

PROGRAM LISTS AND REPORTS

2nd QUARTER 2016

KQSS continues to air twelve regularly scheduled newscasts each weekday. Seven newscasts air each weekday morning (at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 and 9:00 AM), and five run during the afternoon (3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, and 5:30 PM). Information of public interest is handled within and surrounding these newscasts. Our philosophy is that long form talk programming when audience is smallest does not have the impact of shorter coverage during peak listening hours.

Breaking news of concern to the local public is aired immediately. The largest issue was road construction and accidents leading to the closing of US 60 to the Valley.

Public Service Announcements, confined to local interests, and national or state issues of interest to the local audience air hourly.

Public Issues were discussed regularly during morning and afternoon drive, interspersed with the station's country-based music format. Among various topics, the following were featured as indicated:

Wednesday April 6th - 6, 8 AM & 4 PM (5 min): The local drug problem, particularly the increase in heroine use.

Wednesday April 6th - 5 PM (4 min): Why heroine use is on the rise (currently the cost is very low)

Thursday April 7th - 8 AM (5 min): The area's high crime statistics, and the reasons behind them.

Thursday April 7th - 4:30 PM (3 min): Unemployment relationship to crime, and the high unemployment rate due to local residents not able to pass drug screenings.

Friday April 8th - 6, 8 AM (7 min): The financial benefits from local mining concerns.

Monday April 11th - 4, 5 PM (5 min): Freeport McMoran's future in the area, and it's economic impact, from jobs to philanthropy.

Tuesday April 12th - 6, 8 AM (8 min): The impact of "Home Rule" on local communities. This is the Arizona state requirement that municipalities spend no

more than they budgeted in 1979 unless they vote for an alternative spending limitation or a permanent base adjustment.

Tuesday April 12th - 3:30, 5:30 PM (3 min): More on Home Rule which both Miami and Globe have to pass and implement on a given schedule, or face economic sanctions. Miami's problems in the past and the crippling economic sanctions imposed on it.

Wednesday April 13th - 7, 9 AM (5 min): The upcoming ATV Jamboree in Globe and whether it will be positive or negative for the local economy

Wednesday April 13th - 3:30, 5:30 PM (6 min): The long-standing dispute with the City of Globe with Arizona Water Company was settled (but not finalized). The good—it will reduce legal expenses significantly, the bad—the city's motivation to settle was based on its inability to continue litigation, and the questionable: Will Globe be able to maintain its rights to the water serving the wastewater plant. This was not disclosed in the settlement announcement and is vital to Globe's economic future.

Thursday April 14th - 4:30 PM (5 min): The closing of the Miami Food bank and how it impacts local residents in Miami who can not get to the Globe food bank.

Friday April 15th - 4, 5:30 PM (3 min): Miami's ordinance against bicycles in the park and whether it should be changed.

Monday April 18th - 4, 5:30 PM (3 min): Miami restarting it's annual BoomTown Spree—whether it's a good idea, particularly in light of the date chosen being the same as Globe's ATV Festival, and two other local events.

Tuesday April 19th - 6, 8 AM (7 min): Miami's Sewer Project—though most of the money is through USDA grant, is it all being spent wisely? The problem with Arizona Water Company delaying phase 2 of the project.

Tuesday April 19th - 4, 5 PM (10 min): The poor state of education in the area, and the difficulty of fining students interested in attending the Arizona League of Cities and Towns meeting, for which money was set aside.

Wednesday April 20th - 7, 8 AM (5 min): New rules for bulk trash rates in Miami. Are they fair?

Wednesday April 20th - 4, 5:30 PM (4 min): How much it costs Gila County to house out-of-state prisoners and how the fee schedule should be readjusted (currently \$54.63 a day—the county is proposing taking it to \$175 for the first day, and \$90 each day thereafter).

Wednesday April 27th - 3:30, 5:30 PM (3 min): The benefits and drawbacks of the decision to make the August 30th primary a mail-in election only.

Thursday April 28th - 7, 8 AM (3 min): The mail-in only election. Will it cause more people to vote, or less.

Wednesday May 4th - 6, 8 AM (10 min): The importance of the Resolution Copper project to the area. The public comment period is open as part of the required Environmental Impact Study. Are enough people who support the project making their thoughts known, as compared to the organized efforts of some groups against the project.

