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4th QUARTER ISSUES: CONSUMER ISSUES, CRIME, DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, JOBS/ECONOMY

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	PROGRAM/ SEGMENT	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/1	6 P.M.	1:30	PEOPLE POSING AS VOTER REGISTRATION REPRESENTATIVES ARE TRYING TO SCAM MID-MISSOURI CITIZENS. BOONE COUNTY CLERK WENDY NOREN SAYS PEOPLE HAVE CALLED IN COMPLAINING ABOUT VOTER REGISTRATION SCAMS. CALLERS ATTEMPT TO GAIN VOTERS' PERSONAL INFORMATION BY TELLING THEM THEY ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS ABOUT THE SCAM FROM BOONE, COLE, JACKSON, LACLEDE AND TANEY COUNTIES. IF YOU RECEIVE A PHONE CALL ASKING PERSONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO VOTER REGISTRATION, REPORT IT TO POLICE
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/2	6 P.M.	:30	SENATOR JIM TALENT AND CONGRESSMAN ROY BLUNT SAID THEY WILL INTRODUCE A BILL NEXT WEEK TO HELP LAW ENFORCEMENT BATTLE METHAMPHETAMINE. THEY ANNOUNCED THE "COMBAT METH ACT" AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY IN SPRINGFIELD. THE BILL WILL SEEK MORE MONEY FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND ARREST OF METH MAKERS, MORE FUNDING TO LOCAL PROSECUTORS TO HANDLE METH CASES IN FEDERAL COURTS, AND MONEY FOR A PILOT PROGRAM TO HELP PROSECUTE METH COOKS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/3	10 P.M.	:31	NEW POLL NUMBERS SHOW DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL JOHN KERRY GOT A BIG BUMP OUT OF THIS WEEK'S DEBATE.

					THE NEW NEWSWEEK POLL SHOWS KERRY IN A STATISTICAL TIE WITH PRESIDENT BUSH. 47 PERCENT OF VOTERS QUESTIONED SUPPORT KERRY. 45 PERCENT SUPPORT BUSH. AND 2 PERCENT SAY THEY SUPPORT INDEPENDENT RALPH NADER. THE POLL HAS A MARGIN OF ERROR OF PLUS OR MINUS FOUR PERCENTAGE POINTS...MEANING THE TWO CANDIDATES ARE TIED.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/4	6 P.M.	2:00	TODAY'S WEATHER--GORGEOUS, BUT IN THE WEEKS TO COME. TWO INEVITABLE CHANGES. COLDER TEMPERTURES, AND HIGHER HEAT BILLS. THE MISSOURI ENERGY CENTER SAYS THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ENERGY SAVING DEVICES THAT CAN HELP YOU LOWER YOUR HEATING BILLS. THERE ARE MANY THERMOSTATS THAT CAN BE PROGRAMED WITH VARYING TEMPERATURES THROUGHOUT THE DAY... IT CAN TURN THE HEAT UP IN THE MORNING AND DOWN AT NIGHT AS YOU SLEEP. VENT DAMPERS PREVENT AIR FROM GOING UP THE VENT WHEN THE FURNACE IS OFF.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/5	10 P.M.	2:00	TODAY ONE OF THE TOP SUPPLIERS OF THE FLU VACCINE ANNOUNCED IT WON'T BE SHIPPING ANY TO THE U-S AND ALL OF MISSOURI IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO. THE BOONE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL GET ONLY ONE THIRD OF THE SHIPMENT IT ORDERED. THE DEPARTMENT'S DIRECTOR, STEPHANIE BROWNING, SAYS IT'S NO LONGER GOING TO OFFER THE SHOT TO HEALTHY PEOPLE. NOW ONLY HIGH RISK GROUPS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO GET THIS YEAR'S VACCINE.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/6	6 P.M.	3:10	SOME KIDS IN THE MEXICO SCHOOL DISTRICT ARENT LEARNING ABOUT RACIAL ISSUES IN HISTORY BOOKS. INSTEAD THEY'RE LEARNING ABOUT IT

					FIRST HAND... SO FAR THIS YEAR, POLICE SAY THEY'VE INVESTIGATED FOUR INCIDENTS INVOLVING RACIAL THREATS AT SCHOOL. A FEDERAL MEDIATOR WILL VISIT MEXICO TOMORROW TO ADDRESS THE RACIAL ISSUES IN THE TOWN.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/7	6 P.M.	1:45	MANUFACTURING IN MID-MISSOURI PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN THE STATE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY. THAT'S WHY OFFICIALS FROM THE NEW MANUFACTURING COUNCIL WERE IN COLUMBIA TODAY. AT THE DANA CORPORATION IN COLUMBIA, WORKERS MAKE AXLES AND DRIVELINES FOR A VARIETY OF VEHICLES. TODAY, THEY TRIED SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT...THEY HOSTED A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION FOR OFFICIALS FROM THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/8	6 P.M.	:40	THEY LOOK LIKE CANDY AND CALL THEMSELVES VITAMINS, BUT L'IL CRITTERS GUMMY VITES ARE ANYTHING *BUT GOOD FOR YOU... TWO INDEPENDENT LABORATORIES TESTED THE CHILDRENS VITAMINS BACK IN MAY AND FOUND AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF LEAD... 2.5 MICRO-GRAMS.... MORE THAN 4 MONTHS LATER, THE VITAMINS ARE STILL ON THE SHELVES IN MID-MISSOURI... THE MAKERS.. NORTHWEST NATURAL PRODUCTS, CLAIM THE LAB RESULTS ARE FALSE. LOCAL PHARMACISTS SAY DON'T TAKE THE CHANCE.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/9	6 P.M.	1:45	A LOADED GUN IN A SEVENTH GRADER'S BACK PACK HAS MOBERLY PARENTS ANGRY. ADMINISTRATORS FOUND THE GUN ON THE STUDENT YESTERDAY AT THE MOBERLY MIDDLE

					SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL TURNED THE BOY OVER TO AUTHORITIES. PARENTS SAY THE SCHOOL SHOULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO INFORM PARENTS. THE SCHOOL STILL HASN'T FORMALLY NOTIFIED PARENTS.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/10	10 P.M.	:30	LAST WEEK THE STATE ANNOUNCED IT'S ENCOURAGING MISSOURIANS TO BUY DRUGS FROM CANADA OVER THE INTERNET. BUT A NEW STUDY SHOWS MOST AMERICANS AREN'T. THE PEW INTERNET AND AMERICAN LIFE PROJECT SAYS ONLY FOUR PERCENT OF AMERICANS HAVE EVER USED THE INTERNET TO BUY PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, AND EVEN FEWER HAVE USED FOREIGN PHARMACIES. THE POLL SAYS 62 PERCENT OF PEOPLE BELIEVE DRUGS BOUGHT ONLINE ARE LESS SAFE THAN THOSE PURCHASED FROM A LOCAL PHARMACY.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/11	10 P.M.	1:15	COLUMBIA'S HIGH SCHOOLS ASK FOR AN ATHLETIC RENOVATION THAT COULD COST AS MUCH AS ONE MILLION DOLLARS. THE MONEY WOULD HELP REPLACE THE SPORTS FIELDS AT ROCKBRIDGE AND HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOLS. OFFICIALS SAY THEY'LL TAKE MATINENCE FUNDS AND APPLY THEM TO THE ARTICIFICAL TURF, WHICH DOESN'T NEED MAINTANENCE. THEY'LL ALSO RELY ON DONATIONS FROM BOOSTER CLUBS. THE DISTRICT SAYS CHANGING TO ARTIFICIAL TURF WOULD ALLOW USAGE TO INCREASE BY NEARLY 10 TIMES. RIGHT NOW FIELDS ARE USED ABOUT 30 TIMES PER YEAR, BUT ARTIFICIAL TURF WOULD EXPAND USAGE TO MORE THAN 300 TIMES PER YEAR.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/12	10 P.M.	1:00	THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ITS PLANS TODAY TO CONTROL THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COUNTRY'S LIMITED SUPPLY OF FLU VACCINE. HALF OF THE SUPPLY GOES TO HOSPITALS, LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, NURSING HOMES, AND PEDIATRICIANS. BUT LESS THAN A QUARTER OF THOSE ELIGIBLE WILL GET A SHOT. THE C-D-C ALSO INTRODUCED AN ELECTRONIC PROGRAM TO TRACK VACCINE NEED, AVAILABILITY, AND FLU CASES.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/13	10 P.M.	1:45	NEIGHBORS REACT AS THE F-B-I SEARCHES TWO LOCATIONS IN COLUMBIA TODAY... LOOKING FOR LINKS TO TERRORISM. THE FIRST RAID TOOK PLACE IN AN OFFICE BUILDING AT THE CORNER OF BROADWAY AND PROVIDENCE. THE SECOND RAID AT A WEST COLUMBIA HOME. F-B-I AGENTS HAVE BEEN SEARCHING THROUGH THE RECORDS OF THE ISLAMIC AMERICAN RELIEF AGENCY, AT BOTH LOCATIONS SINCE ABOUT TWO THIRTY THIS AFTERNOON. THE F-B-I WAS OUT HERE NEAR OFFICE DEPOT AND THE OSCO DRUGSTORE FOR THE PAST EIGHT HOURS. AT TIMES AS MANY AS 50 FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WERE INVOLVED IN THE SEARCH AND SEIZURE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/14	10 P.M.	1:00	FULTON'S CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A 20 PERCENT INCREASE FOR ITS NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS.

