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

Covering the Period: Jan 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021

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 In-Depth/StateImpact Oklahoma/Oklahoma Engaged/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 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:

Aging & Retirement

Friday, Feb. 5, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes

OK Watch: Vaccines Reach Nearly All Oklahoma Long-Term Care Facilities

Nearly seven weeks after COVID-19 vaccines reached Oklahoma nursing homes, first doses have been delivered to residents and staff at nearly every long-term care facility in the state.

Agriculture & Environment

Monday, Feb. 15, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes

Oklahoma Sees Large Increase In Renewable Energy Production Over The Past Decade

Oklahoma is ranked third in the nation for having the largest increase in renewable energy production over the past decade, according to a recent report.

Arts & Entertainment

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Internationally-Renowned Potter Doug Casebeer Aims To Put OU's Ceramics Program On The Map

Internationally-renowned ceramic artist Doug Casebeer's four-plus-decade career has led him across the world, but his love for clay began in Norman, where he took his first pottery class as a teenager in the '70s. Casebeer's career came full-circle in 2018 when he returned to Norman as a resident artist at the University of Oklahoma's ceramics program, which he and his colleagues are working to put on the map.

Thursday, March 18, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Security Director Who Became Internet Star Gets Exhibit At National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

The head of security at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City took the internet by storm when he was tasked with running the museum's social media accounts at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now the security director turned internet star has an exhibition of his own at the museum.

Business, Economics & Finance

Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Enthusiasm For Oklahoma's Medical Marijuana Boom Tempered By Concerns Of A Bust

Oklahoma has what many consider to be the only free-enterprise medical marijuana industry in the U.S., with cheap startup fees, no cap on medical marijuana business licenses and few limits on who can get a patient card. But this low barrier to entry could lead to an oversaturated market where cannabis businesses struggle to survive.

Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

2021 Brings Changes To Oklahoma's Medical Marijuana Program

After medical marijuana was legalized in Oklahoma in June of 2018, the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority had only 60 days to prop up the entire program, forcing the agency to play catch up over the past two-and-a-half years. But 2021 brings changes to the state's medical marijuana program, including a new seed-to-sale system and quality assurance lab, and the upcoming legislative session could mean even more.

Friday, March 5, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma's Medical Marijuana Industry Boomed In 2020 Despite COVID-19 Pandemic

Many industries in Oklahoma faced unprecedented challenges in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the state's medical marijuana industry was an outlier, experiencing increased sales and job growth.

Monday, March 15, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma House Passes Bill That Would Limit Number Of Medical Marijuana Businesses

Oklahoma's medical marijuana market stands out in the nation's cannabis industry due to its low barrier of entry for businesses, but the Oklahoma House passed a bill recently that would make it more difficult to enter the industry.

Crime & Law Enforcement

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Inmates, Corrections Staff Express Reluctance To Take COVID-19 Vaccine

State deputy health commissioner Keith Reed told Oklahoma Watch in an email that some inmates -aware of the history of medical experimentation on prisoners - remain skeptical about taking the vaccine.

Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Corrections Officials Say Inmates, Prison Staff Will Be Vaccinated In February

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections expects to start administering COVID-19 vaccine doses next month, director Scott Crow said Wednesday during an agency board meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Federal Prisoners Complain A Private Prison In Oklahoma Isn't Following COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

Great Plains is a private prison operated by The GEO Group under a contract with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. That federal agency came under heavy fire for having multiple COVID-19 outbreaks at prisons around the country in the early days of the pandemic.

Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Criminal Justice Reform Not Mentioned In Gov. Stitt's State Of The State Address

In his speech marking the start of the year's legislative session on Monday, Governor Kevin Stitt didn't mention ongoing efforts to reduce the state's prison population and overhaul the criminal justice system.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma's Jail Mortality Rate Ranks Second In Nation

Deaths in Oklahoma's largest county jails have trended upward over the past decade, an indication that some inmates aren't receiving adequate medical and mental health care.

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Amid Extreme Winter Weather, Some Oklahoma Prisons Lose Heat

As record cold and snow expands across the state, some Oklahoma prisoners say they're freezing inside their housing unit.

Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Lawmakers Propose Targeted Criminal Justice Reforms

Oklahoma has made some big changes to its justice system in recent years. Activists and lawmakers proposed big picture reforms and some of the suggestions succeeded.

