## 3RD QUARTER 2006
## 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 July 1st, 2006 TO September 30th, 2006. THE LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE, BUT INSTEAD SHOWS THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF COVERAGE. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ISSUES APPEAR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PRIORITY OR SIGNIFICANCE.

3rd QUARTER ISSUES: CONSUMER ISSUES, CRIME, DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, JOBS/ECONOMY

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| CONSUMER ISSUES | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 4/1 | 6:00 PM | 1:25 | BOONE COUNTY COURTHOUSE OFFICIALS SAY THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ROOM TO WORK... AND THEY WANT YOU TO PAY FOR IT. COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES WANT VOTERS TO APPROVE A ONE-FIFTH-CENT SALES TAX TUESDAY. PART OF THE TAX WOULD RAISE 14 MILLION DOLLARS OVER THREE YEARS TO RENOVATE AND EXPAND ON THE COURTHOUSE. THEY HELD PUBLIC TOURS THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON TO CONVINCE PEOPLE TO SEE THE PROBLEMS FOR THEMSELVES. |
| CONSUMER ISSUES | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 7/1 | 10:00 PM | 1:12 | FESTIVITIES ARE KICKING OFF ALL OVER MID-MISSOURI, AND FIREWORKS ARE IN HIGH DEMAND. BUT DESPITE THE EXCITEMENT OF ANYONE INTERESTED IN FIREWORKS, COLUMBIA POLICE SAY THEY'RE CRACKING DOWN FOR SAFETY CONCERNS. DESPITE THE LAW THAT SAYS FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL TO USE IN COLUMBIA, IT'S NOT WORRYING STORE OWNERS OR CUSTOMERS TOO MUCH. |

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| HEALTH | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 7/2 | 10:00 PM | 2:15 | THE LOW CARB CRAZE IS DIPPING IN POPULARITY, SO DIET EXPERTS HOPE YOU'LL RETURN TO THE BASICS. WHETHER YOU'RE IN THE GROCERY STORE OR AT MCDONALDS'S, YOU CAN BET THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF LOW CARB OPTIONS. BUT THE QUESTION IS WHAT KIND OF RESULTS IS THE LOW CARB CRAZE PRODUCING? NO MATTER WHAT FAD DIET COMES TO BOOKSTORES AND TV NEXT, DIETICIANS STILL SAY THE BEST WAY TO LOSE WEIGHT IS THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY. |
| CRIME | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 7/3 | 6:00 PM | 1:05 | COOPER COUNTY AUTHORITIES HAVE ARRESTED TWO PEOPLE FOR THE DEATH OF A BUNCETON CHILD. THE SUSPECTS INCLUDE THE CHILD'S MOTHER. THIS APARTMENT BUILDING IS WHERE INVESTIGATORS SAY FIVE-YEAR-OLD COLBY BOLTE RECEIVED A FATAL HEAD TRAUMA FRIDAY. DEPUTIES ARRESTED THIRTY-YEAR-OLD COREY GADDY THE SAME DAY. PROSECUTORS ARE CHARGING GADDY WITH SECOND-DEGREE MURDER, VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER, DOMESTIC ABUSE, AND CHILD ENDANGERMENT. HIS GIRLFRIEND AND THE BOY'S MOTHER, TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR OLD CRYSTAL BOLTE FACES CHILD ENDANGERMENT CHARGES. AUTHORITIES SAY THE COUPLE'S STORY ABOUT WHAT LED TO THE BOY'S INJURIES DIDN'T MATCH THE CORONER'S AUTOPSY. |
| ECONOMY | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 7/4 | 6:00 PM | 2:15 | GAS PRICES ARE HIGH AND WALLETS ARE EMPTY, BUT THE HIGHWAYS ARE FULL. GAS PRICES COULD BE MAKING A DENT IN POCKETBOOKS, BUT NOT TRAVEL PLANS. GASOLINE COSTS UP SIXTY CENTS PER GALLON FROM LAST YEAR. THAT MEANS THAT SOME PEOPLE CHANGED THEIR FOURTH OF JULY TRAVEL PLANS. BUT OTHER DRIVERS DIDN'T REALLY NOTICE THE CHANGE. |

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| **GOVERNMENT** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **7/5** | **10:00 PM** | **1:45** | CRUDE OIL PRICES SURGE AS MISSOURI GOVERNOR BLUNT TOURS THE STATE PROMOTING LOW-COST CORN-BASED FUELS. GOVERNOR BLUNT'S CAMPAIGN TO PUMP MORE MISSOURI GROWN MOTOR FUEL. GOVERNOR BLUNT BEGAN A STATEWIDE TOUR TODAY PUSHING GREATER USE OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS -- LIKE THE STUFF MADE FROM CORN THAT IS MIXED INTO OIL-BASED GASOLINE. ACCORDING TO MFA OIL COMPANY, THE NEW ETHANOL BLENDED GASOLINE WILL NEVER COST MORE... |
| **GOVERNMENT** | **KOMU NEWS AT 5** | **7/6** | **5:00 PM** | **2:15** | A FEDERAL TRANSIT GRANT IS BUYING NEW BUSES FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA. THEY'RE VANS CITY LEADERS HOPE WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO GET FROM HERE TO THERE... HULSHOF SAYS IT'S JUST PART OF MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS HE'S RAISED OVER THE PAST YEAR TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION. BUT THE NEW BUSES ARE PART OF PARA TRANSIT. AND THAT SYSTEM CHARGES DISABLED RIDERS MORE THAN REGULAR CITY BUSES. PARA TRANSIT BUSES COST ONE DOLLAR A RIDE, AND TAKE DISABLED PASSENGERS RIGHT TO THEIR DESTINATION. |
| **ECONOMY** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **7/7** | **6:00 PM** | **1:55** | THE BIGGEST EMPLOYERS IN ONE MID-MISSOURI TOWN JUST GOT SOME HELP FROM THE STATE TO GET A LITTLE BIGGER. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTED MOBERLY FOUR MILLION DOLLARS IN TAX CREDITS. THE CREDITS WILL ALLOW BIG EMPLOYERS TO SAVE SOME MONEY THE STATE HOPES WILL SPUR GROWTH. |

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| **CRIME** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **7/8** | **10:00 PM** | **1:50** | THE COLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECENTLY BOUGHT FOUR TASERS THAT HAVE THE ABILITY TO STOP A CRIMINAL IN THEIR TRACKS. THE MODEL THAT THE SHERIFF PURCHASED IS NOT LIKE PREVIOUS MODELS ...THESE RECORD BOTH VIDEO AND AUDIO. AND WITH THOSE RECORDINGS, OFFICERS CAN FEEL REST ASSURED THAT THEIR ACTIONS WILL NEVER BE DISPUTED. |
| **CRIME** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **7/9** | **10:00 PM** | **2:20** | THE LAKE IS WELL KNOWN AS A DESTINATION FOR THOSE LOOKING FOR FUN ON THE WATER. BUT A NEW REPORT SAYS THOSE LOOKING FOR FUN MIGHT LIKELY FIND DANGER INSTEAD.....SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T SUPRISE MANY FREQUENT BOATERS. MORE PEOPLE MEANS MORE TRAFFIC...AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCIDENTS. THE NUMBERS ARE IN, AND THE KANSAS CITY STAR SAYS THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AT THE LAKE MAKES IT THE THIRD MOST ACCIDENT PRONE WATERWAY IN THE NATION. |
| **GOVERNMENT** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **7/10** | **6:00 PM** | **2:10** | TOO MANY LEAKS TO FIX...NOT ENOUGH MONEY TO GO AROUND... THAT'S THE PROBLEM IN FULTON WHERE CENTURY OLD WATER SEWER LINES ARE BREAKING WAY TOO OFTEN. THE CITY IS ALSO SCRAMBLING TO FIND MONEY TO FIX THE PROBLEM--THERE'S NOT EVEN A GUESS AS TO HOW MUCH IT WILL ALL COST. SOME OF THE FUNDING ALTERNATIVES FULTON MIGHT USE ARE GRANTS, FOUNDATIONS, LOANS AND MO-DOT. THE FULTON CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TOMORROW NIGHT AND MAY DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS. |

