

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

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**APRIL 2022**

**MAY 2022**

**JUNE 2022**

\*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 APRIL 2022**

1. Sports reporter Greg Echlin provided an overview of the University of Kansas Jayhawks' men's basketball season and rivalries as the team prepared to play in the NCAA Division I National Championship Final Four.  
(GE-KUFINAL4PRE.wav) – aired 04-01-22 – ATC/R – length: 4:12 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm  

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**KU/SP**
2. Dylan Lysen of the Kansas News Service reported on the lawsuits awaiting a hearing over the newly-drawn congressional maps for the state of Kansas. The Republican-controlled legislature approved maps that all but guarantee the state's lone Democratic congressional representative will be defeated. Several groups say that's blatant gerrymandering, and have brought motions to overturn those maps in court.  
(DL-REDISFEAT.wav) – aired 04-05-22 – ME/R – length: 3:34 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am  

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**POL**
3. Katie Peikes of Harvest Public Media reported on the rise and spread of a highly contagious and deadly strain of avian flu. More than 22 million commercial and backyard birds have died or been killed to stop the spread of the illness.  
(HPM-BFUPDATE.wav) – aired 04-06-22 – ATC/R – length: 3:46 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm  

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**AG/ECO/HE**
4. Celia Llopis-Jepsen of the Kansas News Service reported on the problems posed by the popularity of Bradford pear trees. Bradfords are a cultivar of Callery pear trees, which are increasingly viewed as a harmful invasive species. They grow quickly, with ornamental blooms, but they're not sturdy, are prone to arboreal diseases, and have interfered with the food supply for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife.  
(CLJ-PEARS.wav) – aired 04-12-22 – ME/R – length: 4:03 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am, 8:45am  

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**ENV/AG**

5. Niara Savage of The Midwest Newsroom reported on the continued presence of lead in many Midwestern households. Researchers have known for decades that lead is a neurotoxin, which is why its use in fuel, paints, and plumbing has been highly regulated and restricted for many years. But the many years of lead's widespread use in those products have had profound repercussions for many people, particularly in urban areas. Kids in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa have been found to have elevated blood lead levels, and researchers suspect it's related to older buildings and aging public water infrastructure.  
(MIDNEWS-LEAD.wav) – aired 04-13-22 – ATC/R – length: 4:06 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44p

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**HE/ENV/ECO/RR**

6. Blaise Mesa reported for the Kansas News Service on criticism being leveled at the Kansas criminal justice system for the way it handles drug addiction among prisoners, detainees, and those on probation. Addiction specialists and former addicts are among those saying the state makes recovery far more difficult than it should.  
(BM-ADDICTION.wav) – aired 04-26-22 – ME/R – length: 3:39 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

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**CR/HE/ED**

7. Commentator Scott Carlberg discussed the future of solar farms in Kansas. Traditional farmers and ranchers have raised many complaints about solar farming, but increasingly, traditional agricultural interests have come to see how solar power could become an integral part of the rural power grid.  
(SC-SOLARPKG.wav) – aired 04-07-22 – ME/C – length: 4:52 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

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**AG/ENV/ECO**

8. Commentator Rex Buchanan discussed two streamed television programs that rely heavily on characters connected to the state of Kansas...Apple TV+'s "Ted Lasso" and HBO's "Somebody Somewhere."  
(RB-KSONTV2.wav)

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**AR**

9. KPR Presents marked National Poetry Month with an interview of U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo, taken from her February 23<sup>rd</sup> virtual event hosted by Humanities Kansas, the Lawrence Public Library, and Haskell Indian Nations University. Kaye McIntyre also visited the Tonganoxie Historical Society and Museum's new traveling exhibit "Living Sovereignty: Sustaining Indigenous Autonomy in 'Indian Territory.'" (2022-04-17-22-tongie-museum.wav) – aired 04-17-22 – KPR Presents – length: 59:00 – airtimes: 6pm

**AR/RR/HI**

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10. Kaye McIntyre spoke with local restaurateur and author Meg Heriford. Heriford's book, "Ladybird, Collected," was the first selection for the KPR Presents book club. They discussed the pandemic, community service, and the regionally-famous Ladybird Diner pies. (2022-meg-heriford-redo-part-1.wav) – aired 04-24-22 – KPR Presents – length: 59:00 – airtimes: 6 pm