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Tablets And Video Calls Are Coming To Oklahoma Prisons. But At What Cost?

Like many Oklahomans with an incarcerated family member, Sharla Halencak hasn't seen her son Clinton in more than a year.

Monday, March 1, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma City Police Officer Charged With Manslaughter For Shooting Bennie Edwards

The Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office charged an Oklahoma City police officer with manslaughter on Thursday for killing a Black man who had a history of mental illness.

Thursday, March 4, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: A Bill To Roll Back Aspects Of Oklahoma Criminal Justice Reform Advances

A bill that would modify State Question 780, a 2016 voter-approved ballot initiative that reclassified several drug and property offenses from felonies to misdemeanors and has helped reduce Oklahoma's prison population, has advanced past committee and is eligible for a Senate vote.

Thursday, March 4, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma House Approves Bill Allowing Police To Use Telemedicine In The Field

The Oklahoma State House approved a bill Wednesday that attempts to phase police out of some mental health crisis transports and allow officers to use telemedicine in the field.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Pardon And Parole Board Advances Julius Jones' Commutation Application. What's Next?

The Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board voted 3-1 Monday to advance death row inmate Julius Jones' commutation request to a Stage Two Review, a more comprehensive hearing where new testimony and evidence may be introduced.

Thursday, March 11, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Advocates: Pandemic Made Domestic Violence Worse In Oklahoma

"Could we have helped?" That's what Leslie Clingenpeel asked herself when she heard Phillip Ross of Sand Springs killed his girlfriend and their two children in late January. Afterward Ross died by suicide.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Vaccine Hesitancy Among Oklahoma Guards And Inmates Could Threaten State Prisons

About two-thirds of Oklahoma prison workers and just under half of the inmates have opted not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine from the state Department of Corrections, a sign that vaccine hesitancy remains high and some facilities may not reach the immunity threshold necessary to prevent future outbreaks.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

New Report Paints Picture Of An Understaffed, Malfunctioning Oklahoma County Jail

The state Health Department's jail inspectors filed a report detailing numerous deficiencies in the Oklahoma County jail. The inspectors' feedback paints a clear picture of an understaffed, malfunctioning jail that has recently seen an increase in deaths.

Education

Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Public Schools See Largest Enrollment Drop In At Least Four Decades

Public school enrollment shrunk by more than 9,000 students, the largest single year drop since at least the 1976-77 school year, the earliest year for which statewide enrollment data is available. It's the first time enrollment has dropped overall in 19 years.

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma State Superintendent Of Public Instruction Says Funding Increase Ask Won't Be Enough

After COVID-caused budget cuts, the state's education department has asked the legislature for a \$190 million dollar funding increase. But state schools Superintendent Joy Hofmeister says even that ask, totalling \$3.2 billion, will not meet the needs of Oklahoma's 700,000 schoolchildren.

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Students Exposed To The Coronavirus In School Will No Longer Be Required To Quarantine

OK Governor Kevin Stitt Tuesday announced that quarantining after a COVID-19 exposure will now be optional in Oklahoma classrooms if students and teachers are wearing a mask.

Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: WahZhaZhe, Tsalagi, Español: No Matter The Language, COVID Creates Challenges For Immersion Learning

Located in Pawhuska, Daposka Ahnkodapi is the Osage Nation's immersion school. It runs through fourth grade and has about 40 students enrolled. The small private school started the year with in-person instruction, but like other schools around Oklahoma, had to pivot to distance learning more than once during the fall semester thanks to Covid-19.

Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

COVID-19 Continues To Create Challenges For Oklahoma Classrooms

There is mounting evidence that in-person school is safe when COVID-19 community transmission rates are low and basic precautions are taken. But the challenges created by the pandemic make for sudden stops and starts to in person instruction.

Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Four-Day Weeks Likely To Continue In Oklahoma During 2021-2022 School Year

The practice of four-day school weeks will likely continue widely during the 2021-22 school year in Oklahoma. The state's Board of Education approved a waiver to rules that would've limited the number of districts who could cut days from their school calendar.