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| **JOBS** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **7/11** | **6:00 PM** | **1:35** | CLIFFORD, THE BIG RED DOG ISN'T ONLY CREATING BOOKS FOR CHILDREN... HE'S ALSO CREATING JOBS FOR THEIR FAMILIES. SCHOLASTIC IS LOOKING FOR A FEW NEW WORKERS. THE COMPANY IS CURRENTLY HIRING 2-HUNDRED NEW EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS CAME IN BY THE DOZENS. |
| **HEALTH** | **KOMU NEWS AT 5** | **7/12** | **5:00 PM** | **1:48** | ONCE YOU FEEL THE PAIN OF ARTHRITIS, IT IS ALREADY TOO LATE FOR PREVENTATIVE MEDICINES. MU RESEARCHERS ARE FINDING NEW WAYS TO DIAGNOSE AND TREAT ARTHRITIS EARLY, BEFORE IT BECOMES A PAIN. THIS DOG MAY NOT LOOK LIKE YOU - BUT WHEN IT COMES TO ARTHRITIS, HE IS ALMOST EXACTLY THE SAME. DOGS ALSO DEVELOP ARTHRITIS MUCH FASTER THAN PEOPLE, WHICH MADE STUDYING THE DISEASE EASIER. THROUGH HIS RESEARCH, COOK FOUND GENETIC SIGNS FOR ARTHRITIS...GENES THAT CAN INCREASE THE LIKELHOOD OF DEVELOPING THE DISEASE. A BREAKTHROUGH IN PREVENTING ITS PROGRESSION. |
| **CRIME** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **7/13** | **6:00 PM** | **2:05** | AN EARLY MORNING STABBING SENDS A COLUMBIA WOMAN AND HER GRANDSON TO THE HOSPITAL, AND POLICE ON A HIGH SPEED CHASE. THE ATTACK HAPPENED IN A SOUTHWEST COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD. |

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| **CONSUMER** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **7/14** | **10:00 PM** | **1:20** | THE COLUMBIA ONLINE INFORMATION NETWORK IS SIGNING OFF. COIN HAS BEGUN CUTTING OFF SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS. COIN STARTED AS THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE FREE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. IN 2005 IT BEGAN CHARGING A SMALL FEE FOR ITS SERVICES. THE DANIEL BOONE REGIONAL LIBRARY WILL HIRE SOME OF THE COIN EMPLOYEES. |
| **GOVERNMENT** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **7/15** | **6:00 PM** | **2:20** | U-S HOUSE BILL 810 PASSED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES... NOW, AS IT MAKES its WAY TO THE SENATE... POLITICIANS FROM BOTH SIDES ARE HAVING THEIR SAY. SOME SAY IT'S THE KEY TO FUTURE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH... OTHERS SAY USING EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS TAKES AWAY A LIFE. TODAY, MISSOURI STATE SENATOR CHUCK GRAHAM SPOKE OUT ABOUT THE ISSUE... JUST DAYS BEFORE MONDAY'S EXPECTED DEBATE IN THE U-S SENATE. |
| **EDUCATION** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **7/16** | **10:00 PM** | **2:40** | PARENTS ARE LISTENING TO WHAT THEIR KIDS HAVE TO SAY, EVEN THOUGH THEY AREN'T SAYING ANYTHING. SOME PARENTS ARE TAKING A DIFFERENT APPROACH...THEY'RE TEACHING THEIR KIDS SIGN LANGUAGE. PARENTS CAN USE SIGN LANGUAGE TO TALK TO THEIR KIDS WITHOUT SAYING A WORD. |

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| CONSUMER | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 7/17 | 6:00 PM | 1:40 | IT'S HOT OUT... WHICH MEANS TIME TO TURN UP THE A-C...BUT KEEPING THE HOUSE COOL CAN BE COSTLY. A PROPOSED PROGRAM THAT WOULD BRING COOL AIR INTO HOMES THAT NEED IT. THAT'S WHY COLUMBIA'S WATER AND LIGHT DEPARTMENT AND THE CENTRAL MISSOURI COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER WANT TO TEAM UP TO REPLACE 100 OLD, INEFFICIENT AIR-CONDITIONERS... |
| CONSUMER | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 7/18 | 6:00 PM | 1:25 | DRIVERS IN KANSAS CITY NOW HAVE TO PAY BEFORE THEY PUMP... SOME MID-MISSOURIANS ARE HOPING THIS BIG CITY IDEA DOES NOT CATCH ON HERE. KANSAS CITY HAD OVER 11-HUNDRED RUNOFFS THIS YEARS WHICH COST TAXPAYERS OVER 26-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR POLICE TIME. BUT SOME OF THE PETROLEUM AND CONVENIENCE STORES IN MID-MO DON'T THINK IT WILL HAPPEN HERE. |
| GOVERNMENT | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 7/19 | 10:00 PM | 1:55 | COLUMBIA RESIDENTS COULD BE USING MORE POWER THAN THE CITY CAN PRODUCE. ALEX ARCHULETA KNOWS ALL ABOUT THE HEAT. AS AN EMPLOYEE OF COLUMBIA'S WATER AND LIGHT DEPARTMENT, HE NOT ONLY TALKS TO PEOPLE ABOUT HIGH TEMPS, HE HAS TO WORK IN IT. COLUMBIA WATER AND LIGHT IS PROVIDING THE SWITCHES FREE TO ANYONE IN COLUMBIA. |
| EDUCATION | KOMU NEWS AT 5 | 7/20 | 5:00 PM | 1:55 | STUDENTS RETURNING TO MEXICO'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN AUGUST WILL NOTICE SOMETHING MISSING FROM THE CAMPUS VENDING MACHINES. THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS MADE A DECISION TO REMOVE ALL SUGAR-BASED DRINKS FROM STUDENTS ACCESS IN THE COMING SEMESTER. DESPITE THE SCHOOLS' EFFORTS TO HELP, PARENTS STILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THEIR KIDS' DIET DECISION. |

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| GOVERNMENT | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 7/21 | 6:00 PM | 2:30 | COLUMBIA'S PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION VOTED 7-1 AGAINST PROPOSED RETAIL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT... NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF GARTH AND SEXTON. THE COVENANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WANTS TO BUILD A COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SEXTON AND GARTH... BUT THEY NEED THE CITY TO REZONE THE LAND. BUT... THE RIDGEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION SAYS ANY DEVELOPMENT SHOULD SERVE NEARBY RESIDENTS... AND NOT JUST OUTSIDE DEVELOPERS. |
| GOVERNMENT | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 7/22 | 6:00 PM | 2:15 | THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION FILED A LAWSUIT IN U-S DISTRICT COURT YESTERDAY...ON BEHALF OF WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH... THE KANSAS GROUP KNOWN FOR ITS ANTI-GAY PROTESTS AT MILITARY FUNERALS. THE SUIT CLAIMS MISSOURI'S BAN ON PROTESTS AT MILITARY FUNERALS...VIOLATES FREE SPEECH |
| HEALTH | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 7/23 | 10:00 PM | 1:50 | WE'VE GROWN USED TO THE IDEA OF THE WEST NILE VIRUS BEING A THREAT IN MISSOURI. WE'VE SEEN THE DEADLY EFFECTS IT CAN HAVE ON. WHERE THERE'S MOSQUITOES, THERE CAN ALSO BE WEST NILE. BUT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICALS AGREE... SO FAR, THIS HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR. OTHER FACTORS, SUCH AS CLIMATE CHANGE COULD ALSO BE TO THANK FOR WEST NILE'S DECLINE. BUT HE SAYS IT'S STILL IMPORTANT FOR FOLKS TO USE BUG SPRAY AND TO DUMP OUT STANDING WATER |

