

FCC Public Issues & Programs List: Third Quarter 2014

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*Enclosed is a listing of some of the significant issues to which radio station KANU FM 91.5 responded, along with some of the most significant programming treatments of those issues for the period of time specified. This listing is by no means exhaustive, and a more complete, detailed listing can be found in the official KANU news archives. The order in which the issues appear has no significance, and does not reflect any particular priority for these stories.

TOPIC CODE

AG – Agriculture

AR – Arts & Entertainment

CR – Crime

ECO – Economy & Business

ED – Education

ENV – Environment

HE – Health

HI -- History

HS – Human Sexuality

KU – University of Kansas-related story

MI – Military-related story

POL – Kansas Government & Politics

RE – Religion

RR – Race Relations

SP – Sports

WX – Weather-related story

FORMAT CODE

R – Report

C – Commentary

PROGRAM CODE

ME – Morning Edition
ATC – All Things Considered
WE -- Weekend Edition

KANU NEWS SUMMARY FOR JULY 2014

1. KPR's Bryan Thompson reported on efforts to reform the Department of Veterans' Affairs policies on home care and care from local physicians. U.S. Senator Jerry Moran has been outspoken in his criticism of plans to end a pilot program that's being tested in Kansas and other rural states to help rural veterans get the care to which they are entitled.

(BT-VA.wav) – aired 07-04-14 – ME/R – length: 4:56 – airtimes: 6:33am, 8:33am

HE/MI/ECO

2. The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence filed a lawsuit against the state of Kansas because of a new state law called “the Second Amendment Protection Act.” It exempts guns manufactured and possessed in Kansas from existing federal gun laws, and also nullifies federal gun laws that the Kansas Legislature believes are in violation of the U.S. Constitution. Alla Lefkowitz, an attorney for the Brady Center, spoke to the press about what she sees as the dangers posed by the Second Amendment Protection Act. The Kansas Attorney General did not respond to requests for comment.

(BRADY-SUIT.wav) – aired 07-09-14 – ATC/R – length: 3:00 – airtimes: 4:44pm, online

POL/CR

3. KPR's J. Schafer spoke with Douglas County Clerk Jamie Shew about some of the controversial new requirements for certain Kansas voters. Those registering to vote in Kansas for the first time are now required to prove their U.S. citizenship.

(DG-VOTING2.wav) – aired 07-11-14 – ME/R – length: 3:35 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35am

POL/RR/ED

4. KPR's J. Schafer interviewed Lawrence late-night talk show host Mike Anderson about Anderson's bid to enter the Guinness Book of World Records. Anderson hoped to break the current world record (of more than 66 hours) for longest continuous on-air talk show hosting event. The attempt generated a lot of publicity and inspired an outpouring of community support.

(GUINNESS.wav) – aired 07-24-14 – ME/R – length: 4:26 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35am

AR/HE

5. KPR's Kaye McIntyre talked with Brad Allen, the director of the Lawrence Public Library. The LPL reopened on July 26th, following a \$19 million renovation. Many special celebratory events were planned and hundreds attended the grand reopening event.

(LAWLIB2.wav) – aired 07-25-14 – ME/R – length: 2:00 – airtimes: 6am, 7am, 8am, web

ED/ECO/AR

6. KPR's Bryan Thompson reported on a study released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, showing that Kansans on Medicare will save more than \$10 million a year on prescription drugs due to provisions included in the Affordable Care Act.

(BT-SCRIPTS.wav) – aired 07-29-14 – ME/R – length: 1:10 – airtimes: 6am, 7am, 8am, web

HE/ECO

7. Jim McLean of the KHI News Service profiled the candidates competing to become the GOP nominee for Kansas Insurance Commissioner. They come from a variety of backgrounds, but are united in their opposition to the Affordable Care Act. That's an important viewpoint, because the Kansas Insurance Commissioner has a great deal of say in how the state manages its interaction with the federal ACA health insurance database and could have a say in preventing Medicaid expansion.

(GOP-INS.wav) – aired 07-30-14 – ATC/R – length: 4:06 – airtimes: 4:44pm, web

POL/HE/ECO

8. KPR's Stephen Koranda reported on the Kansas Republican primary contest pitting incumbent U.S. Senator Pat Roberts against Milton Wolf, a radiologist from Leawood. The race is drawing a lot of attention because of Wolf's strong fundraising operation, his support from Tea Party advocates, and allegations that Roberts is trying to pit western Kansas voters against those from the less-rural eastern part of the state. The primary contest appears to be much closer than analysts had predicted several months ago.

(SK-SENATE.wav) – aired 07-31-14 – ME/R – length: 3:39 – airtimes: 6:40am, 8:40am

POL/AG/ECO

9. Commentator Rex Buchanan reviewed a book on the history of the Kanza Indians. He says the book provided a welcome insight into a group of people that modern-day Kansans know very little about.

