

FCC Public Issues & Programs List: First Quarter 2014

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*Enclosed is a listing of some of the significant issues to which radio station KANU FM 91.5 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

KANU NEWS SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2014

1. Harvest Public Media's Luke Runyon reported on American commercial bakeries' quest to develop a whole-grain white bread that consumers enjoy and that children are willing to eat.

(HPM-BREAD.wav) – aired 01-02-14 – ME/R – length: 4:23 -- airtimes: 6:33 am, 8:33am

AG/HE/ECO

2. KPR's Bryan Thompson followed up on a report of foodborne illness in southwest Kansas. State health officials determined that the outbreak was caused by norovirus, and traced the source of the problem to a sandwich shop in Garden City.

(BT-NORO.wav) – aired 01-07-14 – ME/R – length: 1:08 – airtimes: 6, 7, 8am newscasts

HE/ECO/ENV

3. Jim McLean of the KHI News Service reported on Medicaid expansion and why the issue is so important. The expansion...or lack of expansion...could have dire consequences for many Kansas hospitals as well as lower-income families that lack health insurance.

(JM-XPAND.wav) – aired 01-10-14 – ME/R – length: 4:50 – airtimes: 6:33, 8:33 am

HE/POL/ECO

4. KPR's Stephen Koranda provided a preview of Kansas Governor Sam Brownback's legislative agenda and the issues facing the 2014 Kansas Legislature. Lawmakers are still waiting for a ruling from the Kansas Supreme Court on a lawsuit over the state's education funding. Koranda spoke with Governor Brownback about his administration's latest initiatives and his goals for the coming year.

(SK-BBINT.wav) – aired 01-13-14 – ME/R – length: 3:47 – airtimes: 7:35am, 8:35am

POL/ECO/ED

5. KPR broadcast Governor Sam Brownback's 2014 State-of-the-State address and the Democratic response. The event was hosted by news director J. Schafer and analysis was provided by University of Kansas political science professor Burdett Loomis.

(SOS2014.wav) – aired 01-15-14 – stand-alone special – airtimes: 6:30 pm

POL/ECO/AG/ED

6. KPR's Stephen Koranda provided a recap of Governor Sam Brownback's State-of-the-State address, focusing on the administration's legislative priorities and issues to watch in the coming legislative session.

(SK-SOS14.wav) – aired 01-16-14 – ME/R – length: 3:46 – airtimes: 6:40am, 8:40am

POL/ED/ECO/HE

7. Jim McLean of the KHI News Service reported on reaction to the 2014 Kansas State-of-the-State Address. Conservative Republicans said it was a strong speech, while Democrats criticized the governor for his rhetoric, education funding plans and for ignoring some other issues.

(JM-SOS14REAX.wav) – aired 01-16-14 – ME/R – length: 2:52 – airtimes: 6:45am, 8:45am

POL/ECO/ED/HE

8. Health reporter Bryan Thompson explained advances in cancer treatment that have allowed many people to live years beyond their initial diagnosis. A network of hospitals and treatment facilities is now working to help Kansans cope with the challenges of life that arise following a cancer diagnosis.

(BT-SURVIVOR.wav) – aired 01-21-14 – ME/R – length: 4:29 – airtimes: 6:33am, 8:33am

HE/KU/EDU

9. Statehouse reporter Stephen Koranda explained a move in the Kansas Legislature to re-examine capital punishment in the state of Kansas. A Senate committee will hear several bills dealing with the subject. One would abolish the death penalty entirely; another would speed up the death penalty appeals process.

(SK-DEATH.wav) – aired 01-22-14—ME/R – length: 3:31 – airtimes: 6:40, 8:40am

CR/POL/ECO

10. Bryan Thompson reported on the progress of a move to shift care for Kansans with intellectual and developmental disabilities under the rubric of the newly privatized state Medicaid program known as KanCare. That move would represent a major expansion for the program. Predictably, privatization advocates are excited about the move, while advocates for the disabled have been publicly criticizing the idea.

(BT-KANCARE21.wav) – aired 01-23-14 – ME/R – length: 3:47 – airtimes: 6:45, 8:45am

HE/ECO/POL

KANU NEWS SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 2014

1. Stephen Koranda and Jim McLean discussed the third week of the 2014 Kansas legislative session. The House Federal and State Affairs Committee heard testimony on two controversial bills – one on guns, the other on same-sex marriage.

