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KGOU Radio (KGOU, KROU, KOUA, KWOU, KQOU & Related Translators) Issues/Programs List

Covering the Period: July 1, 2022 to Sept. 30, 2022

KGOU Radio (including KGOU, KROU, KOUA, KWOU, KQOU and related translators) attempts to meet the needs and interests of its listeners through a variety of programming selections. Below are listed the problems identified by the station and only some of the specific program presentations aired in meetings its obligations to the listeners.

These needs were identified through a combination of efforts that ascertained the issues of concern to both community leaders and the general population of our service area. These efforts included management staff interaction with a variety of community leaders; input from the general population through conversation with station staff; the monitoring of other media news coverage, and judgments made by the KGOU news and management staff about the selection of both network, syndicated and local materials for broadcast.

Local Programming

These programs are regular presentations of KGOU Radio.

Oklahoma Update Newscasts: Weekdays at 6:19am, 6:49am, 7:19am, 7:49am, 8:19am, 8:49am, 12:19pm, 12:39pm, 1:19pm, 1:39pm, 3:32pm, 4:04pm, 4:32pm, 5:04pm, 5:32pm, and 6:04pm. These one minute to two minute local newscasts include local headlines in the public radio tradition, sports, weather and traffic reports. The newscasts run as local segments within Morning Edition, Here & Now, BBC Newshour, and All Things Considered.

Calendars: Hourly, daily. Each hour of local programming, and as often as possible during network programming, KGOU airs one minute local events calendars to promote items of civic and cultural interest.

Oklahoma News Feature/StateImpact Oklahoma/Oklahoma Engaged/Infrastructure/Long Story Short/Capitol Insider & A&E Reports: These four + minute news/entertainment features are locally produced, as resources allow, and are usually broadcast twice in both Morning Edition, once during Here & Now, and once or twice during All Things Considered.

How Curious: These (mostly) 5-10 minute, sound/story-rich reports are locally produced and serve to answer listener-generated questions.

During this time period, the following local issues were presented:

Agriculture & Environment

Wed., July 6, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Beat the heat by finding a cooling center near you

For residents looking to get some relief from the summer heat, there are various places throughout Oklahoma offering a space to cool down for free.

Tue., July 12, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

A new ordinance allows Oklahoma City residents to raise chickens in backyards

Since the ordinance took effect in early March, one woman has taken the opportunity to engage in urban agriculture.

Thu., July 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma's top climate expert discusses heatwave, cites climate change as a potential factor

Heat records are being shattered in Oklahoma this week. On Tuesday, for the first time in its 25 years of collecting this data, the Oklahoma Mesonet recorded temperatures of 103 degrees or higher at every single one of its 120 weather stations around the state.

Mon., July 25, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Drought ramps up the risks of cyanide poisoning in grass cattle graze on

When temperatures rise and the ground dries out, Johnsongrass can become toxic with prussic acid and kill cattle almost instantly when they eat it.

Wed., July 27, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Northwest Oklahoma residents to evacuate as fire burns thousands of acres, relief in sight

As drought and extreme temperatures persist across the region, some residents in Northwestern Oklahoma are evacuating their homes as a wildfire continues to scorch thousands of acres.

Mon., Aug. 1, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Drought could affect this fall's peanut harvest

Peanut farmers in the Southwest region have noticed some of their plants have been growing slower than usual because of the sweltering heat.

Wed., Aug. 3, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Wildlife rehab sees influx of raptors as summer temperatures rise in Oklahoma

When it gets too hot, baby Mississippi kites jump from their high-canopy nests to escape the heat. As Oklahomans brace for another round of hot summer days with highs near 100 degrees, these birds continue to show up in droves at a wildlife rehabilitation center.

Thu., Aug. 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Illegal and hazardous septic systems lead to emergency order from Department of Environmental Quality

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality has issued an emergency order against Garrison Shann for installing unlicensed and hazardous septic systems in northern Oklahoma.

Wed., Aug. 10, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Pipeline leaks thousands of gallons of crude oil into a Payne County creek

An underground pipeline ruptured last month releasing at least 42,000 gallons of crude oil into a creek in Payne County.

Thu., Aug. 18, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: 'Something that can't be replaced' What a turnpike project could mean for Oklahoma wildlife

As the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority moves forward with its ACCESS Oklahoma project, residents are concerned about the impact on local wildlife.

Arts & Entertainment

Sun., July 17, 2022 ~ Feature, 20 minutes

Greg Koch chews the fat and a little 'gristle' on The Weekend Blues

Weekend Blues interview excerpted from July 17th, 2022 radio broadcast

Mon., July 27, 2022 ~ Program, 59 minutes

KGOU Readers Club: American Dude Ranch

KGOU managing editor Logan Layden interviews author Lynn Downey about the history of dude ranches in the U.S.

Thu., Aug. 4, 2022 ~ Feature, 3 minutes

'This is everything': Native fans inspired by, excited about second season of 'Reservation Dogs'

The second season of FX's Reservation Dogs launched Wednesday on Hulu. The comedy series follows four Native teenagers growing up on a reservation in eastern Oklahoma.

