

Quarterly Needs and Programs Report

1st Quarter 2024

Description of Programming

KFEQ Journal

A three-minute program on a topic of interest, often the top news story of the day, based on interviews with the people involved. Runs Monday through Friday at 7:23 am, 5:43 pm, and 6:43 pm. All Journals are produced by KFEQ News.

Service Organizations

1.5.24 Volunteers with the Housing Improvement Initiative in St Joseph expect more growth in low income housing opportunities this year; with Ashley Albers and Sarah Weaver.

1.30.24 Special Olympics prepares for its annual Polar Plunge fundraiser in St. Joseph; with Melody Prawitz, Development Director for Special Olympics of Northern Missouri.

2.5.24 United Way of Greater St. Joseph is still emerging from the shock of the covid pandemic; with Kylee Strough, President.

2.16.24 Federal funding to fight homelessness in St. Joseph has been extended; with Kylee Strough, President, United Way of Greater St. Joseph.

3.6.24 United Way seeks more than 150 volunteers to help with its annual allocations process; with Jodi Flurry and Donna Zion of the United Way of Greater St. Joseph,

Economy

1.4.24 Tourism in the St. Joseph area grew in 2023, and local officials expect that trend to continue this year; with Marci Bennett, executive director, and Christian Mengel, communications and marketing director, St. Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau.

1.10.24 Van-Am Tool and Engineering in St. Joseph announces expansion plans; with Van-Am CEO Keith Mills.

1.24.24 Northwest Missouri gears up for "Great Northwest Days," a yearly mass lobbying effort before the State Legislature; with Natalie Hawn, President/CEO of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce.

2.2.24 Gray Manufacturing of St. Joseph invested \$500,000 in the new Convergent Technology Alliance Center at Missouri Western State University; with Gray Manufacturing President Stet Schanze and CEO Pete Gray.

2.8.24 One of St. Joseph's largest employers is getting some additional public advocacy support; with Chamber of Commerce President Natalie Hawn.

3.8.24 Ready or not, AI is coming to our economy; with George Hoole of NuMind Tek

3.20.24 The Missouri Military Preparedness Commission meets in St. Joseph; with Missouri Military Advocate Harry Roberts.

3.27.24 The newest member of the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission is from St. Joseph; with new member Natalie Hawn, President, St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce.

Education

1.12.24 Missouri Western and Northwest Missouri State University meet in a classic rivalry on the basketball court this weekend; with the head coaches of both teams.

1.23.24 The "Success by Six" program aims to help parents prepare their children to become learners; with Jodi Flurry, United Way Director of Community Investment.

1.25.24 St Joseph School District officials put the finishing touches on a \$20-million bond issue on the April 2nd ballot; with Superintendent of Schools Gabe Edgar and Assistant Superintendent Ashly McGinnis.

1.29.24 St Joseph public school boundaries will stay as they are for at least another year; with Superintendent of Schools Gabe Edgar.

2.12.24 Clarence Green retires after 28 years at Northwest Missouri State University, most of those years as Chief of Police; with Clarence Green.

2.22.24 The St. Joseph School District Board of Education prepares to vote on a proposed four-day school week; with board members Isaura Garcia and Whitney Lanning.

2.23.24 Arch-rivals Missouri Western State University and Northwest Missouri State University face off in men's basketball; with head coaches Will Martin of MWSU and Ben McCollum of NWMSU.

2.26.24 For the 3rd year in a row, spring enrollment sets a new record at Northwest Missouri State University; with Assistant Vice President for Admissions and Student Success Allison Hoffman.

2.27.24 The St Joseph Board of Education rejects a proposed 4-day school week; with Board President LaTonya Williams and Board Members David Foster, Whitney Lanning, and Kenneth Reeder.

3.4.24 Fallout from vote against a 4-day school week; with LaTonya Williams,

President, and Kenneth Reeder, Vice President, St Joseph School District Board of Education.