(2014INSESSION-1.wav) – aired 02-03-14 – ME/R – length: 5:00 – airtimes: 8:33am

POL/CR/ECO/HS

2. Luke Runyon of Harvest Public Media reported on the state of Colorado’s decision to open licensed marijuana retail shows. The edible THC industry has become a big business since the laws regulating marijuana and its psychoactive ingredient changed. The problem is that the existing food safety system can’t ensure that marijuana-infused foods are safe, because marijuana is still considered illegal by the federal government.

(HPM-MARYJANE.wav) – aired 02-06-14 – ME/R – length: 4:40 – airtimes: 6:33am, 8:33am

AG/CR/ECO

3. Jim McLean reported for the KHI News Service on the uptick in the number of Kansans signing up for health insurance via the healthcare.gov website in January. The total number of Kansans enrolled in Obamacare has now exceeded 22,000.

(JM-ACAENROLL.wav) – aired 02-13-14 – ME/R – length: 1:06 – airtimes: 7am, 8am, 4pm

HE/POL/ECO

4. Bryan Thompson interviewed Shelley Carson, a research psychologist, on her work concerning “low-level depression.” She says that in some patients, depression isn’t pronounced enough to justify a clinical diagnosis, but is present enough to take the joy out of life.

(BT-ALMOST.wav) – aired 02-13-14 – ME/R – length: 5:13 – airtimes: 6:33am, 8:33am

HE/KU/ED

5. Laura Lorson talked with Lawrence-area filmmaker Kevin Willmott about his latest project – the story of Wilt Chamberlain’s arrival on the largely-segregated University of Kansas campus in the 1950s. The new film is called “Jayhawkers.”

(JAYHAWKERS.wav) – aired 02-14-14 – ME/R – length: 6:39 – airtimes: 6:49am, 8:40am

KU/AR/SP

6. Bryan Thompson reported that Kansas nursing home inspections have become significantly more stringent in the last decade. As a result, the number of homes receiving perfect scores has dropped sharply.

(BT-REGULATE.wav) – aired 02-20-14 – ME/R – length: 1:00 – airtimes: 7am, 8am, 3pm

HE/ECO

7. Jim McLean reported on a provision of the Affordable Care Act that allows states to expand Medicaid. Two dozen states, including Kansas, have not agreed to expand Medicaid, even though the federal government has agreed to pay most of the cost. Governor Sam Brownback has remained steadfastly opposed to Medicaid expansion, even when confronted with evidence that the move could substantially help Kansans living in poverty.

(JM-XPANDIT2.wav) – aired 02-21-14 – ME/R – length: 3:43 – airtimes: 6:40am, 8:40am

ECO/RR/ECO/HE

8. Stephen Koranda, Andy Marso and Jim McLean discussed how Kansas lawmakers debated changes to the state's KPERs retirement program, and opposition to the state's decision to reject a Medicaid expansion.

(IN-SESSXYZ.wav) – aired 02-24-14 – ME/R – length: 5:39 – airtimes: 6:33am, 8:33am

ECO/HE/POL

9. KPR aired a portion of a presentation by Kim Gandy, head of the National Network to End Domestic Violence. She delivered the keynote address at a meeting of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence in Topeka. She discussed the prevalence of domestic violence and referred to some surprising statistics on homicides and domestic violence incidents.

(DOM-VIOLEN2.wav) – aired 02-25-14 – ME/R – length: 5:22 – airtimes: 6:33am, 8:33am

CR/HE/POL

10. Jim McLean reported on the advance of a bill that would speed up payments to Kansas health care providers who participate in KanCare.

(TOMLAIGN.wav) – aired 02-25-14 – ME/R – length: 1:06 – airtimes: 6am, 7am, 8am

HE/POL/ECO

KANU NEWS SUMMARY FOR MARCH 2014

1. KPR's Stephen Koranda, Peter Hancock of the Lawrence Journal-World newspaper and Jim McLean of the KHI News Service discussed events at the Kansas Legislature. Lawmakers took a break after passing dozens of bills to meet a legislative deadline known as "turnaround." Any bill that has not passed out of its originating chamber by this deadline is no longer up for consideration in this legislative session. The three reporters talked about the fate of some religious freedom legislation and about education policy.