					IT COULD COST THE AVERAGE FULTON HOUSEHOLD 30 DOLLARS A MONTH. THE CITY SAYS RISING WHOLESALE PRICES ON NATURAL GAS ARE CAUSING THE HIKE. SOME CUSTOMERS THINK THE HIGHER BILLS MIGHT BE A STRAIN ON LOWER INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. CITY LEADERS STRESS THE HIGHER RATES WERE NEEDED, AND NOT IMPOSED ARBITRARILY.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/15	6 P.M.	:45	SALISBURY COULD HAVE A NEW CLINIC BY 2005. THAT'S BECAUSE COLUMBIA'S FAMILY HEALTH CENTER WILL OPEN A NEW CLINIC THERE. RIGHT NOW, THE TOWN HAS JUST ONE FULL TIME CLINIC. IT'S THE ONLY ONE IN ALL OF CHARITON COUNTY IF THERE'S AN EMERGENCY, RESIDENTS MUST GO TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL IN MOBERLY--25 MILES AWAY. RESIDENTS SAY IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO OPEN ANOTHER HEALTH CARE CENTER. PLANS FOR THE NEW CLINIC INCLUDE HIRING A FULL TIME NURSE, A PART TIME PHYSICIAN AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT STAFF.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/16	10 P.M.	1:00	THE U-S ARMY IS INVESTIGATING THE ACTIONS OF A RESERVE UNIT IN IRAQ WHO *REFUSED* ORDERS FOR CONVOY DUTY. THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESERVE UNIT'S MEMBERS SAY THEY REFUSED BECAUSE IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS. THEY COMPLAIN THEY WERE SENT IN SLOW MOVING TRUCKS WITHOUT AN ARMED ESCORT...AND THEIR MISSION WAS USELESS ANYWAY. THOSE SOLDIERS ARE STILL ANSWERING INVESTIGATORS' QUESTIONS IN IRAQ. ARMY OFFICIALS SAY IT'S AN ISOLATED INCIDENT, BUT A SERIOUS BREAKDOWN IN DISCIPLINE.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/18	10 P.M.	:40	MISSOURIANS WHO NORMALLY GET FLU SHOTS ARE WORRIED. BUT DOCTORS AND NURSES IN COLUMBIA ARE TRYING TO DOWN-PLAY ANY TYPE OF FLU EPEDEMIC. MICHAEL COOPERSTOCK, AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE SPECIALIST AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, SAYS HE ESTIMATES ONLY ABOUT 30 MORE SEVERE CASES OF THE FLU THIS SEASON. HE SAYS THE HOSPITAL *IS* READY AND THERE'S NO NEED FOR EXTRA BEDS. COOPERSTOCK SAYS THOSE PATIENTS WHO CANNOT GET THE SHOT CAN RECEIVE ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS SUCH AS ANTI-VIRAL DRUGS.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/19	6 P.M.	1:15	A NEW SCHOOL IS IN THE PRAYERS FOR SOME MEXICO, MISSOURI PARENTS. A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL... JUST LIKE THE KINGDOM CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IN FULTON. THE SCHOOL IS STILL IN THE EARLY PLANNING STAGES, BUT IT WOULD BE INTERDENOMINATIONAL - ACCEPTING ALL CHILDREN OF CHRISTIAN FAITHS. THE SCHOOL WOULD BE FOR K THROUGH 5TH GRADE, OR K THROUGH 8TH. THE FORMER ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE FULTON SCHOOL WANTS TO ESTABLISH THE SCHOOL IN MEXICO. HE THINKS MEXICO PARENTS WILL EMBRACE IT. PARENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO

					SPEAK ABOUT THIS POSSIBLE SCHOOL AT AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING MONDAY NIGHT. THE MEETING IS AT SEVEN PM AT THE FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE IN MEXICO.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/20	10 P.M.	:30	BOTH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES LIKE TO SAY THEY ARE WORLD'S APART ON THE ISSUES. THE CANDIDATES CERTAINLY AREN'T WORLDS APART ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL. BOTH WERE IN IOWA TODAY. THEY SPOKE AT THE SAME TIME...IN THE SAME SWING STATE...ON THE SAME ISSUE... IRAQ. RECENT POLLS SHOW THE RACE IN A VIRTUAL TIE... DEMOCRATS HOPE TO GET A BOOST WITH FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON CAMPAIGNING FOR KERRY. THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S DOCTOR SAY HE'S RECOVERED ENOUGH FROM HEART SURGERY TO COME TO JOHN KERRY'S AID.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/21	10 P.M.	1:00	CANDIDATES CAMPAIGNING FOR MID-MISSOURI'S SPOT IN THE U-S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MET IN THEIR LAST DEBATE BEFORE NOVEMBER'S ELECTION. NEARLY FOUR- HUNDRED PEOPLE FILLED COLUMBIA COLLEGE'S LAUNER AUDITORIUM TO HEAR THE DEBATE BETWEEN KENNY HULSHOF, LINDA JACOBSEN AND TAMARA MILLAY. THE CANDIDATES ANSWERED QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY MID-MISSOURI VOTERS BEFORE THE DEBATE. THE TOPICS RANGED FROM THE WAR IN IRAQ TO FUNDING FOR THE REPAIR OF MISSOURI'S ROADS. IT WAS THE *RECORD* U-S BUDGET DEFICIT THAT THE CANDIDATES SPENT THE MOST TIME

					ADDRESSING.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/22	10 P.M.	1:32	DESPITE GOING UP IN SMOKE AT THE POLLS LAST YEAR, TWO MARIJUANA PROPOSITIONS ARE BACK ON THE BALLOT IN COLUMBIA. PROPOSITION 1 LETS PATIENTS USE MARIJUANA IF A DOCTOR RECOMMENDS IT. IF THE PATIENT IS PROSECUTED THE FINE WOULD BE $50. PROPOSITION 2 WOULD CHANGE AN ARREST FOR LESS THAN 1 AND A QUARTER OUNCES OF POT TO A MUNICIPAL iNFRACTION RATHER THAN A MISDEMEANOR. IT WOULD LIMIT FINES TO $250. IN 2003 THERE WERE 617 ARRESTS FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA IN COLUMBIA. SO FAR THIS YEAR THERE HAVE BEEN 551 ARRESTS.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/23	6 P.M.	:15	THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CAUGHT AN ACCUSED MURDERER YESTERDAY. IT HAPPENED AROUND 6-THIRTY LAST NIGHT ON SOUTH PROVIDENCE IN COLUMBIA. AROUND 15 OFFICERS TEAMED UP TO ARREST A FUGITIVE WHO THEY SAY WAS ON THE RUN FROM A KANSAS CITY, KANSAS MURDER WARRANT.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/24	10 P.M.	1:30	POLICE WONDER WHETHER A SNIPER IS TARGETING MOTORISTS ON INTERSTATE 44. THE INVESTIGATION CENTERS ON A STRETCH OF HIGHWAY AROUND BOURBON MISSOURI ABOUT 30 MILES NORTH WEST OF

