



The University of Oklahoma Outreach

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

Covering the Period: April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023

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

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

Local Programming

These programs are regular presentations of KGOU Radio.

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

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

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

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

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

Agriculture & Environment

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Fire chances rising in Western Oklahoma as drought conditions persist

Oklahomans can brace for another hike in fire danger at the end of this week and on into the next.

Thursday, April 13, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Tiny herd, big impact: Buffalo in Sulphur move to a new home

A small group of bison has been maintained in Sulphur for nearly 100 years. Last week, the herd was moved to a new pasture for the first time. Hannah France reports...

Thursday, April 20, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Tornadoes in Central Oklahoma kill 3, Governor Stitt declares a state of emergency in 5 counties

An outbreak of tornadoes in central Oklahoma Wednesday evening leveled homes, tossed vehicles and killed at least three people. The Red Cross has opened shelters in three locations.

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma April showers could help drought without too much flash flood risk

This week's rain has made way for budding plants and budding questions about drought and flash flooding.

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma farmers and ranchers honor the late farmer advocate Mona Lee Brock

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Food, and Forestry and the American Farmers and Ranchers Cooperative gathered to honor the late farmer advocate Mona Lee Brock with a bronze sculpture and display case of mementos.

Thursday, May 18, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Even after recent rain, drought dries up summer fun in Bartlesville — at least for now

Bartlesville's city pools won't open this summer due to ongoing water shortages.

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Guthrie city pool won't open this summer due to Oklahoma drought

Guthrie city officials announced its municipal pool at Highland Park will stay closed for the summer due to the effects of the ongoing drought and low lake levels.

Monday, June 5, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Central Oklahoma counties setting tornado records before halfway point in 2023

Oklahoma is in tornado season for a bit longer — and so far this year, it's been pretty busy.

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 ~ Feature, 13 minutes

How Curious: How did Oklahoma save the Texas Longhorn?

The Texas Longhorn is typically associated with, er, Texas. But KGOU heard a rumor that when the breed was on the verge of extinction a century ago, it was a group of Oklahomans that saved the bovine.

Thursday, June 15, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma chicken litter lawsuit will go into federal remediation with clean-up plan postponed again

A decades-long court battle between Oklahoma and poultry corporations in Northwest Arkansas has been extended once again.

Friday, June 23, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Recent rainfall provides significant drought relief in Oklahoma, particularly in panhandle

Oklahoma has seen significant drought relief over the last few weeks thanks to recent storms. Nyk Daniels reports...

Monday, June 26, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: New report commissioned by OMMA finds 'oversupply' of medical marijuana product

Medical marijuana producers are growing 32 times more cannabis than is demanded by the market.

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahomans brace for the highest temperatures of the year so far

Oklahoma is slated to have widespread triple-digit temperatures on Wednesday and Thursday.

Arts & Entertainment

Sunday, April 2, 2023 ~ Program, 54 minutes

KGOU Readers Club: *Union Pacific Railroad Heritage* (Encore)

A discussion of the history of Union Pacific's role in settling the west, from the Civil War to World War II and beyond. Authors Beth Anne Keates and Kenneth Springirth joined KGOU's Logan Layden to discuss the book.

Friday, April 14, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

KGOU's Michael 'B' reflects on his tenure as host of *Tonic: The Funky Groove Show* and what he has planned for the program's 100th episode

KGOU's Jim Johnson and Michael B discuss the history and planned future of *Tonic: The Funky Groove Show* on KGOU.

Monday, April 24, 2023 ~ Program, 54 minutes

KGOU Readers Club: *Cherokee Civil Warrior*

KGOU managing editor Logan Layden sits down with W. Dale Weeks, author of *Cherokee Civil Warrior: Chief John Ross and the Struggle for Tribal Sovereignty*.

Sunday, April 30, 2023 ~ Program, 54 minutes

KGOU Readers Club: *Cherokee Civil Warrior* (Encore)

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Wednesday, May 10, 2023 ~ Feature, 11 minutes

KGOU: Friends in Blues reunite for upcoming OKC gig

In 2010 a connection was made when Oklahoma-based bandleader Scott Keeton played a set that caught the attention of fellow musician, singer/songwriter and blues harp ace, RJ Mischo. Now, the two are planning to rekindle that musical spark during a special one-night-only showcase (and OKC debut for Mischo) Friday, May 12th at VZD's. (Excerpted interview from the May 7th broadcast of *The Weekend Blues*)

Monday, May 29, 2023 ~ Program, 54 minutes

KGOU Readers Club: *Fatherland*

KGOU managing editor Logan Layden talks with Burkhard Bilger, author of *Fatherland: A memoir of war, conscience, and family secrets*.

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 ~ Feature, 14 minutes

How Curious: How did an Oklahoma impresario take country music to the former USSR?

This episode features an Oklahoma-based musical mega-impresario, some of country music's biggest stars, and a tour of the former USSR.

Sunday, June 4, 2023 ~ Program, 54 minutes

KGOU Readers Club: Fatherland (Encore)

KGOU managing editor Logan Layden talks with Burkhard Bilger, author of *Fatherland: A memoir of war, conscience, and family secrets*.

Thursday, June 15, 2023 ~ Feature, 14 minutes

KGOU: Jazz icon Christian McBride reflects on several key points in his life...and career

Christian McBride is a name serious jazz fans — and KGOU listeners — should recognize. The noted bassist, composer and arranger, also serves as host of NPR's Jazz Night In America, which has been a part of our program lineup since its initial broadcast back in 2014. This Saturday, McBride and his quartet New Jawn are to headline the Jazz In June festival taking place in Norman's Andrews Park. KGOU's Jim Johnson put together this audio narrative.