Mon., Sept. 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma City library asks for help identifying portraits

The Metro Library in Oklahoma City is hoping to solve a mystery, and they are asking for your help in identifying portraits.

Mon., Sept. 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

New foods to try at the 2022 Oklahoma State Fair

The Oklahoma State Fair is back and vendors have plenty of new foods to try this year.

Business, Economics & Finance

Sun., July 3, 2022 ~ Program, 59 minutes

KGOU Readers Club — Oklahoma Beer: A Handcrafted History

KGOU managing editor Logan Layden features the book Oklahoma Beer: A Handcrafted History, and its author, Brian Welzbacher.

Fri., July 8, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: State of Oklahoma enters new fiscal year with large increase in gross revenues

In spite of nagging inflation, Oklahoma enters the 2023 fiscal year in strong financial shape, according to State Treasurer Randy McDaniel's annual gross revenue report.

Thu., July 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Panasonic chooses Kansas over Oklahoma for its new EV battery plant

Oklahoma has lost to Kansas in attracting an electric vehicle battery plant.

Wed., July 27, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

How a legislative report recommends changing the way Oklahoma pays for public schools

Oklahoma lawmakers took a deep dive into the state's complicated education funding formula Tuesday.

Mon., Aug. 1, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Strong attendance at Oklahoma's state parks despite heat, drought and water issues

Black Mesa State Park in the Oklahoma panhandle is without water while its well undergoes repairs. But even through this summer's heat, drought and water problems, state park visitation remains high.

Fri., Aug. 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oil company agrees to \$850k settlement for 2016 Oklahoma earthquake damages

Residents around Pawnee and Cushing are one step closer to winning a class-action settlement involving earthquake damage.

Fri., Aug. 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Sales tax holiday weekend arrives as Oklahoma gets ready to go back to school

The first weekend in August is a sales tax holiday in Oklahoma.

Mon., Aug. 8, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Cherokee Nation announces program to help Cherokee ranchers amid hay shortage

The "Relief for Cherokee Ranchers" program is a \$1 million fund aimed to help Cherokee ranchers struggling to keep livestock fed due to the hay shortage.

Mon., Aug. 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Federal money available to Oklahoma livestock producers hit hard by drought

Livestock producers across 64 Oklahoma counties are eligible to receive drought recovery assistance through the Livestock Forage Disaster Program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced.

Tue., Sept. 6, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Dairy show judge wants more young people active in the agriculture industry

Dairy farms across the country have been declining for nearly 20 years, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Crime & Law Enforcement

Wed., July 6, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Oklahoma executions set to resume in August

Beginning Aug. 25, the state plans to conduct an execution by lethal injection approximately once every four weeks through 2024.

Wed., July 13, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma County Jail faces potential fines for repeat health and safety violations

The Oklahoma County Jail could face up to \$350,000 in fines for repeat health and safety violations.

Fri., July 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

With a new name, Epic Charter School will pay former Sen. Ron Sharp \$500,000 settlement

Epic Charter School has a new name. The beleaguered charter's school board actions were largely about turning over a new leaf Wednesday night.

Thu., July 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Fairview bakery owner arrested in connection to Jan. 6 riot

The owner of a bakery in Fairview was arrested Tuesday for several offenses related to the Jan. 6 Capitol riot.

Wed., Aug. 3, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: What legislators did instead of funding voter-approved criminal justice reforms

Nearly seven years later, not a dime has been invested in the County Community Safety Investment Fund, established by the passage of State Question 781 to cover the costs of treatment in all 77 counties.

Thu., Aug. 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board recommends clemency for James Coddington

The Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board voted 3-2 on Wednesday to recommend clemency to death row inmate James Coddington

Mon., Aug. 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Report uncovers new evidence in death row inmate Richard Glossip's case, as Oklahoma lawmakers request new hearing

A law firm claims new evidence has been discovered in the case of Oklahoma death row inmate Richard Glossip.

Wed., Aug. 17, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Faced with COVID, a desperate man's sobriety, survival fell to his mother when rehab center evicted him

Oklahoma Watch's Ted Streuli and Whitney Bryen discuss how Oklahoma's criminal justice system and state-funded rehabilitation program offered Josh McWhorter a chance to avoid prison and beat addiction — then abandoned him when he got sick.

Wed., Aug. 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma executes James Coddington, the fifth death row inmate to be killed since the state resumed capital punishment

For the third time in 2022, Oklahoma has executed a death row inmate. James Allen Coddington was pronounced dead by lethal injection at 10:16 a.m. this morning. He was 50.

Wed., Aug. 31, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Whistleblowers allege embezzlement, fraud at Tahlequah nonprofit that championed Indigenous women

Oklahoma Watch/KGOU investigation revealed that the nonprofit agency was providing a different menu of services, jeopardizing millions in funding, and that lack of oversight resulted in \$80,000 disappearing from the organization's bank account as paychecks began to bounce. Oklahoma Watch's Whitney Bryen shares details of this investigation.

Mon., Sept. 19, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Stabbings soar at Southeast Oklahoma private prison

Stabbings at the Holdenville prison through July more than tripled since 2021, according to Hughes County emergency medical services call data.

