

Issues Programming List
Quarterly Issues Programs List for KWLS
October 1 - December 31, 2019
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Section 1. Issues

The following are identified as significant community issues this quarter:
Crime, Safety, Health, Education, Agriculture, Safety

KWLS regularly and continually offers PSA's and Event Information at no charge for Charities, Churches, Communities, and Schools. The following is a list of programming offered is representative and not comprehensive. The order is chronological and not by any priority:

Section 2. Responsive Programming

Crime

October 15 – What's Up 60: The Arkansas City Police Department arrested an Arkansas City man Friday after he allegedly brandished a gun at a man at a local convenience store.

Safety

October 29 - What's Up 60: Another possible arson occurred early Sunday in Winfield when a vehicle was set ablaze. That makes four fires this month in Winfield that are being investigated as arson. A fifth fire that occurred in Cambridge appears suspicious, according to authorities but is not believed to be related to the Winfield incidents.

October 30 - What's Up 60: A man accused of attempted second degree murder after allegedly shooting another man during a robbery in Winfield last year was bound over for trial after a preliminary hearing on Tuesday, but could possibly face a lesser charge.

November 2 - What's Up 60: Playground equipment at the Ark City Christian Academy, 138 E. Kansas Ave., was vandalized in mid-October, and Ark City police say they have no leads on it. The vandalism happened some time over the weekend of Oct. 11-13 but was not reported until Oct. 14, according to Capt. Jim Holloway.

November 8 - What's Up 60: The manhunt for two suspects was called off around 2:30 p.m. Friday and law enforcement don't have any reason to believe that the public is in danger, according to the Cowley County Sheriff's Office.

December 2 - What's Up 60: An Arkansas City police officer discovered that the Ark Veterinary Clinic located at 907 E Kansas Avenue had been burglarized at 11:01 p.m. on Nov. 25. Initial reports indicated that money, the security DVR system and large breed dog products were stolen. With the help of the Blue Line Trackers, investigators were able to recover the missing DVR unit about 400 feet from the business.

December 6 - What's Up 60: A Houston, Texas man who pleaded guilty to stealing thousands of dollars by installing skimmers on Arkansas City ATM's was sentenced to two years in state prison on Thursday.

December 9 - What's Up 60: The Arkansas City Police Department is seeking any leads about several mail thefts that apparently occurred during the weekend in southwest Arkansas City.

Health

October 2 – Now You Know 60: A low-cost health center did not win a grant this fall to expand into Arkansas City, but the center's CEO said he and others are determined to eventually make that happen. Two federal grants for new clinic locations were awarded in Kansas but neither went to the Community Health Center in Cowley County (CHCCC), according to a press release issued Monday.

November 2 - Now You Know 60: Compared to several other nonprofit community hospitals in the region, CEO Ben Quinton's pay appears generous. But William Newton provided information that appears to show his salary is within the range of similar-sized hospitals, and hospital board chair Tom Herlocker said Quinton earns his pay.

November 22 - Now You Know 60: South Central Kansas Medical Center's efforts to recruit new doctors have landed a cardiovascular specialist who plans to see patients in Arkansas City once a month. CEO Jeff Bowman gave an overview of the latest recruitment efforts during Thursday's trustee board meeting, and announced the hiring of Wichita Dr. Hossein Amirani. He plans to join SCKMC in early December. Bowman said Amirani and his physician's assistant, Kathy Kimpler, will start seeing patients on the first Thursday of each month.

Education

October 9 - Now You Know 60: An online survey for Winfield USD 465 residents available at surveymonkey.com until midnight Oct. 20 has some big ticket items for residents to consider while they think about the future of their public schools.

November 3 - The results of the online survey about the future of Winfield public schools followed similar patterns of the telephone survey results released last month.

November 9 - Now You Know 60: Getting books to Winfield children will hopefully be easier thanks to five new Little Free Libraries that have been installed around town, with more in the works. The free libraries are a project of the Friends of the Winfield Public Library

November 14 - Now You Know 60: The Winfield board of education is looking to hire an architect who can inspect the district buildings and give an assessment of their condition, board president Lyle Weinert said Tuesday. Weinert said the board decided this was the next step needed as they collect information for the community advisory team that asked for more information about the district's buildings before they make recommendations.

