Quarterly Issues/News Programs List
2nd Quarter 1998
KOMU-TV Columbia, Missouri

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by station KOMU-TV through its news programming for the period April 1, 1998 to June 30, 1998. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

2nd Quarter Issues: Alcohol/Drug Prevention, State Government, Prisons, Employment, Health, Education, Consumer Issues

Description of Issue	Program/ Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program/Segment
Education	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/1	6 pm	3:00	Report looks at the effect of amendment 3 and how it will change the funding in the Kansas City School District by eliminating the desegregation money.
Alcohol Prevention	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/1	6 pm	1:30	Drivers at the Salisbury High School get a sobering lesson about the effects of drunk driving with a simulated crash.
Prisons	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/2	6 pm	6:00	Special investigative report looks at the policy in Eldon of releasing prisoners unsupervised for city work. We find they can escape without anyone noticing.
Education	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/2	6 pm	2:00	First of a series of reports with an in-depth look at the candidates for Columbia school board.
Consumer Issues	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/3	6 pm	3:00	First of several stories looking at tenant implications regarding a building collapse in Fayette. Who was at fault and what recourse was possible are all covered in the report. Many find it helpful in their fight.

Education	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/3	6 pm	1:30	New approaches to get kids into reading may be having some good results locally.
Prisons	NewsCenter 8 at ten	4/3	10 pm	2:00	An innovative new program in the Missouri department of corrections is actually the old chain gang concept. But it's putting prisoners to work on many public works projects.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/4	6 pm	2:00	Major job losses are on the way for Centralia's biggest employer. A. B. Chance says it may have to lay off hundreds of its workforce.
State Government	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/4	6 pm	7:00	Each Saturday, NewsCenter 8 at Six presented Capitol Caucus, an in-depth look at the issues underway in the state capitol. This week: sex education curricula.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/6	6 pm	4:00	With some jobs leaving Centralia, other still may be coming to the area. The Dollar General company says it may build a distribution center somewhere in Fulton or Ashland. Jobs provided may number in the hundreds.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at ten	4/6	10 pm	2:00	Kids are especially susceptible to getting germs from dirty hands. So daycare and education workers are trying to find new ways to get kids to get their hands clean.
State Government	NewsCenter 8 at ten	4/7	10 pm	14:00	NewsCenter8 [presented the most complete election results and analysis coverage in all of mid-Missouri. Our coverage included more races and more issues than the other local stations combined.
Education	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/8	6 pm	2:00	Failure of a tax increase for the Columbia Public schools means a big hit in the budget for next year. Administrators say they'll begin tightening the belt

					immediately to find the money for the shortfalls.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/9	6 pm	1:30	Doctors wonder if it is possible to get too much Vitamin C in our diets. We look at local research and local people who stills stand by the pills and fruit they consume.
Education	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/9	6 pm	4:00	Special report looks at school to work programs that are working to get high school kids to graduate and find useful trade jobs in the community. Many have gone on to fill positions that used to be hard to fill.
State Government	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/11	6 pm	7:00	Capitol Caucus looks at the issue of sexual predators and what state laws might do about them.
Consumer Issues	NewsCenter 8 at ten	4/12	10 pm	2:00	Our Faith in Our Community segment looks at the commercialization of holidays of a religious nature like Easter and what that commercialization means to consumers.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/13	6 pm	2:00	The University Hospital develops a new portable heart helper pump that allows those awaiting a heart transplant to move about more freely in the hospital and not be confined to their beds.
Prisons	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/14	6 pm	2:00	Following on our investigative report of earlier in the month, an escape takes place at the Eldon jail due to the lax policy of watching inmates. Still, the chief there doesn't plan to change procedures.
Prisons	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/14	6 pm	1:30	The residents around Eugene were first interested in a prison in their area. But now a group has developed to keep the prisons out of the are for fear of crime.
State Government	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/15	6 pm	2:00	Tax day brings an examination of the current state of tax refunds from the state government and if we can