Saturday, June 24, 2023 ~ Feature, 40 minutes

KGOU: Stephanie Stein Crease explores the music and life of noted jazz drummer and bandleader Chick Webb

One of the founding figures of Jazz's Swing Era, and a successful bandleader at the Savoy Ballroom during the Harlem Renaissance into the Great Depression, Chick Webb (1905-39) set the beat for decades of jazz history, even after his early death at the age of 34, but his story has largely been ignored. In her interview with 'Hardluck' Jim/The Weekend Blues, jazz historian—and biographer of Gil Evans and Duke Ellington—Stephanie Stein Crease uncovers how Webb's virtuosity, creativity, and persistence left an indelible impact on American culture.

Monday, June 26, 2023 ~ Program, 54 minutes

KGOU Readers Club: Prize for the Fire

KGOU managing editor Logan Layden sits down with Rilla Askew, author of Prize for the Fire.

Business, Economics & Finance

Thursday, April 6, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Oklahoma Tourism Department announces new restaurant vendor for state parks

The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department has chosen Oklahoma-based company La Ratatouille as the new restaurant operator for Oklahoma State Parks. KGOU's Hannah France reports...

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma has a deal to bring Panasonic battery plant to Pryor, but details need to be ironed out

Oklahoma has reportedly signed a contract with Panasonic to build an electric vehicle battery plant in Pryor. But there may be some complications with the agreement.

Monday, April 24, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Tulsa home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright is for sale

A historic Tulsa home designed by a famous American architect is for sale.

Thursday, April 27, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: PSO guarantees customer protections as Corporation Commission considers rate hike for solar, wind projects

Public Service Company Oklahoma is one step closer to raising energy bills to pay for solar and wind projects. The company has reached a settlement with Attorney General Gentner Drummond and customer advocacy groups to protect customers weary of rate hikes.

Thursday, April 27, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma has few organic farms, but a USDA program could aid in changing that

The USDA is offering producers \$75 million to help transition their farms to become certified organic operations. Here's how those grants could impact Oklahoma.

Monday, May 1, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma, Kansas apply for planning funds to link OKC to bevy of destinations by passenger rail

Passenger rail could be coming soon to link OKC to Newton, Kansas, but it will still take a while longer.

Monday, May 1, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma legislature moves to exempt natural gas industry from price gouging law

The existing Emergency Price Stabilization Act prohibits anyone from increasing prices more than 10% within 30 days after a declared emergency in Oklahoma. Legislation to exempt the natural gas industry from that law is headed to the Governor's desk.

Monday, May 8, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: How eligible food and farm workers can apply for a \$600 relief payment through Cherokee Nation

The Cherokee Nation is giving one-time \$600 relief payments to farmworkers and meatpackers who worked during the pandemic through the Farm and Food Workers Relief Program.

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Another relief program's end returns some Oklahomans to food insecurity

Melissa Moore, her husband and her adult son are coping with a food stamp benefit decrease of about \$200 that forced her to start using her disability check for groceries instead of utilities. She's also started turning to food pantries about once a week as her husband waits for approval to receive disability checks for several health conditions, including diabetes. In this week's Long Story Short, Oklahoma Watch's Ari Fife reports on the correlation between a now ended a pandemic-era relief program and an increase in food pantry reliance.

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Oklahoma City Apple Retail Union begins contract negotiations with Apple

Months after winning their union election, the Oklahoma City Apple Retail Union is beginning contract negotiations with the corporation. KGOU's Hannah France reports...

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma pipeline company ONEOK will acquire Magellan Midstream Partners in \$18.8 billion deal

Two major energy infrastructure companies in Tulsa are about to become one.

Monday, May 22, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Farm kids can hit the road in Oklahoma with special permit later this year

Farm kids in Oklahoma as young as 14 can apply for a special driver's license later this year.

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: New restaurants opening up at Oklahoma State Parks in time for Memorial Day weekend

A new chain of restaurants is opening in five Oklahoma State Parks ahead of Memorial Day weekend.

Thursday, May 25, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma town of Cushing selected as site of \$5 billion, 'next-generation' refinery

A \$5.6 billion refinery is coming to Cushing. Southern Rock Energy Partners, the company behind this facility, promises it will be more eco-friendly than existing refineries.

Friday, June 2, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Count shows increase of people experiencing homelessness in Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City released its 2023 point-in-time report, showing a slight uptick in residents currently experiencing homelessness.

Thursday, June 8, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma City Chef Andrew Black snags James Beard Award

Oklahoma City's culinary scene just got another major feather in its cap. Chef Andrew Black of downtown Oklahoma City's Grey Sweater restaurant is getting the prestigious James Beard Foundation Award for Best Chef: Southwest.

Friday, June 9, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Will Norman raise water rates to fund improvements the city says are necessary? It's up to residents

Norman residents will vote on whether to raise their water rates Tuesday. The city says it needs the extra money to replace aging water lines and make sure the city meets water quality requirements.

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma Turnpike Authority raises toll rates for non-PikePass users

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority has approved higher rates for non-PikePass users.

Thursday, June 15, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: USDA awards more than \$50 million to Oklahoma for rural broadband expansion

Counties in Southeast Oklahoma and the panhandle will receive funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to bring high-speed Internet to rural communities.

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Could Oklahoma's law on anti-oil and gas investments hurt pensioners?

Oklahoma lawmakers questioned officials with the Commissioners of the Land Office over their \$8 million investment in a local company that buys houses in a rent-to-own program for residents who can't qualify for a mortgage.