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| **GOVERNMENT** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **7/24** | **6:00 PM** | **1:00** | JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MIGHT ASK VOTERS TO DROP PROPERTY TAXES BY HALF A CENT. THE RATE COULD DROP FROM THREE DOLLARS, SIXTY-SEVEN POINT SEVEN CENTS PER ONE HUNDRED ASSESSED VALUATIONS. THAT HALF CENT DROP MEANS ABOUT A FIVE DOLLAR SAVINGS FOR SOMEONE OWNING A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR HOME. |
| **EDUCATION** | **KOMU NEWS AT 5** | **7/25** | **5:00 PM** | **1:50** | THE SUN STARTED TAKING IT EASY ON US A LITTLE BIT, ALLOWING KIDS TO GO OUTSIDE AGAIN. USUALLY KIDS GO OUT A COUPLE OF TIMES A DAY, BUT WITH SOME OF THE HOTTEST DAYS WE'VE HAD...THE CHILDREN CAN ONLY GO OUTSIDE EARLIER IN THE DAY AND IT MUST INVOLVE WATER. |
| **DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **7/26** | **6:00 PM** | **1:55** | JEFFERSON CITY POLICE OFFICERS JOINED THE COLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE HIGHWAY PATROL IN A MAJOR DRUG SWEEP. WHILE THE GOAL WAS TO SURPRISE SOME OF THE DRUG DEALERS BY THEIR VISIT, SOME NEIGHBORS OF THE ARRESTED ALREADY SAW IT COMING. MUSTANG OFFICERS ARE STILL PRIVATELY WORKING ON INVESTIGATIONS. |
| **CRIME** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **7/27** | **6:00 PM** | **1:45** | FOUR BREAK-INS IN FOUR BOONVILLE CHURCHES LEAVE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN DAMAGES. EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING, SAINT'S PETER AND PAUL BECAME THE FOURTH BOONVILLE CHURCH BROKEN INTO IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS.OTHER CHURCHES HIT INCLUDE THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST CHURCH SOUTHWEST OF TOWN. |
| **CRIME** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **7/28** | **10:00 PM** | **2:15** | MOBERLY POLICE WANT TO KNOW WHO VANDALIZED THE ST. MARY'S CEMETERY... A *FIVE*-FOOT STATUE WAS RIPPED FROM IT'S BASE AND SHOVED TO THE GROUND. THE STATUE WAS SO HEAVY THAT PART OF IT - THE HEAD - BURIED ABOUT FOUR INCHES IN THE GROUND... |

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| EDUCATION | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 7/29 | 6:00 PM | 2:20 | THE WORK OF AN M-U PROFESSOR WHO WANTS TO THROW THAT RED PEN IN THE TRASH FOR GOOD. PROFESSORS LIKE EDWARD BRENT, HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED NEVER HAS TIME FOR A BREAK. FOUR YEARS AGO, BRENT CREATED A WEBSITE CALLED ESSAY GRADER. AND NOW HE AND HIS TEAM ARE SPENDING THEIR SUMMER IMPROVING THE PROGRAM SO STUDENTS CAN IMPROVE THEIR GRADES. UNLIKE OTHER WEBSITES THAT FOCUS ON GRAMMAR...THIS ONE IS STRICTLY CONTENT. |
| HEALTH | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 7/30 | 10:00 PM | 1:45 | BOONE COUNTY RESIDENTS MIGHT BE WORRIED ABOUT A PARTICLE THEY DRINK WITH THEIR WATER EVERYDAY. WHAT'S IN THE WATER AT THE HARG WELL MIGHT SOUND WORSE FOR YOU THAN IT REALLY IS. THE WATER FROM THE HARG WELL IN BOONE COUNTY EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM CONTAINMENT LEVEL FOR RADIONUCLIDES.... OR ALSO KNOWN AS RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS. ACCORDING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S WEBSITE VERY LOW LEVELS OF RADIONUCLIDES AREN'T A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT. AND MISSOURI'S DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SAYS IT WOULD TAKE 70 YEARS TO GET CANCER FROM THE WELL'S LEVEL. |
| CRIME | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 7/31 | 6:00 PM | 1:20 | A SUNDAY MORNING SHOOTING IS THE LATEST VIOLENCE TO STRIKE THE AREA AROUND NINTH AND WESTMINSTER. POLICE SAY A GROUP OF LOCAL TEENAGERS GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH SOME RESIDENTS FROM ST. LOUIS. AND ONE FULTON TEEN ENDED UP IN THE HOSPITAL WITH BULLET WOUNDS. POLICE ARRESTED 23-YEAR OLD OLANDIS GREEN AND 19-YEAR OLD BYRON WALTON FOR SECOND DEGREE ASSUALT. BOTH ARE FROM ST.LOUIS. |
| ECONOMY | KOMU NEWS AT 5 | 8/1 | 5:00 PM | 1:15 | A NEW STATE REPORT RANKING WHICH PLACES IN MISSOURI ARE BEST FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. MISSOURI OFFICIALS RELEASED THE FIRST SENIOR REPORT ON TUESDAY, REPORTING WHICH COUNTIES WERE THE BEST AND WORST FOR SENIORS TO LIVE IN. BOONE COUNTY COMES IN AT NUMBER ONE... AND ACCORDING TO OTTO ORTMEYER, IT'S BECAUSE OF THE SENIOR CENTER. |

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| **CONSUMER** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **8/2** | **10:00 PM** | **1:15** | ROBERT WYATT STARTED FIXING AIR CONDITIONERS FIFTEEN YEARS AGO. HE'S USED TO WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK. BUT THE LAST FEW WEEKS HAVE HIM CONSTANTLY RUNNING. NOT THAT ANYONE IS ABOUT TO TELL HIM TO GO AWAY. TODAY WYATT'S IS REPAIRING SHARON SMITH'S TWENTY-YEAR OLD AIR CONDITIONER. SHE HAD THE SAME CONCERNS WE'D ALL HAVE IF THE AIR CONDITIONER STOPPED WORKING ON A ONE-HUNDRED DEGREE DAY. |
| **GOVERNMENT** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **8/3** | **6:00 PM** | **1:35** | THE MISSOURI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD IS ADDING A NEW TRANSPORTATION UNIT.THIS COMES AFTER THE GUARD IMPROVED ITS RECRUITMENT RANK FROM 37TH IN THE NATION TO 2ND. 58 MEMBERS OF THE NEW TRANSPORATION UNIT WILL WORK HERE IN JEFFERSON CITY. THE OTHERS WILL BE OUT OF JEFFERSON BARRACKS IN ST. LOUIS. TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES USE VEHICLES TO HELP CIVILIANS IN NEED BY TRANSPORTING GOODS AND PERSONNEL. |
| **CONSUMER** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **8/4** | **10:00 PM** | **2:15** | BIG BARGAINS, SAAVY SHOPPERS, AND A TAX BREAK COMBINE THE THREE AND YOU GET MISSOURI'S ANNUAL SALES TAX HOLIDAY. WITH THE FOUR-POINT-2-2-5 PERCENT SAVED ON THE FINAL BILL, SOME CUSTOMERS SAY IT WAS WELL WORTH THE RUSH. EVEN THOUGH MANY OF THE COUNTIES AND CITIES IN THE AREA ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THEIR OWN TAX HOLIDAY, SHOPPERS CAN STILL AVOID PAYING THAT STATE TAX. |
| **EDUCATIONS** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **8/5** | **6:00 PM** | **1:55** | MANY SCHOLARSHIPS TEND TO FOCUS ON HIGH SCHOOL AND EVEN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS. BUT M-U IS TRYING TO INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE POTENTIAL TO PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION. THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI IS GOING TO PICK SOME TALENTED BUT NEEDY FOURTH GRADERS. THE M-U COUNCIL ANNOUNCED THE EARLY PROMISE PROGRAM THURSDAY. UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS HOPE IT WILL GIVE MORE STUDENTS ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HIGHER EDUCATION IN MISSOURI. |