					expect more in the future.
State Government	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/16	6 pm	2:00	Missouri legislators wrap up a busy week with several key proposals making it to a new round. They include abortion control, tax relief, and campaign reform.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at ten	4/16	10 pm	2:00	Hundreds of mammograms taken in Jefferson city of the past year may be incorrect. We tell patients how to find out if they were in the bad batch.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/17	6 pm	1:30	United States Cellular closes its operation here laying off all workers. We examine the impact and where people with these technical skills might go.
Education	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/17	6 pm	1:30	New questions are coming up regarding the validity of standardized tests for high school students.
State Government	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/18	6 pm	7:00	Capitol Caucus focuses on the sexual predator bills that are moving through the house. They would actually take away some constitutional rights from those not convicted of any crime.
Education	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/20	6 pm	3:00	Continuing our commitment to raising private money for local schools, we profile how schools are using the money raised by the Helping Our Kids program.
Education	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/21	6 pm	2:00	Truancy is an increasing problem in local schools. State and local officials are moving to try to stop the school skipping.
Education/State Government	NewsCenter 8 at ten	4/21	10 pm	2:30	There's a major tax break underway in the state capitol to help private schools pay the way. The break would pay tax credits directly to private schools. But public school supporters complain about the effects on public school funding.
Health	NewsCenter	4/22	6	4:00	A major NewsCenter 8 investigation looks at all the

	8 at six		pm		problems surrounding the investigation of the recent deaths at the VA hospital. It finds that many missteps lead to the apparent cover-up.
Education	NewsCenter 8 at ten	4/23	10 pm	1:30	Columbia School Board officials are looking at the possibility of ending the contract of superintendent Russell Mayo early. Many are unhappy with Mayo's performance.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/24	6 pm	2:00	The Promise Keepers group says it will come to Columbia in the summer for a big rally. The visit means many temporary jobs for the area.
State Government	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/25	6 PM	7:00	Capitol Caucus examines the issue of concealed weapons—their safety and needs.
Education	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/27	6 pm	2:00	Columbia School Board officials are looking at the possibility of ending the contract of superintendent Russell Mayo early. Many are unhappy with Mayo's performance.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/28	6 pm	4:00	Extended coverage of the decision to bring the Dollar General plant to the area. Fulton is the winner, and Ashland the loser in the fight.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/28	6 pm	1:30	Teen smokers are the targets of a new campaign to raise awareness of cancer rates in Missouri.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/29	6 pm	4:00	In-depth look at how older workers are fitting into the economy in Columbia and central Missouri. They play a key part in providing as work force for many businesses.
Consumer Issues	NewsCenter 8 at six	4/30	6 pm	3:00	We profile the new debit and credit cards available to use at many local businesses. They work differently, but look the same.
Employment	NewsCenter	5/1	6	5:00	Extensive coverage of the opening of the new bridge

	8 at six		pm		across the lake of the Ozarks. The opening of the bridge provides much more traffic to the far side of the lake, meaning more jobs for the economy.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at ten	5/1	10 pm	2:00	Columbia Regional hospital will expand its facility to add more bed space and handle more patients. The facility will need to hire hundreds more workers.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/2	6 pm	1:30	Workers at the Chance plant in Centralia picket to protest lost jobs at the plant.
State Government	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/2	6 pm	7:00	Capitol Caucus look sat the issue of blood alcohol levels in drivers.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/5	6 pm	4:00	A special three part series looks at the Diet Myths most women face. We try to uncover what's real and what's not...and what to watch out for.
Education	NewsCenter 8 at ten	5/6	6 pm	1:30	Mid-Missouri is experiencing a teacher shortage, especially in private schools. School officials are trying recruiting program in local colleges to get Missouri teachers to stay in the states.
State Government	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/9	6 pm	7:00	Capitol Caucus looks into the final day of the legislative session and how history is likely to view this session.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/11	6 pm	2:00	The use of chemical weapons in training at the Ft. Leonard Wood complex has many area residents worried. They are trying to stop the use of live chemicals in the area to save their health.
State Government	NewsCenter 8 at ten	5/11	10 pm	3:00	The state legislature begins its last week of meeting for 1998 and we cover the key issues still available for passage.
Education	NewsCenter	5/12	6	2:00	Columbia public school students step forward to talk