Monday, Feb. 8, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: What Exactly Are 'Ghost Students'? There's More Than One Definition In Oklahoma

Merriam-Webster doesn't define "ghost student." The dictionary would have a difficult time anyway. There are several competing definitions in Oklahoma.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Hopes To Start Vaccinating Teachers By The End Of February

It appears Oklahoma teachers, who were bumped up a priority group in December, may start receiving COVID-19 vaccinations by the end of the month.

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Education Issues To Watch During Oklahoma's 2021 Legislative Session

Measures introduced in the 2021 session are designed to combat new issues faced by schools because of the coronavirus as well as address old ones that were exacerbated by the pandemic.

Friday, Feb. 20, 2021 ~ Feature, 15 minutes

Capitol Insider: State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister

Everyone is eager for schools to offer more in-person classroom instruction, and with vaccinations becoming available for teachers and staff that goal is edging closer to reality. Coronavirus has not only forced schools, teachers, parents and students to adjust, but it has led to a re-examination of the future of education. State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister discusses what lies ahead for Oklahoma schools with KGOU's Dick Pryor in Capitol Insider.

Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Begins Vaccinating Most Teachers And School Support Staff

Monday was the first day most teachers and school support staff in Oklahoma could be vaccinated for COVID-19.

Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: 'Kids Need To Be In School!' In-Person Learning In El Reno, Oklahoma

El Reno Public Schools Superintendent Craig McVay talks to Robby Korth about his district's desire for in-person learning.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma House Paves Way For More Guns In Classrooms

Oklahoma's House of Representatives passed a measure that would make it easier for teachers to have guns in the classroom, late Tuesday.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: No Letter Grade: Evaluating Oklahoma Public Schools Without A-F

There will be no school report cards this year, one of many disruptions caused by COVID-19.

Thursday, March 18, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Oklahoma Spring Assessments Aim To Measure Learning Loss During Pandemic

Grades won't be given this year after the state board of education voted unanimously to suspend them because of the COVID-19 pandemic in December. The test results will be used instead to set a baseline for assessments moving forward.

Thursday, March 25, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK's State Board Of Education Votes To Settle Suit, Funneling More Public Money To Charter Schools

After convening for hours in a closed meeting, Oklahoma's State Board of Education flipped public school funding on its head.

Monday, March 29, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OKCPS Predicts It Will Lose Millions Of Dollars After Recent Funding Resolution

Oklahoma City Public Schools predicts it will lose millions of dollars after the State Board of Education adopted a resolution to equally fund traditional public and charter schools.

Medicine & Health

Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Oklahoma Again Sets Affordable Care Act Enrollment Record

More Oklahomans than ever before will be covered by health insurance purchased on the Affordable Care Act exchange when new plans took effect on Jan. 1.

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Vaccine Access And Signups Vary County To County

Can Oklahomans over the age of 65 get the coronavirus vaccine yet? As SIOK's Catherine Sweeney reports, it depends on where they live.

Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

It's Best To Wait For A COVID-19 Vaccine If You've Had A Positive Test In The Past 90 Days

If you've already had the virus, it's best to wait about 90 days from your recovery, says Dr. George Monks, the president of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. That is especially true if you underwent monoclonal antibody treatment.

Monday, Jan. 11, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: CVS Delays Prompt Oklahoma To Step In With Vaccinations For Veteran Centers

COVID-19 vaccines are being administered at Oklahoma's veteran centers this weekend because state health officials said the federal program responsible for vaccinating long-term care residents and staff is moving too slow.

Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Oklahoma Health Officials Choose Rapid Coronavirus Vaccination Over Rigid Phase Model

StateImpact Oklahoma's Catherine Sweeney talked with Deputy Commissioner of Health Keith Reed, who is overseeing the vaccine program, about why our state is allowing its vaccine phases to overlap.

Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Health Officials Respond To Depleted Vaccine Stockpile

As recently as Wednesday, Oklahoma health officials were hopeful that the state's weekly vaccine supply would double. But that hope disappeared Friday, when news broke that the federal stockpile fueling that supply surge is gone.

Monday, Jan. 18, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: COVID-19 Causes Unexpected Dip In OKCPD's Mental Health Calls

Despite projections, Oklahoma City Police responded to fewer mental health calls in 2020 than the previous year.

Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

As Daily COVID-19 Case Counts Drop In Oklahoma, Daily Death Rates Expectedly Continue To Rise

Oklahoma's coronavirus case counts and hospitalizations are trending down for the first time in months. Unfortunately, deaths are not.

