

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 October 2023 to December 2023. 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
Governor set for trade mission	News	10/2/2023	6:00 AM	:45	<p>From October 7 - 12, Governor Mike Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson will travel to Japan for an international Trade Mission. Japan is a top source of foreign direct investment and key trade partner for Missouri, with more than \$455 million in exports in 2022. Consistent with Governor Parson's infrastructure and economic development priorities, the goal of the Trade Mission is to build relationships with key international figures to promote Missouri's strong capacity for trade. Meetings are scheduled with company representatives that have existing relationships in Missouri to thank them for their investments in the state and companies without a presence in Missouri to encourage them to consider Missouri for future investments. The \$455 million in goods exported to Japan in 2022 show the importance of international trade to the state's economic success. Among the goods exported, processed foods, chemicals, and electronic products were among those in highest demand.</p>
Watch for deer	News	10/11/2023	6:00 AM	:30	<p>MoDot reminds, Fall has arrived, and that means more wild animals, especially deer, are on the move as cooler temperatures begin to settle in and nights become longer. The Missouri Department of Transportation reminds motorists to be prepared for the sudden appearance of wild animals on Missouri roadways throughout the fall months. In 2022, Missouri drivers experienced 3,699 crashes involving a deer. One deer strike occurred approximately every 2 hours and 20 minutes in the state. In these crashes, there were 5 fatalities and 424 people were injured. According to State Farm Insurance, the Show-Me State now ranks 10th in the country for potential animal collisions - up from 14th last year - with a 1 in 80 chance of hitting an animal while driving. MoDOT maintains nearly 34,000 miles of highways, putting Missouri 7th nationally in state highway miles.</p>

Change to CDL testing procedure	News	10/11/2023	12:00 noon	:30	The Missouri State Highway Patrol and Missouri Department of Revenue wish to inform the public there has been a change to the commercial driver license testing procedure. Commercial driver license (CDL) applicants need to be aware Missouri is adopting a modernized testing standard effective December 4, 2023. CDL examiners at all Patrol examination sites and all third-party examination sites will utilize the new testing procedure. The changes in testing procedure include a more streamlined pre-trip examination and more efficient basic skills course. Those wishing to prepare for a CDL skills test administered December 4 or later should utilize the following CDL manual to learn applicable procedures: New Missouri CDL Manual. The current testing procedures will remain in effect statewide until December 1.
Police arrest suspect in telephone scam	News	10/19/2023	6:00 AM	:45	Kirksville police say A 38-year-old Chicago man was arrested in Kirksville Tuesday for Financial Exploitation of the Elderly or Disabled. On October 6, 2023, a local elderly resident reported being the victim of a telephone scam. The scammers continued to contact the victim, and Kirksville Police Department detectives took over communications with the suspect. With the assistance of a local bank, KPD detectives posed as the victim and set up a meeting with the suspect, where the suspect expected to collect another large sum of cash from the victim. On the evening of Tuesday, October 17, 2023, the suspect, later identified as Muhammad Sabar from Chicago, arrived at the meeting place and was arrested for Financial Exploitation of the Elderly or Disabled. The Kirksville Police Department wants to remind everyone that anyone calling and demanding money over the phone is most likely a scam. Hang up and block the number. If you have fallen victim to one of these scams, report it immediately.
Clark County man gets 80 years for case assisted by Kirksville PD	News	10/23/2023	12:00 Noon	:45	On Wednesday, October 18, 2023, U.S. District Judge Sarah E. Pitlyk sentenced a Clark County man who recorded his rape of a young girl and an infant to 80 years in prison. The Kirksville Police Department/Kirksville Regional Computer Crimes Unit (KRCCU) assisted in the investigation that ultimately led to this conviction, executing search warrants and forensic searches of electronics and data. Mark Anthony Davis, 36, pleaded guilty in May to two counts of production of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. He admitted to recording his rape of the girl when she was under 10 years of age and of an 11-month-old boy. Davis also admitted to possessing videos containing child pornography, including the rape and torture of children. Davis was sentenced to 30 years for each production of child pornography charge and 20 years for the possession charge, which run consecutively. That was the maximum possible prison sentence.