Wed., Sept. 21, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Stabbings soar at Southeast Oklahoma private prison

In this week's Long Story Short, reporter Ashlynd Huffman discusses her Oklahoma Watch story concerning recent stabbings at the Holdenville prison. Huffman found that at least 18 people have been stabbed — three fatally — this year.

Thu., Sept. 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Former OKC Charter School superintendent facing felony embezzlement charges

Former Justice Alma Wilson Seeworth Academy superintendent Janet Grigg is accused of embezzling more than \$250,000.

Education

Wed., July 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

In-state tuition and fees slated to remain mostly flat for Oklahoma college students

Oklahoma's Regents for Higher Education will meet Wednesday to approve tuition and fee rates for the state's colleges and universities.

Mon., July 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Report reveals graduates of Oklahoma's teacher prep programs down more than 25 percent in last decade

Amid a teacher shortage, Oklahoma's educator prep programs are graduating fewer students ready to go straight into classrooms.

Tue., July 12, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Tulsa school board tensions leave district functions in jeopardy

A school board meeting in Tulsa ended with three members walking out and ending a quorum Monday night.

Wed., July 13, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma school district uses a \$10,000 housing stipend to draw in potential teachers

Muskogee Public Schools has 21 teaching vacancies heading into fall 2022. The district is getting creative in its efforts to fill them: Offering a \$10,000 housing stipend to buy a home or build a new one within Muskogee City Limits.

Thu., July 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

ATV safe riding program aims to prevent youth accidents

Nearly 90% of ATV crashes across Oklahoma happen to drivers under the age of 16 driving adult-sized ATVs.

Mon., July 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma school districts were promised billions for coronavirus relief. Here's how much they've spent

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, public schools have received a windfall of federal funding. But they've only spent a fraction of what they've been given.

Mon., July 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Study finds Oklahoma teacher pay gap is second highest in the nation

The study by the Economic Policy Institute finds that Oklahoma teachers are paid more than 30 percent less than their college-educated counterparts.

Mon., July 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma City Community College has wiped out nearly \$4 million in student debt

Oklahoma City Community College announced it has wiped out the debts of approximately 4,500 students.

Tue., July 26, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Oklahoma educators don't shy away from difficult conversations at Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum event

As lawmakers, parents and school boards debate what kids should or shouldn't learn in the classroom, teachers are still trying to find ways to lead tough conversations. Last week, a couple dozen educators met at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum to figure out just that.

Fri., July 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

'We need to keep some level of decorum': Oklahoma State Board of Education meeting features political theatrics, little policy talk

In a tense meeting Thursday, Oklahoma's State Board of Education voted to approve the accreditation of more than 1,000 school sites across the state. But they spent a lot of that time lobbying thinly veiled political attacks at certain schools — and each other.

Tue., Aug. 2, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma is on the lookout for college students to join its Math Tutoring Corps

As Oklahoma gears up for a new school year, the State Department of Education is seeking college students to help middle schoolers in math.

Fri., Aug. 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Schools wait to learn how to police their bathrooms

The fallout from a state law created to police bathroom use is still unclear in the eyes of students, teachers, administrators and mental health experts weeks before school starts, leaving them with little time to prepare.

Mon., Aug. 8, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Tulsa school board president asks state to reverse accreditation warning over HB 1775 violation

A week after Oklahoma's State Board of Education downgraded Tulsa Public Schools for violations of the state's so-called Critical Race Theory ban, TPS is asking for its decision to be reversed.

Tue., Aug. 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

As new school year starts, a record number of emergency certified teachers will lead classrooms

Oklahoma will have a record number of emergency certified teachers heading into the new school year.

Thu., Aug. 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

How Oklahoma schools are advised to deal with the coronavirus

It's year three of the COVID-19 pandemic, so precautions in schools look familiar.

Thu., Aug. 11, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Texas students help make up for enrollment losses at Oklahoma colleges

As Oklahoma colleges struggle to maintain enrollment, they're increasingly turning to other places to recruit new students.

Wed., Aug. 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Study finds Oklahoma teacher pay gap is second highest in the nation

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Wed., Aug. 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Norman English teacher resigns after sharing link to banned book resource with students

An English teacher at Norman High School resigned Tuesday over the district's policies related to House Bill 1775.

Wed., Aug. 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma education board will consider trans bathroom ban rules, re-hearing Tulsa, Mustang accreditation

Oklahoma's State Board of Education will meet Thursday morning to discuss a wide array of topics related to trans bathroom bans, critical race theory and more.

Thu., Aug. 25, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Federal student loan forgiveness offers some relief for indebted Oklahomans

Federal student loan borrowers – including thousands of Oklahomans – are going to get some relief, thanks to the Biden Administration's announcement Wednesday of partial debt forgiveness for student loans.

Thu., Aug. 25, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma education board declines re-hearing Tulsa and Mustang accreditation status

On Thursday, Oklahoma's State Board of Education voted down an appeal request by Tulsa and Mustang Public Schools to make their cases as to why they shouldn't be accredited with warning.

Mon., Aug. 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Number of emergency-certified teachers keeps climbing amid Oklahoma-wide educator shortage

More than 2,500 teachers are teaching with an emergency certificate in the early days of school across Oklahoma.