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

New COVID-19 Strains Likely In Oklahoma, But Medical Experts Hopeful About Treatment And Vaccines

Although not confirmed, state health officials suspect the new coronavirus variants have made it to Oklahoma. The new strains are more contagious, but medical experts are hopeful about treatment and vaccines.

Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Arms Race: Why 62,000 Doses Of COVID Vaccine Sit Frozen In Oklahoma

As Oklahomans wait for the state's limited COVID-19 vaccine supply, more than 62,000 doses allocated for long-term care residents and staff remain in freezers.

Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Chooses Vendors For \$2 Billion Program Partially Privatizing Medicaid

State officials announced the winners of up to \$2.1 billion in health care contracts on Friday, a major milestone in implementing Oklahoma's hotly debated privatized Medicaid program.

Wednesday, Fe. 3, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma's COVID Trend Line Continues To Decline, But Threats Remain

For the first time in months, coronavirus cases are down in Oklahoma and medical experts are cautiously optimistic the trend will continue.

Friday, Feb. 5, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

COVID-19 Mass Vaccination 'Mega-POD' Site Coming To Oklahoma County

Oklahoma County will soon be home to a large-scale coronavirus vaccine site known as a mega-POD.

Friday, Feb. 5, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma's Plan For Urban Mass Vaccination PODS Falls Through

Officials have been using the phrase POD — or points of dispensing. Health officials from Oklahoma City and Tulsa's independent health departments announced last week the creation of so-called mega-PODS. Deputy Commissioner of Health Keith Reed announced Tuesday the federal government went back on the new vaccine distribution stream, and that state supply wouldn't cut it. He said he'd been skeptical because of similar events under the last administration, and because it contradicted what officials knew about current production levels.

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Is Moving Forward Into The Next Stages Of Its COVID-19 Vaccine Plan

More than one million Oklahomans will soon be eligible for the coronavirus vaccine as the state is moving forward into the next stages of its vaccine plan.

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Oklahoma Moves Forward On Partially Privatizing Medicaid Amid Opposition

Oklahoma is fundamentally transforming how it uses Medicaid, despite major opposition from the medical community and from the Legislature.

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Health Issues To Watch During Oklahoma's 2021 Legislative Session

SIOK's Catherine Sweeney relates key health issues the legislature is contemplating this session.

Friday, Feb. 19, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Staff Shortages At Oklahoma's Relocated Public Health Lab Cause Testing Delays

Staff shortages and equipment transition for the relocated Public Health Lab in Stillwater have caused state health officials to outsource certain tests to private labs, and in some cases to a public health lab in Minnesota.

Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Lawmakers: Gov. Stitt's Managed Care Plan Complicates Medicaid Expansion Funding Plan

More than half a year after voters approved a state question that will require Oklahoma to offer health coverage to more than 200,000 low-income adults, state officials are still unsure how they'll pay it.

Friday, Feb. 26, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine Could Arrive In Oklahoma During First Week Of March

Oklahoma could soon see shipments of the new single-shot coronavirus vaccine from Johnson & Johnson as early as next week.

Monday, March 1, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine Should Arrive In Oklahoma This Week

As expected, the new Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine secured federal approval and is on its way to Oklahoma.

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Oklahoma Health Officials Look To Refine Pandemic Death Reporting

Oklahoma public health officials are hoping to close a widening gap when it comes to recording deaths related to COVID-19.

Thursday, March 4, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Oklahoma Lawmakers Introduce Now-Traditional Abortion Bills In A Changing Political Environment

Legislators have sponsored more than a dozen abortion bills for the 2021 session. Members introduced a bill that would ban abortion after a doctor can detect a fetal heartbeat -- usually around six weeks, when many women don't yet know they're pregnant. Another bill would restrict which doctors can perform the procedure.

Monday, March 8, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: As Vaccine Supplies Increase, Oklahoma Opens Next Groups For COVID-19 Shots

Oklahoma next week will open more groups to be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine as the state now has more than one-third of its adult population with at least one dose.

Monday, March 8, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Moves To Phase 3 COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility

Oklahoma has opened its coronavirus vaccine eligibility to phase 3, which means most Oklahomans are now eligible.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Legislature Is Pushing Through Several Abortion-Related Bills

The State Senate passed Senate Bill 918 Wednesday, which would automatically ban abortion if Roe v. Wade is ever overturned.

