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

Covering the Period: October 1, 2021 to December 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/Infrastructure/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:

## Agriculture & Environment

**Monday, Oct. 4, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma's severe weather season was relatively less active. Are weather trends beginning to change?**

Oklahomans are used to an active severe weather season. That usually means lots of thunderstorms and - infamously - tornadoes. The past year's storm season seems to have been relatively less active.

**Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**As Oklahoma's marijuana industry booms, farmers face challenges with applying pesticides**

Many farmers and ranchers spray to help control weeds or pests that might destroy their crops. But the influx of marijuana farms in Oklahoma is posing a challenge to that practice.

**Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Agriculture not immune to ongoing global supply shortages**

Supply shortages are cropping up in many industries, and they're also affecting the agriculture sector.

**Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Severe storms strike Clinton airport and Oklahoma City metro**

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**Friday, Oct. 29, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Expert shares fall maintenance tips to help protect your home for the winter season**

As the days get cooler, experts say now is a good time to do some fall home maintenance before winter sets in.

**Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Oklahoma's extreme weather and its impact on the electric grid**

Oklahoma's NPR member stations are producing a series of stories focused on infrastructure in the state as Congress wrestles with the issue. KGOU's Ryan Gaylor has this story on the state's increasingly extreme weather and the impact it's having on the electric grid.

**Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**New report shows Oklahoma ranks second in wind power production growth**

A new report ranks Oklahoma second in the country in wind power production growth over the last 10 years.

**Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**As seasons change, experts urge Oklahoma drivers to take caution of deer crossings**

Oklahoma State University extension wildlife specialist Dwayne Elmore said deer aren't migratory, but they do often move within their territory as seasons change. Bucks often move when looking for a mate, Elmore said, "And this is a time of year, we really need to be careful when we're driving, particularly during the low light periods early and late in the day and at night."

**Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Forecasts predict a warmer winter, but there could still be deep freezes**

This year's winter in the south, including Oklahoma, will be warmer and drier between December and February due to La Niña, according to an outlook report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Drought conditions worsen in Oklahoma**

Oklahoma needs moisture. Drought conditions across the state are worsening.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma Gov. Stitt won't renew hunting, fishing compacts between Cherokee, Choctaw Nations**

Leaders of the Five Tribes say they're disappointed Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt is canceling hunting and fishing license compacts that were up for renewal on Dec. 31.

**Arts & Entertainment**

**Monday, Nov. 1, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Young reader adaptation of 'Killers of the Flower Moon' to be released**

Move over Martin Scorsese, another adaptation of David Grann's Killers of the Flower Moon will be coming in November. A new edition of the book is aimed at younger readers.

**Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Federal committee says University of Alabama must return historic objects to tribes**

The Muscogee Nation is celebrating the decision by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Review Committee that the remains and funerary objects held by the university are culturally affiliated and should be returned.

**Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Oklahoma City's arts scene is growing, but rising rents and COVID fallout are squeezing its artists**

Oklahoma City has become an arts and culture hub, thanks to the city core's revitalization over the past two decades. But, a fast growing population, the rising cost of living and the COVID-19 pandemic, are making the city less affordable for the people who give OKC its personality.

**Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 ~ Featured, 8 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Oklahoma Film Industry Making Major Strides**

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**Business, Economics & Finance**

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**The boom of cannabis growers in Oklahoma is straining rural utilities**

Oklahoma's NPR member stations are producing a series of stories focused on infrastructure in the state as Congress wrestles with the issue. Today, as more states approve medical or recreational marijuana, they have to figure out how to regulate production.

**Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Chickasaw Nation to build resort near First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City**

The Chickasaw Nation will begin construction on a \$300 million resort next year near the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City.

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**Infrastructure bill estimated to provide more than \$5 billion for Oklahoma**

Despite all of Oklahoma's House members voting against the bill, the state will receive more than \$5 billion for roads, bridges, electric vehicle charging stations and rural broadband internet expansion, among other things.

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**OG&E makes grid improvements to reduce prolonged outages ahead of winter**

In response to last year's winter storms, OG&E has made a number of repairs to their electrical infrastructure to mitigate outages. Since the ice storm last October, the utility company says in addition to trimming or removing over 120,000 trees, their crews have replaced nearly 9,000 poles, 4,000 transformers and 500 miles of underground and above ground power lines.