Former Kirksville officer arrested on sex charges	News	10/30/2023	6:00 AM	1:00	<p>A former Kirksville Police officer has been arrested on multiple sex charges. Kirksville Police say In July of 2022, a report was made to the Kirksville Police Department alleging serious criminal activity by a former officer and City employee during their tenure several years ago. The individual has not been an officer with the Kirksville Police Department since 2013. In an effort to ensure transparency and an unbiased investigation, the Kirksville Police Department requested the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control conduct the investigation in its entirety. Throughout the investigation, the Kirksville Police Department fully cooperated with the Highway Patrol's investigators and provided them with any and all requested records or information. The Highway Patrol says investigators learned 46-year-old Faren Lindsey, now of Shelbyville, had allegedly sexually assaulted the underage female victim several times over a two-year period beginning in July 1999. On October 25, 2023, an arrest warrant was issued and Faren J. Lindsey was taken into custody by the Highway Patrol. The Highway Patrol says Lindsey was indicted on three counts of statutory sodomy, one count of statutory rape, and one count of forcible rape.</p>
Technology mini-grants awarded	News	11/7/2023	6:00 AM	:20	<p>Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft announced that his office has awarded over \$320,000 in additional funding for 28 technology mini-grants distributed to several Missouri libraries. Since January 1, 2023, Ashcroft's office - through the Missouri State Library - has awarded 146 grants totaling over two million dollars. These grants provide funding to public libraries for technology and automation-related equipment and software to improve network infrastructure and expand services.</p>
Adair County doing transition to new 911 system	News	11/8/2023	12:00 noon	:30	<p>The Adair County Emergency Communications Center will be conducting the transition to newly installed Next-Generation 911 phone and radio systems today. This upgrade will lead to improved functionality for emergency communications. During this transition, 911 calls may be temporarily routed to Sullivan County 911, our backup center, for handling. Callers may experience some irregularities when calling the non-emergency numbers to the Adair County Emergency Communications Center during this transition. Please be patient during this time, and be sure to dial 911 if you have any need for urgent law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical assistance. As a reminder, non-emergency numbers to the Adair County Emergency Communications Center include 660.665.5621, 660.665.5622, and 660.665.1260.</p>

Imagination Library is open	News	11/10/2023	6:00 AM	:35	The State Department of Education says all Missouri children under five years old are now able to register for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. There is no deadline to register. The Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by providing age-appropriate books each month to children free of charge. In order to receive books, a parent or guardian must register their child on the Imagination Library national website. Books will be mailed directly to the homes of registered children every month. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has already been available in some areas of the state thanks to the great work of the 57 local affiliates that distribute books to more than 17,000 Missouri children. Those children currently registered will be automatically enrolled in the new statewide program.
Multiple injuries in wreck involving ambulance	News	11/15/2023	6:00 AM	:30	Four people were hurt in a wreck involving an Adair County ambulance. It happened last night on Missouri 6, three miles east of Lewistown. The Missouri State Highway Patrol says the driver of a Ford F-150 began to yield to an Adair County ambulance, when the Ford traveled off the right side of the road, overcorrected, got back on the road, and hit the ambulance. Both vehicles went off the left side of the roadway and came to rest. The driver of the ambulance, 29 year old Cheyenne Hyle of Unionville, suffered moderate injuries. An occupant of the ambulance, 48 year old Dawn Ramos of Kirksville, suffered serious injuries. Another occupant of the ambulance 49 year old Anthony Sims, suffered moderate injuries. The driver of the Ford, 65-year-old Steven Fries of Knox City, had moderate injuries.
Governor extends drought alert	News	11/20/2023	12:00 Noon	:45	Governor Mike Parson signed Executive Order 23-10, extending Missouri's drought alert until May 1, 2024. Currently, the U.S. Drought Monitor indicates that all or portions of at least 85 Missouri counties are experiencing moderate, severe, or extreme drought conditions. The Executive Order declares a Drought Alert in these Missouri counties and any additional county that begins experiencing drought conditions. Governor Parson said. "While we've had periods of marginal improvement, farmers and ranchers are still feeling the impacts, many forced to sell livestock early and scrambling for alternative feed sources. Some of the most impacted areas are our waterways, slowing barge and river port activity during our busy harvest season. We're extending this alert to continue providing every resource possible to help mitigate the impacts and in hopes that we get plenty of rain throughout the coming winter and spring."

