

Quarterly Issues/Programs Lists

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station KIRX, KRXL, KTUF, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period January 2024 to March 2024. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment
Missing man found alive	News	1/3/2024	6:00 AM	:15	The Macon County Sheriff's Office says a missing Macon-area man who had been missing was found alive. He was found lying in a wooded area about a half mile west of his home. The Sheriff's Office had issued an Endangered Silver Advisory for the 72-year-old man on Monday evening. Authorities said he is deaf and suffers from dementia.
Kirksville police warn about scam	News	1/5/2024	6:00 AM	1:00	The Kirksville Police Department would like to let residents know it is not connected to nor a beneficiary of a donation mailer that has been sent to people in town. The Kirksville Police Department was recently contacted by a citizen that received a donation request from a "police" organization from Virginia. The mailer made multiple mentions of "supporting your Kirksville area police." It also mentioned movements to "defund and defame the police" and encouraged supporting "local area police" through a donation to their organization. The Kirksville Police Department would like to ensure that citizens know we have no affiliation with organizations that solicit monetary support for "local police." The Kirksville Police Department is proud to be supported by the citizens of our community, both in spirit and in funding. As with any other organization soliciting your support, the Kirksville Police Department encourages citizens to research where the money goes. If you cannot locate any information, contact your local law enforcement and ask questions. Your initial instinct is usually right.
Police taking part in human trafficking awareness initiative	News	1/10/2024	12:00 noon	:45	Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, announces the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division will participate in a five-day Human Trafficking Awareness initiative January 8-12, 2024. This initiative is a concentrated effort to educate commercial motor vehicle drivers, motor carriers, law enforcement officers, and the general public about human trafficking, what signs to look for, and what to do in these situations. Human trafficking is illegal exploitation of a person through force, fraud, or coercion. It can take the form of sex trafficking, forced labor, or domestic servitude. Human trafficking is not specific to age, race, or gender, and it occurs in rural, suburban, and urban areas across Missouri. The victims of human trafficking are from all socioeconomic backgrounds and levels of education. Suspected human trafficking can be reported by calling 1-888-373-7888.

Secretary of State's house swatted	News	1/10/2024	6:00 AM	:20	Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft said his house was swatted late Sunday evening. Ashcroft said he was at home with his wife and children when he received a phone call from law enforcement asking if everything was fine in his house. "It ended up with me walking out of my front door with my hands up with several armed police officers in front of my house," he said. The police told Ashcroft that they received an emergency call saying that there had been a shooting at the residence.
Police looking for help in theft case	News	1/22/2024	6:00 AM	:30	The Kirksville Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in identifying individuals in connection with a reported theft that occurred on the 1700 block of South Baltimore Street on December 22, 2023. Police believe the four females and one male depicted in the included photos were involved in the theft. Pictures are up on the department's FB page. Anyone with information regarding this press release or any suspicious activity is encouraged to contact the Kirksville Police Department at 660.785.6945, Central Dispatch at 660.665.5621, Adair County Sheriff's Office at 660.665.4600 or anonymously at 660.627.BUST (2878) or email police@kirksvillecity.com .
Trooper involved in shooting	News	1/26/2024	6:00 AM	1:00	A Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper was involved in a shooting after a vehicle pursuit in western Illinois. Emergency communications called for help located a suspect who was believed to have fled from Adams county and Quincy, Illinois. The suspect vehicle was believed to have entered Missouri while driving west on Highway 36. Troopers found the vehicle on U.S. Highway 36, west of Hannibal, and ended up chasing the suspect while trying to stop him. The driver stopped after taking the exit at highway 151. The suspect then got out of the vehicle, and started to shoot at troopers. Troopers shot back and hit the suspect, who was taken to a local hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The trooper also was hit by gunfire, and had non-life-threatening injuries. Yesterday that suspect, 51 year old Erik Prange of Moberly, was formally charged with four counts of felony assault first degree of a special victim (law enforcement officer) and four counts of armed criminal action.

