

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station KIFS-FM, Ashland, Oregon, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period October 1 – December 31 2019. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Description of Issue	Type	Date	Time	Duration in minutes	Narration of Type & Description of Program/Segment
Community Non-profit; Local Veteran Support	Interview	10/2	0820	10	Interviewed Terry Haines about the upcoming Veteran event on 10/12, an event that raises awareness of our local veterans
Community Appreciation	Interview	10/4	0820	10	Interview with Nikki Peterson about the 1st Annual Battle of the Food Trucks held in Central Point, OR
Adults with Disabilities	Interview	10/11	0820	10	Interviewed Dan Ashworth of the Medford Police Department about the Tip-A-Cop event on 10/17 to benefit Special Olympics of Oregon
Education and Non-Profits	Interview	10/15	0820	10	Interviewed Julie Niles-Fry of Logos Public Charter School about their school placing 3rd in the 100 best non-profits to work for in Oregon.
Health Care Funding	Live broadcast	10/18	6am-9am	180	Broadcasted from Human Bean Coffee to promote "Coffee for a Cure", an annual breast cancer awareness fundraising event.
Local Military Support	Interview	11/14	820	10	Interviewed Terry Haines about the mailing deadline for Christmas care packages for troops in Afghanistan and our local National Guard in Somalia.
Foster Care Support	Interview	11/20	0820	10	Interview with members of Mercy Flights about their "Fill The Ambulance" Holiday Drive, which asks the public to donate food, clothing and toys to help Foster Care kids and families.
National economy and security concerns, intellectual property rights	Clear Connections	10/6	0600	20	Brig. Gen. Robert S. Spalding (USAF Ret.), s a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute, focusing on U.S.-China relations, economic and national security, and the Asia-Pacific military balance. He is the author of the upcoming book, "Stealth War: How China Took Over While America's Elite Slept." Spalding claims the media often suggest that Russia poses the greatest threat to America's national security, but the real danger lies farther east. While those in power have been distracted and disorderly, China has waged a six-front war on America's economy, military, diplomacy, technology, education, and infrastructure--and they're winning. It's almost too late to undo the shocking, though nearly invisible, victories of the Chinese.
Local economy, and support of the arts	Clear Connections	10/6	0620	10	Filmmaker Mike Erwin and Galen Wright talk about the search for funding for their upcoming feature film "Cayo Warboy" which will be filmed in southern Oregon. The plot has a Christian world view and involves a partial extinction-level event. The young boy, Cayo, loses his family in the event, and the movie story details his struggle for survival and life's meaning.

Transportation policy, and public safety	Clear Connections	10/13	0600	15	Eric Peters, automotive journalist at EPAutos.com talks with Bill Meyer about how many of the current safety devices being installed on cars are having the effect of making highway travel less safe. Lane assist, automated braking and other similar features, in Peters' opinion, are lulling the driver into inattentiveness.
Wildfire, smoke, and forest management policy	Clear Connections	10/13	0615	15	State Senator Herman Baertschiger recaps the summer's wildfire season. He generally reports positive trends, compared to the last two summers of devastating wildfires and smoke choking the valley. The Senator add that he's concerned that Governor Brown's Wildfire Council will propose a lot of taxpayer spending for thinning and collaborative projects, which won't be that effective, nor does it deal with the REAL problem – wildfire policy on federal forest lands.
Oregon state economy, income inequality	Clear Connections	10/20	0600	15	Audrey Mechling, Policy Fellow with the Oregon Center For Public Policy. Although Oregon's unemployment rate is lower than it has been in decades, not every aspect of the state's labor market looks rosy. A new report by the Oregon Center for Public Policy points out that more than one-third of counties in the state have yet to make up the job losses from the Great Recession and that the wages of the typical Oregonian have barely budged.