Wednesday May 4th - 3:30, 5:30 PM (8 min): More on the Resolution Copper Project. Are any of the negative comments well-founded? Was Oak Flats ever a site of historical significance to the San Carlos Apaches?

Thursday May 5th - 7:00 AM (5 min): Gila County is getting 12 new dash cams for \$67,000. Will it be money well spent. Can suitable cameras be had for much less. Would less expensive cameras yield pictures that could be used as evidence in a court case?

Thursday May 5th - 4, 5 PM (3 min): The Gila County Budgeting process for fiscal year 2016-17 starts next week. What are the most important items, what can be removed?

Thursday May 12th - 6, 8, 9 AM (6 min): A trooper near the boarder stopped a car with 22 pounds of meth along I-8, 50 miles east of Yuma. It was a widely covered story at the time. The street value of the drug was \$130,000. Is the war on drugs successful overall? Does a bust like this make any difference? Should we be spending more or less resources to fight illegal drugs?

Friday May 13th - 3:30, 5 PM (4 min): Arizona drivers licenses have not complied with the Real ID act, and will not have to until October 1, 2020. But the state is now offering a Voluntary Travel ID that will meet all the Real ID Act criteria. Getting these IDs is voluntary and there is a fee involved. Would it be worthwhile to get one now?

Thursday May 26th - 6, 8 AM (8 min): Wastewater rates in the City of Globe are going up by over 10% Currently the rates for wastewater and trash collection are the same for every household. Would it be more fair to base them on use?

Thursday May 26th - 4, 5:00 PM (5 min): Cobre Valley Community Transit, administered by the Town of Miami through grants, wants the city of Globe and

Gila County to contribute three times as much annually as they have been (approximately \$60,000 a piece). Is community transit a necessary ingredient of the community? Does it benefit a large enough number of riders to make it an asset?

Friday May 27th - 6, 8 AM (4 min): There's a proposal to raise city sales taxes by 1% for temporarily to cover the \$10 million shortfall in funding pensions. Is this counter productive, causing people to spend money in the Valley to avoid increased taxation, thereby lowering tax receipts overall?

Friday May 27th - 4, 5:30 PM (6 min): City of Globe taxes—the proposed increase in sales tax and how it would impact lodging which also had a nightly bed tax. The bed tax is used to promote tourism. But it is currently capped at \$100,000 for that purpose with any overage going into the general fund. But next year, the bed tax could easily bring in \$150,000. Should that additional \$50,000 also be used for tourism? Should the bed tax be lowered?

Tuesday May 31st - 3:30, 5:30 PM (6 min) Globe will again have a bowling alley. The old building, vacant for years, has been purchased and is being rehabbed. Will it be affordable enough for enough residents to use to make it successful?

Thursday June 2nd - 6, 8 AM (5 min): Gila County's biggest health problems. Obesity, substance abuse, access to quality care were all expected. But sexual health? The area leads in rates of certain STDs. Why?

Thursday June 2nd - 3:30, 5:30 PM (10 min): Was the recently released community health assessment based on bad data? There was disproportionate representation (only 1% of the respondents were from the San Carlos Apache tribe which accounts for one third of the County population), the needs of people in the various areas throughout the county differ widely, and that was not considered, and much of the data was self-reported. Additionally some of the key informant groups participated only because of it being a requirement for grant funding. Are the conclusions valid? Gila County is older, whiter, less educated and more unemployed than the rest of the state. It also fairs unfavorably compared with similar areas throughout the country.

Friday June 3rd - 6, 7 AM & 3:30, 5:00 PM (5 min): More on the aforementioned health study.

Wednesday June 8th - 3:30, 5:30 PM (7 min): The poor state of broadband access in the county. The county wants to use Triplet Mountain Communications for its point to point internet access between buildings here and in the Valley. It will be a newcomer to the area providing badly needed competition. Does the contract have to go out for competitive bidding? That thought was not brought up until a county

lawyer interrupted a Board of Supervisors Meeting yesterday (Tuesday 6/8) to raise the issue. But the attorney has supposedly been negotiating the deal for months. Why is this suddenly an issue and not known beforehand?

Thursday June 9th – 6, 7 AM (8 min): Highway 60 was closed to all traffic for several hours yesterday due to a major accident. KQSS received the information from listeners, rather than authorities. This is a regular occurrence. Why doesn't the sheriff's department considering it important to inform the public over the radio? Authorities tell us that they put the information on Facebook. Why do they believe that everyone is a Facebook user and that drivers will be accessing it regularly?

