

Kansas News Service/HPPR Reporter

Summary

Position: This full-time position is a collaborative effort between HPPR and the Kansas News Service (KNS) and is responsible for providing a daily stream of content on topics of interest and concern to western Kansas through a combination of broadcast, digital and social media.

Department: Programming

Supervisor: Director of Regional Content, HPPR and Editor, Kansas News Service

Location: Garden City, KS

Production and Content Responsibilities

- Develop, produce and curate content for daily newscasts.
 - For the curation, responsible for tracking informed web sources for relevant content. The Reporter will use these sources to write, voice and produce daily short broadcast newscasts, website posts and social media distribution.
- Write, develop and edit original content for newscasts including digital build-outs with photos and graphics for website/social media
- Coordinate and work on state-wide public radio projects, in conjunction with Kansas News Service outlays.
- Live coverage of news-worthy events, as assigned.
- Basic operations and engineering skills to set up phone interviews, field recording, audio editing, etc.
- Proven ability to work on a deadline and attend regular meetings
- Create and produce audio features and long-form audio that engage listeners and keeps them informed about western Kansas.
- Prepare spot news, long-form features and interviews.
- Serves on behalf of the station as a spokesperson and or representative at station events and other community relations events.

Work Environment

This position involves all the demands and opportunities that come with working for a community-based public media organization with a small, close-working staff and a widely dispersed audience and community of contributors. What makes this position unique is that it also involves working simultaneously as a reporter for the Kansas News Service, a regional journalism center located in Kansas City. It requires focus on those being served, good teamwork with staff and volunteers, flexible thinking and innovative approaches. It can bring the opportunity to be highly valued and greatly appreciated by those served, help shape and continually improve the service of HPPR, KNS and develop a wide range of skills.

Skills & Experience

- Bachelor's degree in journalism or related field preferred
- A minimum of two years in journalism, broadcast writing and daily production
- Excellent writing skills and strong sense of NPR-style story construction
- Background in audio production and/or radio

- Experience with audio editing software, basic word processing, automation systems
- Experience with digital writing and production, including visuals
- Proven use of social media to broaden distribution and deepen engagement
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively with a small news staff
- Task prioritization, time management and work efficiency
- Able to travel throughout the region and work flexible hours when necessary
- Knowledge of western Kansas and/or rural communities a plus

About High Plains Public Radio and the Kansas News Service

HPPR serves residents of the High Plains region across the states of Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado through a network of 20 broadcast stations, digital streaming, a responsive website and social media. It operates studios in Garden City, KS and Amarillo, TX along with distributed production by individuals in communities across the region and beyond.

HPPR is an independent non-profit corporation founded in 1975 and currently receives 76% of its funding from individual contributions, business underwriting and foundation support.

HPPR is one of the stations that comprise the Kansas News Service, which is the pre-eminent source of news – particularly in regard to issues of health care, education, politics, energy/environment and agriculture – in the state. The four stations committed to this CPB Regional Journalism Center are KCUR, KMUW, KPR and HPPR. Funding is provided in part by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Position Posting for Print/Web

High Plains Public Radio is seeking a full-time reporter for the Kansas News Service. The successful candidate will provide content to HPPR and KNS using broadcast, digital and social media and will be located in Garden City.

To apply for KNS Reporter, please send your cover letter, resume, and work samples to Deb Oyler, 210 N 7th St, Garden City, KS 67846 or e-mail to director@hppr.org. Go to hppr.org for complete description.