

**QUARTERLY PUBLIC ISSUES REPORT FOR KMIT/KUQL RADIO FOR THE  
PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013.**

*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**

- 10/8/13** News; 12/5; A parent/community kickoff event was held at LB Williams Elementary School in Mitchell for a bullying prevention program. (R/A)  
News; 6/12; Students at Sturgis Williams Middle School got a snow week due to damage from a blizzard. (R)
- 10/9/13** News; 4/5; Students of Sturgis Middle School will go to three different buildings for the rest of the year due to a roof collapse. (R)
- 10/14/13** News; 7; Nearly 22,000 students enrolled in a distance education course at SD public universities last year. (R)  
News; 9/12; Teresa Berndt of Mitchell has been named the SD Language Arts Teacher of The Year. (R)  
News; 4/5; South Dakota 4-H is looking to expand its robotics programs. (R)
- 10/18/13** News; 7/9; LuAnn Lindskov, Timber Lake, was named SD's 2014 Teacher of the Year. (R)
- 12/9/13** News; 4/5/7; National American University (Rapid City) is investigating whether the disposal of some student financial records was handled properly. (reader)
- 12/16/13** News; 6/7/8; Students are applauding a plan to freeze tuition and fees for SD residents attending state-run universities. (reader)

**2. YOUTH**

**3. POLITICAL ISSUES**

- 10/7/13** News; 5; Representative Jim Bolin, Canton, says he is leaving the race for the Officer of Commissioner of School and Public Lands. (R/A)

- 10/8/13 News; 7/8/12; A potential restructuring of city government was discussed at the Mitchell City Council meeting. (R/A)
- 10/9/13 News; 4/5; Sen. John Thune is expressing frustration about the continued partial government shutdown. (R/A)
- 10/17/13 News; 4/5/7/8; Corinna Robinson, Rapid City, says she plans to seek the Democratic nomination for SD's House seat. (R)
- 10/18/13 News; 12/5; Former SD Gov Mike Rounds has raised far more money in the past three Months than his three opponents for the US Senate seat. (R)
- 11/22/13 News; 7/8; Senator Mike Vehle wants to hold road hearings in January. (R/A)  
News; 8/12; The SD Atty Gen office is continuing its investigation into the Governor's Office of Economic Development. (R/A)
- 12/2/13 News; 8/12; Former State Wildland Fire Suppression Division Director Joe Lowe says he plans to run for governor next year. (reader)  
News; 7/9; The Legislative Planning Committee meets in Pierre. (reader/audio)
- 12/3/13 News; 7/8/12; Governor Dugaard unveiled his 2014 budget proposal. Reactions from SD's District 20 lawmakers Vehle, Rozum, and Carson. (reader/audio)
- 12/9/13 News; 6/7; Some lawmakers and health care groups plan to ask the SD Legislature to expand Medicaid in SD over Governor Dugaard's objections. (reader/audio)
- 12/11/13 News; 7/8/12; The Davison County Commission discussed who to appoint as the county's Veteran's Service Officer. Steve McClure has served the past four year. (reader/audio)  
News; 6/8; A new senior adviser to President Obama, John Podesta, will recuse himself from deliberations on the Keystone XL oil pipeline. (reader)
- 12-16-13 News; 6/7/8/9; A legislative panel is beginning the process of hiring a new director for the South Dakota Legislature's staff. (reader)  
News; 12/4/5; A Yankton attorney and soldier, 37 year old Jason Ravnsborg, has announced a run for the US Senate in SD. (reader)
- 12/17/13 News; 7/8/12; Councilman Dan Allen has turned in his resignation due to his move into a house in a different ward. (reader/audio)  
News; 7/8/12; The Mitchell City Council voted in favor of hiring a city Administrator. (reader/audio)
- 12/18/13 News; 8/12; Governor Dugaard has appointed Chuck Jones of Flandreau to the SD Senate. (reader)
- 12/19/13 News; 4/5; Governor Dugaard has announced that Kim Malsam-Rysdon will join his staff as senior advisor to the governor. He also appointed Tim Dougherty of Sioux Falls and Larry Thompson of Mitchell to the SD Transportation Commission. (reader)  
News; 8/12; The US Senate reached agreement on a two-year budget deal. Senator Johnson voted for it, while Senator Thune voted against it. (reader/audio)
- 12/20/13 News; 7/8/9; SD lawmakers say a comprehensive 633 billion dollar defense bill will help protect the state's interests. (reader)
- 12/24/13 News; 12/4/5; Libertarian candidate Kurt Evans says he is ending his campaign for the Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Tim Johnson. (R)
- 12/31/13 News; 7/8/12; Sen Stan Adelstein says he's resigning from his legislative seat due to complications from recent hip surgery. (R)