Scam warning from Macon County	News	2/6/2024	6:00 AM	:45	Macon County, Missouri Sheriff's Office says there is another scam circulating, where the caller advises that they are with the MCSO. The caller claims to be a Deputy with the name of Chris White. We have no employee by that name. So far we have received 3 calls about this scam. If you do receive a scam call, please let us know. You can call 660-385-2062 or message us on Facebook or Instagram We are also taking calls of scams regarding someone calling asking for donations to help cover expenses of an employee who recently lost their home in a house fire. This is false information and is a scam. Please do not provide any banking information or personal information to anyone saying they're from the Sheriff's Office over the phone.
Money coming for airport work	News	2/16/2024	12:00 noon	1:10	The Biden Administration announced today that the City of Kirksville, amongst other communities will receive \$3.2 from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. These funds will be added to other funding support previously received by the City to go toward the construction of a replacement terminal. The new 6,500 sq. ft. terminal will meet current design and accessibility standards replacing the current terminal. Airport Director, Jeff Lafountain stated, "The receipt of these funds is significant in allowing the new terminal project to move forward." Lafountain noted that the new terminal is necessary to meet the needs of the traveling public and those who occupy the building every day, including the Transportation Security Administration, and Contour Airlines. In addition, the current terminal building cannot accommodate the volume of passengers utilizing the airport. "The terminal was constructed at a time when the security and accommodation needs were different, this new terminal will now meet these standards and the public's expectations of what an airport terminal should be", noted Lafountain. More information on the construction and terminal completion will be provided as details are finalized with the various funding sources.
United Way annual meeting coming up	News	2/16/2024	6:00 AM	:30	The United Way of Northeast Missouri will hold their annual meeting and awards ceremony on Thursday, February 29th at 5:30 p.m. at the Dukum Inn side room. 2023 Board President, Chade Shorten, will provide a review of our United Way's past year. Representatives of the United Way Agencies will be recognized. A Most Outstanding United Way Agency award and the United Way Hall of Fame Award for 2024 will be presented. The 2024 Campaign team will be recognized by Amanda Selby, 2024 Drive Chair. Members of the 2024 United Way Board of Directors will be officially sworn into their positions on the board and the total raised in the 2024 Campaign will be announced.

Three people injured in Sunday wreck	News	2/20/2024	6:00 AM	:30	<p>Serious injuries were reported on Sunday when a Ford Escape hit the back of a horse-drawn buggy. The Missouri State Highway Patrol says it happened on U.S. 63, five miles south of Macon, on Sunday morning. 19-year-old Sarah Dowling of Moberly was driving the Escape when she hit the back of the horse-drawn buggy, and both vehicles went off the road. Two people in the buggy suffered serious injuries and were taken to University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia. They are 24 year old Laura May Schwartz and 24 year old Reuben Schwartz of Macon. Dowling suffered minor injuries.</p>
Macon man recognized for bid calling	News	2/22/2024	12:00 Noon	:45	<p>Missouri Professional Auctioneers Association is proud to announce that Scott Kuntz of Scotty's Auction Service in Macon, has won the 2024 Missouri bid calling championship at the MPAA Winter Conference held at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Columbia, Missouri, on February 17, 2024. There were 14 contestants from 4 states entered in the competition. After a preliminary round, finalists answered 2 interview questions and then auctioneered two (2) assigned items. The interview was weighted at 40% and Finals Bid Calling weighted at 60% to determine the total final round contestant score. The Champion Bid Caller receives a belt buckle, a plaque, a cash prize and next year's conference registration. They are then asked to return the following year and emcee the MPAA Bid Calling Contest and auctioneer for the Ringman competition.</p>
Missouri sending help to Operation Lone Star	News	2/22/2024	12:00 noon	:20	<p>Governor Mike Parson announced that the State of Missouri will be providing up to 200 Missouri National Guard (MONG) members and 22 Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) troopers to support Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Operation Lone Star mission at the Southern Border. MSHP troopers will begin active support by March 1, and MONG personnel will begin their mission on March 10. Advance and logistical planning for both deployments is currently underway in coordination with the State of Texas.</p>
ANDY REID'S SON SENTENCE SHORTENED	News	3/4/2024	6:00 AM	:30	<p>Governor Mike Parson's decision to shorten a particular prison sentence is getting a lot of flak. He announced Friday that he was commuting the rest of the sentence of former Kansas City Chiefs assistant coach Britt Reid to house arrest. Reid, the son of Chiefs coach Andy Reid, was sentenced to three years in prison two years ago after pleading guilty to driving while intoxicated and causing serious bodily injury. Prosecutors said Reid was drunk when he was driving his Dodge truck about 84 in a 65 mile-per-hour zone on an entrance ramp near Arrowhead Stadium. A girl inside one of the cars, five-year-old Ariel Young, suffered a traumatic brain injury.</p>