**AR/ECO/ED**

## **KPR NEWS SUMMARY FOR MAY 2022**

1. Reporter David Condos and Kansas News Service editor Stephen Koranda discussed the challenges facing rural Kansans as they try to acquire high-speed internet access. Despite billions of dollars of subsidies that the federal government has put into the project, millions remain unconnected because of the economics of supplying the service to sparsely-populated areas. Now some small, more local broadband companies are trying new approaches to the problem.  
(KNS-RBB.wav) – aired 05-03-22 – ME/R – length: 3:57 – airtimes: 6:45am, 8:45am

**ECO/ED**

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2. Elizabeth Rembert of Harvest Public Media reported on the drought affecting portions of Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. Farmers are pessimistic about the 2022 growing season as drought conditions intensify, putting crops and profits at risk.  
(HPM-FARMDROUGHT.wav) – aired 05-09-22 – ATC/R – length: 3:54 -- airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

**AG/ECO**

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3. Foster children cannot represent themselves in court, and the state assigns attorneys to argue on their behalf. Blaise Mesa reported on concerns among foster parents that the guardians ad litem program in Kansas is shortchanging the kids, as some of the lawyers rarely even meet the children they represent.  
(KNS-GUARDIANS.wav) – aired 05-10-22 – ME/R – length: 4:01 -- airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

**ED/HE/POL**

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4. Dylan Lysen of the Kansas News Service spoke with editor Stephen Koranda about the upcoming Kansas Supreme Court hearing on a controversial congressional district redistricting plan. A lower court judge found that the newly-drawn districts in Kansas were racially and politically gerrymandered. Lysen and Koranda discussed the main legal points the state Supreme Court justices were likely to take into account as they review the matter.  
(REDIST-2WAY.wav) – aired 05-11-22 – ATC/R – length: 3:46 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

**POL/HI**

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5. Rachel Yang reported on new crops being developed to become more drought- and heat-tolerant as climate change threatens to change traditional agricultural practices. In particular, Kernza...a perennial grain being developed by The Land Institute near Salina...has shown promise.  
(HPM-KERNZA.wav) – aired 05-12-22 – ATC/R – length: 4:06 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

**AG/ED/ECO**

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6. Kaye McIntyre hosted an episode of KPR Presents featuring the speech given by Dr. Sanjay Gupta of CNN upon receiving the William Allen White National Citation in April of 2022. The show also featured the connection between the famous public service announcement icon Smokey Bear and the state of Kansas. (2022-05-15-22-sanjay-gupta.wav) – aired 05-15-22 – KPR Presents – length: 59 minutes – airtimes: 6pm

**HE/ENV/POL/HI**

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7. Kaye McIntyre’s weekly program KPR Presents featured the president and CEO of a Kansas City-based organization called United WE. The group has put together a series of town hall meetings set to take place this summer that will address how women in particular are facing the challenges posed by childcare, health care, the pandemic, and wage issues. She also spoke with Caldecott Award-winning artist Stephen T. Johnson about his latest book, “Music Is....” (2022-05-22-22-unitedwe.WAV) – aired 05-22-22 – KPR Presents – length: 59 minutes – airtimes: 6pm

**AR/ECO**

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8. David Condos reported on some of the quirky roadside attractions throughout Kansas that help support local economies and generate interest in the state as a destination for explorers of the weird, wonderful, and odd. (KNS-ATTRAX.wav) – aired 05-26-22 – ME/R – length: 4:11 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

**AR/ECO/HI**

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9. Kaye McIntyre of KPR Presents talked with Lawrence filmmaker and psychologist Stephen Lerner about a series of meetings he’s set up all across Kansas for people to confront what he calls “climate anxiety.” Haskell Indian Nations University Professor Dan Wildcat is also involved in the project, which will kick off in June with a meeting at HINU. (2022-05-29-22-step-by-step-1.wav) – aired 05-29-22 – KPR Presents – length: 59 minutes – airtimes: 6pm

**ED/ENV**

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## **KPR NEWS SUMMARY FOR JUNE 2022**