					ROLLA A FEMALE TRUCK DRIVER SUFFERED A GUN SHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD WHILE DRIVING HER RIG THURSDAY. SHE'S BEEN RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITIAL...BUT POLICE SAY EIGHT OTHER VEHICLES HAVE HAD THEIR PASSENGER SIDE WINDOWS BI.OWN OUT SINCE FEBRUARY ALONG A TEN MILE STRETCH OF INTERSTATE 44.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/25	10 P.M.	2:30	PREVENTITIVE CARE IS EVEN HARDER TO GET FOR THE UNINSURED. BUT ONE PROGRAM IS HELPING WOMEN MAKE SURE THEY PREVENT BREAST CANCER. THE SHOW ME HEALTHY WOMEN PROGRAM PROVIDES FREE MAMMOGRAMS AND OTHER TESTING FOR WOMEN WHO QUALIFY. THE BREAST CANCER ACTION ORGANIZATION ESTIMATES *84%* OF UNINSURED WOMEN NATIONWIDE DID *NOT* GET A MAMMOGRAM IN THE PAST YEAR. THE SHOW ME HEALTHY WOMEN PROGRAM HOPES TO CHANGE THOSE NUMBERS.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/26	6 P.M.	3:45	WHEN EMPLOYERS CAN'T PROVIDE A HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN, THE PROBLEMS GO WAY BEYOND THE WORKERS... IT HURT THE BUSINESS. SMALL BUSINESS DIRECTOR JIM MYERS SAYS MANY COMPANIES RUN FROM THE FRUSTRATIONS OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE HUNT FOR HEALTH INSURANCE. OF THE 27-MILLION UNINSURED WORKERS IN THE U-S, THE GREATEST PERCENTAGE OF THOSE WORK AT A BUSINESS WITH FEWER THAN 25 EMPLOYEES. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE STATE'S HEALTHCARE PROBLEMS, CHECK OUT A STORY ABOUT A GROUP THAT'S TRYING TO PLUG RURAL HEALTHCARE GAPS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT	10/27	10 P.M.	1:30	ANOTHER STORY OF HOMEOWNERS AGAINST DEVELOPMENT IN COLUMBIA TONIGHT...

	10				THE HOMEOWNERS LOST. THE COLUMBIA AREA TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TONIGHT DECIDED TO MAKE SIX MAJOR CHANGES TO COLUMBIA'S ROAD MAP. ANOTHER CONTROVERSIAL ROAD CHANGE NOT DECIDED TONIGHT -- CHANGES TO SCOTT BOULEVARD, WHICH IS ABOUT A MILE WEST OF FAIRVIEW ROAD. THAT PROPOSAL WOULD CONNECT SCOTT PROPOSAL TO INTERSTATE 70. THAT DECISION WON'T BE MADE UNTIL A MEETING IN DECEMBER.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/28	6 P.M.	1:30	A LONG RUNNING COLUMBIA BUSINESS CLOSED ITS DOORS FOR GOOD ABOUT AN HOUR AGO. AFTER MORE THAN 20 YEARS IN BUSINESS, OSCO DRUGS IS OUT OF BUSINESS... OSCO OFFICIALLY CLOSED ITS DOORS ABOUT ONE HOUR AGO. THAT MEANS ABOUT 25 EMPLOYEES HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS. IT'S UNCLEAR AT THIS TIME HOW MANY OSCO EMPLOYEES WILL TRANSFER TO OTHER STORES. NO WORD YET IF THERE IS ANOTHER OCCUPANT FOR THE VACANT OSCO STORE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	10/29	6 P.M.	1:19	MISSOURIANS STARTED TO LINE UP FOR ON-LINE PHARMACIES TODAY. THAT'S BECAUSE MISSOURI IS NOW PART OF A GROUP OF STATES WORKING TO BUY CHEAPER ACROSS THE BORDER. MISSOURIANS CAN GET BIG DISCOUNTS ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THANKS TO THE NEW PROGRAM, BUT NOT EVERYONE SEES IT AS THE BEST ALTERNATIVE.... THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STILL HAS A BAN ON IMPORTED DRUGS. BUT THE AGENCY ISN'T ENFORCING THE BAN TO STOP MISSOURI, ILLINOIS, AND WISCONSIN FROM FORMING THIS ALLIANCE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/30	10 P.M.	:30	IT'S TIME TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS... AND YOUR HABITS. THIS WEEKEND, THE COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT URGES YOU TO CHANGE OLD

					BATTERIES IN SMOKE DETECTORS AS PART OF THE "CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY" CAMPAIGN. WHEN YOU DO, IT'S IMPORTANT TO TEST THE SMOKE ALARM TO MAKE SURE THE NEW BATTERY WORKS. FINALLY, IT'S BEST TO WIPE OFF ANY DUST ON THE SMOKE ALARM. OFFICIALS SAY THESE SIMPLE STEPS COULD MAKE THE DIFFERENCE IN AN EMERGENCY.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	10/31	10 P.M.	:20	MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AFTER A HALLOWEEN PARTY TURNED UGLY. IT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT IN MADISON WISCONSIN. POLICE IN RIOT GEAR FIRED PEPPER SPRAY IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISPERSE A CROWD ESTIMATED AT 75-THOUSAND. POLICE SAY THEY STEPPED IN AFTER THE CROWD STARTED A FIRE IN THE STREET. ABOUT 250 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	11/1	6 P.M.	:45	BOTH CANDIDATES ARE MAKING ONE LAST WHIRLWIND TRIP ACROSS THE STATE IT'S AN EFFORT TO GET MORE VOTERS WHO SUPPORT THEM AT POLLING PLACES LIKE THIS ONE. BUT THEY USED DIFFERENT METHODS. MATT BLUNT TRAVELED WITH OTHER REPUBLICANS LIKE SENATOR KIT BOND, REPRESENTATIVE KENNY HULSHOF, AND SENATOR JIM TALENT.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	11/2	6 P.M.	1:50	THE DAY OF RECKONING FOR POLITICAL CANDIDATES AND BALLOT INITIATIVES HAS FINALLY ARRIVED… WE HAVE LIVE COVERAGE FROM ACROSS THE STATE AS VOTERS CHOOSE WHO WILL LEAD THE STATE, LOCAL, AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. VOTER TURNOUT HAS BEEN VERY HIGH ACROSS THE NATION. AND MID-MISSOURI IS NO DIFFERENT.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	11/3	6 P.M.	1:45	SUPPORTERS OF MARIJUANA DECRIMINALIZATION WIN A MAJOR VICTORY IN

					COLUMBIA. VOTERS PASSED PROPOSITIONS 1 AND 2 BY A LANDSLIDE. BUT AS KOMU'S MATT TALHELM REPORTS, POLICE AND DOCTORS SAY THEY'LL HAVE TO CHANGE THEIR POLICIES BECAUSE OF THE VOTE. THE NEW ORDINANCES WILL SHAKE THINGS UP A BIT. NOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA USERS WILL FACE A MAXIMUM 50-DOLLAR FINE FOR POSSESSION... ....AND OTHERS CAUGHT WITH POT WILL FACE SMALLER FINES FROM A CITY COURT JUDGE.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	11/4	6 P.M.	1:00	A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT TODAY IN THE KENT HEITHOLT MURDER TRIAL. ONE OF THE TWO MEN CHARGED WITH MURDERING HEITHOLT A LITTLE MORE THAN 3-YEARS AGO PLEADED GUILTY. ERICKSON AND RYAN FERGUSON WERE CHARGED WITH MURDERING KENT HEITHOLT BEHIND THE COLUMBIA TRIBUNE BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA. BOONE COUNTY PROSECUTOR KEVIN CRANE WILL RECOMMEND A 25 YEAR SENTENCE FOR ERICKSON IN EXCHANGE FOR A TRUTHFUL TESTIMONY AT FERGUSON'S TRIAL.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/5	10 P.M.	1:00	WHAT STARTED AS A TRAINING COURSE TURNED FATAL FOR A MID-MISSOURI STUDENT. A 17- YEAR- OLD STUDENT WAS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT THIS MORNING AT THE MISSOURI MILITARY ACADEMY IN MEXICO. POLICE WERE CALLED TO THE ACADEMY'S INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE SHORTLY AFTER NINE TWENTY THIS MORNING. DURING A STANDARD RIFLE QUALIFICATION CLASS, A STUDENT TURNED TO ADJUST A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND HIS GUN DISCHARGED.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	11/6	6 P.M.	:35	MISSOURI'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE DOING BETTER UNDER THE FEDERAL "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND" LAW THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. FIGURES RELEASED IN AUGUST SHOWED 867 SCHOOLS, OR 43-PERCENT, FAILED TO MAKE ADEQUATE PROGRESS THIS YEAR.