November 27 - Now You Know 60: The USD 470 School Board approved several security upgrades for Arkansas City High School during its Monday meeting. The district will purchase new door handles and locks and security cameras for a total not to exceed \$68,810, with half of the cost funded through the Safe and Secure Schools grant from the Kansas Department of Education. The 160 replacement door handles and core locks will be bought from Overhead Door Company of Wichita for no more than \$28,172.

Economy

October 5 – Here You Go 60: Expansion of the city's beef processing plant is causing concern about whether Arkansas City will have enough water. Creekstone Farms could increase its water usage by as much as 50 percent within the next six months, city officials told commissioners this week.

Community

October 26 - Here You Go 60: The City of Winfield will release a survey soon to gather input from residents on two new long-term plans for the community. Surveys about the Comprehensive Plan Update and the Master Plan for Parks, Trails and Recreation will be mailed to residents within the Winfield city limits and the surrounding rural area next week.

November 10 - Here You Go 60: The flowers and murals downtown are a plus, so is the active business scene on North Summit. The college is a crown jewel. But downtown signage is lacking, entrances signs are

in disrepair, and parks seem to lack playground equipment. These are some of the observations that outside residents made as part of a First Impressions program to help communities see themselves through the eyes of others.

November 19 - Here You Go 60: Kansas is reporting that its unemployment rate in October dipped to 3.1 percent and was at its lowest rate in more than 40 years. The state Department of Labor said Tuesday that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined from 3.2 percent in September and was below the 3.3 percent recorded in October 2018.

December 1 - Here You Go 60: Kerri Falletti, of Cowley County Economic Development, will address county commissioners Tuesday morning about a property tax exemption for Zeeco, Inc./Winfield Industrial Properties LLC. The company purchased the land and building at 22695 D St., Strother Field and did a complete renovation of the building.

December 4 - Here You Go 60: The Cowley County Commission met Tuesday morning and held a hearing to discuss and take action on Industrial Revenue Bonds for Caregiver Bed Company/22765 Smyer Street LLC at Strother Field and to set a hearing date for tax exemption for Zeeco, Inc. Caregiver Bed Company purchased the building at 22765 Smyer St. and created an LLC of that building, which in turn leased it back to Caregiver Bed Company.

December 18 - Here You Go 60: The West Madison Avenue bridge will open mid-morning Thursday, according to a KDOT construction official. Crews were set to stripe the bridge Wednesday afternoon and evening, concluding construction of the bridge that began on Dec. 3, 2018. Many people contacted about the news expressed joy and relief after more than a year of inconvenience. KDOT plans to open the bridge to all traffic around 9 or 10 a.m. Thursday.

Safety

October 22- Looking Out 60: Kansas officials said November is peak season for deer-vehicle collisions, and they're warning drivers not to swerve abruptly to avoid hitting the animal because that could cause more serious crashes. Locally the Cowley County Sheriff's Department has taken 15 more deer accident reports since Oct. 11. Nine more were reported the two weeks prior.

November 6 - Looking Out 60: During a recent audit of the recycling streams in both Winfield and Arkansas City, material samples were taken from 80 customer recycling carts in Winfield and one community recycling trailer in Arkansas City. The data from these samples showed a contamination rate of 16 percent in Winfield and 22 percent in Arkansas City, based on the weight of the materials collected.

November 8 - Looking Out 60: Voters in Tuesday's city-school elections may have been surprised to be offered paper ballots as the primary voting method when hitting the polls, with electronic voting machines available upon request. In contrast, machines were usually the default method in past elections, with paper ballots available by request.

November 15 - Looking Out 60: The state transportation agency says Kansas hit a 10-year high for deer-related crashes last year. The agency says 10,734 deer-related wrecks were reported in 2018 in Kansas. The Department of Transportation says that accounted for 16.5 percent of total wrecks for the year. The department's big game coordinator, Levi Jaster, said the increase in crashes is partly because of an increase in the deer population.