3.18.24 Proposed long-range plan for the St. Joseph School District; with School Superintendent Gabe Edgar.

3.19.24 Additional details in the proposed long-range plan for the St. Joseph School District; with School Superintendent Gabe Edgar.

3.21.24 St. Joseph Reads focuses on improving literacy in the community; with chairperson Carol Burns

Quality of Life

1.22.24 A longtime St. Joseph librarian wins a national award; with Melissa Corey, librarian at Robidoux Middle School, winner of the "I Love My Librarian Award" from the American Library Association.

2.9.24 One of the sons of a coach at Northwest Missouri State University is playing for the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl; with Aaron Bell, wide receivers coach at Northwest.

2.21.24 Northwest Missouri is getting another area code; with Heidi Wayman, North American Numbering Plan Administrator.

3.1.24 A St. Joseph State Representative hopes to avoid problems that killed a major child care tax credit a year ago; with State Representative Brenda Shileds.

3.29.24 A newly reinstated Missouri film tax credit could boost interest in rural Missouri; with Christian Mengel of the St. Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Government

1.3.24 Federal legislation covering river management comes up for renewal this year; with Congressman Sam Graves of northern Missouri.

2.1.24 St. Joseph considers proposed changes in its city charter; with City Manager Bryan Carter.

2.28.24 Tax season is upon us; with IRS spokesman Cesar Yabor.

3.7.14 More money to improve Rosecrans Municipal Airport is on the way; with

St Joseph Public Works Director Abe Forney.

Health

2.20.24 Kansas City hospitals respond to flood of shooting victims after a gunfight during the Chief's rally; with University Health President Charlie Shields.

2.29.24 St. Joseph is one of ten sites statewide for a townhall meeting on the Missouri Master Plan on Aging.

Law Enforcement

1.2.24 Statistics say crime is down, but surveys show that most Americans disagree; with St. Joseph Police Chief Paul Luster.

1.15.24 Missouri is not immune to the problem of human trafficking; with Heather Luebbert, Commercial Motor Vehicle Program Manager for the Missouri Department of Transportation.

1.16.24 Under current law, killing a police canine is no more than a property crime; with St. Joseph Police Officer Lucas Winder, handler of K-9 Max, shot and killed in the line of duty in June of 2021.

1.17.24 Efforts to increase the penalty for assaulting a police dog went through the Missouri State Legislature; with K-9 handler Lucas Winder of the St Joseph Police Department.

1.18.24 The K-9 officer who worked with Max, the police dog shot to death on duty in June of 2021, says he will never forget that night: with Officer Lucas Winder.

1.19.24 All officers and dispatchers in the St. Joseph Police Department have received de-escalation training; with Police Chief Paul Luster.

2.13.24 Child pornography investigations in northwest Missouri; with Captain Thom Cates of the Buchanan County Sheriff's Department and the Northwest Missouri Cyber Crimes Task Force.

2.14.24 Child exploitation investigations; with Captain Thom Cates of the Northwest Missouri Cyber Crimes Task Force and the Buchanan County Sheriff's Department.

2.15.24 Twenty three people were injured, one fatally, in shooting near the Super Bowl rally in Kansas City; with Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas and Police Chief Stacey Graves.

Politics

1.8.24 The new session of the Missouri Legislature will spent some time reviewing bills it considered last year; with State Senator Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville.

1.11.24 Looking back at 2023, North Missouri's US Representative is pleased with bipartisan passage of a defense bill; with Congressman Sam Graves of Tarkio.

1.26.24 US Representative for the Sixth District of Missouri will run for re-election to his 12th term representing north Missouri; with Congressman Sam Graves.

2.6.24 Republicans in Missouri prepare for the March 2nd caucuses; with Mark Schneider, chairman of the Andrew County Republican Central Committee, and Steven Greiert, chairman of the Buchanan County Republican Central Committee.

2.7.24 State legislators again consider a bill that would ban foreign adversaries from purchasing Missouri farmland; with State Senator Rusty Black of Chillicothe.