					BUT REVISED INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION SHOWS THAT ONLY 465 SCHOOLS, ABOUT 23-PERCENT, ARE BELOW FEDERAL STANDARDS. THE NEW FIGURES INCLUDE 254 TITLE ONE SCHOOLS THAT ARE FAILING FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR. THE LAW PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN SCHOOLS THAT FAIL TO HIT ACADEMIC BENCH-MARKS FOR TWO YEARS.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/7	10 P.M.	:25	GASOLINE PRICES ARE DROPPING, THANKS TO AN INCREASE IN THE SUPPLY OF CRUDE OIL. THE SEMI-MONTHLY LUNDBERG SURVEY FINDS THE COMBINED NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICE FOR ALL GRADES OF GASOLINE IS NOW TWO DOLLARS AND FOUR CENTS. THAT'S A DECLINE OF MORE THAN TWO-AND A HALF CENTS IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS THE NATION'S HIGHEST PRICES...TULSA OKLAHOMA HAS THE LOWEST.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/8	10 P.M.	2:00	THEY GOT EVERYONE'S ATTENTION WAVING 100 GIFT CERTIFICATES AROUND. THE NEWTON SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM WANTS TO DO IT AGAIN. AND TONIGHT THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL BOARD TOLD THEM THEY COULD... THERE'S AN ALTERNATIVE FOR PARENTS. THEY CAN DECIDE WHETHER THEIR CHILD RECIEVES AN INCENTIVE. INSTEAD THE SUPERINTEND'S OFFICE SAYS IT COULD FORWARD THOSE INCCENTIVES TO CHARITY.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	11/9	6 P.M.	1:10	A POLTICAL STATEMENT MADE IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS TOOK MORE THAN 2 HOURS TO REMOVE. IT CAME IN THE FORM OF GRAFITTI ON A DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA BUILDING. A POLTICAL STATEMENT MADE IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS TOOK MORE THAN 2 HOURS TO REMOVE.

					IT CAME IN THE FORM OF GRAFITTI ON A DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA BUILDING. A POLICE OFFICER FIRST SPOTTED THE WORDS "4 MORE YEARS OF FASCISM" SPRAY PAINTED ON THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 3 A-M. ONCE DAYLIGHT BROKE, CREWS USED BOTH POWER WASHERS AND AUTOMOTIVE BRAKE CLEANER TO REMOVE THE SPRAY PAINT. CITY MAINTAINANCE CREWS SPENT NEARLY THREE HOURS CLEANING THE POLITICAL GRAFFITI.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/10	10 P.M.	2:00	IT'S A HOT ISSUE THAT COULD HAVE CHILLING EFFECT ON FUNDING FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN. AND I'M BETH MALICKI, THANKS FOR JOINING US... THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WANTS LAWMAKERS NOT LAWYERS TO TRY TO EQUALIZE THIS RICH-KID POOR-KID SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA. JAY NIXON WANTS THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE TO HANDLE THIS ISSUE WHEN IT CONVENES IN JANUARY RATHER THAN HAVE THE COURTS MAKE ANY DECISIONS... THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS INVOLVED ORIGINALLY FILED THE CASE BACK IN JANUARY AT THE COLE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE.
JOBS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/11	10 P.M.	1:20	PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR A NEW WALMART SUPERCENTER NEAR BOONVILLE NEXT YEAR. THE NEW STORE WILL BE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF JACKSON ROAD AND ROUTE B. AND KOMU'S EMMAKATE YOUNG REPORTS THE CONDITION OF JACKSON ROAD WORRIES RESIDENTS... COOPER COUNTY HAS NEVER PAID TO HAVE A ROAD PAVED. THE COUNTY HAS SOME PAVED ROADS, BUT PRIVATE OWNERS PAID FOR THE WORK.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	11/12	6 P.M.	2:20	COLUMBIA RESIDENTS LOOK FOR A LOUDER VOICE WHEN IT COMES TO CITY DEVELOPMENT. SOME RESIDENTS ARE MEETING TONIGHT

					TO DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF A CITYWIDE COMMUNITY GROUP THAT WOULD ACT AS ONE VOICE IN DEALING WITH THE CITY. THEY'RE NOT LOOKING TO FIGHT WITH THE CITY ON FUTURE ISSUES BUT RATHER WORK WITH IT... THE GROUP WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING TONIGHT JUST TO HEAR CONCERNS OF THOSE WHO SHOW UP. ONE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT THAT ALWAYS ATTRACTS ATTENTION IS A NEW WAL-MART.

JOBS/ ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/13	10 P.M.	1:40	MID MISSOURI STORES ARE PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON EVEN BEFORE THANKSGIVING. SHOPPING IS A BIG PART OF THE HOLIDAYS, AND IT'S A BIG BUSINESS. TIS' THE SEASON TO BE *SHOPPING* FOR MANY MID-MISSOURIANS. WITH ONLY 42 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT, STORES ACROSS THE CITY BROUGHT OUT HOLIDAY DECORATIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR... A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE NATIOANL RETAIL FEDERATION SAYS ABOUT 34 PERCENT OF AMERICANS SHOP DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/14	10 P.M.	2:00	ANOTHER WHOOPING COUGH OUTBREAK STRIKES MID-MISSOURI. THE POTENTIALLY DEADLY DISEASE HAS HIT EASTERN AUDRAIN COUNTY. DOCTORS DIAGNOSSED THE FIRST CASE LAST MONTH IN VAN-FAR SCHOOLS IN VANDALIA. THE TWO MOST RECENT CASES CAME THIS PAST WEEK IN THE SAME AREA. THE AUDRAIN COUNTY-CITY HEALTH UNIT SAYS THE DISEASE IS TREATABLE ... .BUT PEOPLE DO NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE HEALTH RISKS. AUDRAIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS ALSO ADVISE PEOPLE NOT TO PANIC.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/15	10 P.M.	:25	WHAT DO MORE THEN 100 RESTAURANTS IN COLUMBIA HAVE IN COMMON? THEY'VE ALL QUIT SMOKING COLD-

					TURKEY. ALTHOUGH, YOU MIGHT NOT NOTICE...YOUR LUNGS WILL. THIS WEEK IS SMOKE-FREE APPRECIATION WEEK. THE BOONE COUNTY COALITION FOR TOBACCO CONCERNS IS PROMOTING AWARENESS OF SECOND-HAND SMOKE. THE COALITION IS RECOGNIZING 20 OF THE RESTAURANTS WITH BALLOONS AND PLAQUES. RESTAURANTS ARE TAKING NOTICE BY JOINING THE FIGHT AGAINST SECOND HAND SMOKE.

EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 6	11/16	6 P.M.	2:00	AN EDUCATION IN WORLD CULTURE ISN'T ALWAYS EASY TO FIND IN MID-MISSOURI. BUT, ANYONE CAN GET JUST THAT THIS WEEK ON THE M-U CAMPUS FOR FREE... ALL LECTURES, WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A SCHEDULE OF THE ACTIVITIES, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT KOMU.COM.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/17	10 P.M.	1:50	THE SHOOTING DEATH OF A 60- YEAR- OLD RESTAURANT OWNER SHOOK UP THE CITY OF MEXICO... MOURNERS VISITED THE RESTAURANT ALL DAY TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO GUS KARELLAS. MOURNERS LEFT CARDS AND MEMENTOS OUTSIDE THE RESTAURANT WHERE POLICE FOUND KARELLAS SHOT 24 HOURS AGO. IT IS CLEAR FROM THE MANY VISITORS THAT HAVE COME HERE TONIGHT THAT HE WAS GREATLY LOVED. SOME MOURNERS LIT CANDLES, LEFT BOUQUETS OF FLOWERS, AND MADE SIGNS TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS. OTHERS CAME JUST TO BE SILENT FOR A MOMENT AND REMEMBER HIM. MANY PEOPLE HERE TONIGHT SHARED STORIES OF THE PRANKS HE PULLED, AS WELL AS HIS KIND WELCOMING DISPOSITION.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/18	10 P.M.	:45	UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI PRESIDENT ELSON FLOYD TOLD CURATORS TODAY HE'LL KEEP TUITION INCREASES IN LINE WITH

					INFLATION COSTS NEXT YEAR. IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME IN THREE YEARS THE FEE INCREASE COINCIDES WITH THE INFLATION RATE. FLOYD WANTS TUITION TO GO UP NO MORE THAN 3.5 PERCENT FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR. BUT IT'S UP TO THE U-M BOARD OF CURATORS TO DECIDE HOW MUCH TUITION WILL INCREASE. THE MISSOURI STUDENTS ASSOCIATION THINKS FLOYD'S ANNOUNCEMENT IS GOOD NEWS.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/19	10 P.M.	:45	THE CITY OF COLUMBIA IS A LOT RICHER ON PAPER TODAY... AND THAT COULD HELP THE CITY'S ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE. IT'S ALL BECAUSE A CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE CITY MADE A THREE- MILLION DOLLAR MISTAKE. HIS JOB IS TO HELP AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE LOCATE AN EXTRA TEN MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FOR ROAD FUNDING... BUT HE FORGOT TO INCLUDE THREE-MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF REVENUE. THE CITY SAYS THE MISTAKE WAS CAUGHT EARLY ENOUGH SO THAT LITTLE DAMAGE WAS DONE.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/20	10 P.M.	1:30	COLUMBIA POLICE ARRESTED TWO MEMBERS OF M-U'S ALPHA GAMMA RHO FRATERNITY LAST NIGHT ON CHARGES OF ANIMAL ABUSE. ... THE CHARGES CAME AFTER POLICE FOUND NEARLY TWENTY DEAD OPOSSUMS...AND PLENTY OF LIVE ONES. BOONE COUNTY CONSERVATION AGENT SCOTT RICE SAYS HE'S NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT. LAST NIGHT RICE SAW FORTY OPOSSUMS, HALF OF THEM DEAD, IN A BARREL BEHIND M-U'S ALPHA GAMMA RHO HOUSE.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/21	10 P.M.	1:40	THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF FINGER-POINTING IN WASHINGTON TONIGHT... AFTER CONGRESS FAILED TO PASS AN INTELLIGENCE REFORM BILL THIS WEEKEND.

					SENATE LEADERS SAY THEY WILL CALL CONGRESS BACK TO WORK IN DECEMBER TO GET THE BILL PASSED. MANY IN CONGRESS FEEL THEY HAVE FAILED THE FAMILIES OF THE 9-11 VICTIMS...AND ARE VOWING TO TRY AND GET THE BILL PASSED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/22	10 P.M.	:35	A SPRINGFIELD DOMESTIC DISPUTE TURNED DEADLY. IT HAPPENED LATE LAST NIGHT. POLICE SAY A CAR HIT AND KILLED A MAN WITH A KNIFE AS HE CHASED HIS WIFE ACROSS INTERSTATE 44. ANOTHER VEHICLE HIT HIS WIFE, BUT DOCTORS SAVED HER. BEFORE THE AMBULANCE LEFT, SHE TOLD POLICE ABOUT THE BIZARRE INCIDENT… THE WOMAN IS LISTED IN SERIOUS CONDIDTION.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/23	10 P.M.	4:20	WE KNOW DRINKING AND DRIVING DON'T MIX. BUT WHAT ABOUT ALCOHOL AND GUNS? YOU'D BE SURPRISED... MISSOURIANS CAN LEGALLY HAVE A GUN IN ONE HAND AND A BEER IN OTHER. IN TONIGHT'S TARGET 8 REPORT, KOMU'S BLAIR SIMMONS TAKES US INTO THE DEEP WOODS OF OSAGE COUNTY... WHERE HUNTERS LIKE THEIR DEER... AND BEER… BUDWEISER AND BULLETS... IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A WINNING COMBINATION- BUT IT HAPPENS A LOT DURING DEER SEASON IN MISSOURI. ...DESPITE THE FACT THAT ALCOHOL-RELATED INCIDENTS ARE THE THIRD LARGEST CAUSE OF HUNTING DEATHS NATION-WIDE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT	11/24	10 P.M.	2:15	IT MAY SOON COST MORE TO MAIL A LETTER.

	10				ACCORDING TO THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, THE U-S POSTAL SERVICE IS EXPECTED TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR AN INCREASE IN POSTAGE RATES OF AT LEAST TEN-PERCENT THAT WOULD PUSH THE PRICE OF A FIRST-CLASS STAMP TO AT LEAST 41 CENTS. THAT SOUNDS PRETTY EXPENSIVE ... BUT AT LEAST IT'S NOT COMING DURING THIS BIG HOLIDAY MAILING SEASON. BUT PRICE ISN'T THE BIG COMPLAINT AT COLUMBIA'S POST OFFICE. CUSTOMERS COMPLAIN OF LONG LINES AND SLOW SERVICE BECAUSE OF RECENT CHANGES.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	11/25	6 P.M.	:45	THE VIOLENCE IN GAMES SUCH AS X- BOX'S HALO 2 HAVE EXPERTS CONCERNED ABOUT NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON PLAYERS...SUCH AS AGGRESSION AND ADDICTION. BUT THE CONTROVERSY ISN'T SLOWING DOWN SELLS. IT IS ONE OF THE TOP SELLING GAMES AT STORES IN MID-MISSOURI. SALES ASSOCIATES AT WAL-MART TOLD US THEY SOLD OUT OF HALO 2 GAMES THE FIRST WEEK SUPER WAL-MART SAYS THEY DO CARD COSTUMERS WHO TRY TO BUY GAMES RATED MATURE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/26	10 P.M.	1:30	IF YOU WERE OUT SHOPPING TODAY, LONG LINES WEREN'T ONLY AT THE CHECK OUT COUNTER. IN COLUMBIA, STADIUM, BROADWAY AND TURN LANES INTO THE MALL WERE BACKED UP THIS MORNING. BY THIS AFTERNOON, TRAFFIC WAS MOVING SMOOTHLY... WHILE THIS MORNING THERE WERE LONG LINES OF TRAFFIC ON STADIUM THIS evening THE TRAFFIC LINES HAD ALL BUT DISSAPPEARED. MANY SHOPPERS WERE EXPECTING LONG TRAVEL TIMES BUT WERE PLEASED WHEN TRAFFIC WENT SMOOTHLY. ONE SHOPPER WAS ABLE TO GET RIGHT OFF INTERSTATE SEVENTY AND INTO THE TOYS R US PARKING LOT.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/27	10 P.M.	:30	WHILE CUSTOMERS ARE CROWDING DEPARTMENT STORES THIS THANKSGIVING WEEKEND, DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA MERCHANTS ARE GOING ABOUT BUSINESS AS USUAL. ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF TUCKER'S JEWELER'S BUSINESS IS DONE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, BUT SO FAR... THINGS HAVE YET TO PICK UP. THE OWNER SAYS HE USUALLY SEES HIS SALES JUMP- A BIT LATER IN THE SEASON.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/28	10 P.M.	:45	THREE OF THE SIX HUNTERS KILLED IN A CONFRONTATION IN THE WOODS OF NORTHWEST WISCONSIN WERE BURIED THIS WEEKEND. 20-YEAR-OLD JOSEPH CROTTEAU WAS CARRIED TO HIS FINAL RESTING PLACE BY HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS. CROTTEAU AND HIS FATHER WORKED TOGETHER IN THE FAMILY'S CONCRETE BUSINESS THEY PLAYED TOGETHER IN THE OUTDOORS AND SATURDAY THEY WERE MOURNED TOGETHER. THE FINAL TWO FUNERALS ARE SCHEDULED FOR TOMMORROW.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	11/29	6 P.M.	2:10	CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW COLE COUNTY JUSTICE FACILITY COULD BE ONE STEP CLOSER. COLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL DECIDE TOMORROW MORNING WHETHER TO PUT A HALF CENT SALES TAX ON THE FEBRUARY BALLOT.

