

FCC Public Issues & Programs List: Second Quarter 2023

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APRIL 2023

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*Enclosed is a listing of some of the significant issues to which Kansas Public Radio (KANU-Lawrence 91.5 FM, KANH-Emporia 89.7 FM, KANV-Olsburg/Junction City 91.3 FM, and KANQ-Chanute 90.3 FM) responded, along with some of the most significant programming treatments of those issues for the period of time specified. This listing is by no means exhaustive, and a more complete, detailed listing can be found in the official KANU news archives. The order in which the issues appear has no significance, and does not reflect any particular priority for these stories.

TOPIC CODE

AG – Agriculture

AR – Arts & Entertainment

CR – Crime

ECO – Economy & Business

ED – Education

ENV – Environment

HE – Health

HI -- History

HS – Human Sexuality

KU – University of Kansas-related story

MI – Military-related story

POL – Kansas Government & Politics

RE – Religion

RR – Race Relations

SP – Sports

WX – Weather-related story

FORMAT CODE

R – Report

C – Commentary

PROGRAM CODE

ME – Morning Edition

ATC – All Things Considered

WE -- Weekend Edition

KPR NEWS SUMMARY FOR APRIL 2023

1. Kate Grumke reported for Harvest Public Media on programs in the Midwest attempting to reinstate a U.S. Department of Agriculture program that provided free and reduced-price school meals. Since the end of the pandemic and the expiration of that program, fewer kids are eating lunch and school lunch debt is on the rise.
(HPM-LUNCH.wav) – aired 04-03-23 – ME/R – length: 3:59 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

ED/AG/ECO/POL
2. Tom Shine of KMUW in Wichita reported on the indirect ways in which hall-of-fame baseball player Satchel Paige affected the sport in Wichita prior to his time with the Kansas City Monarchs.
(KMUW-PAIGE.wav) – aired 04-04-23 – ATC/R – length: 3:36 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 6:44pm

SP/RR
3. David Condos of the Kansas News Service reported on the dramatic fall in Ogallala Aquifer water levels, and how the state of Kansas now appears to be taking serious action to address the problem.
(KNS-OGALLALA.wav) – aired 04-05-23 – ME/R – length: 4:09 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

AG/ENV/ECO/POL
4. Blaise Mesa and Samantha Horton of the Kansas News Service discussed action at the Kansas Statehouse and inside Governor Laura Kelly’s administration that could direct more money and staff to mental health care services. The state’s mental health services have long been overtaxed and many families have had few options for help. But recent movements could signal a change to the status quo.
(KNS-CENTER.wav) -- aired 04-06-23 – ATC/R – length: 3:46 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

HE/ECO/POL
5. Kylie Cameron reported on a rabbit and bunny rescue group in Wichita, educating people about how to care for the animals and why some rabbit adoptions go wrong.
(KMUW-BUNNY.wav) – aired 04-07-23 – ME/R – length: 3:47 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

ED/ECO

6. Brian Ellison of KCUR and Suzanne Perez of KMUW discussed the education bills that have been moving through the Kansas Legislature in this session. Education issues have had an unusually prominent role on the agenda this year. Lawmakers have been considering a wide range of issues that could have a major effect on schools for years to come, from parental rights, to school choice, to transgender issues.
(KCUR-ED2WAY.wav) – aired 04-10-23 – ATC/R – length: 6:54 – airtimes: 3:50pm, 5:50pm

ED/POL/ECO

7. Celia Llopis-Jepsen reported on programs across the state of Kansas to boost the population of Monarch butterflies coming into conflict with local zoning rules that prohibit the planting of milkweed. Milkweed is important to Monarch reproduction and habitats. Now, some cities are getting rid of their milkweed bans.
(CLJ-MILKWEED.wav) – aired 04-11-23 – ME/R – length: 4:03 – airtimes: 5:45am, 7:45am

AG/ED/POL

8. Suzanne Perez reported on student discipline and behavioral issues in Kansas schools. Teachers say that student behavior has been increasingly disruptive since the pandemic, including many incidents of violence against teachers. The subject has drawn attention of teachers' unions and the Legislature, but coming up with reliable solutions has thusfar been difficult.
(KNS-BEHAVIOR.wav) – aired 04-18-23 – ATC/R – length: 3:57 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 6:44pm

ED/POL/CR

9. Rose Conlon reported on recent changes in the way donated organs are allocated across the nation. The new rules have made it even harder for Kansans to access donated livers. This has created discussions about inequities that appear to exist at every step of the transplant process.
(RC-LIVER.wav) – aired 04-25-23 – ATC/R – length: 4:02 – airtimes: 3:45pm, 5:45pm

HE/ECO/RR

10. Jim McLean reported on efforts to keep a hospital in Arkansas City open. Rural hospitals across the nation are struggling, and the ones in Kansas are no exception. 80% of the state's rural hospitals are losing money, with more than half possibly on the brink of closure. The hospital administrators in Arkansas City are having to make some hard choices about which services can continue to be offered in order to keep the hospital itself open, even if that means it's no longer a full-service facility.

