

## **FCC Public Issues & Programs List: Fourth Quarter 2022**

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**OCTOBER 2022**  
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\*Enclosed is a listing of some of the significant issues to which Kansas Public Radio (KANU-Lawrence 91.5 FM, KANH-Emporia 89.7 FM, KANV-Olsburg/Junction City 91.3 FM, and KANQ-Chanute 90.3 FM) 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

## **KPR NEWS SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 2022**

1. Dylan Lysen of the Kansas News Service provided an overview of the political and position differences between the Republican and Democratic candidates for Kansas Attorney General, Kris Kobach and Chris Mann. Kobach is interested in using the position to aggressively oppose Biden Administration policies; Mann has said that he's more concerned with the issues directly and immediately affecting Kansans.

(KNS-KSAGRACE.wav) – aired 10-04-22 – ME/R – length: 3:41 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

**POL/ECO/ENV**

2. Katie Peikes of Harvest Public Media reported on the complex set of issues concerning interstate commerce being addressed by the U.S. Supreme Court in a case that hinges on animal anti-cruelty laws, agriculture, and meatpacking. The pork industry sued the state of California in 2019 over the state's animal welfare laws, which include provisions on how hogs are raised in order for their pork to be sold in the state. The case against California's Proposition 12 has far-reaching implications for many industries.

(HPM-PROP12.wav) – aired 10-10-22 – ATC/R – length: 3:58 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

**AG/ECO/ENV**

3. David Condos reported on the ways in which the city of Hays has implemented water conservation measures. As droughts in western Kansas become longer and drier, those measures could aid other communities in the region, but it's not clear that even these measures will ultimately be enough to sustain agriculture and other industries.

(KNS-WATERCON.wav) – aired 10-11-22 – ATC/R – length: 4:09 – airtimes: 3:24pm, 5:24pm

**AG/ECO/ENV/POL**

4. Sports reporter Greg Echlin provided an overview of the University of Kansas Jayhawks football season, and the optimism its fans feel regarding the team's success. New head coach Lance Leipold seems to have turned around the program. Leipold is very popular with players and fans, but some are worried that his successes at KU could make him a prime target for a bigger school.

(GE-KUFB-WINNING.wav) – aired 10-12-22 – ME/R – length: 4:44 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

**SP/KU**

5. Rose Conlon of the Kansas News service reported that the state of Kansas has one of the highest rates of infant mortality in the nation. What's more, the picture is especially dire for Black infants. They're more than three-and-a-half times more likely to die before their first birthdays than white babies. A special outreach program has been developed in Wichita to try to change the situation.  
(KNS-BABYMORT.wav) -- aired 10-13-22 – ATC/R – length: 4:06 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

**HE/ED/HS/RR**

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6. Celia Llopis-Jepsen reported on a new approach to dredging reservoirs and other water sources in Kansas that is being developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Silt and debris are causing major worries for water systems engineers, so the Corps is experimenting with a new approach at Tuttle Creek Lakes near Manhattan.  
(KNS-H20STORAGE.wav) – aired 10-18-22 – ME/R – length: 4:02 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

**ENV/ECO/AG**

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7. Blaise Mesa of the Kansas News Service reported on the race for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Republican Jerry Moran. A Democrat has not been elected to a U.S. Senate in Kansas since 1932, but candidate Mark Holland is trying to change that. Mesa found that Holland is facing an uphill battle.  
(BM-FEATURESEN.wav) – aired 10-24-22 – ATC/R – length: 3:53 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

**POL/AG**

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8. Dylan Lysen provided profiles of the Republican and Democratic candidates running for Governor of Kansas. Incumbent Democrat Laura Kelly is touting a balanced state budget and her administrations work to expand the state's economy.  
(DL-KELLYPROFILE.wav) – aired 10-26-22 – ME/R – length: 4:10 – airtimes: 6:34am, 7:34am

**POL/ECO/HE**

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9. Dylan Lysen provided profiles of the Republican and Democratic candidates running for Governor of Kansas. Republican challenger Derek Schmidt blames sitting Governor Laura Kelly for inflation and has accused her of shutting parents out of how public schools are being run.  
(DL-SCHMIDTPROF.wav) – aired 10-26-22 – ME/R – length: 4:01 – airtimes: 6:39am, 7:39am

**POL/ECO/ED**

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10. Jim McLean reported on the Kansas 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District race between Democrat Patrick Schmidt and incumbent Republican Jake LaTurner. The recent redistricting in the eastern third of the state may have improved Schmidt's chances in what remains a solidly Republican district.