Gun Control, the fight for civil liberties	Clear Connections	10/20	0615	15	Professor Stephen P. Halbrook is a Senior Fellow at the Independent Institute and author of the Independent books, Gun Control in Nazi-Occupied France: Tyranny and Resistance, Gun Control in the Third Reich: Disarming the Jews and "Enemies of the State", and The Founders' Second Amendment. We're discussing the increased push for gun control measures, including registration. As he writes in "Recalling the Tragic History of Gun Control" – "Purportedly to fight street violence, Germany's Weimar Republic in 1931 decreed gun registration, but warned that the records must not fall into the hands of radical elements. Unfortunately, those radical elements—the National Socialist Party led by Adolf Hitler—seized power in 1933 and used those very same records to disarm political opponents, rendering them incapable of resistance. Disarmed German Jews paid the price in the 1938 Kristallnacht pogrom, a major step in the road to the Holocaust."
Political division in society, local politics	Clear Connections	10/27	0600	20	Rob Schlapfer, a former minister and now public speaker/facilitator discusses his upcoming public meeting entitled "The Coddling of the American Mind". Rob says there is a whole lot of "Talking Past One Another" on major issues.
Public Finance, Public Safety, taxation	Clear Connections	10/27	0620	10	Brandon Rageaux from the Grants Pass Fire Department explains the need for a YES vote in November to approve the creation of a Grants Pass Fire District. Brandon says the needs of the department can no longer be met by merely getting a percentage of city revenue, and that a dedicated, steady source of public funding is critical to the department's public safety mission.
Retirement funding, solving the college loan and social security crisis	Clear Connections	11/3	0600	15	Tom Giovanetti is president of the Institute for Policy Innovation. He has created a unique idea to solve the college loan crisis and tackle the Social Security funding crisis for the future. He advocates transferring the payments for federal college loans, which is a federal asset, to the Social Security Trust Fund. Those payments would go into a truly Personal Retirement Account, in effect, "paying their

					future selves”, to be drawn down at retirement. These payments would also reduce social security’s retirement obligation to these young college students.
Automotive and transportation safety, government regulation	Clear Connections	11/3	0615	15	Automotive journalist Eric Peters from EPAutos.com discusses a PSA campaign Bill Meyer played for him from an insurance company. It was decrying the trend of millennial drivers turning off the various safety devices such as “lane assist” due to the distractions of the various warnings and bells. Peters indicates that this is the problem with the growing automotive safety devices. He says on one hand they lull drivers into a sense of complacency and on the other hand the warnings are distracting drivers from paying attention to driving.
Public safety, homeless policy	Clear Connections	11/10	0600	20	Medford Police’s new police chief, Scott Clauson, updates the community on some problems the department has been working. 3 new police officers have been hired to work specifically for the new “livability team”, which concentrates specifically with dealing with homeless and transient issues. The officers are connecting homeless with social services including drug treatment, medical needs, supplies, and food, and the goal is reducing the crime and disorder generated by this population.
Animal husbandry, adoption services, agricultural pest control	Clear Connections	11/10	0615	10	Deanne McGaugh, a volunteer at the Jackson County Animal Shelter, is promoting the “Working Cat” program. It offers placement for feral or non-socialized cats, giving them a second chance in life. The cats have nowhere to go. The Working Cat Program offers the cats an opportunity to thrive and provide an invaluable and inexpensive service, to our community, as a natural deterrent to rodents and other pests. The cats are altered and vaccinated. There isn’t an adoption fee for these wonderful animals. Counseling is provided to ensure a perfect fit. The Program asks the adopter to provide shelter and a regular supply of food and water.
Immigration policy, federal government action, protecting the interests of American labor	Clear Connections	11/17	0600	15	<p>Joe Guzzardi with Progressives for Immigration Reform details a bill introduced in Congress, which he believes is a “Green Card Giveaway”, and is dismissive of U.S. workers/</p> <p>Guzzardi claims the Resolving Extended Limbo for Immigrant Employees and Families Act (RELIEF) is bad for America. With ranking Senate Judiciary Committee member Patrick Leahy (D-VT) cosponsoring RELIEF, the legislation would not only lift the country cap, it would also over a five-year period eliminate the estimated 4 million Green Card backlog. Further, RELIEF would remove spouses and minor children from the employment-based pool of Green Cards and shift them to the immediate family categories which would result in an increase of between 50,000 to 100,000 Green Cards per year.</p> <p>The Durbin/Leahy bill is without protections for U.S. tech workers and represents a slap in the face to American employees who have paid for their college educations, amassed debt to pursue their degrees and have families to support.</p>
Public Safety, cultural health, social sciences and child development	Clear Connections	11/17	0615	15	Dr. Warren Farrell, author of “The Boy Crisis” is on the show, and has had multiple meetings with the White House to discuss introducing the boy crisis and remedies including a possible White House Council on Boys and Men and Father Warrior programs to reverse the downward trend of

					boys and men. Farrell indicates the growing trend of disaffected young men committing mass shootings is indicative of a larger problem with the cultural shortcomings and marginalization of young men. A “lack of purpose”, as it were.