3.22.24 Candidates for the St. Joseph School District Board of Education exchange ideas during a candidate forum; with candidates LaTonya Williams, Kenneth Reeder, Tami Pasley, Mike Moore, Jacob McMillian, Warren Ingram, Sean Connors, and Ronda Chesney.

3.28.24 Voters will decide seven proposed changes in the St. Joseph City Charter during the April 2nd election; with St. Joseph Mayor John Josendale and City Manager Bryan Carter.

Hotline Guests January 2024

Date	Guests	Topics	Length
1.3.24	Marci Bennett, Christian Mengel, SJ Convention/Visitors Bureau	Tourism highlights from 2023, expectations for 2024	30 mins
1.5.24	Kyle Carroll, retired conservation agent	Feral hog eradication, broad-wing hawk migration	120 mins
1.8.24	Keith Mills, CEO, Van-Am Tool and Engineering	Acquisition of a fabrication facility in Waverly, Iowa	30 mins
1.11.24	Buchanan County Sheriff Bill Puett	Icy roads and falling temperatures, cyber crime	60 mins
1.15.24	Eric Fuson, executive director, Albrecht Kemper Museum of Art	Members exhibition, Wanda Taylor, colored pencils	15 mins
1.15.24	Marta Heeler, Elliot DeSchepper, Dance Arts Center	Ballet production of <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>	30 mins
1.16.24	Scott Nelson, Buchanan County Presiding Commissioner	Looking at projects for spending reserves	60 mins
1.17.24	St Joseph Police Chief Paul Luster	All officers and dispatchers took de-escalation training	60 mins
1.18.24	Bryan Carter, St Joseph City Manager	Proposed city charter changes for the April ballot	60 mins
1.22.24	Jodi Flurry, United Way of Greater St Joseph	Annual meeting, Reading Adventure, Kinder Club	30 mins
1.23.24	Natalie Hawn, Pres/CEO, St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce	Advocacy program, Great Northwest Day	30 mins
1.24.24	Gabe Edgar, Ashly McGinniss, St Joseph School District	school boundary changes postponed, ballot finished	60 mins
1.24.24	Deb Lyons, Mary Noel Owens, Griefshare	New Griefshare series begins next week	30 mins
1.25.24	Melanie Barnes, Friends of the Animal Shelter	Preventive pet healthcare; dishwasher needed	30 mins
1.26.24	Dr. Galen Johnson, historian	Great writing by historians about war and leadership	120 mins
1.29.24	Melody Prawitz, Development Director, Special Olympics	Polar Plunge fundraiser on February 24 at East Hills	30 mins

Hotline Guests February 2024

Date	Guests	Topics	Length
2.1.24	Steven Greiert, Mark Schneider, Buchanan/Andrew Co GOP	Republican Presidential Caucuses March 2nd	60 mins
2.8.24	Captain Thomas Cates, NW Missouri Cyber Crime Task Force	Child sexual abuse computer crimes	60 mins
2.12.24	Bridget Supple, Executive Director, InterServ	Assistance with tax preparation, meals, youth programs	30 mins
2.13.24	Miu Edlin, Vance Rutter, Amanda Unzicker, entrepreneurs	Cup of Joe celebrates its 9th anniversary on Feb 21	30 mins
2.14.24	Dr. Robert Goltra, asst vp, Dean of Students, Missouri Western	Career Fair on February 27, student life	30 mins
2.15.24	Bryan Carter, St. Joseph City Manager	Krug Park redevelopment, Brittainy Village, landfill	60 mins
2.16.24	Dr. Galen Johnson, historian	Teddy Roosevelt and American "imperialism"	120 mins
2.20.24	Scott Nelson, Buchanan County Presiding Commissioner	Road work, housing needs, Lake Contrary	60 mins
2.21.24	Isaura Garcia, Whitney Lanning, St. Joseph Board of Education	Pros and cons of switching to a 4-day school week	30 mins
2.21.24	St. Joseph Police Chief Paul Luster	Citizens Academy, body cameras for officers	60 mins
2.22.24	Melanie Barnes, Friends of the Animal Shelter	Warm weather means early emergence of parasites	30 mins
2.22.24	Rebecca Lobina, Small Business Development Center	Malcolm Baldrige framework for developing excellence	30 mins
2.23.24	Kyle Carroll, retired conservation agent	Meadowlarks, bluebirds, Conservation Federation	120 mins
2.27.24	Natalie Hawn, President/CEO, SJ Chamber of Commerce	Why the Chamber opposes switch to 4-day school week	30 mins
2.28.24	LaTonya Williams, Kenneth Reeder	Review of 4-day school week vote; next steps	60 mins