(JM-ARKCITYHOSP.wav) – aired 04-28-23 – ATC/R – length: 4:06 – airtimes; 3:44pm, 5:44pm

HE/ECO

KPR NEWS SUMMARY FOR MAY 2023

1. Xcaret Nunez reported for Harvest Public Media on the new multi-billion dollar Farm Bill. The legislation sets up the framework for the nation's food and farming systems for five years. It's likely to be a source of contention with the national debt ceiling crisis looming.
(HPM-FBEXPLAIN.wav) – aired 05-02-23 – ME/R – length: 4:20 – broadcast times: 6:45am, 7:45am

ECO/POL/AG

2. Celia Llopis-Jepsen reported on a move being made by several Kansas and Missouri communities to diversify the trees in their neighborhoods. The current near-monoculture of trees can pose economic dangers, if insects or a new tree pathogen moves into the area. A massive tree kill could massive reduce the value of many houses in areas with older, established tree canopies.
(CLJ-TREEME.wav) – aired 05-08-23 – ATC/R -- length: 4:05 – broadcast times: 4:44pm, 5:44pm, 6:44pm

ECO/AG/HE

3. Rex Buchanan provided a review of a new book on the deadliest tornado in Kansas History. The book, "Without Warning," talks about the tornado that destroyed the town of Udall, Kansas, in 1955. The disaster led to important changes in the way storm warnings are issued by the National Weather Service.
(JDS-RBUDALL2.wav) – aired 05-15-23 – ATC/C – length: 4:31 – broadcast times: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

HI/HE/WX/ENV

4. Blaise Mesa of the Kansas News Service and Andrew Bahl of the Topeka Capital-Journal discussed the inmate riot of May 2020 at Lansing Correctional Facility. No charges have been filed in connection with the incident, in which offices were ransacked and inmates battled with prison workers for almost 12 hours. The prison system has yet to actually complete its investigation of the uprising.
(KNS-INMATECH.wav) – aired 05-16-23 – ME/R – length: 4:01 – broadcast times: 6:45am, 7:45am

CR/POL

5. Celia Llopis-Jepsen and Stephen Koranda of the Kansas News Service reported on evidence that TC Energy knew that its pipeline had been warped for a decade before a damaging oil spill in Washington County, Kansas. Investigators examining the site to find out what went wrong with the pipeline learned that there are gaps in TC Energy's construction standards and problems with how it designs bends in pipeline structures.
(KNS-KEYSPILLFOLO.wav) – aired 05-24-23 – ATC/R – length: 3:58 – broadcast times: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

ENV/ECO/CR

6. Rose Conlon reported on the anxiety many transgender Kansans are feeling as they prepare the implementation of a new law that will bar them from using public bathrooms that match their gender identities. Uncertainty about how exactly the ban will be enforced has raised many civil liberties issues and has the people affected on edge about what is to come.

(KNS-TRANSLAW.wav) – aired 05-25-23 – ME/R – length: 4:06 – broadcast times: 6:45am, 7:45am

POL/HE/CR/RE/HS

7. Eva Tesfaye reported for Harvest Public Media on the United Nations effort to raise awareness of and interest in millet grains. The grains are mostly grown in parts of Asia and Africa. They're nutritious, and – importantly – drought-resistant. That quality could make them useful to U.S. farmers, as some parts of the country face deepening drought.

(HPM-MILLETS.wav) – aired 05-29-23 – ATC/R – length: 4:01 – broadcast times: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

AG/ENV

8. Blaise Mesa reported on the special challenges that face parents as they attempt to battle their addictions in medical and other rehabilitation centers. The state of Kansas has very few options for child care and other parental needs for those working on kicking drugs and alcohol.

(KNS-SUBAB.wav) – aired 05-30-23 – ME/R – length: 3:30 – broadcast times: 6:45am, 7:45am

HE/CR/ECO

9. Kaye McIntyre's KPR Presents Book Club hosted genetic anthropologist Dr. Jennifer Raff, who discussed her book Origin: A Genetic History of the Americas. The book details how and when people first arrived in the Americas. The book became a New York Times Best Seller.

(KPRPresents-Raff-0508.wav) – aired 05-08-23 – KPR Presents – length: 59:00 – broadcast times: 6 pm

KU/ED/ENV/HI

10. KPR Presents hosted Nicole Perry, the author of Policing Sex in the Sunflower State: The Story of Kansas State Industrial Farm for Women. The state of Kansas detained thousands of women between World War I and World War II.

