

**QUARTERLY PUBLIC ISSUES REPORT FOR KMIT/KUQL RADIO FOR THE  
PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015.**

*The following are items of significant public interest which received special news and/or public affairs program coverage on KMIT/KUQL Radio.*

1. Education/Employment
2. Youth
3. Political Issues
4. Health
5. Women's Issues
6. Crime
7. Minority Issues
8. Technology Issues
9. Weather/Climate
10. Consumer Issues
11. Ag Issues
12. Environmental Issues

**1. EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT**

- 4/10/15** News; 7/8/12; MTI has hired Mark Wilson of Rapid City as its new president. (R/A)
- 4/13/15** News; 5/7/8; President Obama will give the commencement address at Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown. (R/A)
- 6/9/15** News; 7/8/12; The Mitchell School Board approved salary increases for its K-12 administrators last night at \$2,000 annually. (R/A)
- 6/17/15** News; 7/8/12; A SD legislator is calling for a special session to address teacher issues in the state. (R/A)
- 6/23/15** News; 7/8/12; School prices will be going up 15 cents in the Mitchell School District. (R/A)
- 6/26/15** News; 7/8/12; The last of a series of public hearings by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Education in SD took place this week. (R/A)
- 6/30/15** News; 7/8/12; MTI President Greg Von Wald retires today after serving as the head of the school since 2008. (R/A)

**3. POLITICAL ISSUES**

- 4/1/15** News; 7/8/12; There will be one city council race (Ward 3) and a mayoral

- race in the June election. (R)
- 4/22/15 News; 7/8/12; The City of Mitchell's TIF Committee approved a plan implementing a TIF at the former Happy Chef site. (R/A)
- 5/19/15 News; 7/8/12; The Mitchell City Council created the city's 21<sup>st</sup> TIF calling for a building to be built at the site of the former Happy Chef. (R/A)
- 5/28/15 News; 12/4/5; Gov Daugaard has requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration to help after a May 10<sup>th</sup> tornado. (R)
- 5/29/15 News; 7/8/9; A civil rights lawsuit has been filed against Mayor Ken Tracy and the city by Steven Koch. (R/A)
- 6/3/15 News; 6/7/8/12; Jerry Toomey will be Mitchell's new mayor after defeating incumbent Ken Tracy. (R)
- 6/23/15 News; 7/8/12; Mitchell Mayor Tracy and the city have responded to a complaint made Steve Koch, who was to become the next Corn Palace Director. (R)
- 6/24/15 News; 7/8/12; Davison County Commissioners passed a resolution to raise the wheel tax effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. (R)

## **6. CRIME**

- 4/16/15 News; 7/8/12; Suzette Bagnon, 50, Mitchell, was charged with DUI after a crash at 5<sup>th</sup> and Lawler. (R)
- 4/21/15 News; 7/8/12; Vandals took a large bison effigy and rolled railroad ties down an embankment in the parking lot of the Indian Village. (R)
- 4/22/15 News; 7/8/12; Dennis Brakke, Hanson County, was cited for violating the county's burn ban. (R)
- 4/23/15 News; 7/8/12; Nicolas Wilson, 29, Mitchell, was arrested after threatening to attack Gentry Finance in downtown Mitchell. (R)
- 4/24/15 News; 7/8/12; David Fortney, 47, Mitchell, was given a suspended jail sentence for allegedly choking an 11-year old boy. (R)
- 5/15/15 News; 7/8/12; Ted and Steven Nelson of Letcher were found guilty of tax evasion. Sentencing will take place in August. (R)
- 5/19/15 News; 6/7/12; Douglas Ipsen, 28, has pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter in the prison death of Kent Davidson. (R)
- 5/20/15 News; 7/8/12; Stephen Seitz, 30, Mitchell, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for setting a fire in downtown Mitchell. (R)
- 5/21/15 News; 12/4/5; Former Corn Palace Director Mark Schilling was given a 30-day suspended jail sentence for first degree petty theft. (R)
- 5/28/15 News; 7/8/12; Antonie Currie, 42, NC, was arrested in Watertown. He is wanted for murder in North Carolina. (R)
- News; 6/7/8; A SD jury has convicted former US Senate candidate Annette Bosworth of election law violations. (R)
- 6/2/15 News; 12/4/5; An investigation into the suspicious death of Alicia Hummel, 29, Sioux City, is occurring. She was found near a boat dock. (R/A)
- 6/3/15 News; 6/7/8; David Muth, 42, Mitchell, is in jail after violating his probation by altering a urine test and not wearing his drug patch. (R)
- 6/17/15 News; 4/5/7; Daniel Lee Nguyen, 27, Mitchell, has been arrested in connection with a domestic incident, stolen car, and pursuit. (R)

News; 4/5/6; Watertown police are investigating what they're calling a suspicious death. (R)

#### **7. MINORITY ISSUES**

6/16/15 News; 5/7/12; The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe voted to legalize marijuana on the reservation. (R)

#### **8. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES**

6/12/15 News; 7/8/12; Mitchell was not chosen as the Intelligent Community of Year by the Intelligent Community Forum. (R/A)

#### **9. WEATHER/CLIMATE**

5/11/15 News; 6/7/8/12; Nine people were injured and nearly 100 buildings damaged after a tornado ripped through Delmont. (R/A)

5/20/15 News; 6/7/8; State and federal officials are assessing tornado damage to homes and businesses in Charles Mix and Douglas counties. (R)

6/9/15 News; 7/8/5; An information session and dinner is being held in Delmont for residents cleaning up from last month's tornado. (R/A)

6/25/15 News; 7/8/12; Weekend storms destroyed the region's only commercial hydroponic greenhouse – Happy Hydros in Pukwana. (R/A)

6/29/15 News; 12/4/5; Weekend storms left pockets of damage across Davison County. (R)

#### **10. CONSUMER ISSUES**

6/11/15 News; 7/8/12; A Craigslist ad featuring a Mitchell house for rent appears to be a scam.

#### **11. AG ISSUES**

5/14/15 News; 4/5/8; SD has its first case of bird flu at an egg-laying chicken farm that holds 1.3 million of the birds. (R)

6/17/15 News; 12/5/6; A week of warm weather has boosted newly planted crops across South Dakota. (R)