School and student Safety, law enforcement policy, educational discipline policy	Clear Connections	11/24	0600	15	<p>Guest is Andrew Pollack, author of WHY MEADOW DIED – The People and Policies that created Parkland’s Shooter and Endanger America’s Students</p> <p>After the school shooting in Santa Clarita last week, the media blamed the NRA for a day and then moved on. As usual, it ignored the questions that matter to parents: why does this keep happening, and how can we stop it? Moving on without answers wasn't an option for Andrew Pollack, who lost his daughter Meadow in the Parkland school shooting. Even as the media propped up student activists to leverage the tragedy for political gain, Andrew went on a mission to find every answer and tell parents what they need to know to keep their kids safe.</p> <p>Andrew teamed up with a renowned education expert, Max Eden, to investigate and expose everything that enabled the tragedy. They quickly realized that it was the most avoidable mass murder in American history. And scarier still: the policies that made it inevitable have spread to your child's school.</p>
Government Accountability	Clear Connections	11/24	0615	15	Adam Andrzejewski is the CEO and founder of OpentheBooks.com. Open the Books is the Largest Private Database of Public-sector Expenditures, and is announcing its new website that makes it easier than ever for Americans to search and uncover facts, as well as comprehensive oversight reporting on things from the poop map of San Francisco to where the rats hang out in New York City. The site includes a massive database of public spending in the state of Oregon. The organization’s mission: “Every dime, online, in real time.” This important work on behalf of the American taxpayer, has been featured on major news platforms such as C-Span, Good Morning America, ABC World News Tonight, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, NPR, Fox News and CNN.
State tax, transportation, and environmental policy, state economy	Clear Connections	12/01	0600	15	State Senator Herman Baertschiger updates the legislative day meetings in preparation for the February 2020 legislative session. Baertschiger warns that the push is on for a carbon cap and trade plan in the next session. He is concerned that “walking out of the session”, which is what the state GOP did last time this happened, might not be as effective. He is concerned the cap and trade is more about raising revenue than changing the climate, as even the legislative council findings indicated that Oregon’s CO2 impact on the world climate is barely measurable. However, enacting the cap and trade would place a heavy burden on the personal economy of Oregonians and reduce state businesses ability to compete in trade.
Local Economy, federal court actions, environmental and timber policy	Clear Connections	12/01	0615	15	Nick Smith from Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities explains how recent federal court decisions on O&C lands deliver major victories for rural Oregon Counties. Most importantly, one decision reaffirms the validity of the O&C act, which says Congress meant our O&C lands to be used only for sustained timber yield at productive capacity, which would provide resource jobs in the area, and help fund county services through timber sale royalties.

Artificial Intelligence, automation replacement of labor, the economy, culture, and desire for social cohesion	Clear Connections	12/8	0600	20	MIT Professor of Economics Damon Acemoglu talks with host Bill Meyer about the push for automation and AI, which is being used to bypass and replace people. What does this mean for societal cohesion? Professor Acemoglu says that the replacement of people in the workplace is NOT a done deal, it's a policy CHOICE, and something that needs addressed wisely. He writes on this subject at the link: https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/ai-automation-labor-productivity-by-daron-acemoglu-and-pascual-restrepo-2019-03
Civil liberties, the 2nd amendment right	Clear Connections	12/8	0620	10	Tom Gresham, host of Gun Talk, analyzes a recent decision to not accept a state of New York firearms case. The second amendment community expressed concern about this, but Gresham believes it was a wise decision, send the decision back to the appeals courts before heading to SCOTUS for eventual decision.