(JM-KS2ND.wav) – aired 10-27-22 – ATC/R – length: 4:06 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 5:44pm

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**POL**

## **KPR NEWS SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 2022**

1. Suzanne Perez of the Kansas News Service reported that the Kansas Board of Education has been considering a plan to make Native American school mascots a thing of the past. Tribal leaders say the change is overdue, but many schools and the communities that support them are not likely to drop their mascots unless they're forced to do so.  
(SP-MASCOTS.wav) – aired 11-01-22 – ME/R – length: 3:55 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

**ED/RR**

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2. Greg Echlin reports that Leanne Wong of Overland Park competed at the world gymnastics championships. Wong was part of the U.S. national gymnastics team that won the gold medal in team competition at the event. The physical and mental demands of gymnastics are challenging, but Wong has balanced her athletic career with a demanding academic career as well.  
(GE-OPGYMNST.wav) – aired 11-02-22 – ATC/R – length: 3:58 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

**SP/ED**

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3. Frank Morris provided an overview of the candidates running for the Kansas 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Incumbent Democrat Sharice Davids ran a campaign focusing on abortion access and legality, along with Republican challenger Amanda Adkins's ties to former Kansas Governor Sam Brownback. Adkins attempted to link Davids with President Joe Biden's policies and global inflationary challenges.  
(FM-DAVADKIN.wav) – aired 11-04-22 – ATC/R – length: 4:12 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

**POL/ECO**

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4. Blaise Mesa of the Kansas News Service reported on questions surrounding the examination all social workers have to take in order to get the license required for their jobs. People of color, and older test takers, fail the test at a far higher rate than younger, white applicants. Critics say they believe the test, or the testing process, is racist.  
(KNS-SOCEXAM.wav) – aired 11-08-22 – ATC/R – length: 4:00 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

**ED/RR/KU**

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5. Greg Echlin reported that Roy Williams and Lon Kruger were inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in Kansas City. Both have a long and varied history in intercollegiate athletics. Among many other positions, Williams was the head men's basketball coach for the University of Kansas Jayhawks before taking on the head coach position at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Kruger was head men's basketball coach for the Kansas State University Wildcats and 5 other universities.  
(GE-HOF2.wav) – aired 11-17-22—ME/R – length: 4:30 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

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**SP/KU**

6. Jonathan Ahl of Harvest Public Media reported on the upcoming debate over the Farm Bill, a five-year, \$500 billion policy and spending plan. Uncertainty about the new Republican House majority and the Democratically-led Senate have cast doubt on how exactly this latest iteration of one of the nation's most wide-ranging pieces of legislation. The Farm Bill is so massive, it's hard to quantify exactly what effect even subtle changes to its funding mechanisms will have on the nation and its food programs.  
(HPM-FARMBILL.wav) – aired 11-18-22 – ATC/R – length: 3:54—airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

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**AG/ECO/POL**

7. Celia Llopis-Jepsen reported on the results of a three-decades-long study on bison and their effect on prairie ecosystems. Scientists at Kansas State University found that bringing bison back to the prairie could transform the landscape in ways that make it more resilient to climate change, and could benefit other wildlife.  
(KNS-BISONBEN.wav) – aired 11-22-22 – ME/R – length: 4:03 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

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**AG/ENV**

8. Greg Echlin reported on the Pittsburg State University football team and its return to prominence in NCAA Division II play. Coach Brian Wright had to convince some skeptical fans and alumni after his hire broke decades of tradition...but now he's wildly popular among Gorillas fans.  
(GE-PITTSTATE.wav) – aired 11-25-22 – ATC/R – length: 4:02 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 6:44pm

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**SP**



9. David Condos reported on the ways drought has affected portions of western Kansas. Drought now covers more than half of the continental U.S., and its ripple effects have touched agriculture, animal husbandry, water quality, air quality, and more. The situation throughout the Great Plains has posed some serious questions about the sustainability of current agricultural and industrial policies.