November 25- Looking Out 60: The National Weather Service has placed Cowley County under a catastrophic weather risk for outdoor burning on Tuesday. Wind gusts are expected to hover around 25 to 35 mph with highest gusts around 55 mph. Area fire officials are requesting citizens to call 911 if they see smoke because grass fires could get out of hand very quickly.

PSA- KAB Amber Alert PSA 15x

PSA- KAB Veterans Employment 16x

PSA- Red Cross Blood Donations 22x

PSA- Buzzed Driving 12x

PSA- Alzheimer Awareness 19x

PSA- Feeding America 14x

PSA- Test For Diabetes 21x

PSA- KAB KDOT Roadworker Safety

National Security 10 p.m. 10/13/2019 2:00 KSN News at 10 US getting out of Syria, as Turkey makes rapid advances in its war against US Allies. As more militia forces push into Syria, all 1,000 US troops leave, as the National Security team determines it is not in the best interest of US Security. Concerns that Kurds will be ethnically cleansed, leading to ISIS strength which could impact US national security

Elderly 10 p.m. 10/24/2019 3:00 KSN News at 10 A new kind of dementia called "LATE" and mimics alzheimers. Explain the new diagnosis, how it impacts memory, thinking and behavior in older adults. Spoke with a woman who lost both of her parents to memory diseases and Alzheimer's association about resources for families coping with the diagnosis.

Politics 5 pm 10/30/2019 1:30 KSN News at 5 Interest and controversy in race for Wichita Mayor expected to have impact on turnout, according to Wichita State Univ. professor. Controversy over an attack ad against one candidate and questions over the current mayor's policies lead to interest from voters.
Business & Industry 5 p.m. 10/31/2019 1:20 KSN News at 5 Spirit AeroSystems in Wichita is spending \$1B to expand and diversify operations, buying a business line from Bombardier. The move adds stability to the business as it also expands the production of Airbus lines A220 and A320.

Environment 5 p.m. 11/08/2019 1:30 KSN News at 5 Report shows all water utilities in Kansas were testing high for at least one contaminant. However Kansas Dept for Health and Environment says the water Kansans drink is still safe, and meet guidelines.

Business & Industry 6 p.m. 11/18/2019 1:20 KSN News at 6 After a fire at the Tyson Meat packing plant in Southwest Kansas, local butchers say they've taken a hit to their business, as they've had to travel longer distances to get the meat to sell. Trucking companies also impacted by the lack of processing at the plant, with hopes to have the plant up and running by Jan . 2020.

National Security 5 p.m. 11/19/2019 2:00 KSN News at 5 Lt. Col Vindman, National Security Council, testified about what he heard in the call between President Trump and the president Ukraine, saying he was concerned that military aid to Ukraine was implied to be held up by Trump because of a political request.

Politics 10 p.m. 11/20/2019 1:45 KSN News at 10 Secretary of State Mike Pompeo the focus of a day of impeachment hearings held by the US House intelligence committee, as several people who testified commented on what Pompeo knew about whether there was a "quid pro quo" regarding allegedly exchanging political information in exchange for military aid to Ukraine.

Elderly 5 p.m. 11/25/2019 1:45 KSN News at 5 Help for aging veterans should come thanks to new efforts to improve Veterans Affairs medical care in Kansas. The VA Secretary was in Kansas to discuss expanding health care benefits and access to rural veterans, including elderly veterans across the state.

Politics 6 a.m. 12/19/2019 1:40 Kansas Today Democrats vying for the presidential nomination squared off in a democratic debate. They discussed the impeachment of President Trump and problems to be addressed including trade, the economy and trade.

Environment 5 p.m. 12/19/2019 1:55 KSN News at 5 City of Lawrence Kansas plans to run on 100% renewable energy in about 30 years. The city plans to change all city buildings to run on renewable energy. The cost still to be determined, but the city is working with local Energy provider EVERGY to make the changes and fulfill the plan to help address climate change concerns.