

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List for KWWR-FM

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

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am/fm-Centralia Super Ford to retire
mp 6:03 am 1/16/19

The Centralia School District will be looking for a new superintendent.

Darrin Ford turned in his resignation to the school board during their meeting on Monday.

The resignation is effective June 30th, 2019.

Ford was with the Centralia School District for 19 years, and in public education administration for 23 years.

The Centralia School District voted to hire the Missouri School Board Association to assist for Ford's replacement.

am/fm-MU campus in CoMo opening early
mp 11:10 am 1/16/19

The University of Missouri campus in Columbia will be opening up its residence halls one day earlier than scheduled so students can get back early before a predicted winter storm.

According to reports from the Columbia Missourian the residence halls and a dining hall will open at 9 am tomorrow (Thursday).

The National Weather Service is forecasting a mix of rain and snow on Friday, then more snow over the weekend.

Temperatures are expected to fall well below freezing.

AM/FM-Catholic Schools Week
mp 9:23 am/fm 1/31/19

Learn, serve, lead and succeed is this years theme of National Catholic Schools Week.

Students at the St. Joseph Catholic School in Martinsburg spent Monday helping others with a

field trip to a food bank in Columbia.

Eighth grader Olivia Kuda explains.

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The United States currently has over 2 million students attending Catholic schools.

FM - Rucksted named Assis. Super. CPS
4:34 PM 1/31/19 AH

Columbia Public Schools announced today [Thursday] that Jennifer Rucksted has been selected as the new assistant superintendent for secondary education.

Rucksted is currently the principal at Rock Bridge High School, a position she has held since 2013.

She holds a doctoral degree in educational leadership from the University of Missouri.

Rucksted will begin her new role on July 1.

fm-Mex, CoMo, JC Schools APR scores up
mp 5:06 am 2/1/19

Schools are finding out how they rated on the state's Annual Performance Report.

Columbia, Jefferson City and Mexico are all seeing their scores going up from previous years.

Columbia earned 93.3 percent of the possible points on the APR, which is significantly higher than recent years in which the scores averaged the 80's.

Jefferson City Public Schools scored 87.9 percent a four year high.

The Mexico School District scored 97.9 percent which was up from 2017 when they scored 91.8 percent.

The test determines school's accreditation status each year and measures categories such as standardized test scores, college and career readiness and graduation rates.

AM/FM - Blunt statement on NCAA actions
2:14 PM 2/1/19 AH

United States Senator Roy Blunt released a statement today [Friday] regarding penalties imposed on the University of Missouri's athletic programs.

Blunt encourages the NCAA to take another look at this case and not punish today's upstanding Mizzou athletes because of isolated violations that occurred years ago.

The NCAA imposed a post season ban for the football, baseball and softball teams, a reduction in scholarship and recruiting as well as probation.

The NCAA investigation stemmed from a tutor reportedly completing coursework for student athletes.

am/fm-MPS provides counseling
mp 11:02 am 2/5/19

Mexico Public Schools is providing ongoing counseling this week after a homicide in the district.

Seventeen year old Dekhise Dorsey a former student at the Mexico High School is being charged with Second Degree Murder in the death of 27 year old Tajuan Williams last Friday night.

Marci Minor Public Information Director for the Mexico School District says Mexico is such a small close knit community.

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Minor says counseling is being provided anytime anyone needs it.

AM/fM - McGeorge to retire MMA
3:57 AM 2/5/19 AH

The President of the Missouri Military Academy has announced his retirement effective at the end of the 2019 academic year.

Charles A. "Tony" McGeorge has been with MMA since 2012.

MMA has said that Brigadier General Rick Geraci will take over the role for the next school year.

Geraci joined MMA in July of 2017 as the chief academic officer and became the vice president for academics, operations and planning in March of 2018. As the newly appointed president, Geraci immediately assumes the day-to-day management of the academy, with full responsibilities and authority.

am/fm-MU Board Of Curators meeting
mp 5:07 am 2/8/19

Tuition, enrollment and retirement all on the agenda yesterday (Thursday) at the University of Missouri Board of Curators meeting.

University System's President said Mizzou's enrollment is up about six percent.

The board agreed to move forward on a motion that focuses on a new retirement plan for future employees.

It would increase the employer match for employer contributions and provide employees more flexibility.

The curators voted to increase costs at UMKC, S and T and UMSL.

The increase will have housing and dining costs up by 2 percent.

am/fm-Hallsville School Bus Gets Stuck

mp 10:56 am

2/11/19

It was a late start for several students at the Hallsville School this (Monday) morning due to road conditions.

A Hallsville school bus got stuck on North Kircher Road at Highway HH.

There were no students on the bus at the time.

A school district spokeswoman says they alerted parents the bus was running 20-30 minutes behind schedule.

There were no injuries in the incident.

fm-CPS board approval for redistricting

mp 5:15 am

2/12/19

An approval is now given by the Columbia School Board that will impact some district lines that will affect over a thousand students.

The board met last (Monday) night, where parents and students voiced concerns over the redistricting change saying that friends would be separated.

The change will affect around 1,400 middle and high school students.

Current freshman will be able to stay where they are at, while incoming freshman will have 2 options of starting at one high school for a year and then finish at another, or start at the school they will eventually be attending.

The rezoning is due to a new middle school being built on Sinclair Road scheduled to open in the fall of next year.

AM/FM - LU establishes scholarship
3:45 PM 2/12/19 AH

Lincoln University is establishing a scholarship fund to honor former student government, D'Angelo Bratton-Bland, who was shot and killed in December.

The scholarship will help students cover the financial cost of college.

The university is trying to raise \$10 thousand by May 1.

Twenty three year old Bratton Bland was a graduating senior when he was shot in the 200 block of Dawson Street, near the Lincoln campus on December 11.

AM/FM - Title IX Report
2:08 PM 2/13/19 AH

The University of Missouri released their most recent Title IX report today [Wednesday] indicating reports of discrimination are up from 2016 and 2017.

According to the report, 750 reports were received in the department in the 2017-2018 school year, up from 693.

Of those reports, 59.3 percent were related to sex or gender discrimination, up from 52.9 percent in the previous report.

Title IX noted a drop in the number of reports made regarding race discrimination. In 2017 and 2018, 15.7 percent of the reports alleged racial discrimination, and in the newest report that number has decreased to 13.2 percent.

am/fm-MU School of Med Rural Health Care
mp 11:23 am 2/13/19

The MU School of Medicine is offering a unique program where students can study and then return to their rural communities to provide care.

Kathleen Quinn Dean for Rural Health Care at the school says they currently have 8 hospitals involved in the program.

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Quinn says 70 percent of students pre-admitted to the program and that have graduated are now practicing medicine in rural communities.

am/fm-MU seeing more discrimination rep.

mp 5:09 am

2/18/19

The University of Missouri is seeing more reports of discrimination and harassment during last school year when compared to the previous year.

According to reports from the Columbia Missourian the university's Office for Civil Rights and Title IX received 750 reported violations of its anti-discriminatory policy during the 2017-2018 school year.

That is up from the 693 reports from the previous year.

The office also saw reports of sex and gender discrimination, accounted for nearly 60 percent of all the reported incidents last year.

AM/FM - MU Student has TB

2/18/19 AH

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University of Missouri officials announced today [Monday] that a student has been diagnosed with active tuberculosis, and has voluntarily left campus.

Dr. Susan Even, director of the MU Student Health Center reports the student has been extremely cooperative with campus and local health officials.

The University is working closely with the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Service to identify additional individuals who might need testing.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, TB is most often spread when an person with active tuberculosis of the lungs coughs near other individuals. The disease is spread only through the air.

am/fm-Find Your Career Path In Mexico

mp 5:31 am

2/19/19

The second annual Find Your Path event will be taking place at the Mexico High School tomorrow (Wednesday).

65 area employers will gather at the high school.

From 3:30 until 6 community members will be able to meet employers and even apply for jobs.

The Missouri Job Center will also be on site to help those looking for local employment.

am/fm-Mexico schools staggered start
mp 9:31 am 2/19/19

The Mexico School District is continuing to work on the elementary school reconfiguration process planned for next year.

Dr. Zach Templeton reported at tonight's (Tuesday) board of education meeting they are exploring a staggered start time for the schools starting next year.

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Dr. Templeton says if the staggered start is implemented the elementary schools start could stay the same and grades 6-12 may start 30 minutes later.

Dr. Templeton says it is just in the planning stages as of now and they will find out more in the next couple of months.

am/fm-McGeorge reflects on time at MMA
mp 11:05 am 2/20/19

Retiring Missouri Military Academy President Tony McGeorge is reflecting on his time of service over the past 7 years.

McGeorge says the future is bright for the academy in Mexico, Missouri.

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McGeorge says the current incoming president is General Richard V. Geraci who comes from the New Mexico Military Institute.

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As the newly appointed president, Geraci has already assumed the day to day management of the academy.

McGeorge's last day with the MMA will be July 1st.

am/fm-MU Health Bariatric Weight loss
mp 11:10 am 2/20/19

Many people in the area struggle with weight loss.

Some are looking to Bariatric weight loss surgery as a solution to their problem.

Dr. Andrew Miller Medical Director for weight loss surgery at MU Health Care says there are several things to look at when considering bariatric weight loss surgery.

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Dr. Miller says over the last decade weight loss surgeries are becoming more safe and results are good with people having the surgery and keeping the weight off.

am/fm-settlement Halls. schools suicide
mp 10:22 am 2/26/19

The Hallsville R-IV School District and the family of a Hallsville girl who committed suicide in April of 2017 have reached a settlement according to court records.

A wrongful death suit was filed against the Hallsville R-IV School District in July of 2018 by Elizabeth Overstreet, the mother of Rylie Wagner who died in April of 2017, after her mother says she experienced bullying at school.

Details of the settlement will be known after a hearing in Jefferson City where the judge will either confirm or deny the settlement.

fm-JCPS to change start times
mp 5:11 am 2/26/19

The Jefferson City Public Schools is announcing plans to move start times for their schools beginning next school year.

The new start times would have all the district's elementary schools starting before secondary schools.

Parents and staff can vote on the specific times schools will open on the district's Facebook Page.

The options for the new start times are having the elementary schools starting at either 7:40, 7:45, or 7:50, and then the secondary schools starting an hour later from each option.

The vote will serve as only a recommendation to the board on what time school should start.

The board will make their final decision at their meeting in March.

fm-JCPS Threat rewrite
mp 5:05 am 3/1/19

Threats made by a high school student at the Jefferson City Public Schools on Wednesday were never a legitimate threat to anyone's safety according to school officials.

Administrators at the high school immediately detained the student after learning of the threats, and investigation was done then law enforcement were notified.

A statement was sent out to parents informing them that the student was not at the school yesterday (Thursday) and appropriate administrative action was being taken.

AM/FM - bill for school make up days
4:12 PM 3/6/19 AH

A new bill could change how school districts respond to snow days.

Under House Bill 570, schools would not have to make up missed days as long as they have an approved alternative plan to account for the missed hours.

The bill would apply to any school days missed due to inclement weather, contagious diseases or utility issues at the school.

The bill says that instead of making up a school day in the summer, districts could utilize an online program or packets of work to teach students what they would have missed.

Students would do that work at home during the snow day itself.

