

KOPN Community Radio

401 Bernadette, Columbia, MO 65203

SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

This is not an exhaustive list of KOPN community-oriented issue programming.

January 1st, 2024 to March 31st, 2024

Community Issue	Show/ Broadcast	Description	Date/Time	Length (Hours)
My community issue is the community - members of the Columbia community. We get to know members of the Columbia community through their choices of six musical pieces that they would take with them if they were placed alone on an uninhabited desert island for the rest of their lives. This has proven to be an effective process for gaining insight into members of our community. They can also bring one book.	Marooned - Helen Washburn, Mun Choi, John Baker	This show is predicated on the belief that our community is defined by its members. We do not discuss issues, beliefs or political stands. We discuss who makes up the members of our community. In fact, we specifically avoid political and other stands so we can learn about our citizens as human beings, not as democrats, abortion advocates, supporters of trash carts, etc. And it works. A final point - I state below that Marooned is a 1 hour show, but it is actually a 30 minute show that is broadcast once a month. There is no way to indicate this.	1/2/2024 5:00 PM	.5
Affordable Housing	Evening Edition/Issues Facing the Homeless and Solutions by Love Columbia and Anderson Builders	Love Columbia is a key advocate for the homeless in our community. They have recently started a program to help people into a home of their own with the support of Anderson Builders. There was discussion on the history of the program and the requirements to receive a home. We also discussed issues like transportation and job markets facing homeless people.	1/2/2024 6:00 PM	1
Trails, Buses and Transportation in and around Columbia	Evening Edition/Focus on Transportation	Guests Rikki Ascani (Local Motion) and Jon Frost (avid bike commuter) discuss how our transportation system in	1/9/2024 6:00 PM	1

		Columbia is working. Our shrinking public transportation system has had an impact on both workers and employers in our community. Ms Ascani talked about research being conducted by Local Motion through a grant and how there are hopes to create a better system for everyone.		
Politics on the National, State and Local Scene	Evening Edition/Chat with Karen Sicheneder	Host Laura Wacker discusses what is going on in politics with local political hack, Karen Sicheneder. Local open seats on the city and state level were discussed as well as the current efforts by local groups to get out the vote. Issues for women at all levels of government were discussed.	1/16/2024 6:00 PM	1
Local Arts & Music	Flight Risk	The early work of saxophonist / composer Oliver Lake, whose career began in St. Louis	2/21/2024 12:00 AM	1
Animal Control	The So-Called Good Life	Armanis Angels interview regarding their helping the underfunded pay for pet health	2/23/2024 4:00 PM	2
Discussion on coping with issues like Missouri's Death Penalty and conflicts harming humans around the world with Jeff Stack from Fellowship of Reconciliation	Evening Edition/Jeff Stack from Fellowship of Reconciliation	FORs local chapter has been working on issues of peace and justice since 1961. Director Jeff Stack talks about the current issues they are working on like alternatives to the death penalty, the war in Gaza, opposition to military offenses.	3/12/2024 6:00 PM	1
The lack of women in Sports Media	The Blacktop (Women's Issues Women's Voices)	My show highlights the lack of female athletics in the Missouri media, and lack of diversity in this context in the national media conversation.	3/18/2024 7:00 PM	1
Business and consumer protections presented by the Better Business Bureau	Evening Edition/Better Business Bureau	A discussion with Khesha Duncan, outreach coordinator for the Better Business Bureau in the area. She talked about the services offered to businesses and individuals,	3/19/2024 6:00 PM	1

		explained scams and how to deal with them and how to find out about them before you encounter them.		
Local elections and candidates	Live special coverage: League of Women Voters Candidate Forum	This broadcast interrupted normal programming to cover a moderated candidate and ballot initiative forum hosted by our local chapter of the League of Women Voters. Discussions include candidates for school board, city council, and a ballot initiative regarding a property tax freeze for seniors.	3/21/2024 6:30 PM	2
Non-profit Folk Festival	Sunday Morning Coffeehouse	Raising awareness of local folk culture	3/22/2024 9:00 AM	3
Information on upcoming election and call from Robert Schreiber, candidate for the 2nd Ward City Council seat.	Evening Edition/Election Info	Interview with local candidate for city council, explanation of ballot, other news items	3/26/2024 6:00 PM	1