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma City continues planning for bus rapid transit

Bus rapid transit is coming to Oklahoma City this fall through an EMBARK initiative. The new public transportation system will travel its route more frequently than existing Oklahoma City buses.

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma Turnpike Authority tells Supreme Court routes can change, provides financing update

It's unclear where a new turnpike near Norman will run. But, state officials are continuing to weigh options on potential routes.

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma receives nearly \$800 million from federal program to improve broadband internet access

Oklahoma has nearly \$800 million from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to expand broadband access across the state.

Friday, June 30, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma expects hundreds of thousands of road trippers despite holiday heat

Nearly half a million people are expected to travel in Oklahoma over the holiday weekend, and most of them will be driving. AAA anticipates a record-breaking number of road trippers across the country, and it may be thanks in part to lower gas prices.

Friday, June 30, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: As many Oklahomans struggled with housing, auditor says state mismanaged \$8.6 million in assistance

A new report from a state agency shows that as evictions approached record highs in some areas of Oklahoma, a state partner was paid millions of dollars meant to help renters during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Friday, June 30, 2023 ~ Feature, 14 minutes

Capitol Insider: Tourism and Recreation Department ready for summer fun at state parks

A year ago, the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department was facing numerous challenges, but things are looking up at state parks as the summer vacation season begins. In this episode of Capitol Insider, Tourism Director Shelly Zumwalt updates us on recent changes made by her department.

Crime & Law Enforcement

Thursday, April 6, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma AG says conviction of death row inmate Richard Glossip should be vacated

Attorney General Gentner Drummond says Oklahoma should vacate the conviction of death row inmate Richard Glossip.

Friday, April 7, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: As safety violations pile up, Hughes County DA seeks to close jail

Conditions have become so dangerous at the Hughes County jail that the newly elected district attorney said it is no longer safe for detention officers or detainees and should be shut down.

Monday, April 10, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Fake active shooter calls on University of Oklahoma campus referred to as 'swatting' incident

Calls that triggered an active shooter response at the University of Oklahoma Friday night were a hoax. KGOU's Deborah Shaar reports...

Friday, April 14, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes

OPMX: High stakes testing for bomb-sniffing dogs comes to Oklahoma City

Before dogs can sniff out explosives they have to pass a test. One of those tests was held recently at the OKC Fairgrounds.

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Remembrance ceremony honors the victims, survivors of Oklahoma City bombing

Wednesday marked 28 years since the bombing that killed 168 innocent Oklahomans. KGOU's Nyk Daniels reports on this year's anniversary event...

Thursday, April 20, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma appeals court denies AG's motion to stay Glossip execution

Oklahoma's Court of Criminal Appeals says Richard Glossip should be executed on May 18. The court issued an opinion Thursday denying a request to vacate his conviction or a stay in his execution.

Monday, April 24, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: 3 Oklahoma County Jail inmates have died in the past week

KGOU's Hannah France reports that three of the Oklahoma County Jail's inmates have died in a span of four days.

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: 1 person dead in shooting at Rose State College in Midwest City

Police say there was one shooter, one victim, and that the two seem to have known each other.

Thursday, April 27, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Oklahoma death row inmate Richard Glossip denied clemency

Despite an unprecedented amount of support from state officials, a split vote from the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board led to no recommendation for clemency for death row inmate Richard Glossip. KGOU's Hannah France reports...

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: 7 found dead in Okmulgee County following AMBER Alert

Seven people have been found dead in Okmulgee County following an AMBER Alert sent Monday morning, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation has confirmed.

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Henryetta community gathers as it awaits more information in deaths of 7

A community in Green Country mourns as it awaits answers. On Monday night at Henryetta High School, several hundred people gathered in a prayer vigil for seven people found dead at a home on the outskirts of the city.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Oklahoma County Jail Trust selects Brandi Gardner as new CEO

KGOU's Hannah France reports that the Oklahoma County Jail Trust has selected a new CEO.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Jail death investigation highlights fatal flaws in state's mental health response

An investigation into the 2019 jailing death of Ronald Given found questionable methods were used by jailers to subdue him during a mental health crisis. In this week's Long Story Short, Oklahoma Watch reporter Whitney Bryen highlights the fatal flaws in the state's mental health response.

Friday, May 5, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Supreme Court halts execution of Oklahoma death row inmate Richard Glossip

Death row inmate Richard Glossip's execution has been stayed again, this time by the U.S. Supreme Court, less than two weeks away from his execution date. Hannah France reports...

Thursday, May 11, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma City approves \$235,000 settlement in lawsuit over stolen water

Oklahoma City and the city's Water Utilities Trust have settled a lawsuit against an oil company for stealing water and harming protected lands at the Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge.

Monday, May 15, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Oklahoma man accused of writing a nearly \$200,000 bogus check to buy 139 cows

A Guymon man is accused of writing a bogus check to buy more than one hundred cows and resell them.

Friday, May 19, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Jailers neglected safety checks days before Norman woman's death

Cleveland County detention officers failed to perform required safety checks on detainees in critical care the same month two women died waiting for mental health evaluations in the jail, a health inspector found.

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: DOC whistleblower was fired after reporting sexual abuse, coverups

Dr. Whitney Louis built a 15-year career as a psychologist helping incarcerated people learn how to transition back into society. She expected to do the same when hired at Dr. Eddie Warrior Correctional Facility, a women's minimum security prison in Taft, Oklahoma. But as Oklahoma Watch's Ashlynd Huffman reports in this week's Long Story Short, Dr. Louis was thrown into the middle of what she alleges were sexual assault coverups

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma could soon be tied for highest juror pay in nation

Oklahoma lawmakers are hoping to give jurors a pay raise for the first time in more than 20 years.