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| ECONOMY | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 8/6 | 10:00 PM | 1:30 | WIND ENERGY WILL BENEFIT COLUMBIA IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. COLUMBIA HAS STARTED MOVING CLOSER TO BRINGING WIND ENERGY TO THE CITY BY 2008. COLUMBIA AND THE ASSOCIATE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WILL SIGN A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT THIS WEEK. THIS MONTH.... THE WIND FARM WILL BEGIN TO CONSTRUCT THE THREE 2.1 MEGAWATT WIND TURBINES NEAR KING CITY WHICH IS NORTHWEST OF COLUMBIA. |
| CRIME | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 8/7 | 10:00 PM | 2:05 | A PUBLIC FORUM AT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE SOME CITIZENS TALKED WITH POLICE ABOUT CHANGES NEEDED TO MAKE FULTON SAFER. REVEREND CHARLES JACKSON SCHEDULED A PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK UP ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS. WHILE SOME FEEL WEAPONS ARE THE PROBLEM, OTHERS THINK THE RESPONSIBLITY LIES WITH PARENTS AND POLICE. HOWEVER EVERYONE AGREES KIDS NEED OTHER OPTIONS BESIDES WALKING THE STREETS. |
| GOVERNMENT | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 8/8 | 6:00 PM | 2:10 | IN THE PAST, THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED NEEDED SOMEONE TO HELP THEM VOTE. A FRIEND OR A POLL WORKER. THE NEW VOTING MACHINES HAVE CHANGED ALL THAT. THROUGH THE NEW AUTOMATED SYSTEM, BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED VOTERS ARE ABLE TO LISTEN TO THE CHOICES AND PRESS EACH OPTION BY THEMSELEVES THROUGH BRAILE BUTTONS. |
| JOBS | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 8/9 | 6:00 PM | 2:10 | SUPPORTERS WANT TO RAISE MINIMUM WAGE FROM 5-15 TO 6-50. BUT FOR MANY MISSOURIANS, 5.15 IS THEIR HOURLY REALITY. EFFORTS TO INCREASE MINIMUM WAGE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL HAVE FAILED. SO THE GIVE MISSOURIANS A RAISE COALITION GOT MORE THAN 200 THOUSAND SIGNATURES ON A PETITION TO RAISE THE STATE'S MINIMUM PAY. THIS MEANS MISSOURIANS CAN VOTE ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER TO RAISE THE WAGE. |

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| HEALTH | KOMU NEWS AT 5 | 8/10 | 5:00 PM | 1:35 | RECOVERING FROM POST TRAUMATIC STRESS IS NOT EASY. SOME KIDS FROM FAMILIES WHO HAVE RELOCATED TO THE COLUMBIA AREA AFTER HURRICANES KATRINA AND R!TA FOUND IT HARD TO GET RID OF THESE DISASTER-RELATED PROBLEMS. CAMP NOAH IS A WAY TO HELP THESE KIDS DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM. CAMP NOAH WAS SET-UP BY LUTHERAN FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES AS A SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN RECOVERING FROM HURRICANES. |
| CRIME | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 8/11 | 10:00 PM | 2:40 | IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY IN BROAD DAYLIGHT JUST A FEW MILES SOUTH OF FULTON NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY-54 AND BB.AND IT WASN'T A CAR THAT GRAZED THE TROOPER'S CAR, IT WAS AN EIGHTEEN WHEELER. THE PATROL CALLS THIS A CASE OF CARELESS DRIVING AND SLEEP DEPRIVATION. HERE ON HIGHWAY FIFTY-FOUR THE SPEED LIMIT IS SEVENTY MILES PER HOUR, AND WHEN A TRUCK GOES BY THAT FAST, THAT CLOSE, A LOT OF BAD THINGS CAN HAPPEN. |
| CONSUMER | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 8/12 | 10:00 PM | 2:20 | WITH SEVERE DROUGHT CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, CONSUMERS ARE FEELING THE SQUEEZE IN THEIR POCKETBOOKS AT LOCAL GROCERS. CERTAIN CROPS ARE FAIRING THE WORST, MEANING A REDUCTION IN FOOD QUALITY, AND QUANTITY. JUST FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS AGO A 10-POUND BAG OF POTATOES LIKE THIS COSTED A DOLLAR NINETY-NINE, NOW - THEY COST FOUR EIGHTY-NINE AT SOME PLACES... -- A BIG HIKE IN PRICES IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. |
| EDUCATION | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 8/13 | 10:00 PM | 1:35 | A PILOT PROGRAM LAUNCHED IN JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS COULD START PUTTING THE BLAME ON THE PARENTS. THE FIRST TIME KIDS VIOLATE THE ATTENDANCE LAW, PARENTS WILL GET A LETTER. THE SECOND TIME, INVESTIGATORS WILL GO OUT TO TALK TO THE PARENTS. IF NEITHER WORKS, THE PROSECUTOR WILL FILE CHARGES AT THE THIRD TIME OF THE VIOLATION. |

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| GOVERNMENT | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 8/14 | 6:00 PM | 1:35 | SOCIAL SECURITY IS ELIGIBLE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY. TODAY MARKS THE 71ST BIRTHDAY OF THE FEDERAL PROGRAM. PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT SIGNED THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT INTO THE LAW IN 1935. THE PRESIDENT PUSHED THE PLAN MONTHS AGO AND REPUBLICAN LEADERS SAY THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN UP ON THE IDEA. |
| EDUCATION | KOMU NEWS AT 5 | 8/15 | 5:00 PM | 1:30 | MUSIC IS PART OF THE CURRICULUM FOR MANY MID-MISSOURI STUDENTS. SOME AREN'T WAITING FOR SCHOOL, OR EVEN KINDERGARTEN. MUSIC CAN ALSO TEACH CHILDREN SKILLS THAT WILL HELP IN DIFFERENT SETTINGS. |
| JOBS | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 8/16 | 6:00 PM | 2:30 | NEW HIGH TECH JOBS ARE ON THE WAY FOR MEXICO. TODAY THE CITY CELEBRATED ITS NEW ADDITION TO THE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CENTER. THE SCHOOL HAS A 95-PERCENT HIRE RATE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND OPENS ITS DOORS FOR THE SEMESTER NEXT WEEK. THE SCHOOL DESIGNED THAT PROGRAM TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE CALLWAY NUCLEAR PLANT. THE NEW ADDITION GIVES THOSE AREAS OF SPECIALITY THEIR OWN LABS AND CLASSROOMS. |
| GOVERNMENT | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 8/17 | 10:00 PM | 1:30 | AN ONGOING LAND DISPUTE HAS CITY LEADERS AND CITIZENS IN HUNTSVILLE WORKING TOGETHER. LUTE WANTS A ROAD TO ACCESS HIS LAND, BY EXTENDING ROCK STREET THROUGH WATSON'S PROPERTY. BUT THAT WOULD RUN THROUGH AN AREA WATSON THOUGHT WAS HIS. AFTER LOOKING AT THE PROPERTY, THE COUNCIL CAME UP WITH A SOLUTION. THE MAYOR SAYS THE CITY WILL HAVE THE AGREEMENT IN WRITING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WATSON SAYS HE'S RELIEVED THE 10 YEARS OF QUARRELING WILL BE OVER. |

