

FCC Public Issues & Programs List: Fourth Quarter 2023

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OCTOBER 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 OCTOBER 2023

1. Celia Llopis-Jepsen reported on a new online tool that can show Kansans the risk of wildfires affecting their neighborhoods. She discussed her findings with Nomin Ujyediin and discussed the danger from wildfires in Kansas. Wildfires have recently become more common and more intense around the state.
(KNS-FIRE2WAY.wav) – aired 10-04-23 – ME/R – length: 3:58 – airtimes: 6:45am, 8:45am

WX/AG/ECO

2. KPR's Joe Blubaugh spoke with Dylan Lysen of the Kansas News Service about public hearings addressing the issue of property tax rates. Another year of large property tax increases in Kansas has many homeowners and real estate investors worried. Lawmakers in Topeka are now taking notice, and could propose more changes to tax laws, including a constitutional amendment.
(KNS-PROP2WAY.wav) – aired 10-10-23 – ATC/R – length: 3:55 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

ECO/POL

3. Greg Echlin has an overview of the penalties imposed on the University of Kansas men's basketball program by an independent resolution panel examining alleged NCAA violations during the 2017-2018 academic year. KU will vacate the 15 wins in which former Jayhawk Silvio DeSousa played. This short overview aired in KPR newscasts.
(GE-KUPENALTIES.wav) – aired 10-12-23 – ME/R and ATC/R – length: 47 seconds – airtimes: 7:31am, 8:31am, 3:30pm, 5:30pm

SP/KU

4. Jim McLean reported on an effort to make Kansans more aware of the history of the Kanza Indians on the land now occupied by Kansas State University and other land-grant schools. K-State is spearheading the effort. Scholars are bringing attention to the history of the Kanza, and focusing on explaining how the university continues to benefit from the acquisition of the formerly tribal land.
(JM-KAWNATION.wav) – aired 10-13-23 – ME/R – length: 3:27 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

HI/RR/ECO/POL/ED

5. J. Schafer spoke with the executive director and the director of communications for the Sexual Trauma and Abuse Center, which serves Douglas, Jefferson, and Franklin Counties in Kansas. The Center serves sexual assault survivors and assists them with their needs. The STA Care Center is the inaugural KPR Community Spotlight organization – the radio station has initiated a program for highlighting the services provided by various community nonprofit organizations, and will feature a different group each month.
(STA-SHORT.wav) – aired 10-16-23 – ATC/R – length: 3:52 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

ED/CR/HS

6. Blaise Mesa of the Kansas News Service spoke with reporter Nomin Ujjiyediin about his investigation into disciplinary write-ups at Kansas prisons. Inmates say these write-ups for violating policy or behavioral codes cannot be appealed, even if they have evidence of their innocence. Those citations can have a big effect on the inmates and their chances for parole or sentence commutation.
(PRISON-DEMERITS.wav) – aired 10-17-23 – ATC/R – length: 3:56 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 6:44pm

CR/HE

7. Rose Conlon reported on a program at the University of Kansas Health System that could help increase the number of liver transplants that come from living donors. KU Health is planning to join a growing number of hospitals that offer the procedure, which medical experts say could dramatically improve the situation facing people needing liver transplants.
(RC-LIVERDONOR.wav) – aired 10-24-23 – ME/R – length: 6:53 – airtimes: 6:35am, 7:35am

HE/KU/ECO

8. Kaye McIntyre interviewed Julie Dunlap, a Lawrence author and performer who co-wrote a musical comedy titled “MotherFreakingHood.” The show was presented at the Lawrence Arts Center, some ten years after it was initially workshopped. McIntyre and Dunlap discussed the changes to the show over the past ten years, reflecting how times and attitudes about parenthood have changed.
(KMD-MFHood2.wav) – aired 10-29-23 – WE/R – length: 4:29 – airtimes: 7:35am, 9:35am

AR

9. Madeline Fox, a reporter for KCUR Radio, spoke with education reporters Suzanne Perez and Jodi Fortino to discuss state standardized testing. Candidates for school board seats in Kansas repeatedly bring up state standardized test scores as election hot-button issues. Mostly conservative candidates point to falling scores as proof that teachers are spending too much time of social/emotional learning and interpersonal skills, and not enough time on educational basics like reading, writing, and mathematics. The reporters discussed whether scores really are falling, and what exams can and cannot tell teachers and administrators. (TESTSCORES-2WAY.wav) – aired 10-31-23 – ME/R – length: 6:40 – airtimes: 6:35am, 7:35am

