

# **ISSUES AND PROGRAMS QUARTERLY REPORT**

April 4, 2016

During the period beginning January 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2016 KGGF broadcast a series of programs designed to address the following issues and needs within the community.

1. Economic Development
2. Education
3. Health and Health Services
4. Legislative

All of the programs addressing the above issues, unless otherwise indicated were broadcast as [art of the stations' public affairs program "Public Forum" which is broadcast weekdays from 7:40am until 8:00am.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

As the area continues to struggle with a sluggish economy and business closures a series of programs were broadcast that dealt with a host of economic issues and problems that face the area. Topics that were discussed included concerns about unemployment due to industry closures including the closing of the Amazon Distribution Center and employment cutbacks at John Deere. Additional topics covered during these programs how to retain people in the population and find these people employment. Guests that spoke on these topics during this series of programs included Stacia Meek with the Coffeyville Area Chamber of Commerce, Cindy Price with the City of Coffeyville as well as various city and county governmental officials. These programs were broadcast on January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16 23 and 30.

## **EDUCATION**

There are a number of persistent issues that plague the education system in the community including declining enrollments, lower graduation rates and test scores as well as the pressure that decreasing funding has on local school districts were all topics of discussion that continue to be of concern to the community. These were some of the topics that were discussed in a series of programs that addressed issues in education. Guests on this series of programs included USD 447 superintendent Dr. Robert Morton, the financial director of Coffeyville Public Schools

Michael Speer and the Director of the Coffeyville Schools Head Start program Griffin Walker. These programs were broadcast on January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 30, 27 and March 6, 13, 20 and 27.

## HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES

Montgomery County and its communities face a number of health related issues and concerns and the Public Forum program broadcast a number of programs that addressed these issues. Some of these issues and problems that were discussed during the Public Forum program included continued efforts at recruiting new doctors to the community especially those with experience and expertise in health issues of the aged, new senior pro-active health programs that are being offered through Coffeyville Regional Medical Center and efforts to improve the number of different services that are offered by various facilities in the area. Guests on this series of programs included Ashly Tatman with CRMC and these programs were broadcast on January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, and 23.

## LEGISLATIVE

As a part of the Public Forum program a series of programs were broadcast that included local state legislators to discuss various bills and proposals in Topeka that can or may have an effect and impact on local citizens. Subjects such as tax proposals, education funding and economic improvement and development incentives were discussed. Among the legislators that were guests on this series of programs were State Senator Jeff King and State Representatives, Jim Kelly, Forest Knox and Virgil Peck. These programs were broadcast on January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 7, 14, 21 and 28.