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| GOVERNMETN | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 8/18 | 6:00 PM | 1:33 | MISSOURIANS JUST MIGHT SEE A TOBACCO TAX PROPOSAL ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. THE COMMITTEE FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE FILED A LAWSUIT TODAY IN COLE COUNTY AGAINST THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE. EARLIER THIS YEAR THE SECRETARY OF STATE DENIED THE GROUPS PETITION TO GET THE ISSUE BEFORE VOTERS. AN ATTORNEY FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE FILED THE APPEAL AT THE COLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE. A SIMILAR TOBACCO TAX INITIATIVE WAS DEFEATED BY VOTERS IN 2002. |
| CONSUMER | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 8/19 | 10:00 PM | 1:55 | ALTHOUGH NO ACTUAL MARKETING PLAN HAS BEEN CREATED, TWO OR THREE YEARS DOWN THE ROAD BEEF LIKE THIS MAY BE IN HIGHER DEMAND - MEANING HIGHER PRICES. SOME CONSUMERS ARE WILLING TO PAY... LOCAL GROCERS SAY WITH A NEW MARKETING PUSH FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS COMES A CHANGE IN CONSUMER SHOPPING PATTERNS. LIVESTOCK EXPERT TODAY AND HE SAID IT'S DIFFICULT TO PIN DOWN EXACTLY WHAT TYPE OF CATTLE IS THE BEST. |
| CONSUMER | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 8/20 | 10:00 PM | 1:27 | THE NATIONAL HOUSING MARKET IS DECLINING DURING THE SECOND QUARTER THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, MORE PEOPLE ARE BUYING HOMES IN MISSOURI. IN JEFFERSON CITY A HOME STAYS ON THE MARKET FOR AN AVERAGE OF 76 DAYS BEFORE IT'S EVER SOLD. A REALTOR SAID JEFFERSON CITY IS NOW A BUYER'S MARKET. THERE ARE 200 MORE HOMES FOR SALE THAN THIS TIME LAST YEAR. |
| EDUCATION | KOMU NEWS AT 5 | 8/21 | 5:00 PM | 1:10 | WITH THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES COMES MANY NEW THINGS FOR MID MISSOURI STUDENTS. NEW FRIENDS, NEW TEACHERS, AND NEW SECURITY CAMERAS. THIRTY NEW CAMERAS WELCOMED STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL AT JEFFERSON CITY HIGH. OFFICIALS HOPE THE CAMERAS WILL HELP FACULTY LOOK OVER MORE THAN EIGHTEEN HUNDRED STUDENTS. PEMBERTON SAYS THE CAMERAS ARE NOT USED FOR SURVEILLANCE AND WILL ONLY BE LOOKED AT IF SOMETHING REALLY BIG WERE TO HAPPEN. |

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| **GOVERNMENT** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **8/22** | **10:00 PM** | **1:30** | A NEW STATE LAW WILL HAVE SOME PARENTS BREATHING EASIER. MISSOURI HASN'T RESTRICTED YOUNG DRIVERS ON THE PASSENGERS THEY CAN CARRY.BUT WHEN MONDAY ROLLS AROUND, IT'LL BE A DIFFERENT STORY. STARTING THEN, NEW DRIVERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIXTEEN AND EIGHTEEN CAN ONLY CARRY ONE PASSENGER UNDER THE AGE OF NINETEEN WHO ISN'T AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER. AFTER SIX MONTHS OF DRIVING, THEY CAN CARRY UP TO THREE OF THOSE PASSENGERS |
| **ECONOMY** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **8/23** | **6:00 PM** | **1:45** | A NEW ETHANOL PLANT OPENING IN MID-MISSOURI MEANS BETTER BUSINESS FOR LOCAL FARMERS. BOTH FARMERS AND OTHER LOCAL RESIDENTS HAVE REASON TO BE EXCITED ABOUT THE INCREASE IN ALTERNATIVE FUEL PRODUCTION. THE PLANT WILL TAKE IN ABOUT 17 MILLION BUSHELS OF CORN ANNUALLY ... AND THAT CORN WILL PRODUCE CLOSE 45 MILLION GALLONS OF ETHANOL EVERY YEAR. |
| **EDUCATION** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **8/24** | **10:00 PM** | **1:25** | IT WAS A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO A FIRST GRADER AT GRANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WAS HIT BY A VEHICLE WHILE CROSSING THE STREET AFTER SCHOOL. NOW GRANT IS KEEPING A BETTER EYE ON THE STUDENTS. POLICE OFFICERS KEEP AN EYE ON THE AREA. GRANT ELEMENTARY URGES PARENTS TO PARK THEIR CARS AND WALK TO THE PLAYGROUND TO PICK UP THEIR CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL. |
| **HEALTH** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **8/25** | **6:00 PM** | **1:35** | THIS WEEK, THE F-D-A APPROVED THE MORNING AFTER PILL, ALSO KNOWN AS PLAN B, FOR SALE *OVER THE COUNTER.* ONE LOCAL PHARMACY WON'T STOCK THEIR SHELVES WITH THE DRUG. OPPONENTS OF THE FDA'S RULING ARE AFRAID THAT MAKING THE DRUG SO READILY AVAILABLE COULD MEAN THAT BUYING THE DRUG COULD BE AS EASY AS PICKING UP A PACK OF GUM. NATION WIDE SALES OF THE DRUG ARE EXPECTED TO START BY THE END OF THE YEAR. |

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| **EDUCATION** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **8/26** | **6:00 PM** | **1:45** | LAST WEEK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GAVE MISSOURI'S EDUCATION PLAN AN "F". THIS WEEK...STATE EDUCATION OFFICIALS SENT LETTERS TO SCHOOLS TELLING THEM IT'S NOW THEIR JOB TO ***PROVE*** THEIR TEACHERS ARE QUALIFIED. EMPLOYEES...NEARLY 300 TEACHERS IN COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS...THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NOW SAYS DON'T MATCH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S DEFINITION FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS. THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND LAW SAYS A HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHER MUST HAVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE, A CERTIFICATE TO TEACH A *SPECIFIC* SUBJECT, AND PROOF OF CONTENT EXPERTISE. |
| **HEALTH** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **8/27** | **10:00 PM** | **2:20** | A TRIP TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE HAS GOTTEN A LOT SHORTER. FOR SEVERAL YEARS TELEHEALTH HAS BEEN MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR PATIENTS LIKE DIEDRA NEFFELRODT TO SEE SPECIALISTS WITHOUT MAKING THE DREADED DRIVE. NOW, IT'S BETTER THAN EVER WITH QUICKER TECHNOLOGY AND THE ABILITY TO MEET A GREATER VARITEY OF MEDICAL NEEDS. |
| **EDUCATION** | **KOMU NEWS AT 5** | **8/28** | **5:00 PM** | **1:15** | CLASSES STARTED TODAY AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, WITH MORE NEW FACES THIS YEAR. NOT ONLY IS ENROLLMENT INCREASING, BUT LINCOLN HAS ALSO ADDED A NEW MAJOR THIS YEAR. WITH 80 TRANSFERS AND MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY INCOMING FRESHMEN, ONE SENIOR SAYS HE CAN ALREADY SEE THE GROWTH AROUND CAMPUS AND ITS EFFECTS. |
| **DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **8/29** | **10:00 PM** | **1:45** | IT'S THE BIGGEST UNDERCOVER DRUG BUST IN CENTRALIA HISTORY... WITH 18-PEOPLE IN CUSTODY. IT TOOK TWO YEARS, FIVE- THOUSAND DOLLARS AND MULTIPLE POLICE FORCES TO INFILTRATE SUSPECTED DRUG RINGS... DURING THEIR INVESTIGATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT SEIZED COCAINE, ECSTASY, MUSHROOMS, MARIJUANA, AND PRESCRIPTION NARCOTICS. POLICE STILL HAVE WARRANTS FOR 20 MORE SUSPECTS. |