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Jailers neglected safety checks days before Norman woman's death

Norman resident Shannon Hanchett died while in custody, just hours before she was to receive a court-ordered mental health evaluation from Griffin Memorial Hospital. Her death raised questions from the community about the jail's care of those who are locked inside. In this week's Long Story Short, Oklahoma Watch's Whitney Bryen explains what jail inspection records revealed prior to Hanchett's death.

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma Supreme Court rules two abortion bills unconstitutional

The Oklahoma Supreme Court ruled two bills banning abortions unconstitutional on Wednesday.

Friday, June 2, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: Oklahoma State Superintendent Ryan Walters faces legal action by 3 former employees

Three former Oklahoma State Department of Education employees are taking legal action over their terminations from the agency.

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Medical Examiner: Cookie Cottage owner Shannon Hanchett died of natural causes, heart defect

Months after a local business owner died at the Cleveland County Detention Center late last year, the state's Chief Medical Examiner has released a report on the cause of her death. KGOU's Hannah France reports...

Thursday, June 8, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Tulsa police chief Wendell Franklin calls for nation to transform its response to gun violence

As mass shootings plague the country, Tulsa's police chief is comparing the violence to 9/11 and urging a more comprehensive response. OPMX's Max Bryan sat down with Chief Wendell Franklin for StateImpact Oklahoma.

Thursday, June 15, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: U.S. Supreme Court affirms landmark Indian Child Welfare Act in 7-2 decision

A law central to tribal sovereignty will stand following a 7-2 Supreme Court ruling released Thursday.

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Jimcy McGirt's conviction overturned by federal court

Jimcy McGirt, the man at the center of the landmark Supreme Court ruling, had his federal child rape convictions overturned by a federal appeals court Tuesday.

Monday, June 26, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma death row inmate decides not to pursue standard clemency process

An Oklahoma death row inmate rejected the opportunity to have a clemency hearing.

Thursday, June 29, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: 'It was unfair': The push for retroactive criminal justice for domestic violence victims who killed their abusers

As criminal justice reform for criminalized survivors of domestic violence is gaining traction in Oklahoma, some advocates are working to make sure potential reforms are applied to those already incarcerated.

Friday, June 30, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Federal appeals court rules pre-statehood law doesn't apply to Tulsa speeding ticket

Tribal Nations are celebrating another win in federal court, following a ruling that a Choctaw citizen was improperly prosecuted for a speeding ticket in Tulsa.

Education

Thursday, April 6, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Why are school report cards so late? Blame the pandemic and a state data error

A calculation error created a months-long delay in the 2022 school report cards, which still have not been released to the public.

Friday, April 7, 2023 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Education policy, funding and administrative rules up in the air

Oklahoma lawmakers are still at an impasse over education funding, and the future of proposed State Board of Education administrative rules has yet to be determined.

Monday, April 10, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Oklahoma Catholic Church hopes to open first publicly funded religious charter school

Oklahoma's Catholic Church wants to open the U.S.'s first religious charter school. It hopes to jump its first regulatory hurdle Tuesday. Public school advocates and the state's AG are pushing back.

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Ryan Walters out as Oklahoma's Secretary of Education

Oklahoma's State Superintendent Ryan Walters will no longer have a spot on Gov. Kevin Stitt's cabinet.

Thursday, April 27, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: OU's swatting event was a hoax, but the trauma it caused was real

Last year, there were hundreds of swatting incidents at college and school campuses all over the country. And though these events turn out to be fake, the trauma people experience is real.

Thursday, April 27, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma House passes surprise bill tying teacher raises to Stitt's voucher-like tax credit program

Oklahoma House Republicans bypassed standard legislative procedure to advance Gov. Kevin Stitt's education plan. The last-minute change ties teacher raises to tax credits for private and homeschool families.

Friday, April 28, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: New Oklahoma Senate education funding plan features bigger teacher raises, maternity leave, separates voucher-like tax credits

As Gov. Kevin Stitt continues to veto bills until an education funding stalemate ends, the Oklahoma Senate unveiled its new education package Thursday in the hopes of moving closer to the finish line.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: 'Terrorist' teacher unions, communication gaps and federal grant anxiety: State Superintendent Ryan Walters' legislative hearing

State Superintendent Ryan Walters addressed a packed room of lawmakers for two and half hours Monday about his policy proposals and rhetoric — and things got heated.

Thursday, May 4, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: Oklahoma governor vetoes bills that would ensure access to overdose-reversing drugs

Oklahoma state lawmakers unanimously passed two bills ensuring access to opioid antagonists for at-risk communities. But, they joined Gov. Kevin Stitt's stack of vetoes.

Thursday, May 11, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: The battle for Oklahoma's education funding continues

The Oklahoma legislature has been deadlocked for weeks as it hashes out a plan for education funding. StateImpact's Beth Wallis sat down with Oklahoman newspaper education reporter Nuria Martinez-Keel to talk about the events at the Capitol that led up to this moment.

Monday, May 15, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: 'Contentious and clunky' education funding stalemate ends with \$785 million package

After a months-long standoff, Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt and legislative leaders are celebrating a deal on this year's education budget worth \$625 million in recurring funds and \$160 million in one-time funds.

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: What it's like to teach civics amid political polarization, intense scrutiny

Overshadowing that teaching today is extreme political polarization and an intense scrutiny of teachers. Oklahoma's one of at least 36 states that prohibits certain classroom discussions on race or gender, including what are considered "divisive concepts." In this week's Long Story Short, Oklahoma Watch reporter Jennifer Palmer reports on a proposed solution created by iCivics, an organization founded by retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who was alarmed by Americans' lack of understanding in how the country's constitutional democracy is supposed to work.