Thu., Sept. 1, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Walters calls for former Norman English teacher to have license revoked over sharing link to banned book resource

Former Norman High School English teacher Summer Boismier has repeatedly and publicly acknowledged she shared a QR code with students encouraging them to read banned books.

Tue., Sept. 9, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: FAQ: What we know about teaching since Oklahoma's so-called critical race theory ban went into effect

StateImpact Oklahoma has put together this FAQ guide about what teaching is like since House Bill 1775 was passed.

Fri., Sept. 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

As universal free lunch program ends, obstacles return for some families

For non-English speaking families, the end of the federal program guaranteeing free school meals means old obstacles and stigmas surface.

Tue., Sept. 13, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Republican lawmakers call for investigation into Norman teacher for potential HB 1775 violation

Late last week 14 Oklahoma GOP lawmakers called for the State Department of Education to investigate a former Norman teacher for potentially violating House Bill 1775.

Thu., Sept. 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Gov. Stitt joins other GOP governors in criticizing Biden student loan forgiveness plan

More than 20 Republican governors signed a letter to the Biden administration criticizing his plan to pay off student loan debt for millions of borrowers.

Thu., Sept. 22, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma State Board of Education backs Hofmeister's teacher pay raise plan

Oklahoma's State Board of Education approved a more than \$3.5 billion budget proposal Thursday.

Mon., Sept. 26, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma state testing scores show rebound, but pandemic's impact remains

Oklahoma students did better on their state tests this spring, but still, fewer than half were proficient or advanced in any single category.

Thu., Sept. 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Signs pop up in Oklahoma City encouraging people to 'close the library'

Mysterious signs have been popping up in the Oklahoma City metro this week calling on residents to vote to close the library on election day and attend a "book burning party."

Thu., Sept. 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Former OKC Charter School superintendent facing felony embezzlement charges

Former Justice Alma Wilson Seeworth Academy superintendent Janet Grigg is accused of embezzling more than \$250,000.

Medicine & Health

Thu., July 7, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Two more COVID strains have made their way to Oklahoma. Here's what to know:

They're six times more contagious, but appear to be less damaging. That being said, long-term impacts are still a major risk, even if we aren't sure what they are yet.

Tue., July 12, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma officials urge caution near toxic blue-green algal bloom in Grand Lake

If you go to an Oklahoma lake, keep an eye out for water that looks like it has paint floating on the surface. It could mean there's an algae bloom that could be harmful to your health.

Wed., July 20, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Oklahoma's water quality under review

A multinational company that manages public water systems in Oklahoma has a pattern of water quality violations. And no one outside the company knows how many of Oklahoma's 1,600-plus water systems they're managing.

Fri., July 22, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Health officials release a plan to reduce obesity in the state

With more than 36% of its population in the obese weight range, Oklahoma ranks ninth in the nation for obesity rates.

Thu., July 28, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Oklahoma allows abortions in life-threatening situations, but how much danger is enough?

In Oklahoma and Texas, the laws don't clarify what counts as life-threatening. That leaves room for interpretation, and has already delayed critical care.

Thu., Aug. 25, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: A new wastewater monitoring program means Oklahoma doesn't have to rely solely on testing to find COVID and monkeypox

Researchers at the University of Oklahoma started developing a monitoring program in 2020. Now, they're working with state health officials to scan for about a dozen pathogens.

Mon., Aug. 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Cherokee Nation, Indian Health Service invest nearly \$12 million in water, sewer infrastructure

The Cherokee Nation and Indian Health Service say they're funding projects to bring clean drinking water and safe wastewater treatment to Cherokee Nation citizens.

Wed., Sept. 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Supreme Court rules school masking requirements don't need governor approval

Oklahoma's Supreme Court ruled a ban on mask mandates in schools that relies on action by the governor is unconstitutional. The ruling affirms local control, while leaving much of a 2021 law intact.

Wed., Sept. 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahomans prioritize food nutrition programs for the 2023 Farm Bill

Oklahomans expressed the importance of maintaining food assistance programs in the 2023 Farm Bill to Oklahoma Congressman Frank Lucas during a town hall meeting.

Thu., Sept. 29, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: As pandemic response wanes, Oklahoma schools adapt to the end of universal free lunch

Catherine Sweeney

Some schools worked to continue offering free meals, but others have to go back to sending out free and reduced lunch applications and managing lunch debt.

Fri., Sept. 30, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Gender-affirming medical care for transgender youth limited by Oklahoma Legislature in ARPA health funding bill

Oklahoma lawmakers used a health funding bill to crack down on gender-affirming care, drawing criticism from the medical community, LGBTQ advocates and civil rights supporters.

Politics & Government

Fri., July 1, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Evaluating key Oklahoma primary election results

Oklahoma voters went to the polls on June 28th to cast ballots in local, state and federal elections. While many Oklahoma elective offices have already been filled, voters also delivered some interesting results.

Wed., July 6, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: 'How is Oklahoma Working For You?'

For this week's Long Story Short, Oklahoma Watch's Whitney Bryen joins Executive Director Ted Streuli to discuss how voters feel Oklahoma is 'working for them.'

