

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Stations:

KWKH, KTUX, KVKI, KRUF, KXKS,
April 1st, 2019 through June 30th, 2019

Section I. Issues

The station has identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Education** – This quarter was big for education news locally. Voters in Bossier Parish and Caddo Parish were both asked to vote on raising teachers’ pay. The State of Louisiana was exploring teacher pay raises at the state level. There was also a lot of talk about our local colleges and universities, including a proposed plan to merge two.
- B. **Shreveport’s “Saggy Pants” Law** – The city of Shreveport was the focus of national attention when the City Council decided to vote to repeal the law. It became a major focus locally as well. Sparking outrage and excitement. We spoke with multiple Council Members and Shreveport’s Chief of Police on the subject before the vote, and after the vote.
- C. **Weather Issues** – Our region dealt with multiple severe weather issues this quarter. Flooding on the Red River caused roads to close, homes to be evacuated, and a lot of damage. Additionally, a tornado struck Ruston, destroying homes, damaging the Louisiana Tech campus, and even killing two.
- D. **Sports Betting & Fantasy Sports** – Louisiana voters legalized Fantasy Sports in most Parishes last November, but the State Legislature didn’t allow it to start right away, and fought about it this quarter. Additionally, 67% of Louisiana voters supported the state legalizing Sports Gambling at our local casinos, but that became a large fight at the state level too. We stayed up to date with state officials this quarter.
- E. **Medical Marijuana** – Louisiana’s Medical Marijuana law was passed in 2015, but by early 2019, the medicine had yet to make it to patients. We regularly checked in with Shreveport’s only licensed medical marijuana pharmacist for updates on the program as the state ran into multiple issues this quarter.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Shreveport’s Viewpoints program is a station run program that airs each Sunday on all Shreveport stations as follows:

KWKH, KTUX, and KVKI at 6am; KRUF at 6:30am; and KXKS at 11:30pm

| Date(s) Aired | Program Name | Related Issue | Description of Program and Issue Discussed | Duration |
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| Weekend of April 7 th | Viewpoints | Education, Sports Betting & Fantasy Sports | Sports Betting & Fantasy Sports - Louisiana Gaming Control Board Chairman Ronnie Jones talks about our local casinos and the potential for sports betting in Louisiana. | 30:00 |

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| | | | Education - US Senator Bill Cassidy talks about his College Transparency Act. Shreveport City Chief Technology Officer Keith Hanson talks about the "People's Budget" where citizens can see where every dollar in the budget is spent. | |
| Weekend of April 14 th | Viewpoints | Education | Education - Louisiana State Rep Dodie Horton talks about the plan to give teachers in the state a raise. Caddo Commissioner Steven Jackson talks about a proposed \$10 billion development project in Downtown Shreveport. Matt Snyder, the organizer of Crawfest talks about the City of Shreveport funding events. | 30:00 |
| Weekend of April 21 st | Viewpoints | Education, Medical Marijuana | Education - Red River United Teachers Union President Jackie Landsale talks about the upcoming vote for teacher pay raises in Bossier Parish. Education - Caddo Schools Superintendent Dr. Lamar Goree talks about the upcoming vote on school funding in Caddo Parish. Medical Marijuana - Pharmacist at Hope Pharmacy in Shreveport Doug Boudreaux updates everyone on the stalled medical marijuana program in Louisiana. | 30:00 |
| Weekend of April 28 th | Viewpoints | Weather Issues, Education | Weather Issues - Salvation Army Captain Jerry Casey reports from Ruston where a tornado devastated the city. Education - Executive Directors Dr. Belinda Roberson with the Shreveport YWCA talks about the LEAD Program for at-risk teenage girls. Shreveport City Chief Technology Officer on starting the Smart City program in Shreveport, including an upcoming workshop with local businesses. | 30:00 |
| Weekend of May 5 th | Viewpoints | Education | Education - Louisiana State Senator Conrad Appel talks about teacher pay raises being proposed at the state level. YMCA Director Gary Lash and the medical staff of the Shreveport YMCA talk about the end of tackle football inside the YMCA programs locally. Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser talks about Louisiana tourism and Louisiana Tourism Week. | 30:00 |
| Weekend of May 12 th | Viewpoints | Education | Education - Red River United Teachers Union President Jackie Landsale reacts to a 75% defeat for teach pay raises in Bossier Parish. | 30:00 |