Thursday, May 25, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: 'We will strive to survive the Ryan Walters time': Oklahoma superintendents respond to Walters' claims, rhetoric

Walters repeatedly emphasized his focus on open communication with superintendents around the state. But when StateImpact sent out a survey to those superintendents, a much more complex picture emerged.

Thursday, May 25, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: Oklahoma State Superintendent launches 'public awareness' campaign against teachers' unions

State Superintendent Ryan Walters is again taking aim at teachers' unions, this time with the announcement of an Oklahoma State Department of Education public awareness campaign he says highlights teacher unions' positions on issues.

Monday, June 5, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: Oklahoma Charter School Board approves application for nation's first publicly funded religious school

The St. Isidore of Seville Virtual Charter School overcame a major hurdle on its path to becoming the first publicly funded religious school in the nation.

Monday, June 12, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: Legitimacy questions surround vote for nation's first publicly funded religious school

The nation's eyes were on Oklahoma last week when the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board voted to accept the application of what would be the country's first publicly funded, religious private school. But due to a technicality, the vote might not count.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: University of Oklahoma is raising tuition for the third consecutive year

The University of Oklahoma is raising tuition for the third year in a row, and other state universities are following.

Thursday, June 22, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Big bonuses, bigger risks: Oklahoma's new teacher sign-on bonus program raises concern

Signing bonuses of as much as \$50,000 are what Superintendent of Public Instruction Ryan Walters said is needed to attract new and retired teachers to the classroom. That's also what makes his new bonus plan a risky policy.

Thursday, June 22, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: State School Board meeting: Religious advisors recommend more Judeo-Christian material in Oklahoma classrooms

The role of religion in schools took center stage at Thursday's State Board of Education meeting.

Friday, June 23, 2023 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: State Superintendent supports recommendations for religion in schools

State Superintendent Ryan Walters has proposed enforcing a state law that requires Oklahoma schools to begin each class day with a minute of silence for prayer.

Monday, June 26, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Without paid family leave, teachers stockpile sick days and aim for summer babies

Less than one-fifth the largest school districts offer paid parental leave for teachers, and only a handful of states guarantee it. That leaves few options for educators who want to start a family.

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Committee requests Ten Commandments display in public classrooms

A committee examining prayer in schools asked the state Board of Education to require every classroom to display a poster of the Ten Commandments and require students to take a course on Western civilization for graduation. In this week's Long Story Short, Oklahoma Watch's Jennifer Palmer reports on the origin of the committee and offers additional details on the group's recommendations.

Medicine & Health

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: After a decade of waiting, Oklahomans with disabilities still aren't receiving care they need

In the 2000s, an oil bust and a recession resulted in budget shortfalls prompting state agencies to strip services from some of the most vulnerable Oklahomans. Services for Oklahomans with autism, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, brain injuries and intellectual disabilities faced even deeper cuts when federal contributions, which are determined by state funding, plummeted. As OK Watch's Whitney Bryen reports in this week's Long Story Short, thousands of families remain desperate for help.

Thursday, April 13, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: Oklahoma health officials say the public health lab needs more money

Lawmakers say they're planning to give the state's health department \$3-9 million more for the public health laboratory. The funding should cover a final round of renovations as well as advanced biosafety equipment.

Monday, April 17, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Where do medical marijuana issues stand in the Oklahoma Legislature?

Oklahoma lawmakers are pushing through legislation aimed at Oklahoma's medical marijuana industry. These efforts come after Oklahomans voted down recreational cannabis last month.

Thursday, April 20, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Oklahoma nursing schools ramp up admissions amid worker shortage

The state has been in a nursing shortage for years, and there haven't been enough slots for nursing students. Universities are working to change that.

Monday, May 1, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Oklahoma lawmakers try for second year to expand pregnancy help

Oklahoma lawmakers continue to be frustrated with a vendor hired to help pregnant women for expanded services under the state's Choosing Childbirth Act.

Thursday, May 4, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Oklahoma health secretary's ouster gives a look into frustration between the Senate and Gov. Stitt

The governor and the Legislature have been at odds over the state's Medicaid agency, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. That fight came to a head last week, when lawmakers booted the agency director from his Secretary of Health position.

Friday, May 5, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Another relief program's end returns some Oklahomans to food insecurity

The end to pandemic emergency relief food benefits has created a domino effect — longer pantry lines and limited stock on food bank shelves.

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma doctor speaks on first social media health advisory aimed at parents and teens

An Oklahoma doctor reacts to a first ever national health advisory aimed at social media use and teens.

Thursday, May 11, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Cherokee Nation vows to help citizens keep health care coverage as COVID Medicaid expansion expires

The COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency is coming to an end and that means in Oklahoma, thousands of people will lose health care coverage.

Thursday, May 18, 2023 ~ Feature, 4 minutes

SIOK: New law clarifies fentanyl test strips are legal in Oklahoma

This year, lawmakers passed a bill that ensured fentanyl test strips wouldn't be considered drug paraphernalia. The effort is meant to curtail the sudden spike in fentanyl-related deaths.

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma legislative committee picks projects for the last of the state's ARPA pandemic relief funds

Two years and nearly \$2 billion later, the Oklahoma Legislature is set to assign the last of its money from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Thursday, May 25, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: West Nile returns to Oklahoma City's mosquito populations

The OKC-County Health Department says mosquitoes carrying the West Nile virus are back in central Oklahoma for the summer.