1. Beccy Tanner of KMUW's podcast "Hidden Kansas" reported on the so-called Amazon Army, made up of women from the southeastern mining regions of Kansas. They went to more than five dozen mines protesting unfair labor practices and mining industry hazards. Their story was national news in the 1920s, though it's largely been forgotten today.  
(TANNER-AMARMY.wav) – aired 06-01-22 – ATC/R – length: 2:53 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

**HI**

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2. Dylan Lysen reported on the Republican primary race to select a candidate for Kansas Attorney General. Former Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach's performance as Secretary of State and his affiliation with former President Donald Trump have made him a controversial figure. The challengers, state senator Kellie Warren and former federal prosecutor Tony Mattivi, are hoping to overcome Kobach's name recognition and conservative cachet.  
(KNS-AGRACE.wav) – aired 06-07-22 – ATC/R – length: 3:55 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

**POL/CR**

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3. Greg Echlin reported on the Flint Hills Rodeo in Strong City. At one time, it was the longest consecutively-staged rodeo in the state of Kansas...but the pandemic interrupted that streak. Now, it's back in action. There's also been enthusiasm in the region for opening a museum dedicated to the event.  
(GE-RODEO) – aired 06-09-22 -- ME/R – length: 4:36 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

**SP/HI/ECO**

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4. J. Schafer reported on an odd connection between a Kansas resident and the British monarchy. As Queen Elizabeth II approached her Platinum Jubilee, celebrating 70 years on the throne, it turns out that she never would have ascended to the throne without the actions of a man named Earl Winfield Spencer of Kinsley, Kansas.  
(JS-KSQE2.wav) – aired 06-10-22 – ME/R – length: 7:43 – airtimes: 5:20am, 6:35am, 7:35am

**HI/AR**

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5. Kaye McIntyre reported that the Watkins Museum of History in downtown Lawrence received a donation of photographs spanning more than a century, capturing the everyday lives of Black families in North Lawrence. The Gary Davis Photo Collection is considered to be a major acquisition for the museum, and curator Brittany Keegan explained what the exhibition of the collection means for the region. Gary Davis also spoke about his motivation for making the donation to the museum.  
(KM-PHOTOS.wav) – aired 06-20-22 – ME/R – length: 3:00 – airtimes: 6:45am, 7:45am

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**AR/HI**

6. Celia Llopis-Jepsen reported on the use of GPS trackers by some cattle ranchers. It's an innovative use of satellite technology that researchers hope will help ranchers control their herds and protect both wildlife and the land.  
(KNS-GPSCOWS.wav) – aired 06-21-22 – ATC/R – length: 4:01 – airtimes: 4:44pm, 6:44pm

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**AG/ECO**

7. The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the Dobbs case functionally overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade decision, sending decisions about the legality of abortion procedures back to individual states. One of the first states that will address abortion rights issues is Kansas, which has a ballot question on a constitutional amendment scheduled for a vote on August 2. Dylan Lysen and Nomin Ujjiyediin discussed what the proposed amendment would do, and the general climate surrounding the issues in Kansas.  
(KNS-AB2WAY.wav) – aired 06-24-22 – ATC/R – length: 2:45 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

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**POL/HE/RE/CR**

8. Dana Cronin of Harvest Public Media reported on the delays in distribution of financial relief to “socially disadvantaged farmers”, largely farmers of color and other minority members. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 made provisions for providing debt relief to many of these farmers, and was signed into law. However, the money has not yet been disbursed. That's causing a lot of stress among the farmers who'd been notified that they would receive the funds.  
(HPM-FOCDEBT.wav) – aired 06-28-22 – ATC/R – length: 3:35 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44 pm

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**AG/ECO/RR**

9. Rex Buchanan provided a review of a University of Kansas professor's new book about the origins of the earliest people in the Americas. Jennifer Raff used genetic analysis to support her theories about how people migrated into North and South America, and debunks many more outlandish theories about how people got here. Buchanan says the book is well-written, and demonstrates Raff's ability to communicate very technical information to non-technical readers.  
(RB-EARLYPEEPS.WAV) – aired 06-06-22 – ATC/C – length: 3:34 – airtimes: 3:44pm, 5:44pm

**KU/ED/HI**

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