ED/POL

10. Commentator Scott Carlberg discussed energy efficiency measures for homes and businesses, and whether implementing them is worth the time and cost. Carlberg says some of the most effective changes are simple, and do make a difference in the long run. (SC-ENEFF2.wav) – aired 10-04-23 – ME/C – length: 2:50 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

ECO/ENV

KPR NEWS SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 2023

1. Kaye McIntyre spoke with performer and writer Julie Dunlap about her show “MotherFreakingHood.” It’s a humorous examination of the trials and tribulations of motherhood. The show was workshopped at Lawrence Arts Center a decade ago, and is being staged there through the 12th of November.
(KMD-MFHood2.wav – aired 1-01-23 – ME/R – length: 4:29 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

AR

2. Celia Hack reported on the solar energy boom in Kansas. Companies are flocking to the state in hopes of developing utility-scale solar farms. Hundreds of megawatts of solar power are expected to come online in the next few years.
(KNS-SOLAREX.wav) – aired 11-07-23 – ATC/R – length: 4:01 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 6:44pm

ECO/ENV/AG

3. Celia Hack reported on some of the pushback from rural communities against the booming solar power industry in Kansas. Many of these community residents are skeptical of out-of-state solar power developers. They’re hoping to tighten regulations as use of solar energy grows.
(KNS-PUSHBACK.wav) – aired 11-08-23 – ATC/R – length: 4:21 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

ECO/ENV/AG

4. Kaye McIntyre spoke with Mark Dent and Rustin Dodd about their book “Kingdom Quarterback: Patrick Mahomes, the Kansas City Chiefs, and How a Once Swingin’ Cow Town Chased the Ultimate Comeback.” It’s about the parallels between the history of the Kansas City Chiefs and the history of Kansas City itself.
(KMD-Chiefs 334.wav) – aired 11-12-23 – WE Sunday/R – length: 3:34 – airtimes: 7:35am, 9:35am

HI/SP/ECO

5. Dylan Lysen reported on the harassment and criticism of local election clerks in Kansas. The amplification of unsubstantiated voting fraud claims has led to overt and frightening harassment of many of these public officials. Now, nearly a third of Kansas election officials have left their positions in the last four years.
(KNS-CLERKS.wav) – aired 11-14-23 – ME/R – length: 4:08 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

POL/CR

6. Kaye McIntyre spoke with Dr. Daniel Wildcat of Haskell Indian Nations University about his new book concerning Native American knowledge and its uses as the world tackles the fallout from global climate change. “On Indigenuity: Learning the Lessons of Mother Earth” focuses on how native populations have worked to address changes in the natural world by adapting and rethinking the ways in which they interact with the elements.
(KMD-Wildcat.wav) – aired 11-20-23 – ME/R – length: 3:41 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

ED/HI/ENV/ECO/RR

7. Suzanne Perez reported on how some school districts are helping families deal with school lunch debt, and a statewide push to make sure children don’t go hungry at school. The total school lunch debt Kansas students accumulated was over \$23 million in 2022. Some school districts have policies that single out kids when they can’t afford to pay, and research shows those kinds of policies can hurt families in the long run.
(KNS-LUNCHDEBT.wav) – aired 11-24-23 – ATC/R – length: 3:58 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

HE/ED/ECO/POL

8. Bek Shackelford-Nwanganga reported on the use of doula services in Kansas, and how one of the state’s Medicaid contractors will now cover those services. As the number of mothers who experience severe complications during labor and delivery rises, demand for doula services has risen. However, getting those doulas paid in a timely manner...if at all...has been difficult up until now.
(KNS-DOULAS.wav) – aired 11-28-23 – ME/R – length: 3:40 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

ED/HE/ECO

9. Commentator Rex Buchanan discussed a new book by rancher and retired Emporia State University English professor Jim Hoy. “Gathering Strays” is a collection of essays written over several decades for a newspaper column. They focus on uniquely Kansas stories about cowboys, cowtowns, and unusual anecdotes from in and around the Flint Hills. Buchanan says it’s a first-class collection.
(RB-JHOY2.wav) – aired 11-09-23 – ATC/C – length: 3:14 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

AR/AG/ED/HI

10. Commentator Scott Carlberg discussed concerns about the nation's power transmission lines. Officials in Kansas and Missouri are hoping to update some of the major transmission lines that deliver electricity within states and across state lines. It turns out that the process and politics behind constructing and upgrading these lines are complex.