Hotline Guests March 2024

Date	Guests	Topics	Length
3.4.24	Brett Esely, President, St. Joseph Sports Commission	Division 2 Women's Basketball Championship March 27	30 mins
3.5.24	Jodi Flurry, Donna Zion, United Way of Greater St. Joseph	Volunteers needed for annual allocations process	30 mins
3.6.24	Christian Mengel, St Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau	Upcoming entertainment; films being made in St Joseph	30 mins
3.7.24	Jeff Schomburg, St Joseph City Council, at large	Streets/potholes, charter issues on ballot April 2, budgets	60 mins
3.8.24	Melanie Barnes. Friends of SJSD	\$20-million school bond issue on the April 2 ballot	30 mins
3.12.24	Dave Hurrelbrink, President, Natl Ag Center and Hall of Fame	Mission, history, and upcoming events	30 mins
3.13.24	Andy Carter, Athletic Director, Missouri Western State University	Women's Basketball team in stretch run of a great season	30 mins
3.14.24	Chris Kelts, Lory Lacy, Saint Joseph Symphony	All-Mozart concert Saturday night at the Missouri Theater	30 mins
3.14.24	Capt Mike Hess, Patrol Division, Buchanan County Sheriff Dept	One month into using new body-worn and car cameras	60 mins
3.15.24	Kyle Carroll, former conservation agent	Turkey season, trout season is open, conservation award	120 mins
3.18.24	Rebecca Lobina, Small Business Development Center	What gets measured gets managed	39 mins
3.18.24	Ron Barbosa, Roger Unruh, Host Lions Club	71st annual St. Joseph Lions Club Pancake Days	30 mins
3.19.24	Chad Higdon, exec dir, Second Harvest Community Food Bank	Groundbreaking for cold storage expansion	30 mins
3.19.24	Scott Nelson, Buchanan County Presiding Commissioner	Public meeting on possible dredging of Lake Contrary	60 mins
3.20.24	Brett Esely, President, St. Joseph Sports Commission	Elite 8 NCAA Division 2 Womens Basketball Championship	30 mins
3.20.24	St. Joseph Police Chief Paul Luster	Security for Elite 8; retail lockdowns vs theft; mental cases	60 mins
3.21.24	Eight candidates for the St. Joseph School District Board of Ed	Candidates forum broadcast live	60 mins
3.21.24	St. Joseph Mayor John Josendale, City Manager Bryan Carter	Seven proposed city charter changes on the April ballot	60 mins
3.22.24	Dr. Galen Johnson, historian	Abraham Lincoln and Dwight Eisenhower--similarities	120 mins
3.25.24	Eric Fuson, Dansare Lawrence, Albrecht Kemper Museum of Art	Pot of Gold Gala and Auction on March 27	30 mins
3.25.24	Debbie Lyons, board member, Loss of a Spouse Sanctuary (LOSS)	First anniversary of LOSS, upcoming events	30 mins
3.26.24	Natalie Hawn, President, St Joseph Chamber of Commerce	Military Enhancement Commission, state lacks mega sites	30 mins
3.27.24	Bill McMurray, Pat Dillon, Sertoma Club	Sertoma in St. Joseph is 110 years old	30 mins
3.28.24	Melanie Barnes. Friends of the Animal Shelter	10th annual Run/Walk for the Paws on April 13	30 mins
3.28.24	Tony Martinez, Trish Heath, Camp Farwesta	Camp Haven, for kids who lost a parent or sibling to cancer	30 mins