

**QUARTERLY PUBLIC ISSUES REPORT FOR KMIT/KUQL RADIO FOR THE  
PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014.**

*The following are items of significant public interest which received special news and/or public affairs program coverage on KMIT/KUQL Radio.*

1. Education/Employment
2. Youth
3. Political Issues
4. Health
5. Women's Issues
6. Crime
7. Minority Issues
8. Technology Issues
9. Weather/Climate
10. Consumer Issues
11. Ag Issues
12. Environmental Issues

**1. EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT**

1/13/14 News; 7/8/9; Huron Middle School student Kevin Baltzer won the 2014 Corn Palace Regional Spelling Bee. (reader)

News; 7/8/12; Teachers will look for increased education spending during the 2014 SD legislative session. (reader/audio)

1/14/14 News; 7/8/12; The Mitchell School Board voted to restore their compensation to their levels prior to budget cuts made three years ago. (reader/audio)

1/17/14 News; 8/12/5; DWU has announced that a new church, Fusion, will be formed on its campus. (R)

News; 9/12/5; The Lead-Deadwood School District is the latest in SD to have students at all grade levels city the Pledge of Allegiance each day. (R)

2/11/14 News; 7/8/12; The Mitchell School Board received a clean audit for the 2012-13 school year. (R/A)

2/17/14 News; 6/9/12; BHSU is constructing a new 50,000 square foot residence hall. (R)

3/6/14 News; 4/6/9; The University of Northern Virginia's website has removed references to its new main campus in Sioux Falls. (R)

**3. POLITICAL ISSUES**

1/2/14 News; 7/8/12; The Davison County Commission voted to increase the salaries of elected officials by 2 percent plus 50 cents an hour. (R)

1/13/14 News; 12/4/5; Governor Daugaard has appointed Rapid City businessman Alan Solano to represent District 32 in the SD Senate. (reader)

1/14/14 News; 7/8/12; Governor Daugaard will kick off this year's session of the SD Legislature with his annual State of the State speech. (reader/audio)

1/20/14 News; 7/8/12; Senator Mike Vehle says he will once again attempt to pass a bill banning texting while driving in SD. (R/A)

1/21/14 News; 12/4/5; A SD legis panel has approved a measure that would set up a study of the Common Core standards. (R)

1/22/14 News; 12/4/5; Dave Tronnes has been appointed to the Mitchell City Council. (R) News; 7/8/12; US Senate candidate Rick Weiland made a campaign stop in Mitchell. (R/A)

1/23/14 News; 7/8/9; The Mitchell City Council voted to place the new city administrator's salary at 90,000-110,000 dollars. (R/A)

1/28/14 News; 7/8/12; Democratic congressional candidate Corinna Robinson has launched her campaign to challenge US Representative Kristi Noem. (reader)

1/29/14 News; 7/8/12; SD Senator John Thune says he does not expect much action after the President's State of the Union address. (reader/audio)

News; 12/4/5; The Senate Judiciary Committee has endorsed a proposal that would expand the state's domestic abuse laws to cover dating couples who don't live together. (R)

News; 7/9/12; The House State Affairs Committee has approved a proposed amendment that would allow Deadwood casinos to add some games. (R)

1/30/14 News; 12/4/5; The Senate Judiciary Committee has defeated a measure that would have allowed clergy and religious organizations to refuse to take part in gay marriage services. (R)

News; 12/4/5; New City Council member Dave Tronnes was sworn into office. (R)

2/5/14 News; 7/8/12; Mt Vernon farmer Josh Klumb will run for the SD House. (R)

News; 7/8/12; The Davison County Commission approved a new five-year land lease with Mitchell Technical Institute. (R)

2/7/14 News; 7/8/12; Kevin Artz of Ashton intends to run for US Senate. (R/A)

2-11-14 News; 7/9/12; Groups in SD are working on a strategy to find and retain teachers. (R/A)

2/13/14 News; 7/8/12; Sen John Thune voted against legislation to allow the US government to borrow money to pay its bills. (R/A)

3/4/14 News; 7/8/12; Dave Stevens of Mitchell will run for the SD House. (R)

7/8/12; Frustration is growing in the SD legislature over the number of non-binding resolutions. (R/A)

3/18/14 News; 6/9/4; Former Gov. Mike Rounds has submitted more than 7,000 signatures to get on the ballot as a Senate candidate. (R)

3/31/14 News; 4/5/7; The SD Legislature has wrapped up its session. (R)

#### **4. HEALTH**

1/3/14 News; 7/8/12; Avera Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell has been recognized by the Joint Commission as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for 2012. (R)

1/20/14 News; 12/4/5; SD health officials say the number of syphilis cases reported last year was the most in 44 years. (R)

1/21/14 News; 12/4/5; South Dakota logged a record low number of TB cases in 2013. (R) News; 12/4/5; Avera Queen of Peace will consolidate two nursing units. (R)