(SC-PWRLINE3.wav) – aired 11-22-23 – ATC/C – length: 4:40 – airtimes:
3:44pm, 6:44pm

POL/ECO/ENV

KPR NEWS SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2023

1. KPR's Kaye McIntyre spoke with director and filmmaker Jeff Daniels about his documentary "Television Event," which chronicles the making of the film "The Day After." Some 100 million Americans watched the film when it was aired on ABC television forty years ago. The film was partially set in, and filmed in, Lawrence. Hundreds of area residents played extras in the film. Daniels came to Lawrence in early December for a special screening of "Television Event" along with a panel discussion co-hosted by the Watkins Museum of History, the Free State Festival, and KU Libraries.

(KMD-TVEVENT2.wav) – aired 12-01-23 – ATC/R – length: 3:27 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

AR/HI/KU

2. Tom Shine reported on Wichita State University's claim to having the first university football team to ever use the forward pass in a sanctioned game. It turns out several other places claim to have been the first. Shine examined which of the claimants has the strongest case.

(SHINE-WSUFOR.wav) – aired 12-04-23 – ATC/R – length: 3:03 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

SP/HI

3. KPR's Kaye McIntyre interviewed the director of communications for Harvesters: The Community Food Network. Harvesters, which distributes food aid through northeastern Kansas and western Missouri, is the non-profit organization being highlighted by KPR for the month of December.

(KMD-Harvesters CommSpot.wav) – aired 12-12-23 – ME/R – length: 3:35 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

ED/HE/ECO

4. Commentator Rex Buchanan discussed the steps being taken by the state of Kansas to address the looming crisis for the Ogallala Aquifer. Parts of western Kansas are running out of water, but farmers and towns have been resistant to efforts to reduce aquifer depletion. Buchanan points out that efficiency measures will not be enough, on their own, to save the Ogallala.

(RB-WATERPROB.wav) – aired 12-15-23 – ATC/C – length: 3:46 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 6:44pm

AG/ENV/HI/ECO

5. University of Kansas English Professor Kathryn Conrad spoke with Rick Hellman of the KU News Service about a paper she wrote for the journal Critical AI. In it, she discusses the implications of artificial intelligence for university educators. Conrad says that it can be used as a teaching tool, but there is obviously a possibility of misuse of the technology if educators embrace it without setting up strict philosophical and pedagogical parameters for its use. Their conversation here was excerpted from the weekly KU News Service podcast, "When Experts Attack!," which focuses on work by University of Kansas professors and students.

(WEA-CONRAD.wav) – aired 12-15-23 – ME/R – length: 2:53 – airtimes:
6:45am, 7:45am

ED/KU

6. Celia Hack interviewed a Wichita family about their relatives and loved ones in Gaza. The family is waiting every day for word of their friends' and family's fate as the war between Israel and Hamas rages on, and conditions for the Palestinians in Gaza worsen.

(KNS-GAZAFAM.wav) – aired 12-19-23 – ME/R – length: 4:14 – airtimes:
6:45am, 7:45am

RE/MI/HI/POL

7. Suzanne Perez spoke with a Wichita toy store owner to discuss the world of board games. Despite the proliferation of online and video games, board games still hold a special place for many families during the holidays, as a chance to re-connect and share in a fun experience.

(KNS-GAMES.wav) – aired 12-20-23 – ATC/R – length: 3:58 – airtimes:
3:44pm, 5:44pm

AR/ECO

8. KPR's Kaye McIntyre spoke with Edgar award-winning author Elizabeth Bunce about the latest installment of her Myrtle Hardcastle mystery series. Myrtle Hardcastle is back to solve another mystery — this time, in Scotland. "Myrtle, Means, and Opportunity" is the fifth in the popular young adult mystery series. They also talked about the fourth in the series, "In Myrtle Peril," now out in paperback.

(KPR Presents – 12-10-23.wav) – aired 12-10-23 – KPR Presents – length: 59:00
– airtimes: 6pm

AR

9. KPR Presents aired the speech delivered by Kevin Merida, editor of the Los Angeles Times, at the ceremony for his acceptance of the 2023 William Allen White National Citation. The award is given annually for excellence in journalism. Merida touched on the complex issues surrounding the future of journalism and reporting in the era of artificial intelligence, disinformation, and social media. This program originally aired in April of 2023.
(KPR Presents – 12-17-23.wav) – aired 12-17-23 – KPR Presents – length: 59:00
– airtimes:6pm

KU/HI/AR/ECO/RR

10. KPR’s Kaye McIntyre showcased the hidden talents of KPR on-air and executive staff with her annual “A Very Merry KPR Presents” show, highlighting holiday-themed songs, readings, essays, and more.
(KPR Presents – 12-24-23.wav) – aired 12-24-23 – KPR Presents – length: 59:00
– airtimes: 6pm

AR/KU/HI