Fri., July 8, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Gov. Stitt requests special audit of Tulsa Public Schools

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt is calling for a special audit of Tulsa Public Schools for what he says is a potential mishandling of public funds.

Wed., July 13, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: 'Outside' groups spent big in advance of Oklahoma's primary elections

Outside groups not connected to campaigns spent big in the weeks leading up to Oklahoma's primary election on June 28, 2022. For this week's Long Story Short, Oklahoma Watch's Paul Monies joins Executive Director Ted Streuli to discuss the spending by outside groups on state campaigns prior to Oklahoma's primary elections.

Thu., July 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Interim study will examine the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority's inner workings

After a contentious battle this legislative session over the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority's ACCESS Oklahoma project, the state House of Representatives and Senate have approved interim studies focused on the OTA.

Fri., July 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Sen. Lankford blocks bill protecting interstate travel for abortion

Senate Democrats in Washington are fighting against travel bans on abortion patients. Oklahoma Sen. James Lankford helped block one of their bills on Thursday.

Fri., July 15, 2022 ~ Feature, 10 minutes

Capitol Insider: Supreme Court upends federal Indian law in Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta decision

In one of its last decisions of the 2021-22 term, the U.S. Supreme Court threw out almost two hundred years of American jurisprudence to side with the state of Oklahoma, according to a professor of Indian Law at the University of Oklahoma.

Mon., July 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: New law reduces taxes for businesses, cuts support for jobless Oklahomans

Republican legislators passed a law lowering taxes for businesses, but critics say it comes at the expense of jobless Oklahomans.

Wed., July 20, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Oklahoma City reinstates Human Rights Commission

Oklahoma City will have a human rights commission for the first time since the 90s.

Thu., July 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Federal officials slam Stitt management of federal education COVID-19 relief grants

Federal auditors have recommended clawing back hundreds of thousands of dollars disbursed by Gov. Kevin Stitt as part of federally funded coronavirus relief grants.

Fri., July 22, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Governor's office sharply criticized for management of federal education funds

State officials are being called out by the inspector general of the U.S. Department of Education for irregularities in the disbursement of federal dollars allocated to governors to support education during the COVID-19 pandemic. A recently released investigative audit report details the findings and corrective action required.

Wed., July 27, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Seven years in the making, Oklahoma online voter registration remains a work in progress

When Oklahoma lawmakers passed a bill in 2015 authorizing online voter registration, most viewed the measure as a modern solution to boost the state's persistently low voter participation rate. Nearly seven years later, the state's online registration platform remains a work in progress.

Wed., July 27, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: SB615 explained

In May, Governor Kevin Stitt signed SB615 into law. The measure requires Oklahoma public schools to designate multiple occupancy restrooms and changing areas according to a student's sex at birth.

Fri., July 29, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Contentious State Board of Education meeting results in warnings to school districts for violating House Bill 1775 law

A raucous State Board of Education meeting saw emotions bubble up over politics, race and personal accusations amid accreditation of state schools.

Fri., Aug 5, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: What does the vote to affirm personal autonomy rights in Kansas tell us about the future of abortion law in Oklahoma?

Oklahoma has some of the strictest anti-abortion laws in the nation, and an upcoming court ruling may help determine whether a Kansas-like Constitutional right to personal autonomy, including the decision to obtain an abortion, also exists in Oklahoma.

Wed., Aug 10, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: State taps contractor to verify petitions for recreational marijuana initiative

Oklahoma is paying a company associated with a political polling firm \$300,000 per year to verify signatures for statewide ballot initiatives, leading some to question the fairness of the process by which Oklahomans can vote directly on state issues.

Fri., Aug 12, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Schools to implement new laws and rules as classes begin across the state

Several recent changes in Oklahoma education laws have teachers and administrators evaluating legal interpretations and implementing new rules.

Fri., Aug. 19, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Focus is on U.S. Senate and Congressional races in Oklahoma Primary Runoff Election

Few legislative races are on the Oklahoma Primary Runoff Election ballot, so most eyes will be on the races for U.S. Senate and the 2nd Congressional District party runoffs.

Fri., Aug. 26, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Rise of Christian Nationalism influences political discourse and elections in 2022

New research indicates white Christian Nationalism is growing across the United States and having an effect on campaigns and elections. The co-author of a new book explains some of the findings and how the ideology is influencing the political climate heading into the 2022 General Election.

Mon., Aug. 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Oklahoma voter turnout lags in August runoff

The vast majority of Oklahoma voters, with the exception of Libertarians in places with no local races, were eligible to participate in last week's runoff election. Most did not cast a ballot, according to unofficial results posted on the Oklahoma State Election Board website.

Mon., Aug. 29, 2022 ~ Program, 59 minutes

KGOU Readers Club: The Oklahoma State Capitol

KGOU managing editor Logan Layden sits down with Trait Thompson, author of The Oklahoma State Capitol.

Wed., Aug. 31, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt holds \$1000-per-plate fundraiser while anti-turnpike protestors demonstrate outside

Supporters of Gov. Kevin Stitt were met with a barrage of turnpike protestors outside of a Tuesday morning campaign fundraising luncheon. The governor — whose event advertised a suggested \$1,000 donation per plate — entered and exited through a side door and never acknowledged demonstrators.