AM/FM - Gas Leak At Williamsburg school
3:54 PM 3/6/19 AH

Classes at Williamsburg Elementary School were canceled today [Wednesday] after a gas or carbon monoxide leak was discovered.

The Callaway County Sheriff's Office received the call at around 7:45AM.

The leak is believed to have come from a heating unit near the front office, and no classrooms were affected. The unit was turned off and will likely have to be replaced.

Students were in the process of arriving at the school, and some were already there.

Classes will be back in session tomorrow.

AM/FM - MU allows transfers from SFCC
5:18 AM 3/8/19 AH

The University of Missouri and State Fair Community College signed an agreement yesterday that would guarantee SFCC students with certain associate degrees admission.

The agreement is for students who have earned an Associate in Arts, associate in applied science in nursing, associate of arts in teaching or completed the 42 hour general education block at SFCC.

The purpose of the agreement is allow students to use their A+ grants and save money while still earning a degree from the University.

The agreement starts for the 2019 academic year.

AM/FM - Williamsburg closed again
10:20 AM 3/8/19 AH

Williamsburg Elementary School is closed again today [Friday] after staff members continued to have headaches due to an unknown cause.

The school was closed on Wednesday after reports of a possible gas leak. The North Callaway Fire Protection District investigated and thought the cause of the leak was determined.

The school re-opened yesterday, but staff members were still suffering headaches in one area.

As of now, four agencies have investigated and the cause of the gas leak is still unknown.

No students have been affected.

fm- new Rock Bridge High Principal
mp 10:35 am 3/11/19

A new principal at the Rock Bridge High School is being announced.

Jacob Sirna will be recommended for the position to the Columbia Board of Education.

Sirna is currently the principal at the Marshall High School and will replace Principal Jennifer Rukstad who is taking a position as the new assistant superintendent for secondary education in Columbia starting next school year.

am/fm-New grant funding at MMA'
mp 5:25 am 3/11/19

New grant funding for Mid-Missouri middle and high school age boys seeking private and college-prep education is now available at the Missouri Military Academy in Mexico, Missouri.

The MMA Board of Trustees is announcing the availability of new funding for day program students from Audrain, Boone, and Callaway County.

Day school tuition for eligible students is now six thousand five hundred dollars per year, it is normally nine thousand three hundred dollars per year.

For more information about the new grant funding you can visit www.missourimilitaryacademy.org.

fm-JCPS approves change times
mp 5:15 am 3/12/19

New start times are on the way for the Jefferson City Public Schools starting next year.

Approval was given by the Jefferson City Public Board last (Monday) night for elementary schools to start at 7:45, with secondary schools starting around an hour later.

According to Jefferson City Schools Superintendent Larry Linthacum the change will allow the school to improve attendance numbers and save money in the future.

am/fm-Paris High School host Reality Bites
mp 10:32 am 3/12/19

The Paris High School is the site for a reality enrichment and life lessons program tomorrow (Wednesday).

Sixty junior and seniors will be participating in the program.

Students will start portraying people who did not finish high school and are struggling to find a job.

They will then be given a new identity that includes a high school or college education and a job as a doctor, lawyer or teacher.

The idea is to give students a chance to view how important education is to success in life.

It is being sponsored by the North East Community Action Corporation and will take place tomorrow (Wednesday) from nine until noon at the Paris High School on Business Highway 24.

am/fm-Centralia Schools Hire New Super
mp 6:35 am 3/13/19

Centralia Schools are announcing they have hired a new superintendent.

Steven Chancellor will take over the role effective July 1st.

He is replacing retiring superintendent Darin Ford.

AM/FM - School safety task force
1:33 PM 3/13/19 AH

Missouri Governor Mike Parson signed an executive order today [Wednesday] to assemble a Missouri School Safety Task Force.

Parson signed the order at an assembly at Blair Oaks High School.

The Governor assigned Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe to lead the task force.

The group, that will include Department of Public Safety Director Sandy Karsten and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Margie Vandeven, will meet over the coming week and submit a report of findings and recommendations by July 31.

fm-Smithton Middle School evac gas odor
mp 9:56 am 3/14/19

All students at the Smithton Middle School in Columbia are reportedly safe after an evacuation this (Thursday) morning.

Emergency responded to a report of a possible gas odor around 9 this (Thursday) morning. Parents were notified of the situation through text message.

Officials gave the all clear, and students returned to class within 15 minutes.

AM/FM - Mizzou signs first esports recruit
1:08 PM 3/14/19 AH

Mizzou signed the first members of the newly formed e-sports team today. [Wednesday]

Eight recruits toured the campus and 4 signed letters of intent to play for Mizzou.

The Mizzou is in the process of constructing an e-sorts facility in the South and Center Residence Hall on the MU campus.

AM/FM - MU dean of medicine resigns
2:07 PM 3/15/19 AH

The dean of the University of Missouri School of Medicine will resign at the end of the month.

MU announced today [Friday] Patrick Delafontaine is taking a job with another institution.

Delafontaine was the chief of cardiology at Tulane University before coming to MU in 2014. He resigned from his position less than a year later, but returned after R. Bowen Loftin stepped down as chancellor.

Professor Steven Zweig, chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine, will act as interim dean.

AM/FM - MMA National qualifier
5:21 AM 3/16/19 AH

Missouri Military Academy recently achieved a top 20 placement at the Civilian Marksmanship Program National Qualifier in Camp Perry, Ohio.

In an Olympic-style competition, cadets from the MMA Rifle Team competed against hundreds of experienced firers from all over the world.

The rifle team is ranked 49th nationally.

am/fm-Hallsville Super follow up letter
mp 5:14 am 3/20/19

The Hallsville School District is responding to parents concerns over an investigation last week into alleged threats at the middle school.

The district notified parents of the threat investigation from last week on Monday.

Some parents voiced concern at the school board meeting on Monday night about not being notified in a timely manner.

Superintendent John Downs sent a follow up letter to parents yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon

saying the investigation was started by Hallsville Middle School Principal Ty Sides after he was alerted by a parent of a perceived threat her child heard in class involving a student mentioning a hit list.

The investigation included the Boone County Sheriff's Office concluded last week on Friday and it was determined no list was ever created or existed, and neither students nor staff were in danger or harm.

am/fm-Mexico Schools looking 1-1 tech.

mp 10:46 am 3/19/19

The Mexico School District is working on establishing a one to one chrome book initiative at the high school for next year.

Marci Minor Mexico Schools Public Information Director says it will be district wide eventually.

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A report on the technology one to one was given at last night's (Tuesday) Mexico Board of Education Meeting.

am/fm-Counseling to Bowling Green Stud.

mp 5:22 am 3/25/19

Additional counseling services are available to students at the Bowling Green High School after the death of a class mate over the weekend.

Senior Kaleo Dade hit a deer on Route E and slid off the roadway on Friday night and died on the scene.

A passenger in the vehicle Kyle Horner was airlifted to a hospital in critical condition.

Over a hundred people showed up Saturday night for a balloon release at the Bowling Green High School football field.

Dade was was a three sport standout for the Bowling Green High School.

am/fm-MU files appeal to NCAA Sanctions

mp 5:16 am 3/26/19

An official appeal is now filed by the University of Missouri to the NCAA Committee on Infractions.

MU Athletic Director Jim Sterk filed the appeals brief yesterday (Monday) and in a statement outlined the following points of contention.

The penalties handed down were contrary to NCAA case precedent.

They were not supported, or appropriate, given the nature of the violations.

And they could have a chilling effect on future NCAA enforcement processes.

The NCAA banned MU football, baseball, and softball programs from postseason play for one year, in addition to several recruiting restriction and fines due to a former tutor completing work for 12 student athletes.

The NCAA now has 30 days to respond to the appeal, and following that, an in person hearing date can be established for MU to appear before the appeals committee.

AM/FM - CR-6 prop A

2:53 PM 3/26/19 AH

The Board of Education for the Community R-VI School District is asking voters to approve Proposition A, a bond levy for numerous projects on the April 2nd ballot.

The board is asking for one million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars to implement and improve safety measures, make building repairs, remodel restrooms and locker rooms and to either construct or renovate the Vo-Ag building.

If the proposition is improved, the adjusted debt service levy of the school district will remain unchanged.

FM Government

1/1/19 Boone Clerk New Job*

1/1/19 Final Greitens Report Issued*

1/2/19 Schmitt sworn in thurs*

1/3/19 Tax error could cost Missourians*

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1/7/19 2019 leg. session starts this week*

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1/7/19 gov. to issue refunds*

1/8/19 Mo tax Rev down 1st half fisc year*

1/9/19 Carson Cancels visit to JC*

1/9/19 Sheriff's Office Reports 2018 Nu*

1/14/19 Prison Reform Possible*

1/15/19 McCaskill joining NBC News/MSNBC*

1/16/19 texting and driving bill Mo Senate*

1/17/19 Parson proposes 351 mil bond*

1/17/19 Gov. works toward prison change*

1/19/19 bill filed for MO tax relief*

1/21/19 Blunt statement on gov shutdown*

1/30/19 New Bloomfield State Audit Begins*

1/31/19 2 bills proposed in Mo sex assault*

2/1/19 Gov and Sen split on bridge repair*

2/1/19 Parson Discusses Bridge Plan*

2/2/19 mo dept. violates open records*

2/6/19 Mo Lawmakers on Trump's Speech*

2/6/19 Parson Appt. Pike County Clerk*

2/7/19 PDMP bill advance in MO House*

2/8/19 Gov talking workforce training*

2/12/19 Sen Hawley subpoena Cole Co Crt*

2/12/19 House Passes PDMP*

2/13/19 Gov. Parson Hannibal Visit update*

2/13/19 Sup. Ct dismisses abortion claim*

2/14/19 Fulton City Hall Bomb Threat*

2/14/19 Blunt Statement on funding bill*

2/20/19 Sturgeon accused of violating law*

2/21/19 Vandalia announces police chief*

2/21/19 MU Leaders going to JC*

2/22/19 former legislative aide pleads guilty

2/22/19 President appoints Parson*

2/22/19 Lt. Gov Kehoe visit Aud Co. Bridge*

2/22/19 Cole Co court subpoenas Greitens*

2/25/19 MO Atty Gen not resp. for fees*

2/28/19 Ascroft closes inv in Hawley*

2/28/19 Parson in boon, Cole, Laclede*

2/28/19 Parson appts conservatio comm.*

3/1/19 REALID on track*

3/2/19 gov. pro life rally*

3/4/19 Oestreich sentenced*

3/5/19 Olson new super mshp*

3/6/19 voter regist deadline today*

3/6/19 bill for school make up days*

3/8/9 House bill on diaper tax*

3/12/19 Hyperloop committee*

3/13/19 Audrain County Receives Grant*

3/13/19 School Safety Task Force*

3/14/19 youth seatbelt enforcement*

3/15/19 Blunt votes against Trump re-write*

3/15/19 DOR Director expected to resign*
3/15/19 Gov names acting dir dep of rev.*
3/15/19 bill requiring AR-15s*
3/15/19 Parson prepares for flooding*
3/20/19 Gov. Orders Flags half staff*
3/21/19 Gov. State of emergency*
3/23/19 Blunt Statement on Muellers report*
3/25/19 Real ID available*
3/26/19 Miss Mo at Mexico City Council*
3/26/19 House votes to allow bible class*
3/27/19 Bill for car inspections*
3/28/19 100 mil proposed Mo roads/bridges*
3/29/19 Mo sen pass legis impeachment*
3/29/19 ballot 911 funding*
3/30/19 Schmitt says change FB PW*

AM/Fm - Boone Clerk New Job
1/1/19 AH 5:32 AM

Former Boone County Clerk, Taylor Burks, has been hired to fill a position in the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Burks will begin as the director of the Division of Labor Standards on January 14.