#### 4. HEALTH

- 10/8/13 News; 6/9/12; Sanford Health is planning a multimillion-dollar breast cancer facility in Sioux Falls. (R)  
News; 7/8/12; SD has the second-lowest rate of drug overdose deaths in the nation. (R)
- 10/18/13 News; 9/12/5; At least 23 people in SD have signed up for health insurance in the first two weeks under an internet exchange. (R)
- 12/9/13 News; 6/9; SD ranks 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation in funding tobacco programs. (reader)
- 12/11/13 News; 4/5; Only 372 SD residents successfully signed up for a health insurance plan through a federally run marketplace during its first two months. (reader)

- 12/19/13 News; 7/8/12; Avera has announced plans to offer personalized medicine for post-surgical pain control in patients. (reader)
- 12/24/13 News; 8/9/12; More than 2,500 South Dakotans have signed up for health insurance on the new federal exchange that's part of the president's health care law. (R)

## 5. WOMEN'S ISSUES

### 6. CRIME

- 10/9/13 News; 7/12; A Pierre police officer used a stun gun on an 8-year old girl who was apparently threatening to stab herself. (R)
- 10/10/13 News; 6/7/8/12; 18 year old Logan Evans, Plankinton, has pleaded guilty to shooting 17 year old Nick Lawson, Plankinton, on I-90. (R)
- 10/18/13 News; 4/5; SD's Attorney General says a mechanical test points away from foul play being a factor in the 1971 disappearance of two girls. (R)  
News; 4/5; 36 year old Clinton James Brown, Presho, was sentenced to 25 years in prison for kidnapping and assaulting his daughter. (R)
- 10/21/13 News; 6/7/8/12; A fire that destroyed a Mitchell house has been deemed suspicious. (R)  
News; 7/8/12; 60 yr old Bruce Pueppke (Letcher) led officers on a high speed chase. (R)
- 11/19/13 News; 4/5; 20 yr old Martin Castellanos, Sioux City, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in the killing of a man whose body was found in SD. (R)
- 11/29/13 News; 4/5; Federal prosecutors in SD have charged Thomas Alexander Roberts, 33, Milwaukee, with sex trafficking. (reader)
- 12/2/13 News; 6; Prison inmate Frederick Little, 26, Yankton, is in custody after a standoff in SF after he failed to return after work release. (reader)
- 12/11/13 News; 12/4/5; SD Atty Gen Marty Jackley will not allow media members to review investigative records into the death of Richard Benda. (reader)  
News; 7/8/12; Authorities identified a man shot on the Yankton Sioux Indian Reservation as 56 year old David Gonzalez. (reader)
- 12-16-13 News; 8/9; A Lower Brule man, Robert Stricker, 39, was sentenced to 2 ½ years in prison for abusive sexual contact with a minor. (reader)
- 12/17/13 News; 6/7/8/9; The Sanborn County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in locating Rachel Cyriaks, 30, who was last seen in Mitchell in November. (reader)
- 12/18/13 News; 8/9; Four suspects have been indicted in a SF home invasion and homicide, and a fifth suspect has turned himself in to police. (reader)
- 12/19/13 News; 7/8/12; Two Florida men were arrested by Mitchell police for the theft of more than 8,000 dollars in merchandise from Cabela's. (reader)  
News; 4/5; Bond has been set at \$50,000 cash for Mark Morris, accused of critically injuring a woman in a hit-and-run in Sioux Falls. (reader)  
News; 6/9; The US Court of Appeals has reversed the conviction of an Eagle Butte man sentenced for sexual abuse because jury instructions were incomplete. (reader)
- 12/20/13 News; 6/8/9; The SD Supreme Court has ordered a new trial for Kevin Buchholtz, 33, Valley Springs, convicted of raping a 6-year old girl. (reader)
- 12/24/13 News; 12; Jason Todd Garreau, 27, Eagle Butte, made his initial court appearance on charges related to an October standoff. (R)  
News; 6/7/8; Clint Cottonwood, Sioux Falls, was sentenced to 70 years in prison for his role in the killing of a homeless man. (R)  
News; 6/7/8; A Pierre teen accused of killing a classmate has been released from jail. (R)
- 12/30/13 News; 4/5; Sioux Falls police are looking for a second person in connection with a non-fatal stabbing. (reader/audio)

### 7. MINORITY ISSUES

- 11/25/13 News; 4/5; A documentary airs on PBS that follows Lakota tribal members and their political awakening regarding abortion. (R)
- 12/17/13 News; 9/4; State officials are working with the Sisseton-Wahpeton tribe to set up a joint program to supervise Native Americans released on parole. (reader)