(INSESSXYZ2.wav) – aired 03-05-14 – ME/R – length: 4:59 – airtimes: 6:40am, 8:40am
POL/ECO/ED/RE

2. Two universities from the state of Kansas could be headed for a showdown in the annual NCAA men's Division I basketball tournament. The Wichita State University Shockers and the University of Kansas Jayhawks typically don't play each other during the regular season, but depending on the way the NCAA selection committee sets up the tournament brackets, they could meet during "March Madness." Greg Echlin filed the report.

(GE-KUWSU2.wav) – aired 03-05-14 – ME/R – length: 3:38 – airtimes: 6:46am, 8:46am
KU/SP

3. Jim McLean of the KHI News Service filed a report on how Governor Sam Brownback is viewed by political scientists as reshaping policy and politics in Kansas. Several political science professors met for a roundtable discussion at Washburn University, and said that the current Brownback administration agenda is virtually unprecedented.

(JM-WUFORUM.wav) – aired 03-07-14 – ME/R – length: 3:15 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35am

POL/ECO/HI/ED/HE

4. The Kansas Supreme Court issued a ruling on a case dealing with the state's education funding. It's currently unclear how lawmakers will comply with the ruling. The court said the state has created inequalities between school districts by cutting certain kinds of funding during the national recession. KPR's Stephen Koranda discussed the ruling with Jim McLean of the KHI News Service and Peter Hancock of the Lawrence Journal-World.

(IN-SESSXYZ3.wav) – aired 03-10-14 – ME/R – length: 5:29 – airtimes: 6:33am, 8:33am

ED/POL/ECO/HI

5. KPR's Stephen Koranda spoke with Jim McLean of the KHI News Service and Bryan Lowry of the Wichita Eagle newspaper about the past week at the Kansas Legislature. Kansas lawmakers began looking for ways to comply with a State Supreme Court ruling on public education funding, and the Kansas Senate passed a bill requiring more regulation for health care "navigators."

(INSESSXYZ4.wav) – aired 03-17-14 – ME/R -- length: 5:12 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:40am

ED/POL/ECO

6. Kansas lawmakers passed the midpoint of the annual Legislative session, and will now be devoting much of their time to the issue of education funding. But during the first half of the session, lawmakers attracted a lot of national attention over some controversial state bills. KPR's Stephen Koranda provided an overview.

(SK-CONTRO.wav) – aired 03-18-14 – ME/R and ATC/R – length: 3:39 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35 am; 4:44 pm

ED/RE/ECO/HS

7. KPR's Stephen Koranda provided a brief history of the activities of controversial church pastor Fred Phelps, Sr., founder of Topeka's Westboro Baptist Church. Phelps died at the age of 84. His church became world-famous for protesting at funerals. The group was particularly notorious for picketing military funerals, saying that military deaths are God's punishment for America's tolerance of homosexuality.

(F-PHELPS.wav) – aired 03-21-14 – ME/R – length: 3:51 – airtimes: 6:33am, 8:33 am

RE/HS/HI/HE/MI

8. KPR's Stephen Koranda and Tim Carpenter of the Topeka Capital-Journal discussed the state of negotiations as the state struggles to comply with the Kansas Supreme Court's ruling that more money was needed to treat all districts in the state fairly. Conversations at the statehouse got off to a rocky start between Democrats and Republicans.

(IN-SESSxyz5.wav) – aired 03-24-14 – ME/R – length: 3:12 – airtimes: 6:33am, 8:35 am

ECO/ED/POL/ECO

9. Peter Gray of the Harvest Public Media consortium reported on the excitement among some farmers in the Midwest about the possibility that drone aircraft will be allowed for agricultural usage. Remote-controlled planes or helicopters could be invaluable in observing and scanning farmers' lands.

(HPM-DRONES.wav) – aired 03-25-14 – ME/R -- length: 3:45 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35am

POL/AG/ECO/CR

10. Sports reporter Greg Echlin reported on a basketball player at a small Midwestern religious university who made headlines by publicly revealing that he is an active homosexual.

(GE-GAYBB.wav) – aired 03-26-14 – ME/R and ATC/R – length: 4:00 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35 am, 4:44 pm