Thursday June 9th - 3:30, 4:30 PM (5 min): More on road closures and the lack of notification to the public.

Friday June 10th 6:00, 8:30 AM (3 min): Fireworks are now illegal in all of unincorporated Gila County. They are also illegal in the city of Globe, and especially throughout the Tonto National Forest. Why are they still sold locally?

Friday June 10th - 3:30 PM (3 min): The new fireworks restrictions in unincorporated Gila County are part of a ban on outdoor burning which prohibits anything but a backyard barbecue by a residence. Fines are \$500. Fines on the Tonto are \$5,000 plus the possibility of jail time. With the fire danger (and fires currently burning) should the county fines be higher? What can be done to effectively stop people from burning outdoors?

Monday June 13th - 4, 4:30 PM (2 min): The Tonto National Forest has released proposed new rules concerning travel management. This will change the use of many roads to non-motorized travel. How should a balance between protecting nature and allowing for recreational activities be struck?

Tuesday June 14th – 7, 8 AM (5 min): More on the fireworks ban, and the Juniper fire, which is now being treated as a control burn to lessen overgrowth in the forest. Is this a good idea, given the number of fires currently burning, and the possibility of the inability to contain it?

Wednesday June 15th - 7, 9 AM (10 min): A suicide jumper on the Pinto Valley Bridge closed Highway 60 until about 10 AM. Again the only notification came from listeners. Details were obtained by outcalls, but why is notifying local radio when the only direct paved access to the area is closed not a priority? Sunday June 12th US 60 was also closed, due to an accident, with no notification to the public other than on Facebook. Is social media now the go-to medium for most people?

Friday June 24th – 7, 9 AM (7 min): The US 60 construction project road closures. Pilot cars are used nightly. Are the lengthy delays causing people to avoid going to the Valley. The twice weekly total closures during the day were supposed to end in April, then June and now we're told it will be the end of the Summer. The closures are scheduled for four hours, until 1 PM, but can residents rely on that timeframe, when occasional closures last past three in the afternoon? Is this road construction truly of benefit to Globe-Miamians.

Wednesday June 23rd - 6, 8 AM & 4:30 PM (5 min). The town of Miami recently ordered a man to cut three feet of his trailer to comply with building codes that were not made available to him when he asked. His neighbors have signed a petition to let him keep the mobile home intact. The Town Manager refuses and says the citizen has no right to appeal. Is this true? Can a town refuse to supply a code and then enforce it? Why is Miami so mismanaged?

Wednesday June 23rd - 3:30, 5 PM (5 min): More on Miami's stance on code enforcement and general mismanagement. To whom is Miami accountable, if not to the landowners and residents? Is there a higher authority to which landowners can turn when code enforcement is arbitrary and capricious, and in disarray to the point that regulations are not readily available to the public?

Thursday June 24th - 3:30, 5 PM (7 min): Miami's financial woes. A tentative budget was passed. The deficit is less, but the city is still \$800,000 in arrears with another \$800,000 owed to unfunded liabilities, most notably pensions. Miami's cash flow is so bad that they can not take advantage of reimbursement grants as they have no money to lay out for a covered project. Is Miami at the point of being insolvent? Why is Gila County not stepping in, and if they did would it be beneficial to local residents.

Thursday June 30th - 6, 7 AM (5 min): Most businesses agree that a sales tax increase is not the way to pay the \$10 million in pension fund debt, but what should be done? Should the excess money from the bed tax be used? The city has a \$4 million reserve fund. Should a portion of that be used? A task force of business people has been formed, but is there any obvious source of money that they can identify?

Thursday June 30th - 3:30, 4 PM (3 min): Drowning prevention, after news of the near death of a six year old. Should CPR training be required of anyone with a swimming pool? Parents? Other than vigilance of adults present, is there any way to avoid such incidents? And what is the progress on replacing the closed Globe city pool? It appears that money is sufficient only for an outdoor facility, but given Globe's excessive heat in summer and cool temperatures in Winter, would it be more advisable to focus on an indoor recreational facility including a pool?

Unemployment is a major issue in Globe-Miami, and job openings were featured daily on morning and afternoon newscasts.

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