Burks was appointed by former Governor Eric Greitens after longtime clerk, Wendy Noren, left office for health reasons.

Burks was defeated in his bid for re-election by Democrat Brianna Lennon.

AM/FM - Final Greitens report issued
5:15 AM 1/1/19

The House Investigatory Committee formed to investigate allegations of sexual blackmail and campaign finance violations against former governor Eric Greitens released their final report yesterday. [Monday]

Representative Jay Barnes, who was tasked with leading the committee, said that although the committee no longer has the authority to investigate Greitens, he is hopeful the Missouri Ethics Commission will take action on a complaint he filed regarding multiple campaign finance violations.

The committee was disbanded after Greitens resigned from office in June.

AM/FM - Schmitt sworn in thurs.
2:54 PM 1/2/19 AH

Missouri's new Attorney General, Eric Schmitt, will be sworn in tomorrow [Thursday] in Jefferson City.

Schmitt has been appointed by Governor Mike Parson to replace Senate-Elect Josh Hawley.

Schmitt has served as the 46th treasurer of the state since January 9, 2017.

The ceremony will take place in the main lobby of the Missouri Supreme Court at 11:05. Missouri Supreme Court Justice Zel Fischer will swear Schmitt in.

am/fm-Tax error could cost Missourians
mp 5:16 am 1/3/19

A tax withholding error in the state of Missouri may cost thousands of tax payers money on their state income tax returns this year.

In a release sent out by the Department of Revenue dated back to September, the department said the changes were caused by an inaccurate calculation of the federal tax deduction that was previously undetected.

As a result the department says some Missouri taxpayers are under-withholding for the 2018 tax period, which means those taxpayers may see a smaller refund or a greater balance owed than they have seen in previous years.

A consensus revenue worksheet, shows the total individual income tax refunds are expected to fall by 231.5 million dollars or 20.5 percent, and remittances are expected to go up by 134.4 million dollars.

am/fm - house vacancies

3:44 PM

1/3/19 AH

The Missouri House now has more than 10 percent vacancies going into the legislative session set to begin on January 9.

The most recent lawmaker to resign his seat was Michael Butler. He was sworn into the position of the St. Louis Recorder of Deeds yesterday. [Wednesday]

Butler is one of four lawmakers who resigned at the end of 2018 to take jobs in local government.

Others left to take positions in Governor Mike Parson's administration, while some are trying to avoid being impacted by a new constitutional amendment lengthening that wait to become lobbyists.

am/fm-2019 leg. session starts this week

mp 4:54 am

1/7/19

Sports gambling, online sales tax, and legislative redistricting are some of the major items on the agenda for Missouri lawmakers when they return for the 2019 legislative session on Wednesday.

The Republican controlled legislature will look at whether to require online retailers to collect sales tax on items sold to Missouri residents.

Sports betting also up for debate.

Also Governor Parson and Republican lawmakers in the House and Senate may ask voters to revamp redistricting in response to another voter-approved constitutional amendment that could potentially cost the Republican legislative seats.

AM/FM - Schmitt files amicus brief

3:51 PM

1/7/18 AH

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt filed an amicus brief today [Monday] in the Missouri Supreme Court seeking to end the practice of modern day debtors' prisons.

In a statement, Schmitt says jail debts, or more commonly known as "board bills", should not be collected using threats of jail time. The brief argues there is a clear and specific method for collection of jail debts through civil collection practices that does not include incarceration for an indigent individual unable to pay.

AM/Fm - gov. to issue refunds

4:15 PM

1/7/18 AH

The Internal Revenue Service plans to pay tax refunds in the coming weeks after the White House decided it is legally permissible to process tax returns during a government shut down today. [Monday]

The United States Government has been partially shut down since December 22.

Final decisions are still being worked out regarding how many people will be brought back to work at the IRS when filing season begins, however, they will still not be paid during the shut down.

am/fm-MO Tax Rev down 1st half fisc year

mp 5:12 am

1/8/19

Missouri tax revenues are down 2.9 percent through the first half of the fiscal, however budget officials believe it will rebound in the coming months.

The state received 4.3 billion dollars in net general revenue from July through December, and that covered the first six months of the 2019 budget year.

That was down one hundred twenty eight million dollars from the previous fiscal year.

The drop was due to individual income tax collection being down 3.7 percent, which offset 4.1 percent growth in state sales taxes.

am/fm-Carson cancels visit to JC

mp 4:59 am

1/9/19

A scheduled visit to Jefferson City by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson is now canceled.

The cancellation comes due to the partial federal government shutdown.

The HUD department is completely closed over the shutdown which is now in day 18.

Carson was slated to be the keynote speaker of the Governor's Prayer Breakfast tomorrow (Thursday).

The only other person currently scheduled to speak at tomorrow's (Wednesday) prayer breakfast is Pastor Billy Russell, who is the minister at First Baptist Church of Bolivar and preached at Governor Parson's inauguration in June.

AM/FM - Sheriff's Office reports 2018 nu
4:03 PM 1/9/19 AH

The Audrain County Sheriff's Office is reporting the department has exceeded the national average on clearing crimes with arrests that are reportable to the FBI for Uniform Crime Reporting.

According to the release, there were no murders in 2018.

Investigators cleared 39% of burglaries while the national average is 13%.

Fifty seven percent of stealing cases have been cleared versus the national average of 21%.

One hundred percent of car thefts have ended in an arrest, exceeding the national average by 88 percent.

The National average for assault cases is 56 percent, and Audrain County has cleared 99% of the reports that were taken in 2018.

AM/FM - prison reform possible
3:25 pM 1/14/19 AH

Missouri House leaders are backing legislation that could undo some mandatory minimum sentencing laws for many nonviolent criminals.

The legislation reflects a national trend toward more lenient prison terms for some drug offenders and other low-level criminals, focusing more on rehabilitation.

Many of Missouri's minimum sentencing law date back to the 1980s and 1990s when officials were trying to lock people up for longer to prevent crime.

The number of inmates in the state peaked in September of 2017 at over 33 thousand people.

Missouri has had the eighth highest incarceration rate among the states.

am/fm-McCaskill joining NBC News/MSNBC
mp 5:17 am 1/15/19

Missouri's former two term U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill is making news this morning.

NBC News and MSNBC announced this (Tuesday) morning that McCaskill has joined the networks as a political analyst.

The former senator begins her work today (Tuesday) and will join MSNBC for its coverage of President Trump's State of the Union Address on Tuesday, January 29th.

am/fm-Texting and driving bill MO Senate
mp 5:25 am 1/16/19

The Missouri Senate has a new bill before them that would ban texting and driving for drivers of all ages.

The bill is being sponsored by Senator Wayne Wallingford, a Republican from Cape Girardeau.

47 states have already banned texting for drivers.

The Missouri state law currently prohibits texting for all drivers under 21.

am/fm-Parson proposes 351 mil bond
mp 5:14 am 1/17/19

A three hundred fifty one million dollar bond is being proposed by Missouri Governor Mike Parson to repair or replace 250 bridges across the state.

Parson proposed the bond to lawmakers yesterday (Wednesday) during his state of the state address.

The plan comes after voters in Missouri turned down a proposed 10 cent a gallon gas tax to pay for road and bridge repairs on the November ballot.

State Budget Director Dan Haug say the bonding would be paid back with about 30 million dollars in general revenue each year for 15 years.

According to the Missouri Department of Transportation the state has an estimated 8 billion dollar shortfall over 10 years in its transportation needs.

AM/FM - Gov. works toward prison change
4:23 PM 1/17/19 AH

Missouri Governor Mike Parson is already taking steps to combine two Missouri prisons.

Parson delivered his State of the State address yesterday [Wednesday] afternoon and announced his intention to close Crossroads Correctional Facility in Cameron, and transfer inmates to the nearby Western Missouri Correctional facility.

Parson says doing so would allow for pay raises for DOC workers.

The Governor met with leadership from both facilities today to ensure a smooth transition, and come up with a consolidation plan.

AM/FM - bill filed for Mo tax relief
6:19 AM 1/19/19 AH

Missouri House Minority Leader Crystal Quade has filed a bill in response to inaccurate withholding tables the Missouri Department of Revenue provided to employers in 2018.

House bill 378 would grant taxpayers who owe less than \$200 an additional 2 months to pay without incurring penalties or interest charges.

The error means people who usually received a small return from the state would instead owe money, and those who do receive a refund could see it reduced by up to 90 percent.

am/fm-Blunt statement on gov shutdown
mp 5:20 am 1/21/19

Missouri Senator Roy Blunt is releasing a statement on President's Trumps proposal to end the government shutdown, and secure the border.

In a speech on Saturday President Trump offered temporary protections for some undocumented immigrants in return for 5.7 billion dollars in funding for his border wall.

Senator Blunt says it's time for Democrats to get to the negotiating table.

Democrat Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi responded by saying eight hundred thousand Americans are going without pay.

Re-open the government, let workers get their paychecks and then we can discuss how we can come together to protect the border.

The government has been partially shutdown since January 18th.

am/fm-New Bloomfield State Audit begins
mp 5:25 am 1/30/19

A state audit of New Bloomfield is underway.

Representatives from the state auditors office met with city leaders yesterday (Tuesday) to go over the audit process.

The performance review could take several months and will cost the city between twenty and forty thousand dollars.

Residents asked for a state audit last year, stating concerns over the city's finances and operations.

am/fm-2 bills proposed in Mo sex assault
mp 5:06 am 1/31/19

Two bills are being proposed in the Missouri House and Senate on how universities in the state handle sexual harassment and assault cases.

Republican lawmakers are proposing an overhaul of how universities handle the claims that gives more power to those who are accused of the harassment or assault under Title IX, the federal law that bars gender-based discrimination in schools that get federal money.

Both bills would borrow judges to hear appeals from students punished for sexual misconduct.

The proposed bills would also allow a student to sue a university if they are not afforded due process.

am/fm-Gov and Sen split on bridge repair
mp 5:25 am 2/1/19

Missouri Governor Mike Parson and state senators are divided on a project list he has submitted for bridge repairs.

Parson said during his State of the State address earlier this month that he would like to see 250 bridges in the state fixed by borrowing 351 million dollars.

State senators from Missouri's urban areas are saying too few bridges in their districts are slated for repair under the governor's plan.

Parson told members of the Missouri Press Association yesterday (Thursday) he is not willing

to budget much on the project list.

AM/FM - Parson discusses bridge plan

1:23 pM 2/1/19 AH

Missouri Governor Mike Parson was in Joplin this afternoon [Friday] to discuss his plan to repair or replace 250 bridges in the state.

Parson said his proposal would allow immediate work on bridges in need of critical repair or replacement.

Parson's bridge proposals asks the Missouri General Assembly to consider the bridge projects out of the general revenue fund, which would prioritize infrastructure needs and accelerate construction of projects statewide.