(DC-DROUGHT1.wav) – aired 11-29-22 – ME/R – length: 4:09 – airtimes:  
6:45am, 7:45am

**ENV/ECO/AG**

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10. Elizabeth Rembert had part two of a mini-series on the impact of drought throughout the Great Plains, focusing on what predictions about climate change could mean for conditions in the region. Scientists are anticipating longer, deeper droughts and significant impacts on diet, health, and the regional economy.

(HPM-FUTURE.wav) – aired 11-30-22 – ATC/R – length: 4:00 – airtimes:  
3:44pm, 5:44pm

**ENV/HE/ECO/AG**

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## **KPR NEWS SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2022**

1. Greg Echlin provided an overview of the life and career of college football Hall-of-Famer John Hadl. The former University of Kansas football star who hailed from Lawrence died at the age of 82. He played quarterback in the National Football League and American Football League, winning an AFL championship with the San Diego Chargers in 1963. He also had a long coaching career, and served as associate athletic director at KU.

(GE-HADLOBIT.wav) – aired 12-01-22 – ME/R – length: 3:52 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

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**SP/KU**

2. Dan Skinner spoke with Steve Nowak, executive director of the Watkins Museum of History about upcoming exhibits at the downtown Lawrence attraction. They discussed Douglas County history and Lawrence community life through the years.

(CONV-12622.WAV) – aired 12-11-22 – Conversations – length: 12:00 – airtimes: 6am

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**HI/ED/KU**

3. KPR Presents featured a lecture given by University of Kansas alumnus Juan Manuel Santos, former president of Colombia and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2016. Santos was the recipient of the 2022 Dole Leadership Prize at KU.

(KPRPRESENTS-1211.wav) – aired 12-11-22 – KPR Presents – length: 59:00 – airtimes: 6 pm

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**POL/KU**

4. Katie Peikes of Harvest Public Media reported on the meteorological phenomenon known as derechos. These extreme wind events have swept across the Midwest, causing property damage and fatalities. Scientists are now trying to determine how the climate change might cause more derechos, and possibly intensify them.

(HPM-DERECHOS.wav) – aired 12-12-22 – ATC/R – length: 3:32 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

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**WX/AG/ENV**

5. Celia Llopis-Jepsen and Blaise Mesa of the Kansas News Service discussed the ongoing cleanup of an oil pipeline rupture and oil spill in north-central Kansas. The Keystone Pipeline, operated by TC Energy, transports a special kind of product derived from Canadian oil sands, called diluted bitumen. This “dilbit” is much harder to clean up than regular crude oil, and the process of recovery is likely to be long and difficult.

(CLJ-DILBIT2.twav) – aired 12-22-22 – ATC/R – length: 6:49 – airtimes: 3:40pm, 5:40pm

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**ENV/ECO/AG**

6. KPR aired the 2022 performance of Holiday Vespers, presented by the University of Kansas departments of music and performance. The annual concert has been a tradition for 98 years. It featured choral, solo vocal, jazz, and classical performances of traditional holiday music pieces, and some original new works. (VESPERS22.wav) – aired 12-22-22 – special broadcast – length: 59:00 – airtimes: 7 pm

**AR/KU**

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7. David Condos of High Plains Public Radio prepared an in-depth digital feature on the recovery process for ranchers affected by the destructive wildfires in western Kansas in 2022.  
Online only: <https://kansaspublicradio.org/local-news/2022-12-21/one-year-after-wildfires-kansas-ranchers-vow-to-get-by-somehow>

**AG/ECO/WX**

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8. Dylan Lysen and Stephen Koranda discussed some of the issues expected to be addressed in the 2023 session of the Kansas Legislature. While Governor Laura Kelly is a Democrat, a Republican supermajority in the legislature means there's likely to be conflict over several hot-button issues. Kelly says she's committed to finding a way to get things done.  
(DL-POLITICS2WAY.wav) – aired 12-29-22 – ME/R – length: 4:01 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

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