Monday, June 5, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Clinton hospital could reopen sooner than originally thought

Clinton residents may not have to wait as long as originally anticipated for their hospital to reopen. The hospital might be able to open without upgrades to the facility. KGOU's Nyk Daniels reports...

Friday, June 9, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: New FDA rules coming for livestock medication will limit over-the-counter access

Starting June 11, livestock producers will have to get a prescription from a veterinarian to buy antibiotics that they could previously purchase over-the-counter.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Study ranks Oklahoma 46th nationally in child well-being

Oklahoma ranked No. 46 in overall child well-being in a study produced by the Annie E. Casey Foundation in conjunction with the Oklahoma Policy Institute for the KIDS COUNT project.

Thursday, June 15, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: 'I was trying to advocate for my mom': One family's fight for a patient bill of rights in Oklahoma

One family is advocating for patient rights at the state capitol to honor the life of their loved one and create change through the legislative process. KGOU's Hannah France reports...

Thursday, June 29, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma teens are vaping at higher rates than peers nationally

High school students in Oklahoma are vaping more than their peers in other states.

Military, War & Veterans

Friday, June 2, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt commits to send National Guard troops to southern border

Gov. Kevin Stitt announced Thursday he is committing to send Oklahoma National Guard Troops to the Southern Border in response to Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's call for reinforcements. Deborah Shaar reports...

Politics & Government

Monday, April 3, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: How Oklahoma politicians are reacting to Trump indictment news

Oklahoma politicians are speaking out about the historic indictment of former President Donald Trump.

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma Attorney General rules State Board of Education can't make rules without legislative direction

Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond says the State Board of Education led by State Superintendent Ryan Walters cannot make rules without direction from state lawmakers.

Thursday, April 6, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Five years after the Oklahoma Teacher Walkout, the stakes are higher than ever

Even though funding measures advocated for by 2018 Oklahoma Teacher Walkout participants were stymied largely by Republican lawmakers, Oklahoma's GOP is now authoring record-level education funding measures that include teacher raises, along with a slew of labor rights bills for educators. But the funding bills are far from a done deal — in fact, due to a disagreement in how those bills should operate, there could be no deal at all.

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: Oklahoma Turnpike Authority hits the brakes on expansion project amid legal matters

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is running into a major roadblock on its 15-year, \$5 billion ACCESS Oklahoma Turnpike Project. As of Friday, all work will cease on the several ACCESS projects already underway.

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Examining the gap between young voter turnout and overall turnout, and what can be done about it

The gap between young voter turnout and overall turnout, in both midterm and presidential elections, is nothing new. Young people tend to have less political experience and move more often than older generations, contributing in part to the disparity. On this episode of Long Story Short, Oklahoma Watch's Keaton Ross explores the reasons for this decline in interest, and what some say can be done about it.

Friday, April 14, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes

OPMX: A city council race in rural Oklahoma was decided by 1 vote

Results from the April 4 elections found that in Oklahoma's Panhandle, one vote made all the difference.

Friday, April 14, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Attorney General opinions trigger action for accountability, cabinet

Oklahoma attorney general's opinion requires oversight of agency purchases, after legislative report found the state spent \$3 billion without fiscal accountability.

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: McCurtain County officials face multiple calls to step down over racist, threatening remarks

Protestors took to a McCurtain County Commission meeting Monday morning echoing calls for local officials who made racist and threatening remarks during a previous public meeting to step down.

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: As Presidential elections near, Oklahoma GOP eyes tighter voting rules

Proposals to curb party-switching ahead of primary elections and boost pay and legal protections for precinct officials are moving forward this legislative session.

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Lax purchasing exemptions expose Oklahoma to misspent billions

In this week's Long Story Short episode, Oklahoma Watch's Paul Monies explains why a legislative watchdog report concluded that Oklahoma's lax purchasing exemptions for agencies expose the state to billions of dollars in misspending, citing recent examples at the Tourism Department over a contract for barbecue restaurants at state parks and federal coronavirus aid for education.

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Sports betting bill fails to advance in Oklahoma legislature

A bill allowing sports betting in Oklahoma is dead for this legislative session.

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: McCurtain County commissioner resigns after outcry over racist remarks

Commissioner Mark Jennings, who was reportedly caught on tape saying he would run for public office if violence against Black people was legal, announced his resignation.

Thursday, April 20, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: Oklahoma lawmakers are working to override a veto and spend \$600 million in Medicaid surplus

Because of an increase in federal funding, Oklahoma's Medicaid agency is sitting on more than half a billion dollars in extra money. Lawmakers want to spend that on normal Medicaid operations, and it's looking like they're going to get their way.

Friday, April 21, 2023 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Time is short for Oklahoma lawmakers to draft new state budget

Just five weeks remain in the 2023 Oklahoma legislative session, and lawmakers still have about 500 bills to consider and the next state budget to draft.

Monday, April 24, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Stitt's office considering McCurtain County sheriff impeachment

The sheriff refused to step down after Stitt called him and four other county officials to do so after they allegedly made violent and racist remarks.

Monday, April 24, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: Stitt unveils compromise Oklahoma education funding plan to ease legislative impasse

Gov. Kevin Stitt is hoping to bridge the divide between House and Senate leaders and end a standoff on education funding.

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: 5 years after the teacher walkouts, Oklahoma's GOP has changed its tune

Oklahoma Republicans blocked many of the proposals teachers rallied for in 2018. Now, amid record-breaking teacher shortages, the state's GOP is backing a slew of pro-labor bills.