(RB-KANZA2.wav) – aired 07-16-14 – ME/C – length: 3:20 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35am

HI/ED

10. Rex Buchanan discussed a book called "Kansas Fishes," which identifies more than 140 different species of fish found in Kansas lakes, rivers and streams. Buchanan says the book's detailed and colorful illustrations make the book an unusual and valuable addition to the literature available on Kansas wildlife.

(RB-FISH2.wav) – aired 07-29-14—ME/C – length: 3:28 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35am

ED/ENV

KANU NEWS SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 2014

1. KPR News Director J. Schafer interviewed Scott Morgan, a Lawrence attorney challenging incumbent Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach in the 2014 Republican primary. Morgan has positioned himself as presenting a more moderate alternative to Kobach's outspoken and conservative policies.

(GOP-SOS1.wav) – aired 08-04-14 – ME/R – length: 4:25 -- airtimes: 6:39:30am, 8:39:30am

POL/ECO/RR

2. KPR News Director J. Schafer spoke with incumbent Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach prior to the state's Republican primary election. Kobach's opponent, Scott Morgan, has targeted the amount of time Kobach has spent on formulating new rules concerning voter fraud and illegal immigration. Kobach says his work for other states on those issues has been done on his own time.

(KK-SOS2.wav) – aired 08-04-14 – ME/R – length: 4:30 -- airtimes: 6:44am, 8:44am

POL/ECO/RR

3. J. Schafer talked with Kansas State University professor M.J. Morgan, a historian and research director at the Chapman Center for Rural Studies. Morgan has been examining so-called "ghost towns" and their history. She has documented nearly 9,000 ghost towns or near-ghost towns in Kansas. She discussed the reasons Kansas has so many of these former settlements, what caused them to spring up in the first place, and the reasons for their eventual abandonment.

(LOST-KS4.wav) – aired 08-05-14 – ME/R – length: 4:24 -- airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35am

HI/ECO/ED/WX

4. KPR Statehouse Reporter Stephen Koranda provided an overview of the 2014 Kansas Primary Election results. Incumbents mostly fared well throughout the state, as state officials and members of Congress were able to fend off their primary challengers. However, Representative Tim Huelskamp and Senator Pat Roberts did not cruise to easy victories.

(PRIMARIES.wav) – aired 08-06-14 – ME/R – length: 3:06 – airtimes: 6:35am, 7:35am, 8:35am

POL/ECO

5. KPR's J. Schafer reported on the political and economic ramifications of an announcement from Standard & Poor's credit rating services that it intends to lower the state of Kansas's bond rating. That action has triggered some tough questions for Governor Sam Brownback and his administration about their stated economic policies and their actual results.

ECO/POL

6. J. Schafer had a conversation with Andrew Hysell, the project director of the Kansas Reading Roadmap program. The program is one of Governor Sam Brownback's initiatives to improve Kansas students' reading skills. Hysell and his assistant, Kimberly Fertig, said the idea behind the project is to help "at-risk" children read more proficiently at an earlier age. The Brownback administration is hoping that such programs will eventually help children living in poverty catch to the academic performance level of their peers who aren't living in such dire circumstances. The program is meeting with mixed success.

(READMAP2.wav) – aired 08-15-14 – ME/R – length: 3:26 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:33am

ED/ECO/POL

7. KPR's Bryan Thompson reported on the continued political importance of energy and energy production in the state of Kansas. A Washington, DC group tied to Republicans is pouring over \$250,000 into television ads urging Kansas to join Governor Sam Brownback in fighting "for Kansas jobs and cheaper energy." That's a reference to a long-running dispute over the construction of a new coal-fired power plant in southwest Kansas.

(BT-COAL-FUTURE.wav) – aired 08-20-14 – ME/R – length: 4:36 – airtimes: 6:33am, 8:33am

POL/ECO/ENV

8. KPR's Stephen Koranda explained the business model and theory behind a proposed new service in Lawrence designed to make hitchhiking a safe and reliable means of public transportation. The program, called CarmaHop, is part of a growing national trend in sharing services.

(SK-CARMAHOP.wav) – aired 08-25-14 – ME/R – length: 3:44 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35am

ECO/ENV/KU/HI

9. Reporter Sean Sandefur of KMUW Radio in Wichita explained why so many lakes in Kansas have been reported as sustaining toxic algae blooms this summer. Ten lakes have been affected by blue-green algae blooms, which can pose a health risk to both humans and animals.