AM/FM - mo dept. violates open records

4:52 AM 2/2/19 AH

A Cole County Judge ruled on Friday the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has violated open records law.

The department refused to release the lab results of a liquid that was thrown at police at a protest sparked by the acquittal of former police officer, Jason Stockley, in the fatal shooting of Anthony Lamar Smith.

The judge ordered the state to pay the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri more than \$10 thousand in fines and legal fees.

The ACLU filed the lawsuit after the state claimed the reports were sealed because of an ongoing criminal investigation.

am/fm-Mo Lawmakers on Trump's speech

mp 5:17 am 2/6/19

Missouri lawmakers are weighing in with their reaction to President Donald Trump's State of the Union address last (Tuesday) night.

Governor Mike Parson said last (Tuesday) night in a statement that President Trump is a problem solver and offered a number of common sense, bipartisan solutions during his address.

Representative Vicky Hartzler said in a statement the president laid out an optimistic agenda to unify the country.

Representative Emanuel Cleaver criticized the President's address on Twitter saying illegal immigration is not a security crisis.

Illegal border crossings are down 80 percent since 2001.

Last night was the second State of the Union delivered by President Donald Trump.

AM/FM - Parson Appt. Pike County Clerk

4:34 PM 2/6/19 AH

Missouri Governor Mike Parson announced his appointment for Pike County Clerk today.
[Wednesday]

Susie Oberdahlhoff of Bowling Green has been chosen for the role.

She is currently a public speaker who travels the country motivating audiences through stories from her recent book.

She previously served as the Director of Agriculture Business for Norman Robert Communications and as the Director of Education and Promotion for the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council.

Ms. Oberdahlhoff also owns and operates a livestock farm that has been in her family for over 75 years.

am/fm-PDMP bill advance in MO House

mp 5:13 am 2/7/19

A preliminary approval has now been given by the Missouri House of Representatives that would create a statewide prescription drug monitoring program.

The preliminary approval for the bill was given yesterday (Wednesday) and it is the 7th time Representative Holly Rehder a Republican from Sikeston has worked on the bill.

Missouri is the only state without a statewide prescription drug monitoring program.

The bill will need one more vote before going to the Senate.

am/fm-Gov talking workforce training

mp 5:13 am 2/8/19

Missouri Governor Mike Parson and community leaders are continuing discussions on his plan

for a Fast Track Workforce Development Program he introduced in his State of the State address last month.

Governor Parson held a roundtable yesterday (Thursday) to talk about the Fast Track program which is a 22.2 million dollar incentive meant to cover tuition for over sixteen thousand adults students with a household income of less than eighty thousand dollars.

Parson said yesterday's (Thursday) roundtable was a great opportunity to hear from various stakeholders who see everyday how this program will benefit Missourians.

AM/FM-Sen Hawley subpoena Cole Co Ct
mp 9:35 am 2/12/19

Senator Josh Hawley is being subpoenaed by a Cole County judge in connection with a lawsuit over public records and Sunshine Law requests.

According to a press release from Elad Gross a candidate for Missouri Attorney General to require Senator Hawley to answer questions under oath about his involvement in violating Missouri's public records law during his time as the state's Attorney General.

Gross said the case is in connection to his investigation into dark money's influence on Missouri.

AM/FM - House passes PDMP
2:18 PM 2/12/19 AH

The Missouri House has passed a bill to create a prescription drug monitoring program in the state.

House members voted 103 to 53 in favor of the bill.

It will now head to the Senate, where a similar bill failed to make it out of committee.

The legislation would allow doctors and pharmacists to see which prescriptions patients are receiving. The goal is to identify patients that are getting multiple prescriptions for painkillers.

Currently, Missouri is the only state without a statewide prescription drug monitoring program.

Critics voiced concerns that personal health information in a government database could be hacked.

am/fm-Gov. Parson Hannibal visit update
mp 6:20 am 2/13/19

Missouri Governor Mike Parson will be in Hannibal this (Wednesday) afternoon to talk about his plan to repair or replace 250 of the state's poor bridges.

The governor has canceled his appearance in Maryville scheduled for today (Wednesday) due to weather and airport runway conditions.

Parson will be visiting a bridge on U.S. 61 in Hannibal at 2:30 instead of the previously scheduled time of 4:20.

After the bridge visit Governor Parson will hold a press conference at the General Mills Annex parking lot, at 4351 Gravel Road in Hannibal at 2:40.

AM/FM - Sup.Ct. dismisses abortion claim
3:19 PM 2/13/19 AH

The Missouri Supreme Court dismissed a challenge to one of the state's abortion laws filed by a member of the Satanic Temple today. [Wednesday]

The lawsuit, filed anonymously under the name of Mary Doe, alleged her religious rights were violated by a law requiring that women seeking abortions be provided with a booklet that says "the life of each human being begins at conception." The law further requires women seeking an abortion to view an ultrasound and hear the fetal heartbeat.

The judges ruled that Doe did not have to read the booklet, and could have declined the ultrasound.

AM/FM-Fulton City Hall Bomb Threat
mp 5:02 am 2/14/19

An investigation is ongoing after reports of threats at the Fulton City Hall on Tuesday night.

Police responded to City Hall on 18 West 4th Street around 9:16 Tuesday night for a call of a bomb threat, and a person with a gun.

Officers say no explosive devices or a person with a gun was found.

AM/FM - Blunt statement on funding bill

3:48 PM

2/14/19 AH

U.S. Senator Roy Blunt issued a statement today [Thursday] after the Senate passed a bipartisan funding bill that will fund the fiscal year and give President Donald Trump some funding for the border wall.

In the statement Blunt says in part "This bill marks a step toward securing the border. It's not the agreement either side would have preferred, but it does meet our obligation to fund the government and build new physical barriers along the border where they're needed most."

Missouri's other U.S. Senator Josh Hawley voted no on the bill. In a statement Hawley responds by saying "The spending bill we just voted on is the latest exhibit of why Congress is dysfunctional."

The bill is 1,100 pages and it was filed in the dead of night. Only in Washington is this considered normal. The process is broken and it's a dumb way to do the people's business, especially when it comes to upholding our most important responsibility - keeping our people safe. The spending bill doesn't secure our border and weakens the authority of ICE to keep our citizens safe."

am/fm-Sturgeon accused of violating law

mp 5:20 am

2/20/19

The attorney of former Sturgeon Police Chief Greg Halderman is accusing the city of violating the law again.

According to Halderman's attorney Andy Hirth the city placed Halderman on administrative leave the night before he was to be reinstated.

On Friday last week a judge ruled the city reinstate Halderman and provide back pay.

On Monday of this week Halderman was placed on unpaid administrative leave by the city.

The attorney is accusing of the city of Sturgeon of breaking the law by placing Halderman on administrative leave.

The Sturgeon city council fired Halderman in 2017 amidst allegations of alcohol abuse and inappropriate behavior.

The city of Sturgeon is not commenting on the situation and referring all questions to their legal representation of Berry Wilson LLC.

am/fm-Vandalia announces police chief
mp 5:06 am 2/21/19

The city of Vandalia is announcing a new chief of police.

Logan Benjamin officially began his duties as Vandalia Police Chief on February 14th.

Benjamin is replacing Chief Chris Hammann who took a job as police chief in New Haven.

Benjamin has worked for the Vandalia Police Department since 2016, and was promoted to Corporal in 2017.

am/fm-MU Leaders going to JC
mp 5:18 am 2/21/19

Leader from all four University of Missouri campuses will be in Jefferson City today (Thursday) to talk with several state government officials.

President of the UM System Mun Choi and chair of the board of curators Jon Sundvold are scheduled to speak today (Thursday).

They are expected to discuss specific projects within the University of Missouri System aimed at addressing some of the state's problems such as the opioid crisis, small business growth and some health initiatives.

fm-former legislative aide pleads guilty
mp 5:19 am 2/22/19

A former Missouri state legislative aide is pleading guilty to engaging in activities connected to child pornography.

25 year old Carter Ballman of Jefferson City was arrested last year at the Missouri State Capitol as part of a child predator sting by the Boone County Cyber Crimes Task Force.

According to prosecutors Ballman responded to an online post purporting to be from a 14 year old girl, where he discussed sex acted he wanted to engage in with the girl.

Ballman was a legislative assistant to Representative Mark Matthiesen, a Republican from Maryland Heights.

He was fired after the arrest.

AM/FM-President appoints Parson
mp 4:58 am 2/22/19

Missouri Governor Mike Parson is now appointed to the Council of Governors.

President Donald Trump made the announcement yesterday (Thursday).

The panel consists of U.S. governors who advise the U.S. Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Homeland Security, and the White House Homeland Security Council on issues related to the National Guard and national defense, U.S. homeland security, civil support missions, and disaster response.

am/fm-Lt.Gov Kehoe visit Aud Co. Bridge
mp 10:26 am 2/22/19

Missouri Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe will be visiting a bridge on Route J in Audrain County next week in support of Governor Parson's Focus on Bridges proposal.

At 9 am on Monday, February 25th Lt. Governor Parson will be in Audrain County touring the Route J Bridge over Middle Lick Creek, about 1.5 miles west of Missouri Route 19.

Governor Parson's Focus on Bridges proposal is a program aimed at repairing or replacing 250 of the state's poor bridges.

am/fm-Cole Co court subpoenas Greitens
mp 10:33 am 2/22/19

A Cole County Circuit Court is issuing a subpoena for former Missouri governor Eric Greitens.

The subpoena was issued yesterday (Thursday) in relation to case brought by attorney Elad Gross against Governor Mike Parson for violating the states Sunshine Law.

In a press release by Gross he said this was also in connection with concealing communications between the Office of the Governor and 27 groups and individuals involved in a Missouri dark money scheme.

Senator Josh Hawley was also subpoenaed for the same case on February 11th, for allegedly violating Missouri's Sunshine Law during his time as attorney general.

am/fm-MO Atty Gen not resp. for fees
mp 11:18 am 2/25/19

A judge is ruling that the Missouri Attorney General's Office will not be responsible for paying thousands of dollars for the mitigation investigation of a murder suspect.

Judge Steven Ohmer ruled last week on Friday the state is no longer is responsible for paying forty thousand dollars to a specialist to travel to Mexico to investigate Pablo Serrano-Vitorino's background.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty against Vitorino on charges of murder, burglary and armed criminal action in March of 2016.

Vitorino is accused of shooting and killing four people in Kansas City, Kansas then leaving the leaving the area, and killing Randy Nordman of Montgomery County when his car broke down on I-70 near Nordman's house.

A trial is scheduled to start on October 7th.

am/fm-Ashcroft closes inv in Hawley
|mp 10:16 am 2/28/19

Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft is announcing today (Thursday) he is closing the investigation into Josh Hawley's alleged misuse of state resources while running for U.S. Senator.

Ashcroft says his office did not find evidence to back up allegations by the liberal group American Democracy Legal Fund that Senator Josh Hawley misused public resources while serving as Missouri's attorney general.

AM/FM - Parson in boone, cole Laclede
4:29 PM 2/28/19 AH

Missouri Governor Mike Parson continued his tour of bridges in need of repair around the state today [Thursday] with stops in Boone. Cole and Laclede Counties.