Thursday, April 27, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: Gov. Stitt vetoes dozens of bills, threatens more over Oklahoma education funding fight

The stalemate between House and Senate Republican leaders is being injected with more urgency amid a veto threat from Gov. Kevin Stitt. And now, the Senate is fighting back.

Friday, April 28, 2023 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Impasse over education bills, tax cuts exposes deepening rift

Governor Kevin Stitt is using his veto pen to retaliate against the State Senate to force passage of his education and private school funding plan and tax cuts.

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: House passes, withholds 'school choice' measure for leverage in education funding standoff

House Speaker Charles McCall moved to hold the HB1934, meaning it won't be sent to Governor Kevin Stitt yet. That gives the House some leverage to negotiate on the Senate's newly amended version of the other big education bill — House Bill 2672.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma State Election Board to conduct 'voter list maintenance'

Nearly 327,000 registered Oklahoma voters will receive notices to confirm their addresses over the next several weeks.

Friday, May 5, 2023 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Heading into session's final three weeks, no budget deal done

Squabbling over competing education funding plans leaves lawmakers without a budget agreement as the 2023 legislature's adjournment looms on May 26th.

Monday, May 8, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Why Oklahoma isn't joining an interstate effort to counter voter fraud

Lawmakers were high on this organization's ability to catch fraud and boost registration. The GOP majority soured amid debunked claims of privacy violations and partisan influence.

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Norman voters approve hotel tax increase, while Moore and Garfield County voters reject proposals

Voters in 22 Oklahoma counties cast ballots in local elections Tuesday.

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma City Council rejects proposed development on key area for vulnerable aquifer

After hearing about three hours of public comment, the Oklahoma City Council voted not to approve an application to build nearly 600 homes on an area residents say is environmentally important.

Friday, May 12, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: Oklahoma Gov. Stitt says education funding agreement is close, but Senate leader says not so fast

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt announced in a Thursday press conference he felt the months-long legislative stalemate over education funding was coming to an end. But, Senate leaders say that's not the case.

Friday, May 12, 2023 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Time running short for tax cuts, education funding, and state budget

Only two weeks remain in the 2023 legislative regular session, and lawmakers are still seeking agreement on education funding and state budget for the next fiscal year.

Monday, May 15, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: Whistleblower claims Oklahoma Superintendent Ryan Walters lied to state lawmakers

A whistleblower who formerly worked at the Oklahoma State Department of Education claims Superintendent Ryan Walters' administration failed to follow through on federal grant contracts worth millions of dollars, and that he outright lied to lawmakers about the status of grants.

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma lawmakers call for a concurrent special session to buy time with looming deadlines

Oklahoma lawmakers are buying themselves some extra time by calling for a concurrent special session.

Friday, May 19, 2023 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: State budget heads legislative agenda for last week of regular session

With education funding bills now approved, the House and Senate are working quickly to draft the state budget for the next fiscal year.

Monday, May 22, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Legislature eyes cutting Gov. Stitt out of Oklahoma's tobacco, fuel compact negotiations with tribal nations

Oklahoma lawmakers are considering measures to cut Gov. Kevin Stitt out of negotiations with the state's Native American tribes on tobacco and fuel compacts.

Thursday, May 25, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma lawmakers override 13 of Gov. Kevin Stitt's vetoes, including OETA legislation

Lawmakers override 13 of Gov. Kevin Stitt's vetoes.

Friday, May 26, 2023 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: 2023 Oklahoma legislative session adjourns Sine Die

With one special session underway and another one possible, the Oklahoma House and Senate reached agreement on a budget and adjourned Sine Die on Friday afternoon.

Thursday, June 1, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: StateImpact breaks down Oklahoma's 2023 education budget

StateImpact's Logan Layden sat down with education reporter Beth Wallis for a breakdown of what education measures Oklahomans are going to get after a contentious 2023 legislative session.

Thursday, June 1, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma Turnpike Authority wins Supreme Court overturn, must respond to land purpose denial

The Oklahoma Supreme Court has ruled on two matters regarding the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority's ACCESS Oklahoma project.

Friday, June 2, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma officials praise U.S. Supreme Court decision to limit scope of Clean Water Act

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled the Environmental Protection Agency cannot enforce certain federal regulations on wetlands that aren't physically connected to lakes and rivers. Here's what that means for Oklahoma.

Friday, June 2, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Here are tribal nation elections to watch in Oklahoma this weekend

This spring and summer, several tribal nations in Oklahoma, including some of the larger tribes in the state, will hold elections for key positions including tribal leaders and district council seats

Friday, June 2, 2023 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Closing out the legislative regular session as special session looms

Governor Kevin Stitt has been taking action on various bills passed during the 2023 regular session, including vetoing two bills related to state-tribal compacts.

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma City Council approves 2024 budget in 7-2 vote

The 2024 budget for Oklahoma City was approved by council members in a 7-2 vote, totaling over \$904 million.

Thursday, June 8, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Kevin Stitt's second inaugural committee raised nearly \$1.5 million

QuikTrip, Devon Energy and owners of the Oklahoma City Thunder were among the top contributors to January events celebrating the governor's re-election.

Friday, June 9, 2023 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Special session winding down

With the deadline for the end of the special session coming June 30th, Oklahoma lawmakers are wrapping up their legislative work for 2023.

Monday, June 12, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt endorses Ron DeSantis for president

Republican presidential candidate and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis was endorsed by Gov. Kevin Stitt at a rally held on the outskirts of Tulsa Saturday.