Fri., Sept. 2, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Legalization of recreational marijuana use moves closer to statewide ballot

Oklahoma has already legalized medical marijuana, now proponents of legalization of recreational marijuana have passed a major legal hurdle and are pushing for the Constitutional amendment to be on the Oklahoma ballot in November.

Wed., Sept. 7, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Why most Oklahoma state legislative races are uncontested

Keaton Ross covers Democracy for Oklahoma Watch. In his latest story, he explains why nearly 70% of state House and Senate races up for reelection have already been decided. That's up from 27% in 2018.

Fri., Sept. 9, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Legal challenge filed in federal court against new Oklahoma public school bathroom law

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma seeking to prevent the state's new public school bathroom law (SB 615) limiting bathroom access for transgender students from being enforced. The lawsuit (Bridge v. Oklahoma State Department of Education) asserts the new is unconstitutional and violates Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Fri., Sept. 14, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: OK Watch divulges plans for International Democracy Day

In 2007 the United Nations General Assembly resolved to observe September 15th as the International Day of Democracy — with the purpose of promoting and upholding the principles of democracy.

Wed., Sept. 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Poll: Jena Nelson has early lead over Ryan Walters in Oklahoma Superintendent race

A new poll released Monday shows a Democrat ahead of her Republican opponent in the race for State Superintendent.

Wed., Sept. 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Poll shows narrow gap between Kevin Stitt and Joy Hofmeister in Oklahoma governor's race

A new poll released Tuesday shows incumbent Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt has a razor-thin lead on his opponent, State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister.

Fri., Sept. 16, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Oklahoma legislators working on allocation of \$1.8 billion in federal ARPA funds

Joint Committee on Pandemic Relief Funding working groups evaluating requests for federal funding are picking up the pace as they head toward a special session.

Tue., Sept. 20, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

In her run for governor, State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister proposes \$5,000 raise for Oklahoma teachers

Oklahoma State Superintendent and Democratic candidate for Governor Joy Hofmeister is calling for teachers to get a \$5,000 raise.

Thu., Sept. 22, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Recreational cannabis question won't be on the ballot in Oklahoma this November

The state's highest court ruled on Wednesday that although delays were beyond the organizers' control, missed deadlines legally bar the question from the general election ballot.

Fri., Sept. 23, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Oklahoma legislators return for special session to appropriate federal ARPA funding

It has taken a year, but Oklahoma lawmakers are close to finishing the process of appropriating \$1.8 billion in pandemic relief funds received from the federal government.

Mon., Sept. 26, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Here's the reason recreational marijuana isn't on the November ballot

The reason recreational marijuana isn't on the November ballot despite petitions being submitted a month before the deadline.

Mon., Sept. 26, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

New poll finds Kevin Stitt has narrow lead on Joy Hofmeister in race for Oklahoma Governor

A poll from Amber Integrated shows Gov. Kevin Stitt has a narrow lead on his Democratic opponent state schools superintendent Joy Hofmeister

Wed., Sept. 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Amber Integrated poll shows Democratic lead in state superintendent race

A new poll released Tuesday shows a Democrat ahead of her Republican challenger in the race for State Superintendent.

Wed., Sept. 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Stitt calls on legislature to cut grocery tax, GOP lawmakers decline to commit

Gov. Kevin Stitt stood on the steps of the capitol building in Oklahoma City Tuesday morning and called on the legislature to deliver inflation relief via a grocery sales tax cut during a special session.

Wed., Sept. 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Oklahoma's special legislative session expected to finalize \$1.87 billion in pandemic relief projects

By the end of the week, Oklahoma lawmakers are expected to allocate nearly all of the state's \$1.87 billion in federal coronavirus relief funds when they come back for a special session.

Wed., Sept. 28, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Why recreational marijuana isn't on the November ballot

In this episode of Long Story Short, Oklahoma Watch's Paul Monies explains why backers of an initiative petition to legalize recreational marijuana will have to wait until at least 2023 to see State Question 820 up for a statewide vote.

Wed., Sept. 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahomans prioritize food nutrition programs for the 2023 Farm Bill

Oklahomans expressed the importance of maintaining food assistance programs in the 2023 Farm Bill to Oklahoma Congressman Frank Lucas during a town hall meeting.

Fri., Sept. 30, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Gender-affirming medical care for transgender youth limited by Oklahoma Legislature in ARPA health funding bill

Oklahoma lawmakers used a health funding bill to crack down on gender-affirming care, drawing criticism from the medical community, LGBTQ advocates and civil rights supporters.

Fri., Sept. 30, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma lawmakers push money forward for broadband development, drought relief

Most of the state's American Rescue Plan Act money centered on upgrades to broadband internet infrastructure.

Oklahoma lawmakers also dedicated \$20 million from unallocated funds for drought relief.

Fri., Sept. 30, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Turnpike Authority: 'We have to upcharge significantly for license plate tolling'

Drivers on Oklahoma turnpikes may have noticed a price hike in tolls after the rollout of the state's new PlatePay cashless tolling system. Oklahoma's Secretary of Transportation told lawmakers Tuesday the increase is to make up for the new system's collection inefficiencies and billing costs.

