

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS QUARTERLY REPORT

October 12, 2017

During the period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2017 KGGF broadcast a series of programs designed to address the following issues and needs within the community.

1. Agriculture
2. Economic Development
3. Education

All of the programs addressing the above issues, unless otherwise indicated were broadcast as part of the stations' public affairs program "Public Forum" which is broadcast weekdays from 7:40am until 8:00am.

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture continues its historical role of having a major impact on the community as well as all of southeast Kansas. In an on-going effort to serve the large agricultural community and the major economic impact it has on the community a series of programs dealing with a variety of agricultural issues was broadcast. Among the topics discussed were growing seasons, an unusually cooler and wetter summer and its effect on crops and beef producers, diseases and insects that are recruiting and expanding jobs in the industrial sector affecting farms and ranches in the area and preventative or treatment efforts that are available, government policies that affect the agricultural industry, crop yields and current commodity prices. Guests on this series of programs included Kansas State University extension agents Jacob Weber, Jeri Guerin, Dale Helwig and Josh Coltrane. These programs were broadcast July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, September 6, 13, 20 and 29.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The struggling economy and efforts to reverse the downward trend has been a subject covered in numerous on-air discussions. A series of programs that discussed various economic issues were broadcast. Topics that were dealt with included job losses in the retail sector, efforts at recruiting and expanding employment in the industrial sector and the balance of tax dollars spent at industrial recruitment versus the stress it takes on the tax base. Guests that spoke on these topics during this series of programs included Candy Westbrook and Samantha Caresio with the Coffeyville Area Chamber of Commerce and Trisha Purdon with the Montgomery County Action Council. These programs were broadcast July 11, 25, August 8, 22, September 5 and 19.

Education

A series of programs dealing with educational issues that affect our community were broadcast. Among the subjects discussed were slowly increasing enrollments and the impact that has in funding from the state, increasing test scores, as well as extra-curricular activities that are available to students in the local school district. Guests on this series of programs included USD 447 superintendent Craig Correll and finance director of Coffeyville Public Schools Michael Speer. These programs were broadcast on July 6, 20, August 3, 17, 31, September 14 and 28.