KFD gets higher licensure	News	11/21/2023	12:00 noon	:35	In October, the Kirksville Fire Department received licensure as an Advanced Emergency Medical Response Agency (EMRA) from the Missouri Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. KFD paramedics and advanced EMTs (AEMT) are now able to provide advanced, critical life-saving treatment prior to the arrival of, and in conjunction with, responding Adair County Ambulance District crews. KFD is one of only 39 fire departments in Missouri licensed to provide non-transport Advanced Life Support care. KFD has been providing medical first responder services to the citizens of and visitors to Kirksville since 1995, with all firefighters required to maintain Emergency Medical Technician-Basic licensure. Many Kirksville firefighters hold higher levels of EMS licensure, with five paramedics and one AEMT currently on staff.
OVERNIGHT FIRE	News	12/4/2023	6:00 AM	:15	An overnight fire in Kirksville caused Truman State University sorority members to evacuate their house. The fire impacted four students who were members of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Although no injuries were reported, the students lost clothing, school supplies, and furniture. A GoFundMe page was set up to assist the students in recovering from their losses.
Police warn about storing firearms	News	12/14/2023	12:00 noon	:45	As the hunting season comes to a close, the Kirksville Police Department would like to remind residents and visitors of some important safety practices as they conclude their activities and store firearms. The Kirksville Police Department has a supply of gun locks that are available for free to the public. These gun locks come courtesy of Project Childsafe, a national foundation that promotes firearms safety and education. Anyone can stop by the station during business hours to receive one while supplies last. Individuals can receive a maximum of three. Roughly 1.4 million homes have firearms stored in a way that makes them accessible to almost 2.6 million children, according to SafeFirearmsStorage.org. Help keep your firearms safely secured. The majority of firearms thefts occur when the firearm is left in a vehicle. Make sure to secure your firearms in your home or hotel room and not in an unattended vehicle. Keep a record of all of your firearms including make, model, and serial number.

City gets grant	News	12/19/2023	6:00 AM	:45	<p>The City of Kirksville has received notice that it has been awarded a Safe Streets For All grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The City will receive up to \$96,000, which will be used to conduct a safety audit of U.S. Highway 63. The results of this audit will be incorporated into work being done by the Northeast Regional Planning Commission and used to justify and encourage support for safety improvements identified from the audit. "Highway 63 is an important roadway for everyday transportation for the people of Kirksville that has allowed for great travel and recreation opportunities and economic growth," said City Manager Mari Macomber. "Maintaining and maximizing safety on a critical part of infrastructure will always be crucial. This study will help continue that mission." A grant agreement between the City and USDOT will be completed over the next few weeks. Other details are not yet known at this time. Please stay tuned to official City communications for updates regarding this project.</p>
State Highway Patrol releases holiday weekend numbers	News	12/27/2023	6:00 AM	:35	<p>Colonel Eric T. Olson, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, provides the following preliminary statistics related to the Christmas holiday weekend: Two people died in traffic crashes during the 78-hour counting period, which began at 6 p.m. Friday, December 22, 2023, and ended at 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 25, 2023. Troopers investigated the following: Traffic Crashes - 124, Traffic Crash Injuries - 71, Traffic Crash Fatalities - 2, DWI - 81. [Note: Last year during the 78-hour Christmas counting period, there were 1,017 traffic crashes statewide. In those crashes, four people were killed and another 318 were injured. During the 2022 Christmas holiday, troopers investigated 306 traffic crashes which included three fatalities and 84 injuries. Troopers arrested 52 people for driving while impaired in 2022.]</p>

Respiratory virus cases increasing	News	12/27/2023	12:00 noon	1:00	<p>The Macon County Health Department says rates of respiratory viruses are increasing state wide and nationally, this includes COVID-19, flu, RSV and other influenza-like illnesses. COVID-19 hospitalization rates are increasing nationally and in Missouri, which can put a strain on healthcare systems and the individuals who are hospitalized if these trends continue. Wastewater (sewage) was tested during the pandemic, and continues to be tested, to watch for COVID-19 viral activity. Nationally, wastewater viral activity is very high for COVID-19, which tells us that the virus is circulating, even if people do not have symptoms or are not being tested. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued a Health Advisory urging for the need of increased vaccination rates for COVID, flu, and RSV as respiratory illness activity increases. Vaccines can reduce the risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death from a preventable disease, keeping your family healthy and safe. For more information about vaccines to prevent against respiratory viruses, testing, or general health information, contact the Macon County Health Department at 660-395-4711.</p>
MO minimum wage to increase	News	12/29/2023	6:00 AM	:15	<p>The Missouri minimum wage is set to increase on January 1st. It'll go up from \$12 an hour to \$12.30 an hour. The raise means employees will earn an additional \$12 weekly if they work 40 hours. The minimum wage increase will be the eighth increase in Missouri since 2015. Since that year, the minimum wage has increased by \$4.65 an hour.</p>