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**Epic Charter Schools begins to lay off employees amid massive enrollment drop**

At the start of the pandemic in 2020, students left Oklahoma public schools and flocked to the state's virtual charter behemoth, now they're flocking away.

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**Cherokee Nation to raise its minimum wage to \$15 per hour**

On Monday, the Cherokee Nation announced they will raise the minimum wage for its government workforce to \$15 an hour.

**Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Seaboard Foods faces federal labor violation for failing to protect from and report worker injuries**

Seaboard Foods in Guymon, Oklahoma, faces thousands of dollars in fines for failing to prevent worker injuries. The penalties come after a six-month inspection by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

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**Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Oklahoma Economy Continues To Show Growth In State Revenue**

The latest figures for the State of Oklahoma's General Revenue Fund indicate a dramatic increase in funding - more than a third higher than estimates - fueled by a strong economy.

**Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Gas bills expected to increase this winter, tips to keep them lower**

As the weather gets colder, you may worry about what that upcoming gas bill could look like. Here are some tips for keeping your utility bills low this season.

**Crime & Law Enforcement**

**Friday, Oct. 1, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Death Row Inmate Julius Jones Awaits Clemency Hearing To Learn Fate**

Governor Kevin Stitt has rejected a recommendation to commute the death sentence of Death Row inmate Julius Jones, whose case has drawn national attention. The governor will not make a decision about Jones's fate until after a clemency hearing in late October.

**Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Judge denies stay of execution request for five Oklahoma death row inmates**

The first executions in the state since 2015 are scheduled to continue as planned after death row inmates were denied stays of execution.

**Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**As legal fight over Oklahoma's lethal injection protocol continues, federal appeals court temporarily grants two execution stays**

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals temporarily grants execution stays for John Grant and Julius Jones. Oklahoma is asking the U.S. Supreme Court for an appeal on the circuit court's ruling to allow Grant a stay.

**Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**In Oklahoma's first execution since botched lethal injection nearly seven years ago, John Grant convulses, vomits repeatedly before dying**

Based on the reporting of the eyewitnesses to the execution, for the third time in a row, Oklahoma's execution protocol did not work as it was designed to. This is why the Tenth Circuit stayed John Grant's execution and this is why the U.S. Supreme Court should not have lifted the stay," said Dale Baich, one of the attorneys for the death row plaintiffs in a federal lawsuit against the state.

**Friday, Oct. 29, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Flawed execution clouds outlook for planned executions in Oklahoma**

Six years after pausing the administration of the death penalty in the state, Oklahoma carried out an execution on Thursday that did not go according to plan. During injection of the three-drug cocktail, inmate John Grant convulsed more than two dozen times and vomited, before losing consciousness and dying in the execution chamber.

**Monday, Nov. 1, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board votes to recommend clemency for Julius Jones**

The Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board voted to recommend clemency for Julius Jones Monday afternoon.

**Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 ~ Feature, 8 minutes**

**How Curious: Who is the worst outlaw that became famous in Oklahoma?**

Outlaws like Bill Doolin, Bert Casey and Richard "Little Dick" West have gone down in Oklahoma history as accomplished outlaws. But who is the worst outlaw that became famous in Oklahoma?

**Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma Supreme Court reverses \$465 million opioid verdict against Johnson & Johnson**

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**Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**As Julius Jones' execution draws near, Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt stays silent on clemency**

Less than 48 hours out from his scheduled execution, Julius Jones' supporters still don't know whether he'll get clemency.

**Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Family, supporters of Julius Jones turn to faith, hold out hope that clemency will be granted**

With hours left before the scheduled execution of Julius Jones, his supporters have been rallying at the Oklahoma state Capitol and across Oklahoma City to voice their support for clemency.

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**Citing execution flaws, Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board recommends clemency for Bigler Stouffer**

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**Here's why the fate of Julius Jones is up to Governor Kevin Stitt**

Oklahoma's Governor is the person who must choose whether a man at the center of a national controversy around the death penalty will live or die on Thursday afternoon.

**Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Julius Jones' sentence commuted to life without parole**

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt granted clemency to Julius Jones on Thursday, less than four hours before he was scheduled to be executed.

**Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Bennie Edwards' family files federal lawsuit against Oklahoma City, officers over his shooting death**

Oklahoma City and two of its police officers are facing a federal lawsuit from the family of a man who was shot and killed last year.

**Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma death row inmate Bigler Stouffer has been executed**

For just the second time in nearly seven years, Oklahoma has executed a death row inmate.

**Monday, Dec. 13, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Watch: Corrections department seeks to hire teenagers as detention officers**

The Department of Corrections is asking the legislature to lower its minimum hiring age from 20 to 18.

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**A lawsuit says Oklahoma went too far in labeling requirements for food like Tofurky**

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**Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**OU architecture students redesign Oklahoma County Jail with focus on rehabilitation**

Students from OU's Christopher C. Gibbs College of Architecture have created a redesign of the Oklahoma County Jail to shift focus from punishment to rehabilitation.

## Education

**Friday, Oct. 1, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**As Oklahoma test scores fall, state officials say numbers don't tell the whole story**

For the first time since the pandemic began, Oklahoma students, parents and educators have results from statewide assessments available. At first glance the results aren't pretty. Proficiency rates fell in every measurable category from 2019, before the pandemic, to 2021. And though prognosticators warned there would likely be decreases, because of uneven participation rates, it's hard to determine exactly what impact the pandemic had on scores.

**Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Report finds Epic's 2020 growth accounted for more than 10% of charter enrollment nationally**

As traditional public school enrollment plummeted across the nation, charter schools grew by roughly 240,000 students, according to a study released by the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools.

**Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Massive four-day school week study shows effects of the practice are mixed**

As Oklahoma has debated the strengths and weaknesses of four-day school weeks in rural districts for years, there's never been much actual research supporting or discouraging the practice.

**Friday, Oct. 15, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma ACT participation rate lowest since at least 2012**

For Oklahoma's high school class of 2021, participation in the ACT test was as low as it's been in at least a decade.

**Monday, Oct. 18, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Teaching during a pandemic: one Oklahoma educator shares his experience**

Ted Hartley, a teacher at Harding Fine Arts Academy in Oklahoma City decided to join the family business, teaching, after a 35-year-long career as a software engineer.

**Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**College enrollment appears to be dropping in Oklahoma**

A preliminary survey of Oklahoma's higher education institutions shows that college enrollment has fallen roughly two percent in fall 2021, when compared to fall 2020.

**Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: Oklahoma's school cafeterias have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic**

Food, labor shortage leave child nutrition workers scrambling to keep hungry kids fed

**Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma's higher education governing board asks for increase to restore some of historic cuts**

Oklahoma's Regents for Higher Education are asking the legislature for an \$85 million funding increase.

**Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Tulsa's Union Public Schools chooses new mascot name**

Tulsa's Union Public Schools has a new mascot. Union's Board of Education on Monday voted unanimously to approve the new Redhawks mascot, as recommended by students.

**Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: Politics dial up intensity at Oklahoma school board meetings**

School board meetings used to be pretty boring. But now they've become a battleground over big political topics like the coronavirus and race.

**Friday, Nov. 12, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**OSU offers Oklahoma's first American Sign Language major**

Oklahoma State University has a new language major that's the first of its kind in the state.

**Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Tulsa Public Schools to loosen masking policy following Thanksgiving**

Tulsa Public Schools announced it intends to loosen its masking rules across the district at its school board meeting Monday.

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**Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**'It's like WPA Money': How federal COVID-19 relief funds are helping schools make infrastructure improvements**

Ponca City Schools is one district leveraging funds for coronavirus relief to make much-needed repairs.

**Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**OU to provide streamlined transfer pathways from three colleges**

The University of Oklahoma will make it easier for some community college and regional university students to transfer to the school.

**Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**OU, OSU temporarily halts vaccine requirements for employees**

The University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State are temporarily suspending their COVID-19 vaccination requirements for employees.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma lawmaker proposes 1619 Project prohibition**

An Oklahoma lawmaker is proposing a ban of the 1619 Project curriculum, which centers on Black Americans' experience before and after slavery in the classroom.

**Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Even with green light, few Oklahoma schools are requiring masks**

More than 60 private schools and public school districts required their students to mask up this fall. That's a far cry from the hundreds of public school districts that had mask mandates last school year.