Medical care reform, personal finance, personal health	Clear Connections	12/15	0600	20	Sally Pipes, president, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute, a San Francisco-based think tank founded in 1979, says that proponents of "Medicare for All" claim that Canada's government-run health system delivers high-quality care for a fraction of what we pay in the U.S. Presidential hopeful Sen. Elizabeth Warren's campaign website, for example, praises Canada's low costs for certain procedures. In a recent interview from the campaign trail, Sen. Bernie Sanders expressed amazement that Canadians "could go to the doctor whenever they wanted and not have to take out their wallet." But a new report from the Montreal Economic Institute (MEI), an independent think tank in Canada, should throw some cold water on those assertions. The analysis exposes the many flaws of Canada's health system - from long wait times to surprisingly high costs. Many residents of our neighbor to the north leave to seek better care abroad.
Promotion of charity and community service	Clear Connections	12/15	0620	10	Major Jason Koenig of the local Salvation Army issues a plea for additional funding and toys for the area holiday drive.
Trade policy and the economy, industrial espionage	Clear Connections	12/22	0600	15	Economist Jeff Ferry with the Coalition for a Prosperous America – Jeff digs into the problems of globalization and theft of trade secrets that U.S. manufacturers endure. Much of this is in his latest article "How to Steal An Airplane" here: https://www.prosperousamerica.org/how_to_steal_an_airplane
Public health, smoking cessation, drug policy	Clear Connections	12/22	0615	15	Luke Niforatos – Chief of staff for SAM, Smart Approaches to Marijuana explains the results of numerous new studies out regarding marijuana use/vaping and teen use. The State-Based Drug Use Survey Finds Marijuana Use Skyrocketing in "Legal" States. Colorado, Washington, Nevada, and Oregon Post Increases in Youth Use Over the previous Year.
Energy, economy, and environmental state policy, and city's response to homeless issues	Clear Connections	12/29	0600	15	Professor Eric Fruits is Vice President of Research at the Cascade Policy Institute – We're digging into 2 topics in our segment, one is can cap and trade legislation be "tweaked", https://oregoncatalyst.com/45681-capandtrade-tweaked.html Second, what about the recent homeless court action - https://www.oregonlive.com/news/2019/12/supreme-court-lets-stand-ruling-that-protects-homeless-who-sleep-on-sidewalk.html

					<p>Fruits' analysis says that cap and trade can't be changed to be effective and not hurt the economy, because the whole purpose of cap and trade is to HURT the economy and reduce fuel use. He adds that cities will indeed need to build additional homeless shelters if they hope to have any effect on reducing disorder and crime due to homelessness, as the federal courts won't have it any other way.</p>
<p>Health Care Reform, government court action</p>	<p>Clear Connections</p>	<p>12/29</p>	<p>0615</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>Erin Hawley, Senior Legal Fellows from the Independent Women's Law Center explains why they're happy about the Fifth Circuit's decision Wednesday to strike down the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate in Texas v. Azar. This decision upholds the paramount principle of limited government.</p> <p>In NFIB v. Sebelius, a bare majority of the Supreme Court saved the Affordable Care Act by reinterpreting the individual mandate's "penalty" as a "tax." According to that opinion, "the essential feature" of a tax is that "it produces at least some revenue for the Government."</p> <p>In the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, Congress zeroed out that tax.</p> <p>"In Azar, the Fifth Circuit properly held that, because the individual mandate now raises no revenue, it lacks the "essential feature" of a tax," said Erin Hawley, Independent Women's Law Center Senior Legal Fellow. "To hold otherwise would remove any discernible limit on the taxing power allowing the government to do things it otherwise cannot do—like force people to buy health insurance—when the related "tax" raises no government revenue."</p> <p>The Fifth Circuit remanded to the district court to consider its severability holding in light of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.</p> <p>With this decision, the American people are relieved of the unconstitutional individual mandate but will retain their current insurance while the case is on remand and Congress works to lower costs and fix flaws in the Affordable Care Act.</p>