					THE COUNTY WOULD USE THE SALES TAX TO BUILD AND OPERATE THE JUSTICE FACILITY. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND A CIRCUIT JUDGE HAVE PLED THEIR CASE FOR A NEW FACILITY. BUT, COLE COUNTY MERCHANTS ARE BEING RATHER TIGHT-LIPPED.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	11/30	10 P.M.	:50	A JEFFERSON CITY WOMAN MIGHT BE GETTING OUT OF PRISON SOONER THAN SHE EXPECTED THANKS TO GOVERNOR HOLDEN. LYNDA BRANCH IS IN HER 18TH YEAR IN THE VANDALIA WOMEN'S PRISON. SHE WAS CONVICTED OF KILLING HER HUSBAND IN 1985 AND IS SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE. GOVERNOR HOLDEN GRANTED TWENTY-THREE PARDONS AND CLEMENCY GRANTS LAST WEEK, BRANCH WAS ONE OF THEM.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	12/1	6 P.M.	1:15	A MISSOURI LAWMAKER WANTS TOUGHER LAWS FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T WEAR THEIR SEAT BELTS... SENATOR JOHN DOLAN WANTS THE LEGISLATURE TO PASS A PRIMARY SEAT BELT LAW. THIS LAW WOULD ALLOW POLICE OFFICERS TO STOP DRIVERS FOR NOT USING THEIR SEAT BELTS. UNDER CURRENT LAW, OFFICERS CAN TICKET MOTORISTS FOR NOT WEARING A SEAT BELT ONLY IF THEY ARE STOPPED FOR ANOTHER REASON. MISSOURI'S DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAY SAFETY SAYS THE ISSUE HAS BEEN LEFT OUT OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR TOO MANY YEARS.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/2	10 P.M.	1:05	MISSOURI SCHOOLS HATE THE WAY THE STATE DISTRIBUTES SCHOOL FUNDING. AND THEY'RE MAD ENOUGH TO SUE.... THE STATE HAD ASKED THE COURT TO

					DELAY THE TRIAL FOR 6 MONTHS. ATTORNEYS WANTED THE COURT TO HOLD OFF UNTIL THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAD A CHANCE TO MAKE NEW LAWS CHANGING THE FORMULA AND RAISE MONEY TO FUND EDUCATION. COLE COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGE RICHARD CALLAHAN AGREED TO THE STAY *IF* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AGREED THAT THE SCHOOL AID FORMULA IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. TONIGHT, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE REFUSED TO DO THAT.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/3	10 P.M.	2:00	IT'S SUPPOSED TO HELP OUR BUSIEST HIGHWAYS... VOTERS OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVED AMENDMENT THREE AT THE BALLOT LAST MONTH.... EARMARKING 185- MILLION- DOLLARS TO MO- DOT. AMENDMENT THREE SUPPORTERS PROMISED MISSOURI VOTERS IMPROVED ROADS WITH NO NEW TAXES. YET WITH ALL THE MONEY DIRECTED ONLY TO TRANSPORTATION, THERE MIGHT NOT BE AS MUCH FLEXIBILITY WHEN LAWMAKERS CREATE THE STATE'S BUDGET.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/4	10 P.M.	:40	SOME JEFFERSON CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE DOING THEIR PART TO SUPPORT U.S TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE PROJECT LEAF RELIEF TEAM IS RAKING LEAVES TO SUPPORT FAMILIES OF U.S SOLDIERS ABROAD. IN THE LAST MONTH THEY'VE EARNED MORE THAN 4 THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM RAKING LEAVES. THAT MONEY WILL GO TO OPERATION "WE CARE"- A FUNDRAISER PROVIDING FREE POSTAGE TO FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/5	10 P.M.	1:10	EVERYONE KNOWS ITS ILLEGAL FOR MINORS TO DRINK ALCOHOL... BUT POLICE SAY THEY CAUGHT FOUR CLERKS RED HANDED SELLING TO UNDERAGE BUYERS. THEY SAY THREE JEFFERSON CITY BREAK

					TIMES AND ONE ZIP STOP SOLD ALCOHOL TO A SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD UNDERCOVER INFORMANT... THE HIGHWAY PATROL WORKED WITH TACKETT'S OFFICE IN THE STING. TACKETT SAYS IT'S PART OF AN ATTEMPT TO CONTROL UNDERAGE DRINKING IN COLE COUNTY. THE COUNTY ALREADY REQUIRES UNDERAGE OFFENDERS TO ATTEND ALCOHOL AWARENESS CLASSES WITH THEIR PARENTS. NOW, THEY'RE TRYING TO STOP THE PROBLEM AT THE SOURCE.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/6	10 P.M.	:50	COLUMBIA'S BASS PRO OUTDOOR WORLD IS SET TO OPEN FEBURARY 17TH. TODAY, BASS PRO WENT SHOPPING FOR WORKERS. THE SPRINGFIELD BASED COMPANY HELD A JOB FAIR AT THE HOLIDAY INN EXPO CENTER. BASS PRO WANTS TO FILL ABOUT TWO-HUNDRED POSITIONS IN CUSTOMER SERVICE, RETAIL AND SALES. NOT ONLY IS THE BASS PRO BRINGING JOBS TO COLUMBIA, IT ALSO WANTS TO DRAW TOURISIM.
EDUCATION	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/7	10 P.M.	1:00	JEFFERSON CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE A NEW OPTION NEXT YEAR... LUTHERAN CHURCHES AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN JEFFERSON CITY ARE A LOT CLOSER TO OPENING A NEW HIGH SCHOOL. CALVARY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL WILL OPEN TO NEW FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES IN TIME FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR... TRINITY LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS HOLDING A FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST FOR THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL NEXT WEEKEND.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/8	10 P.M.	:50	MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING WILL TIE ONE ON THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. THE ORGANIZATION IS PROMOTING ITS NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED PREVENTION MONTH. PEOPLE ARE TYING RIBBONS TO THEIR CARS TO SHOW THEIR COMMITMENT TO SOBER DRIVING.