Fri., Sept. 30, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Second Oklahoma legislative special session almost completed

Lawmakers returned to the Capitol on Wednesday to appropriate about \$1.4 billion in federal ARPA funding, and despite debate over how the funds should be used, the work is finished unless a small group of legislators succeeds in extending the session to consider other issues.

Race, Identity & Culture

Thu., July 7, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma tribes to Gov. Stitt after Castro-Huerta decision: come to the table and move forward

Tribal leaders across Oklahoma and beyond are reacting to last week's U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta case, saying the ruling upends more than 100 years of federal Indian law

Fri., July 8, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Secretary Haaland to visit Riverside Indian School in Anadarko

Oklahoma had the highest concentration of federally run Indian boarding schools according to a report released by the Department of Interior. The state is the first stop in the Road to Healing Tour. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland will be at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko Saturday for the listening session.

Mon., July 11, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

'It was 12 years of hell': Indian Boarding School survivors recount painful memories

Hundreds of survivors of Indian Boarding Schools gathered this weekend in a first-of-its-kind event in Anadarko, Okla. The federal government ran the boarding schools, and now they are listening. These survivors put faces to the statistics.

Thu., July 14, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Tulsa teenagers discuss how to be allies to their friends during uncertain times

Statelmpact is on a listening tour with Oklahoma's youth. And we've brought along our microphones. OPMX's Kateleigh Mills and Statelmpact's Robby Korth talked to a couple of Tulsa teenagers about being allies for their friends, following the news and about their place in Oklahoma.

Thu., Aug. 4, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Tulsa high schoolers ask peers 'Will you accept me as I am?'

Statelmpact is on a listening tour with Oklahoma's youth. And they've brought along their microphones.

Tue., Aug. 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Following two years of COVID interruptions, Tulsa Powwow returns for its 70th year

For one of the oldest powwow clubs in the nation, festivities this past weekend were a welcome return. Because of COVID-19, the event has been on hiatus for two years.

Wed., Aug. 24, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Why some Afghan refugees in Oklahoma live in squalor

An Oklahoma Watch review of more than 100 complaints, apartment unit tours and interviews with residents paint a portrait of unsafe and substandard living conditions for many Afghan refugees who resettled in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Thu., Sept. 1, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Sharing Indigenous Oklahoma stories at Field Museum exhibit 'really inspiring' for Stilwell students

StateImpact is on a tour around Oklahoma to gather voices, stories and more from youth.

Wed., Sept. 7, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

ACLU leads lawsuit over Oklahoma transgender bathroom ban

Three Oklahoma students are suing the state over its law that bars transgender students from using the bathroom corresponding with their gender identity.

Wed., Sept. 14, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

New exhibit at Cherokee History Museum explores Freedmen history

A new exhibit at the Cherokee History Museum explores the history of the Freedmen, the people formerly enslaved by the tribal nation.

Fri., Sept. 16, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Ok Watch: Mexican consulate in Oklahoma City pushed to 2023

Oklahoma's Mexican community has been advocating for a consulate for 30 years now.

Fri., Sept. 23, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Muscogee Nation receives historic FEMA disaster declaration from President Biden

President Joe Biden has approved a disaster declaration for Muscogee Nation due to severe storms that occurred earlier this year.

Mon., Sept. 26, 2022 ~ Program, 59 minutes

KGOU Readers Club: Everything Sad is Untrue

KGOU managing editor Logan Layden interviews Daniel Nayeri about his experience growing up as an Iranian refugee in Oklahoma.

Fri., Sept. 30, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

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Science & Technology

Mon., July 8, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Norman residents asked to conserve water following pump failure

The City of Norman is asking its residents to conserve water after a pump that carries water from Lake Thunderbird stopped working.

Mon., July 8, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Thousands of Oklahomans qualify for internet discount

Hundreds of thousands of households in Oklahoma are missing out on a chance to lower their monthly internet bill.

Thu., July 21, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Sustaining sustainability - The waste problem in Oklahoma's cannabis industry and the innovators at the helm of change

If you've been to a cannabis dispensary, chances are you've seen hundreds of plastic containers and double-zippered bags line the shelves. Most of that plastic will end up in a landfill. But eco-friendly packaging can be pricey. Environmental sustainability in Oklahoma's competitive cannabis industry is proving unsustainable for some.

Mon., Aug. 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Livestock health measures help ensure safe fairs in Oklahoma

Following basic biosecurity measures at county and state fairs helps prevent the spread of diseases between animals, exhibitors and fairgoers

Tue., Aug. 30, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma awarded \$25 million to seal nearly 1,200 abandoned oil and gas wells

The U.S. Department of the Interior awarded Oklahoma an initial \$25 million to help address legacy pollution caused by orphaned oil and gas wells left abandoned across the state.

Mon., Sept. 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Officials recommend boiling water in areas around Lake Eufaula State Park and Checotah in rural eastern Oklahoma

Leaky pipes disrupted the water supply to Checotah, Lake Eufaula State Park, and parts of McIntosh County in eastern Oklahoma heading into the holiday weekend, and officials are still recommending caution.