## 8. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

### 9. WEATHER/CLIMATE

- 10/8/13 News; 4/5; 8,000 people are estimated to be without power after a blizzard in western SD. (R)
- 10/10/13 News; 7; Nearly 9,000 people are without power after a blizzard in western SD. (R)
- 10/14/13 News; 9/12/4/5; More snow is on the way for western SD, which was hit with a blizzard earlier in October. (R)
- 12/2/13 News; 8/12; Freezing rain advisories have been issued for parts of the Upper Midwest. (reader)
- 12/9/13 News; 7/8/12; Mitchell broke a temperature record for December 7<sup>th</sup> at -18. (reader)

### 10. CONSUMER ISSUES

- 10/18/13 News; 12/4; The economy is expected to continue growing at a slow pace in the Northern Plains and Midwest in the months ahead. (R)
- 11/27/13 News; 7/8; SD businesses should see sales gains this holiday season. (reader/audio)
- 12/5/13 News; 9/5; Atty Gen Marty Jackley warns SD consumers of scams surrounding the use of Green Dot MonkeyPak cards. (reader)
- 12/2/13 News; 12/4; There were more shoppers but less money spent over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. (reader/audio)
- 12/11/13 News; 9/12; The SD Department of Transportation has released a traveler information app for smart phones. (reader)
- 12/16/13 News; 4/5; Dish Network viewers in eastern SD can once again watch Fox, which had been dropped due to a contract dispute. (reader)
- 12/17/13 News; 7/8/12; Today is Free Shipping Day. Comments from Andrea Woroch with marketing firm Kinoli. (reader/audio)
- 12/19/13 News; 5; SD Atty Gen Marty Jackley is warning SD consumers to be vigilant for unauthorized charges from the Target data breach. (reader/audio)

### 11. AG ISSUES

- 10/8/13 News; 4/5; SD ag officials are holding a third public hearing on proposed rules covering the production, testing, and labeling of raw milk offered for sale. (R)
- 10/9/13 News; 8/9; Thousands of livestock were lost in a blizzard in western SD. (R/A)
- News; 7/12; The SD wing of the Civil Air Patrol has been flying over the western part of the state to locate livestock killed by the weekend blizzard. (R)
- News; 12/5; Gov. Daugaard is encouraging South Dakotans to assist ranchers who lost livestock in the blizzard. (R)
- News; 4/5; Counties hit by the blizzard in western SD are asking the federal government for help. (R)
- 10/10/13 News; 7/8; Officials and ranchers are still trying to figure out how many head of livestock perished in the blizzard in western SD. (R/A)
- 10/14/13 News; 7/8/12; Rep Noem has been appointed to serve on the Farm Bill Conference Committee. (R/A)
- News; 7/8; Gov Daugaard has issued an executive order waiving overweight limits for truckers hauling carcasses of cattle killed in the October blizzard. (R)
- News; 4/5/7/8; 15,000-30,000 head of livestock died in the October blizzard. (R)
- 10/18/13 News; 7; Ground has been broken for a plant near Harrold that will process pulse crops. (R)
- News; 8; SDSU is launching a new center for agribusiness and food systems management. (R)
- News; 5; Ag Sec Tom Vilsack says the Ag Dept has not been able to do much for producers suffering from the October blizzard. (R/A)
- 11/25/13 News; 6/7; 45 donated Montana cattle have been sent to SD ranchers as breeding stock. (R)
- 11/29/13 News; 9/12; America's largest transition of farm and ranch land ownership is expected to take place over the next twenty years. (reader/audio)

12/17/13 News; 8/9/12; A judge is scheduled to hear oral arguments in a motion to dismiss a defamation lawsuit over ABC News' coverage of "pink slime". (reader)

## **12. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

10/8/13 News; 5; No major flooding is expected from melting snow from a fall storm. (R)

10/9/13 News; 5; All state parks and state hunting areas in SD remain open despite the federal government shutdown. (R)

12/2/13 News; 9/12; A stretch of the Missouri River has been declared a water trail. (reader)

12/9/13 News; 4/5; State officials are pleased with improvements made to wastewater treatment at the John Morrell plant in Sioux Falls. (reader)

News; 7/8/12; Hundreds of people attended Governor Daugaard's Pheasant Summit, which was held in Huron. (reader/audio)

12/16/13 News; 12/4/5; An earthquake hit the Black Hills early Thursday morning with a magnitude of 3.5. Reactions from residents. (reader/audio)

12/23/13 News; 6/8/9; Officials plan to resume providing monthly updates on water levels in the Missouri River basin in January. (reader)