Parson proposed a plan in his State of the State Address that would allow \$351 million to repair or replace 250 bridges statewide.

The governor said the poor condition of Missouri's bridges affect every person in the state.

AM/FM - Parson appts conservation comm.
2:20 PM 2/28/19 aH

Governor Mike Parson announced an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Conservation Commission today. [Thursday]

The governor has chosen Barry Orscheln, the Chairman and CEO of Orscheln Industries, a third generation organization headquartered in Moberly.

Orscheln has served on numerous community, statewide and national organizations including being the chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Food and Agriculture Committee.

AM/FM - REALID on track

3:36PM 3/1/19 AH

The Missouri Department of Revenue reported today [Friday] the state is on track to begin offering REAL ID-compliant driver licenses and non-driver identification cards on March 25.

Federal law will require residents of every U.S. state and territory to present a REAL ID-compliant license or card in order to board federally regulated domestic flights, access federal facilities such as military bases or federal courthouses and to enter nuclear power plants beginning on October 1, 2020.

AM/FM - gov. pro life rally

5:25 AM 3/2/19 AH

Missouri Governor Mike Parson will be in St. Louis this afternoon [Saturday] for a Pro-Life rally.

According to a news release, Parson, along with Congresswoman Ann Wagner and the Missouri Republican Party will be in attendance to "make clear the position that Missouri Republicans will continue to defend and protect the lives of the unborn."

The rally is scheduled to start at 2:00 at the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel.

AM/FM - Oestreich sentenced

3:31 PM 3/4/19 aH

The former Callaway County Collector was sentenced in federal court today. [Monday]

Sixty year old Pamela Oestreich was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Stephen Bough to 2 years and 6 months in federal prison without parole.

She was immediately taken into custody at the end of today's hearing.

Oestreich was also ordered to pay \$379,588 in restitution to Callaway County, which includes

approximately \$280 thousand in direct damages and \$99,588 in indirect damages, such as audit expenses resulting from her theft.

Oestreich admitted she disbursed taxpayer funds for her personal use on 103 occasions beginning in September 2015. She also admitted she moved taxpayer funds between Callaway County bank accounts to conceal her theft of cash deposits made by taxpayers at the Callaway County Courthouse.

AM/FM - Olson new super mshp
4:07 PM 3/5/19 AH

The acting superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol has been chosen to take the job permanently.

Governor Mike Parson announced during a press conference today [Tuesday] Eric Olson will keep the position he has filled since September.

Olson, a Chillicothe native, has been with the patrol since 1990, and is now the 24th superintendent of the agency.

Olson stepped into the interim position when the former patrol leader, Sandra Karsten, retired to lead the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

am/fm-voter regist deadline today
mp 11:39 am 3/6/19

Today (Wednesday) is the last day to register to vote for the April general municipal election.

Residents must submit a completed voter registration application to local election authorities by 5, this (Wednesday) evening.

Applicants will be required to present a form of personal identification, such as a driver's license.

AM/FM - bill for school make up days
4:12 PM 3/6/19 AH

A new bill could change how school districts respond to snow days.

Under House Bill 570, schools would not have to make up missed days as long as they have an approved alternative plan to account for the missed hours.

The bill would apply to any school days missed due to inclement weather, contagious diseases or utility issues at the school.

The bill says that instead of making up a school day in the summer, districts could utilize an online program or packets of work to teach students what they would have missed.

Students would do that work at home during the snow day itself.

AM/FM - House Bill on diaper tax

5:01 AM 3/8/19 AH

A bill in the Missouri House would lower the taxes paid on diapers, feminine hygiene products and incontinence products.

House Bill 747 would lower the tax from four percent to one percent, the same as other essential products, such as groceries.

There was no opposition to the bill during a Special Committee on Aging hearing Wednesday.

AM/FM - Hyperloop committee

12:24 PM 3/12/19 AH

A committee has been formed to assist in moving the hyperloop project forward.

House Speaker Elijah Haahr announced today [Tuesday] the formation of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Hyperloop Committee.

The Hyperloop is a tubular track through which a train-like pod would carry passengers and goods at speeds of up to 640 miles per hour.

If built, the Hyperloop would run along Interstate 70 and would dramatically shorten the commute between St. Louis and Kansas City.

AM/FM - Audrain county receives grant

3:08 PM 3/13/19 AH

The Audrain County Road and Bridge Department has been awarded a nearly \$200 thousand grant to replace three aging vehicles in their fleet.

The grant came from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

The funds came from a 2016 settlement with Volkswagen relating to the company's sale of 590 thousand vehicles that were found to have software that caused emissions control systems to perform differently during emissions testing.

The replacement vehicles are a choice of the county and not Volkswagen brand.

AM/FM - School safety task force

1:33 PM 3/13/19 AH

Missouri Governor Mike Parson signed an executive order today [Wednesday] to assemble a Missouri School Safety Task Force.

Parson signed the order at an assembly at Blair Oaks High School.

The Governor assigned Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe to lead the task force.

The group, that will include Department of Public Safety Director Sandy Karsten and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Margie Vandeven, will meet over the coming week and submit a report of findings and recommendations by July 31.

AM/FM - youth seatbelt enforcement

2:38 PM 3/14/19 AH

Mexico Public Safety and the Jefferson City Police Department will be joining with law enforcement statewide beginning tomorrow for an aggressive youth seat belt mobilization.

According to Missouri Department of Transportation, 70 percent of teen drivers and passengers killed in vehicle crashes were unbuckled.

From 2015 to 2017, 93 percent of teens ejected from a vehicle and killed were not wearing seat belts.

Under the Graduated Driver's License law, teens are required to wear their seat belt as well as all occupants in the vehicle for the teen driver's license to be valid.

am/fm-Blunt votes against Trump re-write

mp 5:37 am 3/15/19

A split vote by Missouri Senators Roy Blunt and Josh Hawley yesterday (Thursday) on President Trump's declaration of a national emergency at the southern border.

Senator Blunt voted against Trump while Josh Hawley voted to support him.

In a statement, Blunt expressed concern about giving Trump and future presidents the power to use an emergency declaration to obtain funding.

In total 12 Republican senators joined all democrats to overturn President Trump's declaration of a national emergency at the U.S.-Mexico border.

am/fm-DOR Director expected to resign
mp 5:09 am 3/15/19

The Missouri Department of Revenue Director will reportedly resign this (Friday) morning.

The resignation comes after criticism for his handling of state tax funds.

Walters told the House Special Committee on Government Oversight earlier this month that the revenue issue was a cause from the federal tax cuts and a miscalculation of the state's withholding tables.

According to Democrat Representative Kip Kendrick of Columbia, Missouri is hundreds of millions of dollars behind schedule in revenue collection.

Walters has been in his position since April of 2017 when he was appointed by then Governor Eric Greitens.

am/fm-Gov names acting dir dep of rev.
mp 10:32 am 3/15/19

Governor Mike Parson is announcing Ken Zellers as the acting director of the department of revenue.

Governor Parson made the announcement this (Friday) morning after receiving a letter of resignation from the current director Joel Walters yesterday (Thursday).

According to a news release Walters last day at the department will be March 22nd.

Walters faced criticism from lawmakers in his role of altering the state's withholding tables after the federal tax cut went into effect last year.

Zellers is currently serving as the Chief Operating Officer for the Department of Revenue.

AM/FM - bill requiring AR-15s

1:05 PM

3/15/19 AH

A bill introduced in the Missouri House of Representatives would require every resident between the ages of 18 and 34 to own at least one AR-15.

The bill is called the "McDaniel Militia Act" and was introduced by Andrew McDaniel.

The bill defines an "AR-15" as any semi-automatic rifle that is modeled on the AR-15 design by AramLite, Inc.

The legislation would apply to everyone who is not prohibited by law or court order from possessing a firearm.

Under the bill, residents could be eligible for a tax credit equal to 75 percent of the cost of the gun.

AM/FM - Parson prepares for flooding

1:26 PM

3/15/19 aH

Missouri Governor Mike Parson met with his emergency management team this morning [Friday] ahead of expected flooding along some areas of the Missouri River.

Missouri River levels are expected to rise dramatically over the weekend, with one and a half foot rise in some areas tomorrow. [Saturday]

Parson has activated the State Emergency Operations Center at a level 3, which means key response agencies have personnel on the floor.

In a statement Parson is urging Missourians to never drive on flooded roads, and those who live near rivers to be paying attention of flooding updates.

AM/FM - Gov. Orders Flags half staff

3:57 PM

3/20/19 AH

Missouri Governor Mike Parson ordered flags to fly at half staff tomorrow [Thursday] to honor an Army Reserve Specialist killed in the line of duty in Kuwait on March 5.

Jackson D. Johnson of Hillsboro was a Transportation Management Coordinator. He was killed when the vehicle he was in collided with another vehicle.

AM/fM - Gov. State of emergency

2:28 PM

3/21/19 AH

Missouri Governor Mike Parson declared a state of emergency today in response to worsening conditions along the Missouri and Mississippi River systems.

The flooding is the result of release from upstream reservoirs, snow melt and excessive rainfall.

Governor Parson has also activated the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan, which allows state agencies to coordinate directly with local jurisdictions.

The Highway Patrol rescued several people from their homes and three people from a boat in Northwest Missouri last night. [Wednesday]

am/fm-Blunt Statement on Muellers report
mp 5:26 am 3/23/19

Missouri Senator Roy Blunt is reacting to the announcement that Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report has been submitted to the United States Attorney General.

Senator Blunt said in a later yesterday (Friday) that he is glad the Mueller investigation has reached a conclusion and that we have an attorney general in place who has the background and experience to know what part of that report should be publicly available.

Mueller's investigation was into possible links or coordination between Donald Trump's presidential campaign and the Russian government.

The investigation has already resulted in dozens of indictments for federal crimes, and at least 8 guilty pleas, or convictions.

AM/FM - REAL ID available
2:06 PM 3/25/19 AH

The Missouri Department of Revenue is now offering licenses and identification that are Real ID compliant under federal requirements.

Missourians began being able to to apply for the updated driver's or non-driver licenses today. [Monday]

Real ID compliant identification will be required to board planes and enter federal buildings beginning in October of next year.

Some Missouri lawmakers pushed back against complying with the regulations over privacy issues.

am/fm-Miss MO at Mexico City Council
mp 8:04 am 3/25/19

The Mexico City Council is once again approving ten thousand dollars from the Tourism Commission to help advertise for the upcoming Miss Missouri Pageant.

The reigning Miss Missouri Katelyn Lewis spoke to the city council at tonight's (Monday) meeting.

She says having the pageant in Mexico means everything for the competing candidates.

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Co-Executive Director of the Miss Missouri Pageant Alice Leonatti says the event has a great economic impact on Mexico.

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This will be the 50th year the pageant will be in Mexico. It takes place the week of June 9th through June 15th.

AM/FM - House votes to allow bible class
2:14 PM 3/26/19 AH

The Missouri House of Representatives voted today [Monday] to allow public schools to offer elective social studies classes on the Bible.

The bill's sponsor, Republican Ben Baker responded to critics saying k-12 schools can already teach the bible and other texts by saying the current law has sometimes been interpreted to mean full courses are not allowed.

Baker's bill is aimed at clarifying full courses should be allowed.

The bill now heads to the Senate.