(KMUW-ALGAE.wav) – aired 08-26-14 – ME/R – length: 5:37 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35am

ENV/HE/AG

10. Jim McLean of the KHI News Service reported on the questions surrounding the efficiency...and effectiveness...of changes recently made to the Kansas Medicaid program. In 2013, management of the program was turned over to three for-profit companies. Advocates of the change said that privatization would reduce costs and improve the care provided to low-income, disabled and elderly Kansans. McLean examined data indicating whether those goals have been reached.

(JM-KANCARE.wav) – aired 08-28-014 – ME/R – length: 3:01 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35am

POL/HE/ECO

KANU NEWS SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

1. Kansas gubernatorial candidate Paul Davis ran headlong into a problem with one of his campaign advertisements. An actor appearing with Davis in the ad had been arrested as part of a prostitution sting operation, and was suspended from a teaching position at a Topeka high school because of inappropriate conduct with a student. KPR's J. Schafer prepared a brief overview of the controversy.

(JS-BADAD.wav) – aired 09-04-14 – ME/R – length 1:04 – airtimes: 6, 7, 8am newscasts

POL

2. Harvest Public Media's Sarah Boden reported on the preservation of heirloom-variety seeds by a group called the Seed Savers Exchange.

(HPM-SEEDS.wav) – aired 09-04-14 – ME/R – length: 3:35 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35am

AG/ECO

3. KPR's Stephen Koranda reported on a debate between incumbent Kansas Governor Sam Brownback and Democratic challenger Paul Davis. The debate took place at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson and touched on economic, educational, environmental and health care issues.

(SK-DEP GUB-DEBATE.wav) – aired 09-08-14 – ME/R – length: 4:20 – airtimes: 6:40am, 8:40am

POL/ECO/HE/ED/ENV

4. KPR's J. Schafer reported on a group trying to save an old Union Pacific train depot in the town of Marysville, Kansas. The now-vacant structure has fallen into disrepair and the group hopes to prevent its destruction. They're hoping to be able to restore the building to its former glory.

(JS-DEPOT.wav) – aired 09-08-04 – ME/R and ATC/R – length: 3:54 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35am, 4:44 pm

HI/AR/ECO

5. Harvest Public Media's Mike McGraw reported on concerns about the U.S. meat inspection system. A growing number of watchdog groups...along with current and former inspectors...say that the organization is dysfunctional and is being strained to its limits by both financial constraints and industry pressure.

(HPM-INSPECT.wav) – aired 09-12-14 – ME/R – length: 4:26 – airtimes: 7:33am, 8:33am

AG/HE/ECO/POL

6. KPR's Stephen Koranda reported on concerns about the way the University of Kansas handles reported sexual assaults on campus. Various reports of light punishment for those found to be guilty of sexual assault have prompted protests, and a video produced by students urging others not to attend KU because of safety concerns. Koranda reported on a university-sponsored panel discussion on KU's policies regarding sexual assault, and some of the suggestions made by attendees.

(SK-KU-ASSAULT.wav) – aired 09-19-14 – ME/R – length: 4:30 – airtimes: 6:33am, 8:33am

KU/CR/HE/ED

7. KCUR's Alex Smith reported on a program aiming to improve conditions for correctional facility workers in Kansas. The mental and physical stress of these jobs leads to a high degree of burnout amongst corrections workers. Smith found that the problems plaguing the profession are complex, and not easily addressed.

(HHM-CORRECT-EDIT.wav) – aired 09-23-14 – ME/R – length: 4:47 – airtimes: 6:33am, 8:33am

CR/ECO/RR

8. Reporter Abigail Wilson of NPR member station KMUW examined the events of a devastating plane crash that happened in 1970. An airplane carrying football players from Wichita State University went down in Colorado, killing 31 people. Now, 44 years later, one of the eight survivors of the crash rode his bicycle from the campus of Wichita State to the site of the crash to pay tribute to those who died.

(WSU-CRASH.wav) – aired 09-25-14 – ATC/R – length: 6:20 – airtimes: 5:51 pm

HI/SP/ED

9. KPR's Stephen Koranda reported that education funding is shaping up to be an important issue in the upcoming Kansas gubernatorial election. Republican Governor Sam Brownback and Democratic challenger Paul Davis are each telling very different tales about the realities of school spending in Kansas, and Koranda examined the claims of each candidate.

(SK-SCHOOLS.wav) – aired 09-29-14 – ME/R – length: 4:10 – airtimes: 6:35am, 8:35am

POL/ECO/ED

10. J. Schafer spoke with University of Kansas professor of aerospace engineering about this year's American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics competition, in which students competed to create innovative designs for aircraft, spacecraft and jet engines. This year, the KU student team won more awards than any other school, claiming eight major awards.

(KUSPACE-2014.wav) – aired 09-29-14 – ATC/R – length: 3:58 – airtimes: 4:44pm

KU/ED