**Monday, Dec. 20, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Federal student loan repayments resume in 2022: Here's what you need to know**

Student loan advisors suggest borrowers prepare themselves for repayment ahead of time. Here are some steps you can take to make sure you're ready.

**Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**More than \$9M in funding to be withheld from Epic Charter Schools**

Oklahoma State Board of Education members unanimously voted Thursday to withhold \$9.1 million that was slated to be paid to Epic Charter Schools in the upcoming year.

**Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**It will be easier for Oklahoma students to transfer in 2022**

Touted as one of the state's most significant education reforms of the 2021 legislative session, Senate Bill 783 makes transferring between districts easier.



## Medicine & Health

**Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: Oklahoma urgent cares face cutbacks and shutdowns amid ongoing COVID-19 pandemic strain**

Overwhelmed emergency rooms might be getting the spotlight during the pandemic, but as StateImpact's Catherine Sweeney reports, Oklahoma's urgent care centers are experiencing a similar strain.

**Friday, Oct. 15, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Blood donation shortages persist nationally, but the situation is improving in Oklahoma**

The American Red Cross is experiencing a shortage of blood donations nationally. In Oklahoma, the situation is improving.

**Friday, Oct. 15, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma Attorney General O'Connor calls for employers to 'disregard' President Biden's vaccine mandate requirements**

Oklahoma Attorney General John O'Connor released a statement Thursday calling for employers to disregard the Biden Administration's upcoming vaccine and testing requirement for their employees.

**Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Inhofe tells Pentagon to end military COVID vaccine requirement**

Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) is calling on the secretary of defense to immediately suspend the requirement that members of the military's uniformed and civilian workforces be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, claiming the policy is harming "readiness and morale."

**Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**COVID-19 vaccine boosters widely available for Oklahomans**

Oklahomans can now schedule COVID-19 booster vaccines regardless of which brand they first received.

**Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma Supreme Court temporarily blocks three anti-abortion laws**

Oklahoma was set to have new abortion restrictions in place next week, but now that won't happen. The Oklahoma State Supreme Court hit the pause button on Monday, in a 5-3 ruling. Reproductive rights activists and providers sued to challenge the bills. The court is blocking the policies until it determines whether they're legal.

**Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Oklahoma's recent COVID-19 hospitalization spike created a strain on oxygen — and not just for hospitals**

As thousands of Oklahomans battled COVID-19 in ICUs earlier this year, hospitals' demand for liquid oxygen skyrocketed.

**Friday, Oct. 29, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**OU and OSU to require all employees to be vaccinated for COVID-19**

The University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University announced Friday that employees at the two schools must be vaccinated for COVID-19 by Dec. 8.

**Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma files lawsuit against Biden administration over vaccine mandates**

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**Monday, Nov. 22, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma health officials are paying \$3 million to a PR and marketing firm for COVID-19 messaging and reputation management**

The Oklahoma State Department of Health entered the contract with Saxum this summer. Saxum has been aiding in COVID-19 communication since the early days of the pandemic.

**Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**New study examines the environmental and health impact of disposable masks**

A study out of the U.K. raises questions about the environmental and health impacts of single-use, disposable face masks.

**Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Gov. Stitt, attorney general discuss federal vaccine mandates**

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt says he's devoted to thwarting the Biden Administration's efforts to get more people vaccinated via mandates at every turn.

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**Oklahoma Attorney General John O'Connor joins 24-state lawsuit to block President Biden's Head Start COVID-19 mandates**

Oklahoma Attorney General John O'Connor has joined a multi-state lawsuit to block President Biden's mandate for COVID-19 precautions within Head Start programs.

**Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Omicron COVID-19 variant has been detected in Oklahoma**

Oklahoma reports its first case nearly three weeks after the omicron variant was first detected in the U.S.

**Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma medical professionals answer COVID questions before the holidays**

Heading into the holidays, listeners and readers have sent several questions about the coronavirus — the new strain, boosters, long-term symptoms and more. StateImpact conducted interviews and attended briefings on the subject.

**Monday, Dec. 27, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Watch: As some Oklahoma churches push vaccines, others sow misinformation, doubt**

As concerns about the Omicron variant have fueled a renewed push by health experts to encourage vaccinations or boosters, the role that religion and church leaders have on vaccine acceptance has been put in the spotlight.

**Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**'I'm perfectly healthy': Gov. Kevin Stitt says he has no plans to get a COVID-19 booster**

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt says he has no plans on getting a second inoculation after receiving the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine back in March.

**Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Federal judge rejects Oklahoma's lawsuit over National Guard vaccine mandate**

A federal judge in Oklahoma has ruled against the state in its lawsuit challenging the vaccine mandates for members of the Oklahoma National Guard.

## Military, War & Veterans

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**Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**The Pentagon Chief denies Oklahoma National Guard vaccine exemption request**

"National Guard, as you know, even under Title 32 is funded by the federal government. So, training operations that come under Title 32, much less Title 10, come under the Secretary's purview," Pentagon Press Secretary John Kirby said during a press briefing on Monday. "So, one could elect not to take the vaccine, of course, but then you would be putting at jeopardy your ability to stay in the National Guard."

**Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma files federal lawsuit after Pentagon denies National Guard COVID vaccine exemption**

Oklahoma Attorney General John O'Connor and Gov. Kevin Stitt announced Thursday afternoon they're suing the Biden Administration over a federal vaccine mandate for U.S. military members.

**Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Stitt Administration Takes More Legal Action Against Vaccination Requirements**

Armed with a \$10 million budget to pursue lawsuits against the federal government, state Attorney General John O'Connor is seeking an injunction to prevent the U.S. Department of Defense from requiring members of the Oklahoma National Guard to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

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## **Politics & Government**

**Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

### **Proposed expansion of passenger rail would mean more transportation options for Oklahomans**

As a bipartisan bill that would dedicate \$1.2 trillion dollars to improving the nation's infrastructure waits for lawmakers in Congress to take action, Oklahomans have ideas on what they'd improve in our state if they had the chance. More public transportation is high on the list.

**Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

### **Joy Hofmeister to switch parties and run against Kevin Stitt for Oklahoma governor**

In an interview with The Tulsa World, State schools superintendent Joy Hofmeister announced she will switch parties and become a Democrat to challenge Gov. Kevin Stitt in the 2022 gubernatorial election.

**Friday, Oct. 8, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

### **New audit shows thousands in misused funds, lack of oversight in rural Oklahoma town**

Officials in the rural town of Lone Wolf in southwestern Oklahoma have been stealing public money from its residents, according to a new investigation released by the Oklahoma State Auditor's office on Oct. 5.

**Friday, Oct. 8, 2021 ~ Feature, 9 minutes**

### **Capitol Insider: State of Oklahoma seeks "jurisdictional certainty" following SCOTUS McGirt decision**

In July 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court determined, in McGirt v. Oklahoma, that Oklahoma does not have jurisdiction over crimes committed on tribal land against tribal citizens. The decision has raised concerns about how far the ruling extends into other areas of state-tribal relations. We discuss with the special counsel to Governor Kevin Stitt, Ryan Leonard.

**Friday, Oct. 15, 2021 ~ Feature, 8 minutes**

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**Friday, Oct. 15, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

### **Oklahoma Attorney General O'Connor calls for employers to 'disregard' President Biden's vaccine mandate requirements**

Oklahoma Attorney General John O'Connor released a statement Thursday calling for employers to disregard the Biden Administration's upcoming vaccine and testing requirement for their employees.

**Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

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**Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

### **OK Watch: Redistricting proposals that could overhaul Oklahoma politics**

Oklahoma's only competitive congressional district could return to firm Republican control — or give Democrats the best chance they've seen in years.

**Friday, Oct. 22, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

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After settling a lawsuit, Oklahoma state officials agreed to include a non-binary gender option on updated birth certificates. The change ushered in immediate blowback from conservatives.

**Friday, Oct. 22, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: State Commissioner of Health resigns following disclosure of birth certificate settlement agreement**

Oklahoma Commissioner of Health, Dr. Lance Frye, resigned Friday afternoon, just a day after Governor Kevin Stitt lambasted the agency upon learning it had agreed to issue a birth certificate designating the applicant's gender as non-binary, rather than male or female.

**Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma Supreme Court temporarily blocks three anti-abortion laws**

Oklahoma was set to have new abortion restrictions in place next week, but now that won't happen. The Oklahoma State Supreme Court hit the pause button on Monday, in a 5-3 ruling. Reproductive rights activists and providers sued to challenge the bills. The court is blocking the policies until it determines whether they're legal.

**Friday, Oct. 29, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

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**Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**New Congressional District 5 map will add Guthrie, Chandler while subtracting Plaza District, Oklahoma City's Southside**

New lines will turn Oklahoma's Congressional District 5 from a purple district to a solidly Republican one.

**Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma Republican officials respond to gerrymandering accusations**

Oklahoma lawmakers released their final updated map of the state's congressional districts on Monday, a few weeks ahead of a special session on redistricting.

**Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma files lawsuit against Biden administration over vaccine mandates**

The state of Oklahoma will sue the Biden Administration to fight its vaccine mandate for federal workers.

**Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma's higher education governing board asks for increase to restore some of historic cuts**

Oklahoma's Regents for Higher Education are asking the legislature for an \$85 million funding increase.

**Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 ~ Feature, 8 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: State takes legal steps to fight vaccination mandates**

The Stitt Administration is increasing efforts to oppose federal COVID-19 vaccination requirements for federal contractors, members of the National Guard and large businesses in Oklahoma.

**Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Infrastructure bill estimated to provide more than \$5 billion for Oklahoma**

Despite all of Oklahoma's House members voting against the bill, the state will receive more than \$5 billion for roads, bridges, electric vehicle charging stations and rural broadband internet expansion, among other things.

**Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma Supreme Court reverses \$465 million opioid verdict against Johnson & Johnson**

After an Oklahoma Supreme Court ruling on Tuesday, the state will lose some - but not all - of the money it secured suing opioid manufacturers.

**Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: Politics dial up intensity at Oklahoma school board meetings**

School board meetings used to be pretty boring. But now they've become a battleground over big political topics like the coronavirus and race.

**Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

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**Friday, Nov. 12, 2021 ~ Feature, 8 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Legislature convenes to approve new congressional, legislative districts**

With new U.S. Census figures in hand, the Oklahoma legislature has re-drawn legislative and congressional districts that will influence Oklahoma elections and politics for the next decade. The proposed new congressional districts, however, have generated controversy.

**Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Legislators Establish New Districts For State House, Senate And Congress**

Following nearly a year of work, the Oklahoma legislature has approved new boundaries for legislative and congressional districts that will be in place for the next ten years.

**Monday, Nov. 22, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma health officials are paying \$3 million to a PR and marketing firm for COVID-19 messaging and reputation management**

The Oklahoma State Department of Health entered the contract with Saxum this summer. Saxum has been aiding in COVID-19 communication since the early days of the pandemic.

**Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**'You are a hazard': Citizen Potawatomi Nation workers are ordered to be vaccinated**

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will require those working for the tribal government to be vaccinated.

**Friday, Nov. 26, 2021 ~ Feature, 8 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Previewing The 2022 Oklahoma Election Climate**

Statewide elections in Oklahoma are less than a year away, so this is a good time to look ahead to the political climate that will influence the races, with Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Allyson Shortle.

**Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**First Lady Jill Biden and U.S. Secretary of the Interior to visit Oklahoma**

First Lady Jill Biden and Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland will be visiting Oklahoma on Friday.

**Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma files federal lawsuit after Pentagon denies National Guard COVID vaccine exemption**

Oklahoma Attorney General John O'Connor and Gov. Kevin Stitt announced Thursday afternoon they're suing the Biden Administration over a federal vaccine mandate for U.S. military members.

**Friday, Dec. 3, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Stitt Administration Takes More Legal Action Against Vaccination Requirements**

Armed with a \$10 million budget to pursue lawsuits against the federal government, state Attorney General John O'Connor is seeking an injunction to prevent the U.S. Department of Defense from requiring members of the Oklahoma National Guard to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

**Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Gov. Stitt, attorney general discuss federal vaccine mandates**

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt says he's devoted to thwarting the Biden Administration's efforts to get more people vaccinated via mandates at every turn.