AM/Fm - Bill for car inspections
3:21 PM 3/27/19 AH

The Missouri House has passed a bill that would no longer require more than a million vehicles on Missouri's roadways to be inspected.

The legislation passed today [Wednesday] would require inspections only for vehicles more

than 10 years old or with more than 150 thousand miles.

Current law requires inspections every other year for vehicles more than five years old.

The legislation now moves to the Senate.

am/fm-100 mil proposed Mo roads/bridges
mp 5:00 am 3/28/19

A plan is being proposed in the Missouri House of Representatives that could fund roads and bridges, by taking from other programs.

State Rep. Cody Smith, a Republican from Carthage is proposing a plan that would allocate 100 million dollars for road and bridge maintenance.

Instead of taking funds from the gas tax and other designated road funding sources, this plan would borrow the money from general tax revenue, that funds programs such as higher education, and prescription drug benefit programs.

Smith says his plan would give a significant amount of money to road repairs without raising taxes or increasing state debt.

The plan still needs house approval before it can move to the Missouri Senate.

am/fm-Mo House pass legis. Impeachment
mp 5:04 am 3/29/19

Legislation is now passed by the Missouri Senate that will make it harder to impeach top officials.

Missouri senators passed the legislation yesterday (Thursday) on a 25-8 vote.

According to Senate Majority Leader Caleb Rowden nothing in the legislation would have changed the process and how it played out with Governor Eric Greitens, stating that Greitens resigned his position before a House investigations committee could vote on his impeachment.

The constitutional amendment will now go to the house and if passed by the full Legislature, it would then be subject to a statewide public vote.

AM/FM - ballot 911 funding

2:49 PM

3/29/19 AH

Some mid-Missouri counties are asking for a charge that will fund 911 emergency services on the April 2nd ballot.

Randolph, Maries and Pettis counties will decide if a one dollar per month charge will be added to communication devices for 911 funding.

In the past, landline fees have funded dispatch services, but with more households moving towards using cell phones exclusively the fees have been cut.

Legislation signed into law in July allows counties to charge up to \$1.50 per month on wireless bills for 911 services.

AM/FM - Schmitt says change FB PW

5:23 AM

3/30/19 AH

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt issued a consumer alert regarding Facebook.

In a statement Schmitt is urging Missourians to change their Facebook passwords in light of recent reports of the social media site storing millions of passwords in plain text.

Facebook privacy complaints or issues can be reported to the Missouri Attorney General's Office online.

FM Health

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am/fm-Medical Marijuana application fees
mp 9:59 am 1/4/19

Application fees for medical marijuana facilities will start being collected tomorrow (Saturday) by the Missouri Department of Health Senior Services.

Article XVI (16) of the Missouri Constitution says those interested in wanting to get into the medical marijuana business will pay a ten thousand fee for a cultivation application, a six thousand dollar fee for a cultivation application, and a six thousand dollar fee for a dispensary application.

The new medical marijuana in Missouri says DHSS must grant at least 61 cultivation licenses, 87 manufacturing licenses, and 192 dispensary licenses, for a total of 340.

The fees are non-refundable, and there are no guarantees a license will be granted.

AM/FM-SSM Audrain Closing OB/Gyn Service
mp 9:44 am 1/7/19

SSM Health is confirming that they will be closing the Women's and Children's Services department at the Mexico Hospital well as the Women's Health Clinic and Pediatrics Clinic in Mexico.

In an email sent out by the SSM today (Monday) its says the department and clinics will be closing effective February 28th due to increasing challenges of provider staffing and consistently low patient volumes.

The email goes on to say they are losing two key providers next month an OB/GYN and a pediatrician.

The email also says they seen a consistent decline in the number of babies born at the hospital each year and St. Mary's Hospital-Audrain anticipates less than 200 total births this year which is not enough to sustain a best practice full-service program.

SSN says they will be working with their patients by helping them transition to another local provider of their choice.

SSM signed a letter of Intent to transfer ownership of St.Mary's Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital in Audrain and Jefferson City to MU Health in August.

am/fm-sinus and allergies on the rise
mp 10:30 am 1/8/19

Cold weather and winter time temperatures have sinus infections and allergies on the rise according to health care providers.

Dr. Christine Franzese Allergist with MU Health Care says it may be hard to tell if you are suffering from allergies or a sinus infection or both.

n-1-8-19-1

Dr. Franzese says if you have symptoms for 5-7 days you should seek medical attention.

AM/FM - Snow Shoveling dangers
2:19 PM 1/11/19 Ah

The American Heart Association warns that the risk of heart attack during snow shoveling may increase for some.

The chances of heart attack increases among those with existing heart conditions such as heart failure or high blood pressure.

The combination of colder temperatures and the physical exertion required for shoveling snow can increase the workload on the heart.

The American Heart Association says to take frequent breaks when shoveling. Do not eat a heavy meal prior to shoveling and to use a small shovel or snow thrower. the act of lifting heavy snow can raise blood pressure.

If you experience chest discomfort in the chest arms, back neck or jaw, or have shortness of breath, seek medical attention.

AM/FM - Interest in Med. Marijuana

3:09 PM

1/11/18 AH

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is receiving a lot of interest in entities interested in opening medical marijuana businesses in the state.

The department has received more than 250 forms and more than \$2 million in application fees after the first week of accepting applications for those seeking to grow or distribute medical marijuana.

Missouri voters approved a constitutional amendment allowing for medical marijuana.

fm-Medical Marij. trade show in MO

mp 5:12 am

1/14/19

Missouri will be host to a large medical marijuana trade show conference in March.

The trade show, named MoCannBizCon+ Expo will take place at Union Station in St. Louis, March 11th through 12th.

The featured speaker will be Lyndall Fraker, Missouri's new director of medical marijuana for the Department of Health and Human Services.

1,000 to 1,500 people are expected to attend the conference.

am/fm-Eye Health During Cold Temps

mp 5:25 am

1/17/19

Cold temperatures in Missouri may be leading to dry eyes for many people.

Dr. Jason Rodier Certified Board Ophthalmologist at Mason Eye Care with University of Missouri says the cold weather causes eyes to water and dry out quicker.

n-1-17-19-1

Dr. Rodier recommends over the counter artificial tears and lubricant products to help cure up dry eyes.

am/fm-Cold wthr impacting body's joints
mp 5:31 am 1/24/19

The cold weather in the area may be taking a tole on your body's joints.

Dr. Jose Ramirez Chiropractor with Missouri Orthopedic Institute at MU Health Care says after the age of 30 joints in your body start becoming arthritic.

n-1-24-19-1

Dr. Ramirez says exercising in moderation especially in a swimming pool can reduce the acceleration of arthritis.

AM/FM - New SSM region. Pres
2:04 PM 1/24/19 AH

The SSM Hospitals in Mexico and Jefferson City are now under new leadership.

Mike Baumgartner has served as the president of SSM Health St. Francis Hospital in Maryville for the last 4 years.

Baumgartner's new role comes amid a possible acquisition of both locations by MU Healthcare.

AM/FM - red Cross needs Blood
4:01 PM 1/31/19 aH

The American Red Cross has issued an emergency need for blood and platelet donations.

Severe winter weather across the United States along with an influenza outbreak impacting 36 states has caused the American Red Cross to Re-issue the emergency plea.

In the month of January more than 14 thousand fewer donations were collected due to snow, ice and cold temperatures.

All eligible donors are asked to help restock the supply.

Appointments can be scheduled by using the free Blood Donor App or visiting RedCrossBlood.org.

AM/FM - Pink Heroin In Missouri
3:02 PM 2/1/19 AH

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office responded to the the 173 mile marker of Interstate 70

to assist the New Florence Police Department with a subject resisting arrest on January 26th.

During the incident, possible pink heroin was found inside the vehicle.

Pink, or Pink Elephant, is a relatively new phenomenon that has been found to be eight times stronger than heroin, and is part of the family of deadly synthetic opioids that includes Fentanyl.

Pink is reported to be shipped into the U.S. from chemical labs in China.

It typically appears as a white or light pink chalky powder, although it can also be found in pill and liquid form.

Pink has been blamed for hundreds of deaths across the country.

am/fm-Fewer Flu Cases In Mo than 2018

mp 5:22 am 2/15/19

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is seeing fewer flu cases reported in Missouri this year when compared to last year.

According to the CDC seventy four thousand less cases have been reported when compared to the same time last year.

According to some health officials one of the main reasons is due to the effectiveness of this year's vaccine.

A total of 19,015 cases of the flu have been reported in Missouri so far this season.

am/fm-MU Health Bariatric Weight loss

mp 11:10 am 2/20/19

Many people in the area struggle with weight loss.

Some are looking to Bariatric weight loss surgery as a solution to their problem.

Dr. Andrew Miller Medical Director for weight loss surgery at MU Health Care says there are several things to look at when considering bariatric weight loss surgery.

n-2-20-19-3

Dr. Miller says over the last decade weight loss surgeries are becoming more safe and results are good with people having the surgery and keeping the weight off.

am/fm-not to late for flu shots
mp 5:16 am 2/28/19

The peak flu season is coming to an end in Mid-Missouri.

Pediatric Infectious Disease Dr. Amruta Padhye with MU Health Care says peak flu season generally starts in December and runs until the end of February.

Dr. Padhye is reminding folks that it is still not too late to get the flu vaccine.

n-2-28-19-1

Dr. Padhye says if you have the flu or flu like symptoms, rest and plenty of hydration is recommended.

am/fm-Deadline passes on hospital sale
mp 5:19 am 3/5/19

A deadline to file a bill to approve the sale of SSM hospitals in Jefferson City and Mexico to MU Health Care this year has expired.

Under Missouri House and Senate rules, lawmakers had until Friday last week to file bills.

In an email statement provided to the Columbia Daily Tribune, MU Health Care spokeswoman Jesslyn Chew said negotiations are progressing positively, but the parties chose not to seek enabling legislation in the 2019 legislative session.

SSM Health signed a letter of intent with MU Health Care in August for the sale of the SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City and SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital-Audrain in Mexico.

In Audrain County a group has been formed to support the sale, however in Jefferson an opposition group hired a lobbyist to oppose any legislation sanctioning the transaction.

Before the sale can be finalized SSM and MU Health Care need federal and state approval.

AM/FM-Hobbs says SSM/MU Deal in place
mp 10:54 am 3/13/19

Plans to sell SSM Audrain and St. Mary's hospitals in Jefferson City and Mexico to MU Health Care are still in place.

According to Audrain County Presiding Commissioner Steve Hobbs the process is taking longer than expected.

n-3-13-19-1

Hobbs says something could still be done legislatively on the merger this year by Missouri lawmakers.

n-3-13-19-2

SSM is working with MU Health Care to expand access to orthopedic care in Mexico.

Nathan Skelley, M.D. will soon provide clinical coverage and perform orthopedic surgery one day a week at SSM Audrain.

AM/FM - Possible Mammogram Changes
3:29 PM 3/29/19 AH

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is proposing new rules that would require mammogram centers to inform women more about how dense breast tissue can affect their cancer risk.

Key changes include providing patients with information about breast density and improving communication with patients by expanding categories used to classify mammogram results.

Women with dense breasts will be notified of the increased risk, and that X-Ray results aren't always as accurate for them, because tumors can go undetected in the tissue.