Thursday, March 11, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Gov. Stitt Announces End To State's Coronavirus Safeguards

On the one-year anniversary of the canceled Oklahoma City Thunder game that marked the pandemic's arrival in the United States, Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt announced an end to the state's already limited coronavirus safeguards.

Friday, March 12, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Vaccinations, Drops In COVID-19 Cases Create Optimism In Oklahoma

State public health officials are feeling optimistic about the pace of vaccinations and lower cases and hospitalizations from COVID-19, leading to changes this week in Oklahoma's nursing home visitation policies and a new phase in the vaccination rollout.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Opens Vaccine Eligibility To Everyone Over 16

About four months after Oklahoma administered its first coronavirus vaccines, it will end its phased release program and open the opportunity to all residents over 16. Deputy Commissioner of Health Keith Reed announced in a media availability that starting March 29, everyone over 16 can register for a vaccine.

Thursday, March 25, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Oklahoma Contact Tracing Investment Yielded No COVID-19 Insights, Report Finds

Oklahoma's boost to its COVID-19 contact tracing efforts led to no insights and was marred by technology problems and a failure to collect the proper data, a new legislative report finds.

Thursday, March 25, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: OU Physicians And BlueCross And BlueShield OK's Rate Dispute Could Force Thousands To Find A New Doc

You might have seen the full page ad that OU Physicians took out in The Oklahoman, which argued that BlueCross and BlueShield undervalues its workers. You might have seen the dueling web pages about the dispute, on OU Health's website and on BlueCross' website — the latter aiming to dispel so-called myths about the fight.

Friday, March 26, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Congress Gives Oklahoma Cash Infusion For Expanding Medicaid

Last year's vote to expand Oklahoma's Medicaid program will provide the state with a half-billion-dollar windfall thanks to the recently passed federal stimulus bill.

Military, War & Veterans

Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma National Guard Troops Prepare For Protests At The Capitol

National Guard troops are joining state and federal law enforcement to protect the state Capitol in case violent protesters target the building this weekend. The precautions are a reaction to last week's violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, and threats of more violence leading up to the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden.

Politics & Government

Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: New Year Begins With Redistricting Atop Legislative Agenda

In Part Two of their discussion on redistricting, KGOU's Dick Pryor and eCapitol's Shawn Ashley talked to the two legislative leaders tasked with completing the complicated process by the end of the 2021 legislative session.

Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Oklahoma Legislators Focus On 2021 Legislative Session

The first week of 2021 was one of the most stunning weeks in American politics. Controversies over the presidential election, special elections in Georgia that shifted the balance of power in the U.S. Senate, Electoral College confirmation of a new administration in the White House and an unprecedented ransacking of the U.S. Capitol by a riotous mob made it an historic week for the ages. Through all the turmoil, legislators in Oklahoma remained focused on preparations for the legislative session that begins on February 1st. KGOU's Dick Pryor and eCapitol's Shawn Ashley discuss how state lawmakers plan to do their work in 2021.

Monday, Jan. 11, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: After Capitol Siege, Pro-Trump Legislators In Oklahoma Stand By Election Challenge

Several OK leaders, including Oklahoma U.S. Sen. James Lankford changed course late Wednesday following the violence at the Capitol and decided not to object to the state-certified counts and acknowledged that Biden will become president later this month. Others, including all five of Oklahoma's U.S. House representatives, continued to back the doomed challenge.

Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 ~ Feature, 7 minutes

Capitol Insider: Stitt Urges Schools To Relax COVID-19 Quarantine Practices

As the Spring 2021 school semester is beginning, Governor Kevin Stitt issued new recommendations regarding quarantining of students who have come in contact with a person who may have COVID-19. Under the new guidelines, schools are allowed to lift quarantine requirements if enforcing mandatory mask usage and social distancing unless the person in question shows symptoms of the virus.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Calculating The Fundraising Backlash Against Oklahoma Congressional Delegation

Oklahoma's congressional delegation could see political repercussions after all five of the state's U.S. House of Representatives members voted against certifying President-Elect Joe Biden's electoral college win.

Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Record Amount Of Legislation Pre-Filed For 2021 Legislative Session

On Thursday, Oklahoma lawmakers completed the rush to pre-file bills and joint resolutions for the upcoming 2021 legislative session. The volume of legislation indicates we can expect an ambitious session when the legislature resumes on February 1. KGOU's Dick Pryor and eCapitol's Shawn Ashley discuss the work just ahead as ideas move toward becoming laws.

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: After Setting Record, Should Oklahoma End Straight-Ticket Voting?

More Oklahomans than ever before skipped over selecting individual candidates and instead voted for their party's entire slate of candidates with a single pen stroke in 2020.

Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: 2021 Legislative Preview: Oklahoma Senate Leader Answers StateImpact's Questions

StateImpact health reporter Chatherine Sweeney, education reporter Robby Korth, and criminal justice reporter Quinton Chandler met with Republican Oklahoma Senate President Pro Temp Greg Treat to talk about his priorities before the gavel drops next week, and share their thoughts on where lawmakers are focusing their attention.

Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Lawmakers To Consider Election-Related Bills

State voting laws became a hot topic among legislators across the country after November's election despite there being no evidence of widespread voter fraud. Now Oklahoma state senators have filed contrasting election-related bills ahead of the 2021 legislative session.

Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Legislators To Hear Governor's Agenda In State Of The State Address

Oklahoma's 2021 legislative session officially began on organizational day, January 5, but the 58th Oklahoma Legislature returns to begin the bulk of its work on Monday, February 1. That day, Governor Kevin Stitt will provide his priorities for the year ahead and give lawmakers their first glimpse at the executive budget. While the executive budget is largely a ceremonial document, it lays out the governor's proposed guidelines for spending each year. KGOU will present a live broadcast the State of the State address beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1. KGOU's Dick Pryor and Shawn Ashley discuss what to expect in this Capitol Insider.

Monday, Feb. 1, 2021 ~ Program, 59 minutes

OK Engaged: Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt's State Of The State Address Ushers In 2021 Session

Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt on Monday kicked off the legislative session with his annual State of the State address in front of the House and Senate. KGOU had live analysis of the challenges facing lawmakers this session before and after Stitt's speech.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Oklahoma Lawmakers Report Large Campaign Reserves After 2020 Races

Many state lawmakers will find themselves in a favorable position when they start planning re-election campaigns.

Friday, Feb. 12, 2021 ~ Feature, 17 minutes

Capitol Insider: Governor Outlines Agenda For Legislative Session

In a wide ranging interview shortly after his State of the State address, Governor Kevin Stitt discussed his goals for the 2021 Oklahoma Legislative Session with KGOU's Dick Pryor and eCapitol's Shawn Ashley. In part one of the interview (first broadcast on February 5), Stitt discussed state-tribal relations; in part two he talked about education, economic development, government regulation, the state's coronavirus response, his relationship with the Oklahoma House of Representatives and Senate and 2021 policy priorities.

Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Bill On Unlawful Assembly, Rioting And Failure To Disperse Heads To Full Senate

A bill increasing penalties for unlawful assembly, rioting and failure to disperse is headed to the full Senate for a vote.

Friday, Feb. 26, 2021 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Lawmakers Push Legislation To Limit Federal Government

With the first deadline looming for passing or rejecting legislation, the Oklahoma legislature moved quickly to make up for time lost during the recent snowstorm and extreme cold. The highest profile cases gave an indication of the direction the session is heading - toward stronger states rights and less federal control while further restricting abortion, protests and limitations on statements made on social media.

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Gaylord News: Inhofe Breaks With Trump, Republicans Over Election Fraud

Oklahoma's senior senator broke ranks with the Republican Party on Tuesday, saying there was no evidence of election fraud despite months of unsubstantiated allegations and claims at this past weekend's CPAC convention.

Friday, March 5, 2021 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Decision Time At Capitol As Deadlines Near

Oklahoma legislators have a busy week ahead with each house needing to address approximately 300 bills by the Thursday, March 11 deadline. Expect some late nights at the Capitol over the next few days. Also soon, Governor Kevin Stitt is expected to provide clarification on regulations concerning the state's ongoing COVID-19 response. His latest executive order is set to expire on March 15. KGOU's Dick Pryor and eCapitol's Shawn Ashley discuss that deadline facing the governor's office, and more, in this week's Capitol Insider.