**Friday, Dec. 10, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Watch: Expect fewer competitive Oklahoma legislative races after redistricting**

Unlike the fierce debate over Oklahoma's congressional redistricting map, state lawmakers approved new legislative redistricting plans last month with a near-unanimous bipartisan vote that received little fanfare.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

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**Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

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**Monday, Dec. 20, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Federal student loan repayments resume in 2022: Here's what you need to know**

Student loan advisors suggest borrowers prepare themselves for repayment ahead of time. Here are some steps you can take to make sure you're ready.

**Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Oklahoma Attorney General John O'Connor joins 24-state lawsuit to block President Biden's Head Start COVID-19 mandates**

Oklahoma Attorney General John O'Connor has joined a multi-state lawsuit to block President Biden's mandate for COVID-19 precautions within Head Start programs.

**Friday, Dec. 24, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Announcing The Top Ten Oklahoma Stories Of 2021 (Part One)**

We close the year with a discussion of the top ten stories of the year in Oklahoma, beginning this week with numbers ten through six.

**Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**'I'm perfectly healthy': Gov. Kevin Stitt says he has no plans to get a COVID-19 booster**

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt says he has no plans on getting a second inoculation after receiving the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine back in March.

**Friday, Dec. 31, 2021 ~ Feature, 6 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Top Ten Oklahoma Stories Of 2021 (Part Two)**

In the final Capitol Insider segment of 2021, Dick and Shawn discuss the top five political and government stories of the year in Oklahoma.

## **Race, Identity & Culture**

**Friday, Oct. 1, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

### **Five additional federal judges requested to handle increased post-McGirt caseload in Oklahoma**

The Judicial Conference of the United States is requesting five additional judges for Oklahoma's federal court to handle the increased caseload created by the U.S. Supreme Court's McGirt v. Oklahoma decision last year.

**Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021 ~ Feature, 8 minutes**

### **How Curious: Did an Oklahoma City lake revive a movie star?**

Belle Isle Lake in Oklahoma City was built in early statehood to generate electricity for the trolley system, becoming a premier destination for swimming and boating. But was the lake responsible for reviving one of the most iconic horror actors of the 20th century?

**Monday, Oct. 11, 2021 ~ Feature, 4 minutes**

### **New Tulsa mural explores Black and Indigenous solidarity**

Over the past year, more and more murals are popping up in and around downtown Tulsa. Many celebrate the city's Indigenous history, while others pay tribute to Black Wall Street. Now, two artists are creating a mural celebrating Indigenous and Black history in Oklahoma.

**Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021 ~ Feature, 8 minutes**

### **How Curious: Why was Oklahoma the last state in the nation to legalize tattooing?**

Oklahoma was the last state in the nation to legalize tattooing in 2006. Before then, some residents traveled to surrounding states to get tattooed or set up shop. But why did Oklahoma ban the practice in the early '60s?

**Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

### **SIOK: Oklahoma School for the Deaf welcomes new, more inclusive Bison mascot**

Sulphur school is one of the latest nationwide to shift away from Indigenous-themed nickname. It started in 2016, when the school began removing imagery from logos and pivoting as much as possible to a block O with two feathers, but keeping the Indians nickname. The attitude at the time was to show greater respect to indigenous Oklahomans, Dvorak said.

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### **Chickasaw Nation to build resort near First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City**



The Chickasaw Nation will begin construction on a \$300 million resort next year near the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City.

**Friday, Oct. 22, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Court rules that Quapaw Nation's reservation was never disestablished**

Another tribal nation in the state had the boundaries of its reservation affirmed Thursday, as the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals ruled the Quapaw Nation's reservation was never disestablished.

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**Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021 ~ Feature, 8 minutes**

**How Curious: What Oklahoma mound inspired an H.P. Lovecraft story?**

Before H.P. Lovecraft was considered one of the most influential writers of the 20th century, known for his cosmic brand of horror, he made a living ghostwriting for other authors. But was one of these stories inspired by a mound in Oklahoma?

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**Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 ~ Feature, 8 minutes**

**How Curious: Who is the worst outlaw that became famous in Oklahoma?**

Outlaws like Bill Doolin, Bert Casey and Richard "Little Dick" West have gone down in Oklahoma history as accomplished outlaws. But who is the worst outlaw that became famous in Oklahoma?

**Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Tulsa's Union Public Schools chooses new mascot name**

Tulsa's Union Public Schools has a new mascot. Union's Board of Education on Monday voted unanimously to approve the new Redhawks mascot, as recommended by students.