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| | | | Education - Louisiana State Rep Cedric Glover talks about a possible merger between Louisiana State University in Shreveport and Louisiana Tech. | |
| Weekend of May 19 th | Viewpoints | Weather Issues | Weather Issues - Caddo Parish Steve Prator addresses flooding around the area, including the closure of Highway 1. Shreveport City Councilwoman Levette Fuller talks about the city losing attorney Karen Strand, and the changes it will lead to in the city government. US Senator Bill Cassidy talks about drug price reforms, and its impacts in Louisiana. | 30:00 |
| Weekend of May 26 th | Viewpoints | Sports Betting & Fantasy Sports, Medical Marijuana | Sports Betting & Fantasy Sports - Louisiana Gaming Control Board Chairman Ronnie Jones talks about fantasy sports and sports betting in Louisiana. Medical Marijuana - Pharmacist at Hope Pharmacy in Shreveport Doug Boudreaux updates everyone on the stalled medical marijuana program in Louisiana. | 30:00 |
| Weekend of June 2 nd | Viewpoints | Shreveport's "Saggy Pants" Law | Shreveport's "Saggy Pants" Law - Shreveport City Councilwoman Levette Fuller talks about her upcoming proposal to remove Shreveport "Saggy Pants" law. Shreveport's "Saggy Pants" Law - Shreveport Police Chief Ben Raymond discusses how Shreveport uses the "Saggy Pants" law. Shreveport City Councilman John Nickelson talks about the city's dire situation with their pension fund. | 30:00 |
| Weekend of June 9 th | Viewpoints | Shreveport's "Saggy Pants" Law | Shreveport's "Saggy Pants" Law -Former Shreveport City Councilman Calvin Lester talks about the original idea behind the "Saggy Pants" law in Shreveport. Doctor Brian Salvatore, Professor of Chemistry at Louisiana State University – Shreveport talks about Louisiana House Bill 615, a bill that deals with pollution across the state. | 30:00 |
| Weekend of June 16 th | Viewpoints | Shreveport's "Saggy Pants" Law, Education | Shreveport's "Saggy Pants" Law - Shreveport City Council Chairman Jerry Bowman talks about how much time the public will be able to speak at City Council meetings. Louisiana State Rep Thomas Carmody talks about the new delivery laws in the state. Education - Dr. Jim Henderson, the President of the University Systems of Louisiana talks about Compete Louisiana | 30:00 |

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| | | | and the funding the state provided to higher education this year. | |
| Weekend of June 23 rd | Viewpoints | Shreveport's "Saggy Pants" Law, | Shreveport's "Saggy Pants" Law - Shreveport City Councilwoman Levette Fuller talks about the recent repeal of Shreveport "Saggy Pants" law. John Perkins from Allendale Strong talks about a proposed Interstate through a Shreveport neighborhood. Communications Director for Shreveport Mayor Adrian Perkins talks about the City's plan to publically apologize to singer Sam Cooke (his song "A Change Is Gonna Come" was written about his arrest in Shreveport in the 1960s) | 30:00 |
| Weekend of June 30 th | Viewpoints | Education | Education - Dr. Jim Henderson, the President of the University Systems of Louisiana talks about the State of Louisiana fully funding the TOPS scholarship program and funding higher ed. Education - Caddo Schools Superintendent Dr. Lamar Goree talks about funding for crossing guards in Shreveport. Bossier MPC Director Sam Marsiglia talks about Bossier City's ban on food trucks. | 30:00 |