1/29/14 News; 7/8/12; The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Mitchell Chamber Health and Wellness Fair will be held at the Mitchell Christian School. (reader/audio)

2/19/14 News; 9/12/4; Sanford Health will invest \$12 million in medical facilities in Vermillion. (R)

3/6/14 News; 4/5/6; Gov Daugaard says he hopes federal officials will let the state expand its Medicaid program in a way that would provide medical services to fewer people than envisioned in the federal health overhaul law. (R)

3/28/14 News; 8/9/12; Blue Cross/Blue Shield says it is evaluating whether it will start selling insurance plans through the federal marketplace in SD. (R)

#### 5. WOMEN ISSUES

3/6/14 News; 7/8/12; The number of SD students who were obese or overweight in 2012-13 remained unchanged compared to the previous year. (R)

#### 6. CRIME

1/1/14 News; 6/8/9; Larry Alver, 37, Marion, has been sentenced to 10 years in prison on a conviction of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. (R)

News; 6/8/9; Authorities are investigating a double homicide on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation. (R)

1/3/14 News; 7/8/9; Police arrested Nichole Kroger, 36, for her sixth drunken driving arrest after she was spotted driving on a sidewalk. (R/A)

News; 7/8/9; Nichole Kroger, 36, Sioux Falls, was arrested for her sixth drunken driving offense after she was spotted on driving on a sidewalk with two kids in her car. (R)

1/9/14 News; 12/4/5; The SD Supreme Court has upheld Briley Piper's death sentence for the March 2000 killing of Chester Allan Pogue. (reader)

1/10/14 News; 12/4/5; Eugene Martin was sentenced to life in prison for murdering another man with a shovel at a homeless camp. (reader)

1/11/14 News; 8/9/12; A residence on Middle Street in Loomis was broken into. A tv set, video game console and controllers were stolen. (reader)

News; 8/9/12; Rachel Coleman, 26, acknowledges she drove drunk and ran over a SD Highway Patrol trooper in Sioux Falls. (reader)

1/14/14 News; 7/8/12; 18 year old Joseph Hartley of Wagner has been charged with aggravated assault for attacking his girlfriend, who was flown to a SF hospital. (reader)

1/15/14 News; 7/8/12; 31 year old Joshua Bullis (Mitchell, SD) pleaded guilty to sexually abusing a young child while video chatting. (reader)

News; 7/8/12; 55 year old John Whitfield Jr of Houston, Texas, was convicted of having crack cocaine shipped to him inside a doll. (R)

News; 6/7/12; Atty Gen Jackley says he wants to crack down on those who turn cold medicine into illegal drugs. (R/A)

1/20/14 News; 7/8/12; Trevor Kohlrus, 21, Mitchell, faces charges after a pursuit. (R)

News; 6/9/4; Six men were ticketed after showing up at Rapid City motels expecting to buy sex. (R)

1/23/14 News; 6/7/8; Lawyers for Pierre teen Braiden McCahren are resuming their argument that he should be tried as a juvenile. (R)

News; 6/7/8; The jury trial for former DWU basketball player Kris Wilson, 24, accused of rape, began yesterday. (R)

1/24/14 News; 6/7/8; The prosecution continued its case against former DWU basketball player Kris Wilson, accused of raping a fellow DWU student in 2013. (reader)

1/30/14 News; 8/9/12; A former SF middle school teacher, Tonya Druempel, 33, is charged with 3 counts of rape and 2 counts of sexual contact with a child under 16. (reader)

1/31/14 News; 7/8/12; 59 year old Jim Buechler of Mitchell has been accused of stealing prescription pills from Walgreens. (reader)

2/3/14 News; 8/9/12; Joshua Nygaard, 29, Centerville, is charged with theft after stealing and selling dozens of hogs stolen in northwest Iowa. (R)

2/13/14 News; 7/8/12; Jeffrey Nolte, 37, Canton, has been indicted on rape and sexual contact charges. He is the golf coach at Ramona-Oldham. (R)

2/18/14 News; 7/8/9; Arguments over whether Braiden McCahren should be tried as an adult continue today. (R)

2/19/14 News; 6/7/12; A judge has ruled Braiden McCahren should be tried as an adult. (R)

3/7/14 News; 8/9/12; Constance Edwards, 53, Sioux Falls, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor child neglect in the case of an infant who died in her home. (R)

3/10/14 News; 12/4/5; 63 year old Dennis Rowley of Spencer was sentenced to three years of probation for illegally shooting 61 double-crested cormorants. (R)

3/13/14 News; 7/8/12; A standoff near Dell Rapids ended peacefully after four hours. (R)

3/17/14 News; 6/7/8; Jury selection begins for the sentencing hearing of James McVay. (R)

News; 4/5; Mohammed Alaboudi, Sioux Falls, has been convicted of sex trafficking. (R)