					NOT ONLY DO DRUNK DRIVERS HURT THEMSELVES, BUT INNOCENT PEOPLE AS WELL. PHAEDRA (FAY-DRA) MARRIOTT IS ONE OF THOSE INNOCENT VICTIMS. SHE STARTED WORKING WITH M-A-D-D AFTER SHE WAS ALMOST KILLED BY A DRUNK DRIVER IN 1996.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/9	10 P.M.	1:35	THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SAYS THOUSANDS OF INMATES COULD GET OUT OF PRISON EARLY IF A MISSOURI LAW ISN'T CHANGED. DRUG USERS, BURGLERS AND SEX OFFENDERS CAN ASK TO BE RELEASED AFTER JUST A FEW MONTHS BEHIND BARS. UNDER CURRENT LAW, IF AN INMATE BEHAVES FOR 120 DAYS, THEY CAN PETITION FOR EARLY RELEASE. AND THEIR 4 MONTHS OF GOOD BEHAVIOR IS ALL THAT'S CONSIDERED AT THE PAROLE HEARING. STATE REPRESENTATIVE JEFF HARRIS WANTS VICTIMS TO HAVE A SAY.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/10	10 P.M.	1:40	IF YOU GET HURT ON THE JOB, YOUR EMPLOYER HAS TO PAY FOR YOUR CARE... BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FOUR YEARS, IT'S NOT AS EXPENSIVE. THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE PREDICTS A SEVEN PERCENT DROP IN WORKERS COMPENSATION COSTS. FOR YEARS, WE'VE HEARD ABOUT EXPENSIVE MEDICAL COSTS FOR EMPLOYERS... BUT THERE'S GOOD NEWS. AFTER GROWING BY 30- PERCENT SINCE 2000, WORKERS COMP COSTS SHOULD DROP NEXT YEAR. AND SOME STATE WORKERS THINK THEY KNOW WHY.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU	12/11	10	1:30	IT'S STILL THREE MONTHS UNTIL MEXICO,

	NEWS AT 10		P.M.		MISSOURI'S FIRST WAL-MART SUPERCENTER OPENS. BUT K-O-M-U'S TRAVIS THOMPSON SHOWS US THE SUPERCENTER ALREADY INSPIRED ONE FAMILY-OWNED STORE...TO SHUT DOWN AFTER SIXTY-TWO YEARS… MEXICO ISN' T THE ONLY TOWN IN MID-MISSOURI LOSING LOCALLY-OWNED BUSINESS. AFTER FORTY YEARS, "ZIM'S" A CLOTHING STORE IN FULTON, WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF HE MONTH. EMPLOYEES SAID COMPETITION FROM BIG CHAINS HAS SENT SEVERAL SMALLER STORES OUT OF BUSINESS.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/12	10 P.M.	:20	SOME MID-MISSOURI DAIRY FARMERS WILL BE GETTING PAID FOR NOT PRODUCING MILK. THE NATIONAL MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW IT WILL PAY DAIRY FARMERS TO SLAUGHTER COWS INSTEAD OF MILKING THEM. THIS YEAR THE FEDERATION WILL PAY TO SLAUGHTER 52 THOUSAND COWS. THIS PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO HELP KEEP PRICES UP.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/13	10 P.M.	1:00	ABOUT MID-WAY THROUGH THE FLU SEASON, MISSOURI IS RECEIVING 150-THOUSAND MORE FLU VACCINES FOR HIGH RISK PATIENTS. BOONE COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT HOPES TO GET 100 OF THE VACCINES BY JANUARY. THEY DISTRIBUTE THE IMMUNIZATIONS ON A WALK-IN BASIS. THOUGH THE CLINIC CURRENTLY HAS LESS THAN 100 *STANDARD* FLU VACCINES, THEY HAVE A LARGE SUPPLY OF THE FLU-MIST NASAL SPRAY. THE CLINIC ENCOURAGES PEOPLE WITH HIGH EXPOSURE RISKS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE FLU-MIST VACCINE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/14	10 P.M.	:50	A NEW BUSINESS IN COOPER COUNTY CAUSES SOME CONTROVERSY. IT'S ADVERTISED AS AN ALL MALE GYM IN ADULT MAGAZINES. THIS BUILDING USED TO HOLD A TRUCK

					WASH... NOW IT'S HOME TO A 24- HOUR GYM OFF I-70. THE BUSINESS SHARES ABOUT A QUARTER MILE OF LAND WITH THREE ADULT STORES... IF IT'S USED AS A SEX CLUB, HEALTH OFFICIALS WORRY ABOUT SEXUALY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AND YOUNG ADULTS.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/15	10 P.M.	2:30	MOST OF US AREN'T READING THE LABELS ON OUR MEDICATION. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PATIENTS INFORMATION AND EDUCATION RELEASED THESE STATISTICS... THIS RECENT STUDY SAYS ONE OUT OF EVERY TWELVE PEOPLE SURVEYED DOESN'T READ THE LABELS OF THEIR MEDICINE AT ALL, AND THAT IS JUST THE BEGINNING. MANY PEOPLE TAKE MEDICINE LABELS WITH A GRAIN OF SALT. THE STUDY SAYS ONLY TWENTY PERCENT OF PEOPLE SURVEYED READ LABELS FOR SYMPTOMS AND DOSAGE INSTRUCTIONS. BARB PAYNE IS A CUSTOMER AT KILGORE'S PHARMACY AND SAYS SHE ALWAYS READS MEDICINE LABELS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/16	10 P.M.	1:15	MISSOURI STUDENTS MIGHT SEE CHANGES IN THEIR SEX- EDUCATION CURRICULUM. A NEW LEGISLATIVE BILL AIMS TO GET ABSTINENCE-ONLY EDUCATION IN MISSOURI SCHOOLS. IF THE BILL PASSES, EACH DISTRICT "COULD" CHANGE ITS CURRICULUM. MANY DISTRICTS ALREADY TEACH ABSTINENCE IN COMBINATION WITH OTHER CONTRACEPTIVE MEASURES.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/17	10 P.M.	2:00	POLICE CHARGED A KANSAS WOMAN FOR KILLING A PREGNANT MOTHER AND KIDNAPPING A BABY FROM HER WOMB. AN AMBER ALERT FOR THAT BABY IS

					OVER... AFTER THE LITTLE BABY GIRL WAS FOUND AND POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED. THE MURDER AND ABDUCTION TOOK PLACE IN SKIDMORE, MISSOURI... IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE STATE, ABOUT 30 MILES NORTH OF ST. JOSEPH... THE BABY'S FATHER WAS AT WORK WHEN HIS WIFE WAS KILLED. HE WAS REUNITED WITH THE BABY. AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE KIDNAPPER PREVIOUSLY HAD A MISCARRIAGE.

CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	12/18	6 P.M.	2:40	A SMALL TOWN IS STILL REELING AFTER A BABY RIPPED FROM HER DEAD MOTHER'S WOMB IS FOUND ALIVE. GOOD EVENING, I'M ZACK OTTENSTEIN. TODAY THE BABY'S FATHER GOT TO SEE HIS CHILD FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A KANSAS WOMAN HAS CONFESSED TO KILLING THE EIGHT-MONTH PREGNANT WOMAN AND STEALING HER UN-BORN BABY. N-B-C'S KEVIN TIBBLES HAS THE LATEST ON THE CRIME THAT ROCKED A TOWN.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/19	10 P.M.	2:20	THE WEEKEND BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS THE BUSIEST SHOPPING WEEKEND OF THE YEAR. BUT A NEW ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL SHOWS MANY AMERICANS ARE WORRIED ABOUT USING CREDIT CARDS TO PURCHASE HOLIDAY CHEER. OF PEOPLE WITH CREDIT CARDS SURVEYED... ABOUT 40 PERCENT WILL USE THEM FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING. 20 PERCENT WORRY ABOUT THEIR CREDIT CARD DEBT MOST OF THE TIME... AND WITH GOOD REASON ... BECAUSE ALMOST 20 PERCENT OF CARD OWNERS OWE 5-THOUSAND DOLLARS OR MORE ... HALF OF THOSE PEOPLE OWE 10-THOUSAND OR MORE.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/20	10 P.M.	:45	CENTRALIA RESIDENTS HAVE A NEW OPTION FOR MEDICAL CARE. THE CENTRALIA MEDICAL CLINIC RE-