Mon., Sept. 12, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma anglers get pass to take more small bass as new fishing rules go into effect

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation has developed new rules for black bass fishing that encourage anglers to take home more small bass.

Wed., Sept. 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma wildlife department monitors fatal brain disease in deer, elk

Oklahoma's Department of Wildlife Conservation ramps up surveillance of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) after a diseased deer was found within miles of the panhandle.

Thu., Sept. 15, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Where should we put our country's nuclear waste? StateImpact Oklahoma goes underground to find out

Where should we put our nuclear waste? A team of University of Oklahoma researchers is looking into that question to find a way to locate storage facilities across the country. StateImpact traveled to Carlsbad, New Mexico to see how it's worked in the past.

Wed., Sept. 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Cow birthing simulator used to educate Oklahoma State Fair visitors

Fairgoers can visit a life-like cow birth simulator at the Oklahoma State Fair and learn how veterinarians and livestock producers help heifers and cows through difficult births.

Fri., Sept. 23, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

USDA awards \$31 million to Oklahoma for rural broadband development

Seven Oklahoma counties will receive rural broadband assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Mon., Sept. 26, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

To develop a state flood plan, Oklahoma officials seek better understanding of community flooding hazards

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board is working on a comprehensive plan to protect Oklahomans from the effects of flooding. To do that, the board is gathering information about flooding across the state.

Tue., Sept. 27, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

How an Oklahoma City technology center is helping first responders fight electric vehicle fires

The rise of electric vehicles raises questions as to how emergency responders can adapt to the new technology when working car crashes. StatImpact went to Edmond to see what happens when an EV battery is set on fire.

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Collaborations/Content Partnering Efforts

KGOU is an affiliated member of several collaborative/partnering reporting projects that add to and/or expand upon topics and areas of particular interest and concern to our audience. Among these content-generating projects that offer substantive news and issues-related reports (not necessarily prepared by KGOU staff/reporters) are: OPMX/OK Engaged (The Oklahoma Public Media Exchange), Oklahoma Watch/Long Story Short, Capital Insider (KGOU & Quorum Call). These producers generate in-depth reports that are generally five minutes in length on a semi-regular basis. KGOU monitors and chooses particular reports by each of these producers that we believe resonates with the needs, interests, and concerns of our audience.

<https://www.nprstations.org/> offers similar lists of issues and news stories broadcast by National Public Radio during this period.

Morning Edition (ME): Monday through Friday, 5am to 9am. A two hour news and information program from National Public Radio, which is repeated once for the second two-hour period. KGOU inserts local news, sports and weather three times within this program, plus weather and traffic reports two additional times per hour.

Here and Now (HAN): Monday through Thursday, 12noon to 2pm, and Friday, 12noon to 1pm. A mid-day broadcast of news and information from WBUR, Boston and NPR. KGOU inserts two local newscasts plus weather in this program each hour.

All Things Considered (AT): Monday through Friday, 4pm to 7pm. A two-hour news and public affairs program from National Public Radio; KGOU airs the second hour twice and the first hour once. KGOU inserts two local news, reports each hour, plus weather and traffic reports two additional times per hour.

Weekend Edition (WE): Saturday from 7am to 9am and Sunday, 8am to 10am. A two hour news and information program from National Public Radio.

Weekend All Things Considered (AT): Saturday 7 Sunday, 5pm to 6pm. A one hour news and information program from National Public Radio.

1A (1A): Monday through Friday, 9am to 11am. A daily call in program featuring national guests on politics, literature, health and more topics.

Fresh Air (FA): Monday through Thursday at 2pm and 7pm / Friday at 7pm. A daily interview and review program focusing on the popular arts and culture but also including current public affairs.

Reveal (Rev): Mondays at 8pm. A weekly investigative news program produced by the Centers For Investigative Reporting.

Other programs carried by KGOU Radio that contribute to the presentation of news, information and a wide variety of views include:

Left, Right & Center (LRC): Saturdays from 6:00 to 7am. This ½ hour program from KCRW analyzes the week's political news and related issues, and from various differing viewpoints.

Zorba Paster on Your Health (Zorba): Thursdays at 11am. A call in program about health, nutrition and healthy lifestyles.

Science Friday (SciFri): Fridays from 1 to 3pm. This 2 hour program from Public Radio International analyzes the week's scientific, technological and ecological news and related discoveries.

BBC World News (BBC): Monday through Friday, 3 to 4pm and 1am to 5am; Saturday and Sunday from 1am to 7am. A live news and information magazine program with a world perspective.

National Native News Service (NNN): weekdays at 2 & 7pm. This is a five-minute newscast from Alaska Public Radio and features news about Native American populations.

Freakonomics (FR): Saturdays, 11am to noon; Tuesdays, 11am to noon. A weekly program focusing on business-related topics and personal and professional improvement.

Ted Radio Hour (TR): Sundays, 7 to 8am; Mondays, 11am to noon. A weekly program featuring personal anecdotes and storytelling on a range of topics from various professionals, experts and authorities.

Throughline (TL): Sundays, 10 to 11am. A weekly program exploring historical events that cover a range of topics.

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