in Wichita in 2026.

Issues: Divisions in Congress, Funding for Ukraine, Healthcare Training

Program Title: At Issue

October 29th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 30 minutes – This is a repeat of the previous week’s program.

Issues: Domestic Violence Awareness, Vehicle Theft

Program Title: At Issue

November 5th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 26 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an extended, long-form, in-depth news report featuring comments from a recent news conference for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Wichita Police Department Public Information Officer Kris Gupilan talks about a new program by the department to reduce domestic violence in the community. There are also comments from Police Chief Joe Sullivan; Kathy Williams, Executive Director of the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center; and Lieutenant Steven Thorton with the WPD Sex Crimes Section.

The second segment is a phone interview with Joe Konen, General Manager of Midwest Kia in Wichita, talking about an upcoming event with the Wichita Police Department to promote software installation to prevent vehicle thefts. There has been a rash of vehicle thefts across the country because of a social media post that shows people how to steal Kia and Hyundai vehicles. The Police Department and Midwest Kia planned an event for November 11th to help owners of vehicles made between 2011 and 2021.

Issue: Homelessness

Program Title: At Issue

November 12th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 31 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an extended, long-form, in-depth news report with comments from a recent announcement by the City of Wichita on a location for an emergency winter homeless shelter. Mayor Brandon Whipple announces that the shelter will be located in the former Fundamental Learning Center near 21st and Grove. There are also comments from Humankind Ministries President and CEO LaTasha St. Arnault and Assistant City Manager Troy Anderson.

There are also comments from a later meeting of the Wichita City Council, with residents near 21st and Grove raising concerns about having the shelter in their neighborhood. The speakers include Reverend Titus James, residents Geneva Holloway and A.J. Bohanon, and Cornelia Stevens, who is Executive Director of TOP Early Learning Center. There are also comments from Sedgwick County Commissioner Ryan Baty, who has been involved in discussions on a long-term solution to homelessness. He talks about more discussions that are ahead and the county will be involved in that process.

Issue: Holiday Travel

Program Title: At Issue

November 19th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 29 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an extended, long-form, in-depth news report with comments from a recent news conference on holiday travel ahead of the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas weekends. There are comments from Wichita Director of Airports Jesse Romo, Kansas Director for the Transportation Security Administration Tony Metcalf and Regional Spokesperson Patricia Mancha of the Transportation Security Administration. They provide tips on packing and preparation for airport security in traveling by air over the holidays.

Issue: Holiday Travel

Program Title: At Issue

November 26th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 29 minutes – This is a repeat of the previous week’s program.

Issues: Mental Health and Holiday Stress

Program Title: At Issue

December 3, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 26 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson presents an interview with KFDI’s JJ Hayes talking to Eric Litwiller, Director of Donor Advising and Communications for the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas. This is the second in a series of interviews JJ has been doing to focus on mental health in the community. This program deals with stress during the holiday season and how to manage that stress.

Issue: Homelessness

Program Title: At Issue

December 10th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 28 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson hosts an extended, long-form, in-depth news report with audio from a tour of the temporary winter homeless shelter that opened in Wichita on December 1st. Lawson and other reporters question HumanKind Ministries President and CEO La Tasha St. Arnault about the new facilities near 21st and Grove. There is also audio from a discussion that took place earlier in the day about the shelter. It features Wichita Housing and Community Services Director Sally Stang, HumanKind Chief Program Officer Erica Davis, Kansas House members Nick Hoheisel and Emil Bergquist, Wichita Police Lieutenant Aaron Moses, Wichita City Council member Bryan Frye and Sedgwick County commissioners Ryan Baty and Jim Howell. Baty and Howell talk about a letter going to Kansas Governor Laura Kelly to ask for funding to support a long-term multi-agency center for homeless services.

Issue: Holiday Travel

Program Title: At Issue

December 17th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 26 minutes – KFDI’s George Lawson presents an extended, long-form, in-depth news report on the expected holiday travel for the Christmas and New Years weekends. The program begins with general travel information from AAA Kansas, and then there is audio from a news conference held the previous week in Topeka. The Kansas Department of Transportation held the news conference to launch its “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign. There are comments from KDOT Behavioral Safety Manager Gary Herman, with Kansas Transportation Secretary Calvin Reed, Washburn University Associate Vice President Dr. Teresa Clouch, Washburn Associate Dean of Undergraduate Nursing Debbie Isaacson, Kansas Highway Patrol Superintendent Colonel Erik Smith, and John and Teresa Groves of Leavenworth, representing the DUI Victim Center of Kansas. Their son Matt was killed by a drunk driver.

Issue: Holiday Travel

Program Title: At Issue

December 24th, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 26 minutes - This is a repeat of the previous week’s program on safe holiday travel.

Issue: Mental Health and Holiday Stress

Program Title: At Issue

December 31st, 2023 – 6 a.m. – 26 minutes – This is a repeat of the December 3rd program with KFDI's JJ Hayes and Eric Litwiller of the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas, talking about dealing with stress during the holidays.