					OPENED TODAY AFTER BEING CLOSED ALMOST A YEAR. THE AUDRAIN MEDICAL CENTER OVERSEES THE CLINIC AND CLOSED IT BECAUSE OF BUDGET CUTS. THIS YEAR THE MEDICAL CENTER RE-OPENED IT...AND HIRED DR. BETSY ARMSTRONG. DR. ARMSTRONG RETURNED TO CENTRALIA AFTER FOUR YEARS AWAY AND THE AUDRAIN MEDICAL CENTER WANTED HER TO RUN THE CLINIC. THE CLINIC IS AMONG THREE OTHER MEDICAL CARE PROVIDERS IN THE CENTRALIA AREA, BUT OFFICIALS ARE CONFIDENT THERE IS ENOUGH WORK TO GO AROUND.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 6	12/21	6 P.M.	1:50	SOME OF MISSOURI'S BIG BUSINESS PEOPLE ATTENDED A BIG SUMMIT IN JEFFERSON CITY TODAY. ABOUT 40 BUSINESS PEOPLE AND POLITICIANS ATTENDED AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOBS SUMMIT… NEW NUMBERS ABOUT MISSOURI'S ECONOMY WERE RELEASED TODAY. THOSE NUMBERS SHOW SOMETHING PRETTY INTERESTING. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE NOW UNEMPLOYED INCREASED "AND" THE AT THE SAME TIME, MORE JOBS WERE CREATED.
CRIME	KOMU NEWS AT 6	12/22	6 P.M.	:25	MONTGOMERY CITY POLICE ARRESTED A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER FOR THE RAPE OF A 14-YEAR OLD FEMALE STUDENT. TWENTY-EIGHT YEAR OLD JASON MATTHEW DEVLIN FACES ONE COUNT OF STATUTORY SODOMY IN THE SECOND ONE COUNT OF STATUTORY RAPE IN THE SECOND DEGREE.… 3 MISDEMEANOR COUNTS OF CHILD MOLESTATION…AND THREE MISDEMEANOR COUNTS OF CHILD MOLESTATION IN THE SECOND DEGREE. POLICE SAY THE ASSAULT TOOK PLACE LAST MONTH ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 6	12/23	6 P.M.	1:30	IF YOU'RE EXPECTING A PACKAGE FROM FEDERAL EXPRESS TO BE DELIVERED BEFORE CHRISTMAS, YOU MIGHT BE DISAPPOINTED. A RECENT SNOW STORM IS SLOWING THINGS DOWN AT FED EX'S MAIN SHIPPING

					POINTS. TO CATCH-UP, FED EX WILL DELIVER THOSE PACKAGES OVER THE WEEK-END AND INTO NEXT WEEK… EXPERTS SAY THE INCREASE IN ONLINE SHOPPING IS ONE REASON FOR THE ADDED RUSH.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 6	12/24	6 P.M.	4:30	WITH DIGITAL CAMERA'S, D-V-D'S AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS TOPPING MANY CHRISTMAS LISTS, THERE'S NO DOUBT THE DIGITAL AGE IS HITTING FULL STRIDE. BUT THE COMPUTER REVOLUTION IS COMING A LITTLE SLOWER FOR SOME... INCLUDING SOME PLACES YOU MIGHT NOT EXPECT. K-O-M-U'S SARAH CARTER SHOW US HOW SOME MID-MISSOURI DOCTORS ARE PUTTING AWAY THE OLD PAPER CHARTS TO BECOME DIGITAL DOCTORS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	12/25	6 P.M.	:20	A NEW TRAFFIC LAW IS GOING LARGELY UNNOTICED. IT REQUIRES DRIVERS TO USE THEIR HEADLIGHTS WHEN THEIR WINDSHIELD WIPERS ARE ON MISSOURI POLITICIANS APPROVED THE BILL EARLIER THIS YEAR, BUT THE TEN DOLLAR FINE DIDN'T GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL DECEMBER 1ST. SO FAR POLICE HAVE NOT TICKETED ANYONE UNDER THE LAW. POLICE IN SOME CITIES AREN'T EVEN AWARE THE LAW EXISTS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/26	10 P.M.	:30	COM-AIR IS GETTING BACK TO THE SKIES AFTER A ROUGH CHRISTMAS. THE DELTA SUBSIDIARY CANCELLED ALL OF ITS 11-THOUSAND FLIGHTS YESTERDAY, STRANDING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PASSENGERS. SOME FLIGHTS ARE BACK IN THE AIR

					TODAY, BUT IT COULD BE MORE THAN A WEEK BEFORE ALL FLIGHTS ARE BACK TO NORMAL. COMAIR CANCELLED ALL ITS FLIGHTS AFTER A CRITICAL COMPUTER SYSTEM CRASHED. AIRLINE OFFICIALS SAID THE COMPUTER SYSTEM CRASHED BECAUSE OF CANCELLATIONS AND DELAYS BY THE WINTER STORM IN THE MIDWEST.

HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/27	10 P.M	:45	IF YOU WANTED A FLU SHOT BUT COULDN'T GET ONE...THIS COULD BE YOUR WEEK. YOU STILL CAN'T GET A SHOT, BUT YOU CAN NOW GET FLU-MIST. FLUMIST NASAL SPRAY IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE FLU SHOT. AND FLUMIST'S MAKERS SAY MORE PEOPLE CAN USE THE SPRAY INSTEAD OF A SHOT. BUT SOME PATIENTS ARE WORRIED THE SPRAY WON'T BE EFFECTIVE.
HEALTH	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/28	10 P.M.	1:45	PARENTS UNABLE TO HELP OR HEAL A SICK CHILD MAY FIND A NEW ANSWER HERE IN MID-MISSOURI. K-O-M-U'S CAROLINE BRADY SHOWS US HOW TWO DOCTORS AT THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARE ARE RESEARCHING AN OFTEN MIS-DIAGNOSED CONDITION IN INFANTS.... MEDICINE IS ALL ABOUT EXPERIMENTATION. THAT'S WHAT UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI DOCTERS MARCY BOTHWELL AND JEFF PHILLIPS WOULD TELL YOU. THE TWO ARE ON THE FOREFRONT OF DIAGNOSING ACID REFLUX DISEASE...IN INFANTS. THIER RESEARCH AND METHODS DRAW IN FAMILIES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY. FAMILIES SO DESPERATE THAT MID-MISSOURI MIGHT BE THIER LAST HOPE.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 6	12/29	6 P.M.	2:20	MISSOURI'S D-N-R DIRECTOR RESIGNS. GOOD EVENING EVERYONE, I'M BETH MALICKI.

					AND I'M JIM RIEK, THANKS FOR JOINING US. THE 21-YEAR VETERAN OF THE DEPARTMENT IS STEPPING DOWN AFTER *SEVEN* YEARS AS DIRECTOR. K-O-M-U'S MATT JOHNSON JOINS US NOW, MATT WAS THE DIRECTOR'S RESIGNATION POLITICALLY MOTIVATED? BETH AND JIM, WITH THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD IN MISSOURI'S GOVERNORS OFFICE, THE NEW GOVERNOR ALWAYS GETS THE POWER TO APPOINT NEW DIRECTORS TO STATE AGENCIES LIKE THE D-N-R.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU NEWS AT 10	12/30	10 P.M.	1:20	TAX SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND THIS YEAR YOU MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A TAX REFUND AND NOT EVEN KNOW IT. SENIOR CITIZENS OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE, ANYONE WHO IS COMPELETLY DISABLED, AND WIDOWS OR WIDOWERS OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLAR REFUND. THE REFUND IS AVAILABLE FOR THE PAST THREE TAX YEARS--AND NEW GUIDELINES MEAN MORE PEOPLE ARE ELIGIBLE.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU NEWS AT 6	12/31	10 P.M.	2:00	NEW YEAR'S EVE IS WINDING DOWN AND ALTHOUGH IT'S A HOLIDAY NOT ALL COUNTY WORKERS GOT THE DAY OFF. SOME COUNTY COLLECTORS OFFICES AROUND THE STATE STAYED OPEN TODAY DESPITE THE HOLIDAY. KOMU'S EMMAKATE YOUNG JOINS US..... EMMAKATE, WHY DID THEY HAVE TO GO TO WORK TODAY? WELL, TODAY WAS THE LAST DAY TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES WITHOUT FACING A LATE FEE OR PENALTY. MANY COLLECTOR'S OFFICES AROUND THE STATE REMAINED OPEN TO GIVE TAXPAYERS ONE MORE CHANCE TO PAY THEIR TAXES. I VISITED THE BOONE AND COOPER COUNTY COLLECTOR'S OFFICES TODAY TO CHECK OUT THE SITUATION.