Kirksville police release crime stats	News	3/5/2024	12:00 noon	1:30	<p>The Kirksville Police Department says Polls have shown that Americans believe crime is on the rise nationwide. They say local data shows that overall crime in Kirksville is down. The Kirksville Police Department compiles crime totals each year. Figures for the last seven years were recently reported to the City Council to see trends. Crimes of violence stayed level, with a downward trend in recent years. The information shows the majority of local violent crimes are from and against people who know each other, not random acts of violence. Drug crimes remained level for the last seven years, with a dip in 2023. Erno, the City's K-9 officer, has been crucial in drug enforcement. KPD deployed Erno 66 times between March and December of 2023, with 55 related to traffic stops. Those deployments resulted in 37 arrests, two firearm seizures and the recovery of drugs and currency. Those would not have been possible without the K-9. The biggest decline is with property crimes, which dropped 27 percent from 2022 to 2023. And traffic collisions, both injury and non-injury collisions, were significantly reduced for 2022 and 2023. This could be attributed to increased officer presence and traffic stops for moving violations. Though traffic stops significantly increased, 50 percent fewer citations were issued per traffic stop, indicating the stops are mostly educational and positive interactions between the driver and law enforcement. Additional figures to note include an upward trend in calls for service over the last three years, with 26,632 in 2023. Also, KPD hit an all-time high of arrests with 942.</p>
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Macon man arrested on sex crimes	News	3/13/2024	6:00 AM	1:15	<p>The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control announces the arrest of Johnathon S. Taylor, 34, of Macon, Missouri. Taylor was arrested on March 6, 2024, following investigations by the Troop B Criminal Investigative Unit of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control. In February of 2021, the Macon County Sheriff's Office, and in July of 2022, the LaPlata (Missouri) Police Department, requested the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control investigate two separate allegations involving the sexual assault of minor females, reported to have been committed by Johnathon S. Taylor, of Macon, Missouri. Investigators learned that on several occasions beginning in 2017, Taylor had sexually assaulted two underage females at various locations in Macon County. The Macon County Prosecuting Attorney requested the Missouri Attorney General's Office as a special prosecutor in the cases against Taylor. On March 6, 2024, the Missouri Attorney General's Office formally charged Taylor with seven counts of 2nd degree statutory sodomy, six counts of 4th degree child molestation, one count of 2nd degree statutory rape, and one count of patronizing prostitution. On March 6, 2024, Taylor was taken into custody and transported to the Randolph County jail where he is currently being held with no bond.</p>
Leaders will tour water treatment plant	News	3/13/2024	6:00 AM	:45	<p>Leadership and staff from the North Central Missouri Regional Water Commission (NCRMWC) are honored to welcome United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD) officials from both Washington, DC headquarters and State offices for a tour of federally funded water infrastructure investments in Missouri. The tour will highlight the Milan Water Treatment Plant on Wednesday March 13 th at 10:00 AM followed by a tour of lake project improvements. The Water Treatment Plant is located at 21299 Highway 5, Milan, MO. The NCMWRC led tour of the Water Treatment Plant will showcase approximately \$2 million in enhancements currently underway, which, when completed aim to serve the needs of up to 10 Counties in North Central Missouri. Additionally, USDA RD is replacing two open bond issues held by NCRMWC, while also funding key elements of the Roy Blunt Reservoir.</p>

Scam warning from Macon County Sheriff's Office	News	3/18/2024	12:00 noon	:25	<p>Recently the MCSO and the Macon Police Department have been investigating cases of Financial Exploitation and Deceptive Business Practices involving a tree trimming company that came through our area within the last couple of weeks. The M.O. of this group is to contact our citizens, especially the elderly and get them to agree on a price for services. When services are completed the victims are presented with a bill that is excessively larger, often 3-4 times the agreed amount. If you or anyone you know has had contact with this crew recently please call 660-385-2062 or message us on Facebook. You may also contact the Macon Police Department at 660-385-2195. The group went by the name MGC Construction.</p>
Sentence for attempted enticement of a child case	News	3/20/2024	6:00 AM	:25	<p>On Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Bow Steven Dabbs, of Kirksville, Missouri, appeared before The Honorable Matthew J. Wilson in the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri for sentencing. On January 18, 2024, an Adair County Jury had found Dabbs guilty of one count of the unclassified felony of Attempted Enticement of a Child after a one- day jury trial. Judge Wilson sentenced Dabbs to the maximum sentence of thirty (30) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, with probation being denied. Any person convicted of this offense is not eligible for probation or parole and the authorized term of imprisonment is not less than five (5) years and not to exceed thirty (30) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.</p>