The proposal needs to pass a 90-day public comment period before officials can decide if this would become policy.

FM Social Welfare

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AM/Fm - Roads closed due to flooding
6:15 AM 1/1/19 AH

Several roads in mid-Missouri are still closed due to flooding after yesterday's rain.

According to the Missouri Department of Transportation Travel Map, Missouri 154 in Ralls County is closed in both directions,

In Montgomery County, Missouri 161, Route E, Route J and Route K remain covered along with Route A in Lincoln County.

Route Z in Howard County is underwater, as is Route E in Boone County.

While driving if there is water across the road, turn around and find another route.

AM/FM - Randolph County warns of Scam

3:41 PM

1/4/19 AH

The Randolph County Sheriff's Office is reporting counties from across the state have said citizens have received calls from an individual posing as a deputy from that jurisdiction.

The caller advises the potential victim they have not paid their taxes and money is needed to be sent immediately to avoid an arrest warrant being issued.

Law enforcement will never call a individual to advise of an arrest warrant or that taxes have not been paid, and says to not send money as it is a scam.

If you receive a call like this, contact your local law enforcement.

AM/FM - Audrain Boil Order

6:01 PM

1/9/19 AH

Public Water Supply District #2 of Audrain County found a water main leak on Audrain Road 314 mid-afternoon today .

A boil order is in effect and all water for consumption should be boiled until further notice. Affected customers are along Hwy 15 and to the east including Audrain Roads 367, 328, 322,355, 316, 318, 320, 9320, 9322, 353, 332, 324, 341, 343, 416 & Hwy J.

am/fm-Winter Storm update

mp 5:33 am

1/10/19

The National Weather Service out of St. Louis is issuing a winter storm watch for most of the Mix Country 96 listening area.

At this time weather forecasters are predicting anywhere from 2 to six inches of snow possible.

The winter storm is expected to start tomorrow (Friday) afternoon and continue into Saturday night.

The highest snowfall amounts are predicted to fall in east central MO.

Friday evening rush hour will be impacted in the Columbia area.

The National Weather Service recommends those in the watch area should begin preparing, and if you have travel planned, you may want to adjust your travel time to avoid the storm.

AM/FM - Winter Storm Warning
3:39 PM 1/10/19 AH

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for most of the listening area.

According to the most recent report, the warning goes into effect at noon tomorrow [Friday] and will continue until midnight Saturday.

heavy snow is expected with total snow accumulations of 5 to 8 inches with locally higher amounts.

A winter storm warning is issued when 6 inches or more of snowfall is expected. The rapid accumulation could make travel difficult.

am/fm-latest on winter storm
mp 5:03 am 1/11/19

The latest weather forecast is predicting more snow than previously expected.

According to the National Weather Service out of St. Louis a rain sleet mix is expected to start this morning with some slick spots forming on the roads.

It will change to all rain by midday while temperatures reach the 35-36 degree mark with the rain and sleet quickly changing over to snow between 1 and 5.

Snow will overspread the listening area throughout the mid to late afternoon.

Snow will continue through out tonight (Friday).

More snow tomorrow morning with it breaking up in the afternoon, with the snow expected to exit tomorrow (Saturday) night.

At this time six to nine inches is likely through out the Mix Country 96 listening area by tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

An area from Jefferson City to Fulton may see 8 to 11 inches due to heavier prolonged snow.

Stay tuned to Mix Country 96 for the latest on closing and cancellations plus the latest forecast.

AM/FM - modot says limit travel
1:02 PM 1/11/19 AH

The National Weather Service has increased predicted snow accumulation to 8 to 12 inches for most of the listening area, and the Missouri Department of Transportation is warning people to

stay off the roadways if at all possible.

MoDot says the snow is expected to be heavy and snow being thrown from plows can be a hazard.

Snowplows will be traveling at slower speeds when operating.

Motorists are asked to stay at least 4 car lengths behind snowplows and equipment.

MoDot is asking anyone who must be on the road to wear a seatbelt, steer and brake gently and allow extra space between your vehicle and the one in front of you.

To check road conditions, visit MoDot's traveler information map.

AM/FM - Road conditions deteriorating

3:15 PM 1/11/19 AH

The Missouri Department of Transportation Traveler map is showing road conditions have deteriorated quickly throughout the afternoon.

According to the map, highways in mid-Missouri are now covered or partly covered.

Use caution on the roads.

AM/FM-Winter Storm Recap

mp 5:05 am 1/14/19

The winter storm over the weekend is now over.

During the two day storm the Montgomery City area recorded up to 20 inches of snowfall, the Columbia Regional Airport had 16.22 inches of snow.

This is the most snow the Mix Country 96 listening area has experienced since 2011 or 2013 depending on your location.

Thousands lost power.

According to weather forecasters it appears another winter storm is on the way this weekend starting on Friday.

The early weather model is showing rain will begin sometime on Friday, and change to snow and will continue throughout Sunday morning.

Although it is too early to call, the snow is should not be as heavy as the first storm.

AM/FM - Winter Weather Advisory
3:42 PM 1/15/19 AH

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory that will go into effect at 8:00 this evening [Tuesday] and continue until 9:00 tomorrow [Wednesday] morning.

The counties predicted to be impacted are Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Lincoln, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Shelby and Warren.

A light glaze of ice is expected as freezing drizzle moves into the area.

The conditions could impact travel overnight and in the morning commute.

FM-Winter Storm Update
mp 5:00 am 1/18/19

The National Weather Service out of St. Louis is updating its forecast for the winter storm.

Rain and snow is expected to develop late this (Friday) afternoon into the evening with snow.

Winds will increase out of the north with gusts of 30-35 miles per hour tomorrow (Saturday).

The greatest totals are being predicted to be over northeast Missouri where a Winter Storm Warning has been issued.

Columbia, Jefferson City and the Vandalia areas are expected to get around 2 inches of snow.

While Bowling Green and up into Quincy, Illinois is looking at 5 inches of snow accumulation.

Motorists are being reminded that snow will cause travel difficulties, and roads may rapidly become slippery once the snow begins.

Strong gusty winds will combine with snow already on the ground to produce blowing and drifting that will frequently reduce visibilities to one-quarter mile or less at times.

AM/FM - winter weather advisory
4:02 PM 1/22/19 AH

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory that goes into effect at midnight and will expire at 6AM tomorrow. [Wednesday]

Mixed wintry precipitation is expected that includes freezing rain and drizzle and snow.

A light glaze of ice and 1 to 2 inches of snow is expected, along with wind gusts of up to 30 miles per hour.

Counties expected to be impacted are Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cole, Marion, Moniteau, Monroe, Ralls and Shelby.

AM/FM - Dangerous wind chills

4:18 PM 1/24/19 AH

The National Weather Service is predicting dangerously cold wind chills tonight and tomorrow. [Thursday and Friday]

Tonight wind chills of 15 to 20 below zero are expected across parts of northeast Missouri.

Tomorrow temperatures are expected to continue until late morning. Snow is likely tomorrow and afternoon and evening in some areas.

am/fm-BBB warns of gov shutdown scams

mp 5:31 am 1/26/19

Congressional leaders and President Donald Trump are announcing they have reached an agreement to end the partial shutdown and fund the government until February 15th.

While hundreds of thousands of government workers missed paychecks during the 35 day standoff many organizations tried to help.

According to the Better Business Bureau this shutdown has opened the door for scams.

The organization is offering the following tips to avoid being scammed.

Support food banks and other social service charities. Be wary of newly created entities.

The Better Business Bureau has a list of their accredited charities on their website of VisitGive.org.

AM/FM - wind chill watch

1/28/19 AH 3:10 PM

The National Weather Service has issued a wind chill warning that will go into effect tomorrow [Tuesday] at 6PM.

A wind chill warning means the combination of very cold air and strong winds will create

dangerously low wind chill values that could result in frost bite, hypothermia or death if precautions are not taken.

The National Weather Service is predicting wind chills that could be as low as 30 below zero in portion of central, east central and northeast Missouri through Thursday morning.

AM/FM - Warming Center in Centralia

3:22 pM 1/29/19 AH

The First Baptist Church in Centralia will be opening their doors to the public tonight [Tuesday] as a warming center.

Anyone in need of shelter is asked to enter through the double doors on Collier Street.

Hot chocolate and snacks will be offered.

Restrooms will be available, and any one needing to spend the night will need to bring their own bedding.

AM/FM - Moberly Boil Order

5:35 PM 1/29/19 AH

A Boil advisory has been issued in Moberly after water service interruption today. [Tuesday] customers affected are in the areas of Greenbriar from Parkwood to Fisk,

Corinth Drive -- Circle Drive -- Green Hills Drive -- and McKinsey Street.

Water service will be restored once repairs are complete. If you experience low water pressure or have no water, there will be a 48 hour boil order once service is restored.

AM/FM - Winter Weather Advisory

3:30 PM 1/30/19 AH

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for counties south of Audrain and east of Morgan county and extending south until midnight.

Periods of accumulating snow will primarily cause travel difficulties.

Roads may rapidly become slippery once the snow begins, so motorists should plan for a slower than normal trip.

Counties north of Audrain are still under a wind chill advisory until midnight.

AM/FM - Ice Storm Warning

3:19 PM

2/6/19 AH

The National Weather Service has issued an ice storm warning for several Missouri Counties that will go into effect at midnight and continue until noon tomorrow. [Thursday]

Counties expected to be impacted include Audrain, Boone, Cooper, Howard, Macon, Moniteau, Monroe, Randolph and Shelby.

An ice storm warning means that a severe and dangerous amount of ice accumulation is occurring or expected to occur.

The heavy ice accumulations will make travel extremely dangerous or impossible.

Ice and winds could lead to snapped power lines and falling tree branches.

A winter weather advisory is in effect until noon tomorrow for Callaway, Cole, Ralls, and Marion Counties.

AM/FM - MoDOT Weather Warning

5:22 PM

2/6/19 AH

The Missouri Department of Transportation is warning travelers the State of Missouri will experience a variety of weather over the next 24 hours including rain, freezing rain, wintry mix, snow, thunderstorms, high winds and flooding.

Travelers are advised to follow weather forecasts for their travel areas and to consult MoDOT's Traveler information Map at modot.org before heading out the door.

Motorists should keep in mind that bridges and overpasses generally experience freezing conditions first.

AM/FM - Vand. YMCA opens Mon.

4:14 PM

2/7/19 AH

The newly constructed Eastern Missouri YMCA in Vandalia will open their doors to the public on Monday.

The YMCA will host an open house from 10AM until noon on Saturday. A ribbon cutting will follow.

Plans for the new facility began in 2009, and the groundbreaking took place in November of

2017.

The building features a 1 tenth of a mile walking track, weight room, gymnasium, and a wellness center.

The YMCA is located at 309 South Main in Vandalia.

am/fm-FPD scam

mp 5:11 am 2/9/19

The Fulton Police Department is warning of a scam in the area.

The scam involves a man identifying himself as Officer Sam Watson with the Fulton Police department contacting people and asking about bank information and stating they are under investigation and have warrants out for their arrest and need cooperate.

A number that is being provided by the man is a Fulton Police Department number, however Fulton Police say they do not have an officer or employee by the name of Sam Watson.

If you get a phone call like this do not give out any information and your local law enforcement immediately.