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**OSU offers Oklahoma's first American Sign Language major**

Oklahoma State University has a new language major that's the first of its kind in the state.

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**Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Federal committee says University of Alabama must return historic objects to tribes**

The Muscogee Nation is celebrating the decision by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Review Committee that the remains and funerary objects held by the university are culturally affiliated and should be returned.

**Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Investments in Cherokee Nation language immersion program may be a model for national programs**

First Lady Jill Biden was in Oklahoma Friday, along with Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland. Both were in Tahlequah to visit the Cherokee Nation Immersion School, where young people are helping to save the endangered Cherokee language.

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**OK Watch: As some Oklahoma churches push vaccines, others sow misinformation, doubt**

As concerns about the Omicron variant have fueled a renewed push by health experts to encourage vaccinations or boosters, the role that religion and church leaders have on vaccine acceptance has been put in the spotlight.

## Science & Technology

**Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Monarchs butterflies are migrating through Oklahoma, and here's why you might be seeing fewer of them**

Temperatures are getting cooler, and winter is on its way. That means monarch butterflies are making their way through Oklahoma on their way to Mexico for the winter. If you think you're seeing fewer of them each year, you aren't alone.

**Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021 ~ Feature, 8 minutes**

**How Curious: Buried treasure in Oklahoma?**

Gold has attracted various groups to Oklahoma, ranging from Spanish explorers, notorious outlaws like Jesse James and miners during the state's short-lived gold rush. But is gold and treasure buried in Oklahoma?

**Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Oklahoma's recent COVID-19 hospitalization spike created a strain on oxygen — and not just for hospitals**

As thousands of Oklahomans battled COVID-19 in ICUs earlier this year, hospitals' demand for liquid oxygen skyrocketed.

**Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Oklahoma's extreme weather and its impact on the electric grid**

Oklahoma's NPR member stations are producing a series of stories focused on infrastructure in the state as Congress wrestles with the issue. KGOU's Ryan Gaylor has this story on the state's increasingly extreme weather and the impact it's having on the electric grid.

**Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**OG&E makes grid improvements to reduce prolonged outages ahead of winter**

In response to last year's winter storms, OG&E has made a number of repairs to their electrical infrastructure to mitigate outages. Since the ice storm last October, the utility company says in addition to trimming or removing over 120,000 trees, their crews have replaced nearly 9,000 poles, 4,000 transformers and 500 miles of underground and above ground power lines.

**Monday, Nov. 22, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Expect busier roadways and airports heading into Thanksgiving**

Many have plans to travel for the holidays and experts say this year will be busier than last.

**Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**As seasons change, experts urge Oklahoma drivers to take caution of deer crossings**

Oklahoma State University extension wildlife specialist Dwayne Elmore said deer aren't migratory, but they do often move within their territory as seasons change. Bucks often move when looking for a mate, Elmore said, "And this is a time of year, we really need to be careful when we're driving, particularly during the low light periods early and late in the day and at night."

**Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Forecasts predict a warmer winter, but there could still be deep freezes**

This year's winter in the south, including Oklahoma, will be warmer and drier between December and February due to La Niña, according to an outlook report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Omicron COVID-19 variant has been detected in Oklahoma**

Oklahoma reports its first case nearly three weeks after the omicron variant was first detected in the U.S.

## Sports

**Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**NCAA upholds postseason ban against Oklahoma State's men's basketball program**

The NCAA upheld its one-year postseason ban and other penalties against the Oklahoma State men's basketball program on Wednesday.

**Monday, Nov. 29, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**Lincoln Riley leaving OU to become USC's head coach**

Thanksgiving weekend was not kind to Sooner fans. For the Cowboys, Saturday night was glorious. After beating OU 37-33, OSU is off to the Big 12 Championship Game and remains alive for the College Football Playoff and a chance at the national title. Less than 24 hours after seeing their hopes for the same dashed, OU lost Lincoln Riley.

**Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 ~ Newscast, 1 minute**

**College football recap: OU gets new coach, OSU comes up inches short, bowl game matchups set**

Brent Venables rejoins the Sooners, OSU loses the Big 12 Championship Game and bowl game matchups are set.

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## Collaborations/Content Partnering Efforts

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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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