3/18/14 News; 6/8/4; Sioux Falls has recorded its first homicide for 2014. The victim is 56-year old Kari Ann Kirkegaard. (R)

3/31/14 News; 9/12/5; Christopher Kryger, 41, Sioux Falls, made his initial court appearance after being accused of strangling Kari Anne Kirkegaard. (R)

#### 7. MINORITY ISSUES

2/3/14 News; 6/7/9/12; An Oglala Sioux tribal committee has started a process that could allow a public vote on whether to legalize marijuana use on the Pine Ridge Reservation. (R)

2/18/14 News; 9/12/4; A propane crisis on the Standing Rock Reservation is easing. (R)

News; 6/8/12; A Lakota minister is trying to stop plans to create a tribal national park in southwestern South Dakota. (R)

#### 8. TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

1/3/14 News; 7/9/12; Mitchell has been chosen for a recharge station for electric cars. (R/A)

#### 9. WEATHER ISSUES

News; 7/8/12; Northwestern Energy officials are seeing the effects of the colder-than-usual winter weather. (R/A)

1/14/14 News; 7/8/12; A winter storm warning is in effect for parts of western South Dakota. Strong winds and snow are making travel difficult for parts of the Dakotas. (reader)

1/17/14 News; 6/7/8; A blizzard in eastern SD closed I-90 and caused crashes. (R)

1/22/14 News; 7/8/9; Blizzard conditions have hit eastern ND and northeastern SD. (R)

3/17/14 News; 8/9/12; A winter storm could put a halt to the start of spring. (R)

3/28/14 News; 7/8/9; Snow and strong winds blasted central and eastern SD. (R/A)

#### 10. CONSUMER ISSUES

1/2/14 News; 7/8/12; Thermostats are rising but gas costs remain steady despite cold temperatures. (R/A)

1/10/14 News; 6/9/12; South Dakotans can now use a Visa debit or credit card to renew their vehicle license plates. (reader)

1/11/14 News; 7/8/12; NorthWestern Energy says there's a scam operating that tries to make people believe they have to pay an overdue bill. (reader)

1/14/14 News; 7/8/12; The vehicle remote entry problem seems to have been caused by a piece of malfunctioning equipment in a building near 5<sup>th</sup> and Main. (reader/audio)

2/3/14 News; 7/9/12; The Mid-America Business Conditions Index showed positive gains. (R/A)

2/17/14 News; 8/9/12; State health officials are planning to take action against Mitchell restaurant Corona Village after multiple health inspection failures. (R)

#### 11. AG ISSUES

1/10/14 News; 6/9/12; SDSU Extension is offering workshops to answer questions about estate planning and preparing for farm transitions. (reader)

1/11/14 News; 7/9/12; Noteboom Implement of Corsica has purchased Northwest Equipment of Iowa. (reader)

News; 8/9/12; The future of corn prices, conservation, and global trends will be among the issues discussed at the SD Corn Growers Association's annual meeting in Sioux Falls. (reader)

1/13/14 News; 7/8/9; Governor Daugaard has appointed the members of a work group tasked with developing pheasant habitat in SD. (reader/audio)

1/27/14 News; 6/7/8; SD's congressional delegation is pushing the Obama administration to reverse course on proposed changes that would reduce the amount of ethanol in the nation's fuel supply. (reader)

2/4/14 News; 8/9/12; Meat and livestock groups are worried that COOL labeling requirements could start a trade war with Canada and Mexico. (R)

News; 7/8/9; SD's winter wheat crop and livestock herds appear to be in good shape as the winter progresses. (R)

2/21/14 News; 9/4/5; A ND-based nonprofit, Farm Rescue, is branching out into haying assistance. (R)

3/12/14 News; 5/7/9; Rep Noem says the US Dept of Agriculture appears to be on track for getting the livestock disaster portion of the new farm bill out by April 15. (R/A)

3/28/14 News; 7/8/12; A judge has refused to throw out BPI's lawsuit against ABC. (R)

3/31/14 News; 7/8/12; The US Dept of Ag will host an online forum to discuss credit and financing options available to new farmers and rancher. (R)

## **12. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

1/13/14 News; 12/4/5; The emerald ash borer is moving closer to SD. (reader)

1/16/14 News; 6/7/8; Madison residents are being asked not to use water after a roof collapsed in the city's well. (reader)

1/31/14 News; 6/8/12; A proposed uranium mine in southwestern SD is another step closer to winning approval to operate. (reader)

2/17/14 News; 8/9/5; The battle to eradicate the mountain pine beetle in western SD is slowing the pest's progress. (R)

News; 12/4/5; The nation's first publicly available interactive map and database of onshore wind turbines is now available. (R)

3/4/14 News; 5/7/8; The Lewis and Clark water system will get an additional \$5.2 million in federal funding. (R)