AM/fM - modot advises on weather

3:04 PM 2/11/19 aH

The Missouri Department of Transportation is urging drivers to be aware of weather that is predicted to hit Missouri through tomorrow morning. [Tuesday]

The weather will vary from freezing rain and snow in the northern portion of the state to freezing drizzle and rain in central Missouri and flooding in the bootheel.

The biggest potential for hazardous driving conditions comes from overnight re-freezing on wet roads.

Motorists can stay aware of road conditions by using MoDot's Traveler Information Map.

AM/FM - Winter Weather Advisory

3:36 PM 2/14/19 AH

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory for the most of the listening area that will go into effect at 9AM tomorrow [Friday] and will expire at midnight.

Periods of accumulating snow could make travel difficult in some areas, and roads may rapidly become slippery once the snow begins. The timing of the weather could impact the evening commute.

Two to four inches of accumulation is expected.

The winter weather advisory covers portions of central, east central and northeast Missouri except Shelby, Marion, Ralls and Pike Counties.

AM/FM - Modot says limit travel

3:41 PM 2/14/19 AH

The Missouri Department of Transportation is advising motorists to limit travel beginning Friday and throughout the weekend as a series of winter storms will impact roads across the state.

MoDOT's first priority is to return interstates and major roads to mostly clear driving conditions as soon as possible after a storm.

The department also gives plowing priority to roads with higher traffic volumes.

MoDOT says all the remaining less-traveled roads will be plowed to allow for two-way traffic, concentrating on hills, curves and intersections, and they will likely remain somewhat snow covered until higher-volume roads are mostly clear.

After a storm ends, crews continue to work on roads on a 24-hour response until the objectives are met.

AM/FM - Winter Weather Advisory

5:32 AM 2/16/19 AH

The National Weather Service has issued a winter weather advisory that will go into effect at 6PM, and will expire at 6AM tomorrow. [Sunday]

Snow and freezing drizzle is expected this evening with a light glaze of ice and up to one inch of snow.

The National Weather Service says it is often difficult to tell when ice begins to form, and it only takes a small amount of wintry precipitation to make roads, bridges, sidewalks and parking lots icy and dangerous.

Travel throughout the evening is not recommended.

AM/FM - winter weather advisory Tues
3:25 PM 2/18/19 AH

Portions of mid-Missouri will see another round of winter weather tomorrow. [Tuesday]

The National Weather Service issued a winter weather advisory that will go into effect tomorrow at 7PM and will continue until noon Wednesday.

The weather service reports snow will overspread the area and will then mix with light freezing rain after midnight.

The freezing rain will continue into Wednesday morning. Total snow accumulation of up to 2 inches and ice accumulation of a tenth of an inch.

Road conditions could become hazardous.

am/fm-Several Scams in Randolph County
mp 5:05 am 2/20/19

Citizens in the Randolph County Area are being warned about several scams going around.

According to the Randolph County Sheriff Mark Nichols one scam includes an individual using a phone number belonging to the Randolph County Courthouse.

The person claims to be a defense attorney and tells the person they are talking to they owe money for counsel fees.

If the person does not send the money the scammer threatens a warrant will be issued for their arrest.

Other scams deal with lottery, and Publisher Clearing House, and tax schemes.

Sheriff Nichols is advising if you receive one of these calls to hang up if possible, and block the number they call from.

AN/FM - MoDot says stay off roads
1:15 PM 3/1/19 AH

The Missouri Department has issued a "no travel advisory" for the duration of the winter storm that is predicted to move through the state Saturday night and Sunday.

The winter weather is expected to bring bitterly cold temperatures and up to 6 inches of snow. The National Weather Service reports the snow could be heavy at times reducing visibility.

MoDot says road treatment chemicals are affected by the extreme cold. At 30 degrees, one pound of salt will melt 46.3 pounds of ice, but at 0 degrees the same amount of salt melts just 3.7 pounds of ice.

AM/FM - Winter Weather Advisory issued
4:59 AM 3/2/19 AH

The National Weather Service has issued a winter weather advisory that will go into effect at midnight and will continue until 3:00 tomorrow [Sunday] afternoon.

The NWS says a winter weather advisory for snow means that periods of accumulating snow will primarily cause travel difficulties. Roads may rapidly become slippery once the snow begins.

Mid-Missouri is expected to see between 3 and 5 inches of snow as the winter storm moves through the state.

am/fm-cause of pipeline fire unknown
mp 4:59 am 3/4/19

The cause of a major natural gas pipeline explosion and fire just north of Mexico early yesterday (Sunday) morning is still unknown.

A rupture happened approximately one mile north of Mexico along Highway 15 around 3:30 yesterday (Sunday) morning.

It took around 40 minutes to put the fire out.

One Mix Country 96 listener reported hearing the explosion in Laddonia.

The pipeline is owned by Panhandle Eastern Company.

The company has a history of regulatory issues, according to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Transportation documents.

Missouri Route 15 about one mile north of Mexico, just south of the Davis Creek Bridge, will remain closed today (Monday), and is expected to reopen tomorrow (Tuesday).

am/fm-Tornado Drill
mp 5:06 am 3/5/19

A statewide tornado drill will take place this (Tuesday) morning at 10.

It is part of severe weather preparedness week in Missouri.

Tornado sirens will sound and all schools and businesses are being encouraged to participate in practicing going to safe zones.

Officials are reporting some counties will not sound sirens this (Tuesday) morning due to below freezing temperatures, and sounding them during the extreme cold can damage the equipment.

am/fm-MoMo Challenge

mp 10:59 am

3/5/19

Parents in area school districts are being warned about a social media hoax that could be potentially harmful to students.

Mexico Public Schools Director of Communications Marci Minor says the most recent hoax is called the MOMO Challenge.

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YouTube has sent out a statement verifying that the MOMO challenge is a hoax and is encouraging parents to monitor their child's social media use and even put parental controls on it.

AM/FM - 15 closed indefinitely

3:05 PM

3/5/19 AH

The Missouri Department of Transportation has closed Highway 15, just north of Mexico indefinitely due to damage caused by Sunday's pipeline explosion.

MoDOT announced today [Tuesday] approximately 600 feet of the road has the oil "cooked" out of it from the heat of the fire and explosion, leaving the surface damaged to an unknown depth and unstable.

MoDOT Maintenance Superintendent Ron Calvin said in a statement "the surface of the road is pitted like a golf ball." He went on explain some of these holes are 10 inches wide.

The oil that bonds the pavement together has been cooked out of the road.

MoDOT is working to obtain materials and equipment to make temporary repairs to seal the road, but weather conditions make the timing uncertain.

Once the weather is good, the department will work with the pipeline and a contractor to make permanent repairs.

AM/FM - Marshals warn of phone scam
3:26 PM 3/5/19 Ah

The U.S. Marshals Service says it has received numerous reports of a phone scam involving people claiming to be from the Marshals office.

In these calls, individuals identified themselves as working for the U.S. Marshals Service, and informed the victim there was a warrant for their arrest. The scammer then attempts to gain personal or identifying information from the victim, or to threaten fines or arrest.

People receiving calls such as these are urged not to provide any personal information or provide a payment form of any type.

AM/FM - Severe weather awareness tornado
3:53 PM 3/5/19 Ah

Schools around Missouri practiced taking cover from a tornado as part of Severe Weather Awareness Week.

A new topic is discussed every day of the week, educating the public about forms of severe weather.

Today [Tuesday] was learning what to do in case of a tornado.

The National Weather Service recommends going to a basement, safe room, or an interior room away from windows if at home.

If a tornado hits while outside, seek shelter in a sturdy building.

If in a car, it is best to drive to the closest shelter, if unable to make it, either get down in your car and cover your head, or abandon the vehicle and move to a low lying area such as a ditch or ravine.

AM/FM - sweepstakes scam 30 mill
4:27 PM 3/7/19 AH

The operators of a sweepstakes scam that appeared to target senior citizens have agreed to forfeit \$30 million in cash and assets and will be permanently banned from the prize promotion business.

The settlement stems from a case the Federal Trade Commission and the State of Missouri brought in 2018.

The complaint alleged that Kevin Brandes, William Graham and corporations under their control sent ten of millions of deceptive personalized mailers to consumers around the world beginning in 2013.

AM/FM - 15 reopened
2:03 PM 3/7/19 AH

The Missouri Department of Transportation re-opened Missouri 15 just north of Mexico today after massive damage was done to the roadway when a gas line exploded early Sunday morning.

MoDOT had originally planned for the highway to open on Tuesday but after closer examination of the amount of damage, deemed the road was unstable and had holes approximately 10 inches wide in places.

The repairs that have been completed are temporary, and MoDOT will be working with Panhandle Eastern Pipeline and a contractor to make permanent repairs when weather allows.

am/fm-gas prices rising
mp 5:13 am 3/11/19

Gas prices are on the rise in the nation over the past 2 weeks.

According to a recent survey regular-grade gas went up by six cents per gallon, to \$2.50.

It is still lower by 9 cents per gallon when compared to last year at this time.

The highest average price in the nation is at \$3.39 per gallon in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The lowest average is at \$2.13 in St. Louis.

The average price of diesel is up 3 cents over the past 2 weeks to \$3.05 per gallon.

AM/FM - Wind damage
5:37 PM 3/14/19 AH

High winds through mid-Missouri has caused tree damage and power outages.

am/fm-ACSO looking for Matthew Beauchamp
mp 6:02 pm 3/23/19

The Audrain County Sheriff's Department and the Beauchamp family are looking for information regarding the whereabouts of Matthew Beauchamp.

According to the sheriff's department Matthew is a local man wanted on numerous outstanding felony warrants issued by Audrain County.

Based on information from the family members, even when Matthew has been a fugitive in the past, he always maintained phone contact with family members.

The family has had no contact with him since September of 2018 and are fearful something is wrong beyond the arrest warrants.

Audrain County Sheriff Matt Oller reports he has reached out to the United States Marshal's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri and requested their Fugitive Apprehension Unit assist in locating Matthew.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crimestoppers or the Audrain County Sheriff's Office.

am/fm-Mo River in JC at mod. flood stage
mp 5:19 am 3/27/19

Moderate flood stage levels are again being measured at the Missouri River in Jefferson City.

The National Weather Service is rating the Missouri River in Jefferson City at 23 feet as of yesterday (Tuesday), and the water level this (Wednesday) morning was measured at 26.24 feet.

The river is expected to crest to 26.5 feet into tomorrow (Thursday).

AM/FM - Amtrak resuming service
3:15 PM 3/29/19 AH

Amtrak announced today [Friday] they will be resuming normal operations on Monday.

The service was suspended nearly two weeks ago when flooding caused the Missouri River Runner's route between St. Louis and Kansas City to be re-routed.

AM/FM - agencies urge drivers move over
4:00 PM 3/29/19 AH

In response to a second Illinois State Police trooper being killed while working along a highway this year, three Missouri state agencies are urging motorists to slow down and proceed with caution when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle.

The Missouri Department of Public Safety, Missouri State Highway Patrol and Missouri Department of Transportation are asking drivers to keep the safety of public servants in mind when traveling on roadways.

Missouri's "Move Over" law requires motorists to yield right-of-way of emergency vehicles and switch lanes if possible. If not reduce speed and proceed with caution.