	8 at six		pm		about what's good with their high schools. The move comes in response to a move by local parents to start an independent private school in the are aimed at high school bound students.
State Government	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/13	6 pm	3:00	The last chance at a tax break this year is on the floor at the capitol. We look at who would be helped and who wouldn't be helped by the proposal.
Consumer Issues	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/13	6 pm	1:30	The idea of ethanol as a fuel for cars comes back to Missouri again. These cars can be run on all ethanol fuel, not just a blend with gasoline.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/14	6 pm	5:00	The next step in the GAO investigation of the VA hospital in Columbia shows no intentional wrongdoing, but a mishandling of matters surrounding suspicious deaths there.
Health/State Government	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/14	6 pm	2:00	The legislature throws in some last minute Medicaid reform to the bills under consideration. It would take more of a role in the running of the system.
State Government	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/15	6 pm	7:00	Extensive coverage of the last day of the legislative session goes into what passed, what didn't and how we are all affected.
State Government	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/16	6 pm	7:00	The final Capitol Caucus of the year shows the winners and losers in this year's legislative battles.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/19	6 pm	2:00	Kids in car booster seat may be in special danger if they are not big enough to withstand the shock of a crash. We show how to buckle properly in these seats.

Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/20	6 pm	1:30	The boats in moats controversy surrounding gambling may cause some employment headaches in the state. The boats that may be fined or closed will have to lay off workers.
Alcohol Drug Prevention	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/22	6 pm	3:00	The deaths of some local area students on a graduation night party bring to mind the dangers to others. We look at the ripple of effect through schools and the responsibilities those having these parties take on.
Education	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/26	6 pm	1:30	A local man sets up a petition drive to get the Columbia Public schools audited for the first time by a private audit. He believes the system is not spending its money wisely.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/26	6 pm	20:00	A series of five stories looking at alternative cancer treatments available in mid-Missouri. The treatments are only available to some, but hope to be available widely soon.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/28	6 pm	2:00	Special report looks at the impact of the military in Missouri on the economy. There may be few bases here, but they are big and bring in many civilian jobs.
Education	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/29	6 pm	3:00	The last day of school gives a chance to examine the state of schools in Missouri. The lack of funding at many levels means some questions about continuing quality.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	5/30	6 pm	2:00	Centralia goes on with its anchor fest his year, despite the looming shadow of layoffs at its major employer, A.B. Chance.
Alcohol/Drug Prevention	NewsCenter 8 at ten	5/31	10 pm	2:00	The use of alcohol at topless entertainment facilities often contributes to bad behavior, so the city is

					considering having only alcohol free establishments of this type.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/1	6 pm	1:30	Strikes are plaguing much of mid-Missouri, either through actions elsewhere affecting production here or local strikes themselves. We examine the impact of the pipefitters strike on local jobs.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/2	6 pm	4:30	Our HealthCenter 8 franchise looks at a rare blood disease that has plagued a Boonville teenager. His family has made marrow donations to save his, and it seems to be working.
Prisons	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/3	6 pm	2:00	Prisoners are doing contract work to save the state money and provide services that used to be out of the reach of the state budget.
Alcohol/Drug Abuse	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/4	6 pm	2:00	Students at the state school for the deaf get a rare engagement of a fake alcohol related accident. It's usually hard for deaf students to participate in these events, but the state puts the extra effort to let signing student help out.
Consumer Issues	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/4	6 pm	5:00	Dietary supplements are getting more and more popular. But are they worth the spending. Our 8 on your side franchise looks at which are worth spending money and which aren't.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/5	6 pm	2:00	Salmonella poison has reached Missouri ion bags of inexpensive cereal. We warn of the brand and what to do with the infected cereal.
Alcohol/Drug Prevention	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/6	6 pm	2:00	With the major high school graduation in Columbia, parents are putting on extra efforts to prevent alcohol-related accidents like the one that killed teens in Harrisburg.

Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/9	6 pm	3:00	A special look at the successes and failures of the welfare to work movement means that things are going well, but not as well as they could. The move of people off welfare to sometimes low paying jobs means social supports still need to be in place.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/9	6 pm	4:00	Acne is a disease of teenagers, but a lot of adults suffer from it, too. We look at adult acne pills and what they can do for this persistent problem.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/10	6 pm	2:00	Another strike hits the area, this one from electrical workers. They put a Fulton business in jeopardy and put many out of work on strike.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/12	6 PM	2:00	The GM strike is really beginning to affect local employers who ship to GM. A Hermann plant will close since they can't ship any more of their window insulation.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/13	6 pm	1:30	A new electronics supply business is moving to Moberly, meaning one hundred new jobs for the area.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/15	6 pm	2:00	The loss of its administrator to mismanagement charges leaves Boone retirement center in a tight spot for caring for residents. But the County Commission votes to take over the center and keep it open.
Prisons	NewsCenter 8 at ten	6/16	10m	2:00	The corrections department is looking at another site for its new penitentiary, this time back in Jefferson City near another center. Neighbors seem to like he idea.
Education	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/17	6 pm	1:30	Boonville decides on whether to build a new or remodel an old school.
State	NewsCenter	6/17	10	1:30	Planned Parenthood is suing to get more money from

Government	8 at ten		pm		the state due they say to discrimination against them. The case will go to federal court.
State Government	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/19	6 pm	2:00	Governor Carnahan signs the state budget, the biggest in history. More money for many education and other priorities.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at ten	6/20	10 pm	2:00	The Relay for Life to fight cancer is an annual event that raises a lot of money. These sorts of event have become common and do much to raise needed research money.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/22	6 pm	2:00	The GM plant strike continues to have ripples through the community with a Sedalia wheel plant closing for at least six weeks, laying off 500 workers.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/25	6 pm	2:00	Summer heat sets in, meaning potential health problems of the young and old. We look at ways to protect these at risk groups.
Employment	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/25	6 pm	1:30	Quarterdeck computer software company may once again lay off workers, closing the remainder of its Columbia office. No word yet on when or how many workers.
Consumer Issues	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/26	6 pm	5:00	Cheap and discount movie theaters are popular, but the prices keep going up. Our 8 on your side feature looks at just what the value is anymore on these discount theaters.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at ten	6/29	10 pm	2:00	Skin cancer is once again on the upswing, and we look at some of the ways to fight the disease with new sunscreens on the market.
Health	NewsCenter 8 at six	6/30	6 pm	4:00	Ticks can mean deadly disease in Missouri. We look at ways to properly remove them.

Missouri Business Account (MBA)

This is a locally-produced program which provides information of a business nature to the Mid-Missouri audience. This 30-minute program hosted by Patsy Dalton, a local business-woman, is designed to provide an in-depth look at issues facing the area business community. The program airs each Sunday at 10:30PM and looks at issues dealing with finances, insurance and healthcare. The program features interviews with key business leaders and experts in the various fields discussed each week.

Attached is a listing of program highlights from each week.

To: Anna Hargas

From: Kent Collins

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RE: list of community issues covered on MBA

April 5th: Health care for workers and their families

April 12: News jobs being created by the Family Dollar Stores, Inc. distribution center in Fulton

April 19: Banking services and loans available in rural communities

April 26: How the Missouri State Chamber of Commerce is bringing new jobs to the state

May 3: Minority ownership of small business

May 10: Economic development of small businesses at Lake of the Ozarks

May 17: How to control panhandlers in the downtown business area

May 24: Programs to help small business owners

May 31: State assistance to small business owners

June 7: Export of local products overseas

June 14: Jefferson City's efforts to create an event to spotlight the local business community

June 21: The convention business in mid Missouri

June 28: Home health care services available in Central Missouri