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| DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 8/30 | 10:00 PM | 2:00 | CAMPUS ACTIVISM FOR NEW MARIJUANA INITIATIVES LED TO NATIONAL RECOGNITION. HIGH TIMES MAGAZINE PLACED M-U THIRD ON ITS RECENT TOP 10 COUNTER CULTURE COLLEGE LIST....BUT LOCAL ACTIVISTS SAY THE RANKING IS NOT ABOUT WILD PARTIES AND FREE LOVE. THIS YEAR THE MAGAZINE LOOKED AT HOW CAMPUS ACTIVISM LEADS TO CHANGES IN THE LAW. A COLUMBIA CITY ORDINANCE PROTECTS PATIENTS WHO USE MEDICAL MARIJUANA FROM ARREST... IT ALSO MEANS MOST FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS WILL NOT GET JAIL TIME FOR MARIJUANA POSSESSION. |
| ECONOMY | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 8/31 | 6:00 PM | 1:35 | ESTIMATES RELEASED THIS WEEK SHOW THE POVERTY RATE IS UP FROM COAST-TO-COAST. IN SOME PARTS OF COLUMBIA'S FIRST WARD MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF PEOPLE LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LINE. THAT PERCENTAGE IS GROWING NOT JUST IN THE FIRST WARD. SINCE 1999, COLUMBIA AND BOONE COUNTY FAMILIES LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE IS UP FOUR-PERCENT. IF YOU INCLUDE ALL PEOPLE IT'S UP FIVE PERCENT. THE CENTRAL MISSOURI FOOD BANK SAYS THEY FEED 20,000 MORE PEOPLE TODAY THAN TWO YEARS AGO. |
| EDUCATION | KOMU NEWS AT 5 | 9/1 | 5:00 PM | 1:55 | THE TEST RESULTS ARE IN... THE "MAP" TEST RESULTS, THAT IS. OVERALL COLUMBIA SCHOOLS FAIRED WELL ON THE 2006 "MISSOURI ASSESSMENT PROGRAM". BUT, TWO COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, WEST BOULEVARD AND FIELD, DID NOT MEET STATE REQUIREMENTS. FIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COULD FACE SANCTIONS. FIELD AND WEST BOULEVARD WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW OR APPEAL THE RESULTS. |
| DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 9/2 | 10:00 PM | 1:50 | HOW MUCH ALCOHOL IS TOO MUCH? THAT WAS THE PROBLEM TAILGATERS FACED BEFORE TONIGHT'S GAME AGAINST MURRAY STATE. EVEN THOUGH, AGAIN, KEGS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT TAILGATING EVENTS, THERE WERE A FEW PEOPLE WHO BROKE THAT RULE. WE TRIED TO TALK TO UNIVERSITY POLICE TODAY, BUT NOBODY WAS AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT. |

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| HEALTH | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 9/3 | 10:00 PM | 1:45 | STARTING JUST A FEW WEEKS BACK, THE ENTIRE COURSE SCHEDULE FOR NURSES TO EARN THEIR MASTER'S DEGREE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT MU. THE INTERNET IS MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR CHERRINGTON TO CONTINUE NURSING WHILE GETTING HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE. REGISTERED NURSES CAN EARN THEIR BACHELOR'S AND EVEN THEIR MASTER'S DEGREES ONLINE, WITHOUT HAVING TO LEAVE THEIR JOBS. |
| DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 9/5 | 10:00 PM | 1:45 | M-U HOSPITALS ARE MOVING TO A SMOKE- FREE ENVIRONMENT... NOW A GROUP LOOKS AT THE POSSIBLITY OF CREATING A SMOKE-FREE UNIVERSITY. IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS SINCE M-U CHANGED ITS SMOKING POLICY, AND ADMINISTRATORS HAVE DECIDED IT MIGHT BE TIME FOR AN UPDATE. THE UNIVERSITY FORMED A TASK FORCE TO FIND OUT WHAT STUDENTS THINK ABOUT THE CURRENT POLICY AND HOW THEY WANT TO SEE IT CHANGE. |
| ECONOMY | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 9/6 | 6:00 PM | 1:50 | THE IDEA OF CHEAPER GAS PRICES IS HARD TO IMAGINE, BUT A NEWLY DISCOVERED OIL FIELD IN THE GULF OF MEXICO IS EXPECTED TO DRASTICALLY IMPROVE U-S OIL RESERVES. BUT YOU MIGHT THINK A NEW OIL FIELD MIGHT DRIVE DOWN ETHANOL PRODUCTION ... AS THAT NEW OIL COULD INCREASE U-S RESERVES BY AS MUCH AS 50 PERCENT. CORN PRODUCERS ESTIMATE MISSOURI PLANTS WILL PRODUCE 350 MILLION GALLONS OF ETHANOL BY THE END OF 2007. |
| DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 9/7 | 6:00 PM | 1:15 | ONE GROUP OF M-U STUDENTS TRYING TO HOLD ON TO A TRADITION OF PAST YEARS. MORRIS IS A MEMBER OF A STUDENT GROUP CALLED THE ANTLERS AND THIS WEEK THEY' VE BEEN ON CAMPUS COLLECTING SIGNATURES ON A PETITION. IT ASKS THE UNIVERSITY TO DROP IT'S RESTRICTION ON KEGS AT PRE-GAME TAILGATING.THE ANTLERS BELIEVE THE RULE TARGETS A SPECIFIC TAILGATER. WHEN THE ANTLERS FINISH THEIR CAMPAIGN, THEY WILL GIVE THE PETITION TO M-U ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MIKE ALDEN. |