(KPRPresents-Perry-0528.wav) – aired 05-28-23 – KPR Presents- - length: 59:00 – broadcast times: 6 pm

POL/HI/CR

KPR NEWS SUMMARY FOR JUNE 2023

1. Dylan Lysen reports on the decline of rural population numbers in Kansas, and what politicians have been promising to reverse the trend. It seems that thus far, the forces driving rural outmigration have been trumping any efforts to repopulate the regions.

(KNS-DECLINE.wav) – aired 06-06-23 – ME/R – length: 3:48 – airtimes:
6:45am, 7:45am

POL/ED/ECO/AG/HI

2. Suzanne Perez reported on a push by Kansas lawmakers to step into school curriculum planning and ban older methods of teaching reading. A newer set of methods embracing “the science of reading” have been yielding good results in many states, and now Kansas legislators want to fast-track the adoption of those methods.

(KNS-SCIREAD.wav) – aired 06-13-23 – ME/R – length: 4:02 – airtimes:
6:45am, 7:45am

ED/POL

3. Greg Echlin reported on the popularity of a basketball league made up of teams of older women. It’s called “Granny Basketball” in a rather tongue-in-cheek way, and it’s attracting a lot of participants. The game challenges the perception that basketball is only a game for the young.

(GE-GRANNYBAL.wav) – aired 06-15-23 – ATC/R – length: 4:33 – airtimes:
3:44pm, 5:44pm

SP

4. Commentator David J. Brown, an attorney in Lawrence, discussed the laws taking effect in Kansas in July that will affect the lives of transgender people. Brown often represents LGBTQIA+ clients, and says the laws are misguided and will likely face court challenges.

(DJB-TRANS2.wav) – aired 06-20-23 – ME/C – length: 3:40 – airtimes: 6:45am,
7:45am

HS/POL/CR

5. Commentator Charlee Huffman, a citizen of the Kaw Nation, discussed the history of a large boulder that has been on public display in Lawrence for nearly 100 years. Efforts are now underway to return the boulder to the Kaw Nation, which considers it sacred. Huffman explained the spiritual meaning of the rock, and says her people have waited generations for its return.

(CH-SACREDROCK.wav) – aired 06-23-23 – ATC/C – length: 4:35 – airtimes:
3:44pm, 5:44pm

RE/ED/POL

6. Kaye McIntyre spoke with author Roxie Yonkey about her book, Secret Kansas: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure, which details unusual attractions and aspects of the state as many consider how to spend their summer vacations while not straying too far from home.
(KPRPresents-06252023.wav) – aired 06-25-23 – KPR Presents – length: 59 minutes – airtimes: 6 pm

AR/KU/HI/POL

7. Rose Conlon reported on a faction of the anti-abortion movement that is unsatisfied with merely restricting access to abortions. The group wants to see women who obtain abortions prosecuted and punished, and doctors who provide them have their licenses taken away. The number of people espousing these views is not large, but pro-life campaigners have concerns that such rhetoric is not helpful to their cause. Pro-choice campaigners say that the “abortion abolitionists” are painting a picture of things to come if anti-abortion groups have their way.
(KNS-ABOABO.wav) – aired 06-26-23 – ATC/R – length: 7:01 – airtimes: 3:50pm, 5:50pm

POL/HE/CR

8. Samantha Horton reported on the problems being faced as Kansas attempts to recruit more nurses to alleviate the state’s shortage of highly-skilled medical workers. Visa issues have caused delays and paperwork difficulties for many of the nurses being recruited from outside the U.S.
(KNS-NURSEVISA.wav) – aired 06-27-23 – ME/R – length: 3:40 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

HE/POL/ECO

9. Katie Peikes of Harvest Public Media reported on the work to develop a vaccine for livestock to stop the spread of bird flu. Millions of chickens and turkeys are dead after an outbreak that began spreading two years ago. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is now hoping a vaccine to control the strain of flu that’s been running through American poultry operations can be found and mass-produced.
(HPM-BIRDVAX.wav) – aired 06-28-23 – ATC/R – length: 3:00 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

HE/AG/ENV

10. Commentator Rex Buchanan called attention to a dispute over developing renewable energy near the Cheyenne Bottoms area in Kansas. Opponents say the tradeoffs that need to be made to accommodate green energy are not worth it – people supporting the massive solar project say the tradeoffs that need to be made to continue fossil fuel use aren’t worth it.
(RB-CRBOTTOMS.wav) – aired 06-30-23 – ME/C – length: 3:40 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

ENV/ECO