Friday, March 12, 2021 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Governor Lifts COVID-19 Restrictions In Oklahoma

In an Executive Order issued Friday, March 12, Governor Kevin Stitt extended Oklahoma's state of emergency in all 77 counties due to COVID-19, but ended restrictions on events and masking in state government buildings. The Executive Order noted Oklahoma has reported 431,366 novel coronavirus cases, but added that 24% of Oklahomans have received at least one vaccination. The new order will remain in effect for thirty days. The governor also updated the state's guidelines for visitation in long-term care facilities.

Friday, March 20, 2021 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Legislators Head Toward Session Midway Point

The week of March 15th was an abbreviated week for Oklahoma legislators due to spring break. The House of Representatives took off on Wednesday and Thursday; the Senate did not work on Thursday. Typically, Friday is a regular day off for legislators until the final month of the session. Lawmakers have an ambitious schedule ahead of them with eight weeks down and ten weeks to go. KGOU's Dick Pryor and eCapitol's Shawn Ashley discuss how the next few weeks are shaping up in Capitol Insider.

Friday, March 26, 2021 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Controversy Over Charter School Lawsuit Settlement

The State Board of Education voted 4-3 to accept an offer to settle a lawsuit with the Oklahoma Public Charter Schools Association after State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister warned that the settlement was unconstitutional. KGOU's Dick Pryor and eCapitol's Shawn Ashley discuss that story and more from the last week at the state Capitol in Capitol Insider.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Oklahoma Lawmakers Move Forward On Redistricting, Despite Delays In Census Data

Oklahoma lawmakers have a state constitutionally-required deadline on May 28th, the end of their current session, to pass new legislative district maps. But this isn't just the case in Oklahoma. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, there are 12 other states with constitutions calling for redistricting in the year after the census.

Race, Identity & Culture

Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Curbside Flowers Prepares For Valentine's Day At New Shop In OKC

Curbside Flowers is preparing for Valentine's Day at its new shop in Oklahoma City, which helps individuals transition out of homelessness by offering employment and job skills training.

Friday, Feb. 5, 2021 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Governor Kevin Stitt On State-Tribal Relations

Oklahoma's 2021 legislative session is off and running following Governor Kevin Stitt's annual State of the State address. In his speech, he identified several issues the legislature needs to focus on in the year ahead and most important among them, he said, is the relationship between Oklahoma's government and the sovereign Native American nations within the state. In the first of a two-part Capitol Insider interview on the upcoming legislative session, the governor discussed how questions raised by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the *McGirt v. Oklahoma* case may be resolved.

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Gaylord News: State Of Tribal Nations ‘Strong’ Despite Crises, But Feds Need To Help

The state of Indian nations is strong, but the federal government still needs to “come to terms with the right of tribal Nations to chart their own course and their rightful place,” a tribal leader said Monday.

Thursday, March 18, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Gaylord News: House Makes Significant Moves For Women During Women’s History Month

The House used the Women’s History Month to serve as the backdrop for passing legislation to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act and to remove the 1982 deadline for states to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

Monday, March 22, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Library Of Congress Updates Tulsa Race Massacre Language

The Tulsa Race Massacre will be stripped of its old name - the Tulsa Race Riot - in libraries worldwide. The University of Oklahoma played a pivotal role in the new moniker.

Science & Technology

Friday, Feb. 19, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Climate Change Could Be Related To Oklahoma’s Record Cold Temperatures

Oklahoma City recently recorded 14-below zero, the coldest temperature for the city since 1899. Meteorologists say there may be a man made reason that contributed to the rare cold.

Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Birds In Oklahoma Impacted By Frigid Temperatures

People in Oklahoma weren’t the only ones affected by the recent record cold temperatures. So was the state’s bird population.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OKC Zoo Houses Young Alligator Snapping Turtles To Help In Conservation Effort

Oklahoma’s alligator snapping turtle population has significantly declined in recent decades, but the Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden is contributing to the conservation of the vulnerable species.

Sports

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OU Women’s Basketball Coach Sherri Coale Retires After 25 Years

The University of Oklahoma’s women’s basketball coach Sherri Coale announced Wednesday she is retiring after 25 years in the position. Coale is credited with revitalizing the OU women’s basketball program, leading the team to six Big 12 regular-season championships and three Final Four appearances.

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Collaborations/Content Partnering Efforts

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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.

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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, 12 to 1pm; 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.

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