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| GOVERNMENT | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 9/8 | 10:00 PM | 1:35 | MISSOURI PUBLIC DEFENDERS, PD'S WORKING IN BOONE COUNTY SAY THEY'RE TIRED OF FEEDING THE METER WHEN THEY SHOULD BE DEFENDING THE PUBLIC. IN ALL, THE COUNTY OWNS FOUR PARKING LOTS IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA. THREE ARE WITHIN ONE-HUNDRED YARDS OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE, THE OTHER IS A FEW BLOCKS AWAY. COUNTY EMPLOYEES GET PARKING SPOTS, FOR FREE PUBLIC DEFENDERS DON'.T |
| EDUCATION | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 9/9 | 6:00 PM | 2:40 | STUDENTS AT FIELD ELEMENTARY IN COLUMBIA WENT TO SCHOOL THIS PAST WEEK.... A SCHOOL THE STATE JUST RECENTLY SAID "NEEDS IMPROVEMENT." HISTORICALLY FIELD'S STUDENTS HAVE SCORED POORLY ON STANDARDIZED TESTS. SO ADMINISTRATORS ARE TRYING A NEW WAY TO TEACH STUDENTS IN FIFTH GRADE. PARENTS GAVE 100 PERCENT APPROVAL TO THE SAME GENDER PLAN THIS YEAR. |
| HEALTH | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 9/10 | 10:00 PM | 1:30 | MULITIPLE SCLEROSIS AFFECTS MORE THAN FOUR-HUNDRED-THOUSAND AMERICANS, AND MORE THAN TWO-AND-A HALF MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE. HERE IN MID-MISSOURI, AN ANNUAL M-S BIKE TOUR PEDALS OUT MONEY FOR M-S RESEARCH. MORE THAN 3-THOUSAND CYCLISTS AND VOLUNTEERS CAME FOR THE MS BIKE TOUR. RIDERS REALIZE THE NEED FOR MORE MS RESEARCH. EACH CYCLIST RAISED AT LEAST 250 DOLLARS TO RIDE IN THE EVENT. PROGRAM DIRECTORS EXPECT THE BIKE TOUR TO RAISE ABOUT 2-MILLION DOLLARS. |
| EDUCATION | KOMU NEWS AT 5 | 9/11 | 5:00 PM | 1:40 | AN AMERICAN HISTORY TEACHER AT SOUTH CALLAWAY HIGH SCHOOL IS CHALLENGING HIS STUDENTS TO NEVER FORGET WHAT HAPPENED ON 9-11. CHRIS GRAY IS TAKING HIS STUDENTS BACK FIVE YEARS TO THE DAY, AND IS MAKING SURE THEY REALIZE THE IMPACT THE DAY HAD ON SO MANY LIVES. GRAY ASKED ALL OF HIS STUDENTS TO WRITE DOWN WHERE THEY WERE DURING THE EVENTS AND PASTE A PICTURE OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IN FLAMES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE. |

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| CONSUMER | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 9/12 | 10:00 | 3:20 | IT'S AMAZING THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGE MOTHER NATURE CAN CAUSE IN A SPLIT SECOND. LIKE THE HAIL DAMAGE EARLIER THIS YEAR. YOUR FIRST STEP IS A CALL TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY. HOMEOWNERS MIGHT NOT HAVE THE COVERAGE THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD. IN THE EVENT OF A STORM YOU ASSUME YOUR HOME WILL BE PROTECED BY INSURANCE. BUT IF YOU'RE INSURED BY A COUNTY, TOWN, OR FARMERS' MUTUAL COMPANY, YOUR RURAL COMPANY MIGHT NOT OFFER AS MUCH PROTECTION AS A LARGER COMPANY. |
| DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE | KOMU NEWS AT 6 | 9/13 | 6:00 PM | 1:55 | RAISING THE TAX ON A PACK OF SMOKES BY NEARLY 500 PERCENT. BUT NOW OPPONENTS HAVE DELIVERED A JUDICIAL JAB. THAT COULD MEAN "LIGHTS OUT" FOR THE BALLOT ISSUE ALTOGETHER. THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY SAYS THE TAX WILL IMPROVE MISSOURI HEALTH. ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. |
| GOVERNMENT | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 9/14 | 10:00 PM | 1:25 | THE STATE AUDITOR HAS RELEASED THE THIRD AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES IN SIX YEARS. MCCASKILL'S 37 PAGE AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES, SAYS THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT MONITORING NURSING HOMES CORRECTLY. IN 2005 ACCORDING TO THE AUDIT, 10 PERCENT OF HOMES DID NOT GET THE MANDATORY SURVEY INSPECTION, AND 41 PERCENT DID NOT GET THE FOLLOW-UP INTERIM INSPECTION. THE AUDIT ALSO SAYS INSPECTION RESULTS WERE CONSISTENTLY TURNED IN LATE, AND ONLY 9 OUT OF 39 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT WERE IMPLIMENTED. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES BLAMES UNDERSTAFFING. |

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| **EDUCATION** | **KOMU NEWS AT 5** | **9/15** | **5:00 PM** | **1:35** | BOONVILLE STUDENTS ARE LEARNING IN THE SAME BUILDINGS AS THEIR PARENTS. PROBLEM IS, THE DECADES HAVE BROUGHT FEW CHANGES. IN AUGUST, BOARD MEMBERS MET TO TOUR THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOLS AND WERE DISAPPOINTED TO SEE THE LONG LIST OF PROBLEMS WITH THE AGING BUILDINGS. THE CITY'S GROWING POPULATION HAS ALSO LED TO CROWDED CLASSROOMS. THE BOARD HOPES TO GO TO TAXPAYERS WITH A FUNDING PLAN BY THE END OF THE YEAR. |
| **HEALTH** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **9/16** | **10:00 PM** | **1:45** | FEDERAL AND STATE HEALTH OFFICALS ARE CONTINUING THE INVESIGATION OF THE E-COLI OUTBREAK LINKED TO PREPACKAGED SPINACH. THE EFFECTS OF THE NATIONWIDE OUTBREAK LED LOCAL GROCERS TO PULL ALL BAGGED SPINACH PRODUCTS FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS. SHOPPERS SAY THEY'RE NO LONGER GOING TO TOUCH BAGS OF SPINACH LIKE THIS. |
| **CRIME** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **9/17** | **10:00 PM** | **3:00** | A STABBING IN NORTH COLUMBIA LEAVES LOCAL RESIDENTS SCARED AND CALLING FOR POLICE. A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OCCURANCE ENDED IN A STABBING HERE SATURDAY NIGHT. AND EVEN THOUGH POLICE TOOK THE SUSPECT, HELEN CHRISTIAN, INTO CUSTODY, THE NIGHT LEFT NEIGHBORS FRIGHTENED. |
| **HEALTH** | **KOMU NEWS AT 5** | **9/18** | **5:00 PM** | **1:35** | A PROGRAM TO GET OUR CHILDREN IN BETTER SHAPE KICKED OFF TODAY IN COLUMBIA. THE PROGRAM COMBINES HEALTHY EATING CHOICES WITH MORE EXERCISE. THE PROGRAM'S AIM IS NO LESS THAN TO HELP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS UNDERSTAND AND LIVE A HEALTHY LIFE STYLE. STUDENTS FORMED TEAMS TO COMPETE IN CHALLENGES TO INCREASE THEIR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. THE PROGRAM ENCOURAGES CHILDREN TO EAT HEALTHILY. |

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| **EDUCATION** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **9/19** | **10:00 PM** | **1:35** | THERE ARE 152 TRAILERS LIKE THESE USED AS CLASSROOMS IN COLUMBIA FROM ELEMENTARY TO HIGH SCHOOLS. THE CHALLENGE IS WHETHER THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHOULD INVEST IN MORE TRAILERS, OR BUILD A NEW HIGH SCHOOL. ACCORDING TO AN ASSESSMENT IN JUNE, ONE THIRD OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE SERIOUSLY OVERCROWDED. ONE SOLUTION IS A NEW HIGH SCHOOL. THE CITY'S MIDDLE, JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOLS HELD FORUMS TO GET INPUT ON THE DISTRICT'S PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE. ANYONE WHO ATTENDED COMPLETED ONLINE SURVEYS AND JOINED SMALL GROUPS TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS. |
| **CONSUMER** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **9/20** | **6:00 PM** | **1:30** | AVERAGE GAS PRICES DROPPED ALMOST SIXTY-FOUR CENTS A GALLON IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS. THE EXPERTS SAY THAT'S BECAUSE MORE OIL IS AVAILABLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY... IT'S A SCENE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN LATELY, LOWER PRICES AT THE PUMPS.IN A MONTH PRICES FELL FROM AN AVERAGE OF TWO DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-SEVEN CENTS TO TWO DOLLARS AND THIRTEEN CENTS. BUT SOME SAY THE PRICE OF GAS AFFECTS MORE THAN JUST THEIR POCKET BOOK. |
| **EDUCATION** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **9/21** | **6:00 PM** | **3:20** | PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS...IT'S A TOUCHY TOPIC FOR THOSE WHO RUN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS. NATIONAL LEGISLATION HAS SOME MISSOURI EDUCATION LEADERS ON THE OFFENSIVE. AND THE MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION, OR MSBA, SAYS A NEW TAX INCENTIVE BILL WOULD DO JUST THAT.A TUITION TAX SUBSIDY PROGRAM WOULD GIVE INDIVIDUALS A TAX BREAK |
| **DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE** | **KOMU NEWS AT 5** | **9/22** | **5:00 PM** | **1:50** | THE HALLSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS WORKING WITH A MISSOURI-BASED COMPANY TO HELP HALLSVILLE TEENS STAY SAFE. HALLSVILLE SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY DRUGS AREN'T A HUGE PROBLEM, THEY ARE STILL PRESENT. THE MISSOURI BASED COMPANY TESTMYTEEN.COM IS PROVIDING THE HALLSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF VOUCHERS TO PASS ON TO PARENTS. THESE VOUCHERS WILL ALLOW PARENTS TO ORDER FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, HOME DRUG TESTING KITS. |

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| CONSUMERS | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 9/23 | 10:00 PM | 1:55 | TWO WEEKS AFTER A MAJOR RECALL FOR E-COLI, FRESH SPINACH IS STILL OFF STORE SHELVES AND RESTAURANT MENUS. CUSTOMERS ARE ADAPTING THEIR DIETARY NEEDS TO MAKE UP FOR THE HEALTH BENEFITS FROM THE LEAFY GREENS. EVEN THOUGH TAINTED SPINACH KILLED THREE PEOPLE SO FAR AND SENT ABOUT 80 OTHERS TO THE HOSPITAL ACROSS 25 STATES, SHOPPERS AREN'T TOO CONCERNED. THERE'S NO WORD YET ON WHEN SPINACH BE BACK ON STORE SHELVES. BUT FOR NOW, DON'T EXPECT TO ORDER SPINACH SALADS AT RESTAURANTS UNTIL THE F-D-A LIFTS ITS RECALL. |
| CONSUMER | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 9/25 | 10:00 PM | 1:20 | SOME CUSTOMERS MAY BE USING A NEW FORM OF CONTERFEIT CASH. WHAT TO WATCH FOR WHEN ACCEPTING CASH, ESPECIALLY LARGE BILLS. THE BILL WAS A FIVE SOMEONE BLEACHED AND WASHED OVER AND OVER UNTIL ALL THE MARKINGS WERE GONE--THEN PRINTED A FIFTY ON TOP. THE PROCESS GAVE IT THE FEEL OF REAL MONEY.SIGNS OF THIS PHONY 50 ARE: A FADED 5 UNDER THE 50, THE MAGNETIC STRIP READS U-S FIVE, THE LINCOLN WATERMARK IS VISIBLE, AND THE OUTLINE OF LINCOLN'S HEAD IS ALSO VISIBLE.BUSINESSES AROUND JIMMY JOHN'S ON BROADWAY HAVEN'T YET RECEIVED SIMILAR CONTERFEIT CASH, BUT ARE GLAD TO BE AWARE. UNLIKE THIS CASE. MOST COUNTERFEITERS PRINT FAKE MONEY ON A DIFFERENT TYPE OF PAPER. |
| EDUCATION | KOMU NEWS AT 10 | 9/26 | 10:00 PM | 1:40 | SEXUAL ABUSE IS A TOUGH TOPIC TO TALK ABOUT... EVEN FOR ADULTS. THAT'S WHY COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS WANTED PARENTS TO HAVE THE CHANCE TO SEE A VIDEO ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE BEFORE THEIR KIDS. STUDENTS IN GRADES FIRST THROUGH FIFTH WATCH AGE APPROPRIATE VIDEOS ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION. KINDERGARTENERS WATCH A PUPPET SHOW. ALL LESSONS TALK ABOUT WHAT ARE THE RIGHT TOUCHES WHEN KIDS ARE WITH ADULTS. COOK SAYS THE GOAL IS TO GET CHILDREN TO TRUST THEIR INSTINCTS AND LEARN HOW TO STAY SAFE. |

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| **CRIME** | **KOMU NEWS AT 5** | **9/27** | **5:00 PM** | **1:45** | IT'S A GROWING PROBLEM, AND THE BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT. IT'S SETTING-UP AN ONLINE CRIME TASK FORCE TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS LIKE I-D THEFT AND CHILD ENTICEMENT. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS WORKING TO GET OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE TASK FORCE TO FIGHT OTHER ONLINE CRIME LIKE I-D THEFT, FRAUD, AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. |
| **ECCONOMY** | **KOMU NEWS AT 10** | **9/28** | **10:00 PM** | **1:45** | ONLY MISSOURI'S POOREST FAMILIES QUALIFY FOR STATE MONEY TO PAY FOR CHILD CARE. IN FACT, IT'S THE HARDEST TO QUALIFY-FOR IN THE NATION. THE STATE WON'T SUBSIDIZE THE CHILDREN'S DAYCARE IFA FAMILY OF THREE EARNS A LITTLE MORE THAN 18 THOUSAND DOLLARS. ONLY 9 STATES PAY THE FULL BILL FOR QUALITY CHILD CARE. MISSOURI IS NOT ONE OF THEM. LOW INCOME FAMILIES MAY ALSO BE LIMITED IN CHILD CARE PROVIDERS BECAUSE NOT ALL OF THEM WILL ACCEPT THE STATE SUBSIDIES. |
| **DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **9/29** | **6:00 PM** | **1:35** | IT IS PROBABLY NO GREAT SURPRISE, BUT MOST DRUNK DRIVING ARRESTS HAPPEN ON FRIDAY NIGHT. THAT'S WHAT KOMU NEWS FOUND CHECKING THE DRUNK DRIVING ARREST STATISTICS FOR COLUMBIA. THERE ARE TWO REASONS FRIDAY SEEMS TO BE SO MUCH MORE DANGEROUS - THERE ARE MORE DRUNK DRIVERS, BUT THERE ARE ALSO MORE POLICE OFFICERS TO ARREST THEM. |
| **EDUCATION** | **KOMU NEWS AT 6** | **9/30** | **6:00 PM** | **2:40** | AN MU PROFESSOR SAYS 6 STUDENTS CHEATED IN HIS LECTURE CLASS.THE REAL KICKER...THE CLASS IS A PASS FAIL COURSE FOR *FUTURE JOURNALISTS.* BROOKS USED A WEBSITE CALLED TURNITIN.COM TO CROSS CHECK STUDENT WORK. IN THIS CASE, THE WORDS IN RED FORM THE EXACT SAME SENTENCES ON TWO DIFFERENT PAPERS. BROOKS HOPES THE SOFTWARE CUTS DOWN ON OTHER WAYS STUDENTS TRY TO CUT CORNERS. BROOKS SAID THE JOURNALISM SCHOOL WILL WATCH THE SIX CHEATERS CLOSELY THE REST OF THEIR ACADEMIC CAREER. HE DOCKED THEIR GRADE BUT DID NOT PASS |

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