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Stitt defends DeSantis endorsement after criticism from Trump

Gov. Kevin Stitt is standing by his endorsement of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis for president. Republican nominee frontrunner Donald Trump, who has endorsed and been endorsed by Stitt in the past, criticized Oklahoma's governor on social media Monday.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Stitt's second inaugural committee raised nearly \$1.5 million

The Oklahoma Inaugural Committee filed its contributions and expenditures report on Governor Kevin Stitt with the Oklahoma Ethics Commission on June 1. In this week's Long Story Short, Oklahoma Watch's Keaton Ross details the report which shows the committee spent every dollar of the \$1.49 million it received.

Friday, June 16, 2023 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Democrats seek information about status of education grants

As the legislative special session about the state budget hits a lull, House Democrats are seeking information on the status of federal education grants and expenditures.

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Legislature's funding scheme handcuffs OK Ethics Commission enforcement

More than \$75 million poured into state political races during the 2022 midterm election cycle, with independent expenditures making up nearly half of those contributions. Meanwhile, the Oklahoma Ethics Commission has operated on a budget just short of \$688,000 in fiscal year 2023, less than it received amid a state budget shortfall in FY 2018.

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Tribal tobacco compact veto override fails in Oklahoma Senate, but that's not the end of the line

The Senate failed to produce the two-thirds vote requirement to overturn Gov. Kevin Stitt's veto of Oklahoma's tribal tobacco compact during special session Monday morning.

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Oklahoma lobbyist spending rebounds from pandemic-era decline

Oklahoma lobbyists have spent nearly \$380,000 this year on gifts, meals and beverages for state legislators and other elected officials through May, a 42% increase over the same period two years ago.

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Audit finds Oklahoma 'dropped the ball' on pandemic relief money from federal government

State Auditor and Inspector Cindy Byrd says Oklahoma "dropped the ball on compliance and oversight" of federal COVID-19 relief funds.

Race, Identity & Culture

Thursday, April 6, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Singing, storytelling and fashion on display at Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair

Oklahomans gathered at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman to celebrate 20 years of Native American language learning this week.

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Community conversations begin this week around reparations for Tulsa Race Massacre survivors, descendants

A series of community conversations about the impact of the Tulsa Race Massacre will kick off Tuesday at the 36th Street North Event Center.

Thursday, April 13, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Investigators say they've sequenced DNA from 6 possible 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre victims

Tulsa's search for graves of 192 Race Massacre victims takes a step forward. On Wednesday, Mayor G.T. Bynum announced that the remains of six people exhumed at Oaklawn Cemetery have yielded DNA profiles traceable to people currently alive.

Friday, April 14, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma lawmakers advance bill to ensure Indigenous students' right to wear tribal regalia at graduation

Senate Bill 429 would ensure Native students in public, charter and other schools are allowed to wear tribal regalia at high school graduations and other ceremonies in Oklahoma.

Thursday, April 27, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SIOK: Oklahoma bill banning gender-affirming care for trans youth heads to governor's desk

A bill banning gender-affirming care for minors and criminalizes care is nearing the finish line.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: 'Failed to uphold his duty': Oklahoma Gov. Stitt vetoes tribal regalia bill, drawing condemnation of national and tribal leaders

A bill that would have strengthened protections for Indigenous students who want to wear tribal regalia in Oklahoma was vetoed by Gov. Kevin Stitt on Monday.

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Three tribal nations in Northeast Oklahoma have reservation statuses recognized

Three tribal nations in Northeast Oklahoma have had their reservations deemed as 'never disestablished' by the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals.

Monday, May 22, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Mexican consulate celebrates opening in Oklahoma City

State and national officials celebrated the opening of the Mexican consulate in Oklahoma City with a grand inauguration ceremony Saturday. KGOU's Nyk Daniels reports...

Thursday, June 1, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Soil pour ceremony remembers unknown victims of Tulsa Race Massacre

Researchers say hundreds of Black men, women and children could have been killed in the massacre.

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Supreme Court decision threatens to erode longstanding tribal protections

In this week's Long Story Short, reporter Lionel Ramos discusses how a court challenge by a family in Texas is challenging the ICWA, suggesting it violates the Constitution by discriminating against non-native families who want to adopt Indian children

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: After state board approves first taxpayer-funded Catholic school, Hindus seek same

As Oklahoma pushes ahead with plans for the first ever taxpayer-funded Catholic public charter school, some say other religions should be included.

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma City Pride parade, downtown festival set for this weekend

Floats filled with community members, performers and rainbows will travel through downtown OKC this Sunday in the Pride Alliance Parade.

Monday, June 26, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Oklahoma City Starbucks union workers strike over banned Pride decorations

Oklahoma City Starbucks union workers went on strike over the weekend in response to Pride Month displays being banned at more than 100 locations in the region. Hannah France reports...

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 ~ Feature, 14 minutes

How Curious: How did a young Oklahoman become known as "The Richest Black Girl in America"?

In 1913 a young Oklahoman came to be known as "The Richest Black Girl in America" after oil was found on her land. How Curious explores Sarah Rector's extraordinary life.

Science & Technology

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Hummingbirds signal spring in Oklahoma. Here's how you can welcome them

Birders are heralding the arrival of ruby-throated and black-chinned hummingbirds in Oklahoma. But they're not the only birds back in town for spring.

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma City chosen for NOAA's Urban Heat Island mapping campaign

The data collected from the mapping campaign will help determine where the hottest parts of the city are, and can also be useful for local agencies to target those who are most vulnerable. KGOU's Nyk Daniels reports...

Monday, April 17, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Millions of federal dollars will help replace aging, undersized bridges in Northwestern Oklahoma

Northwestern Oklahoma will receive federal funds to replace seven rural bridges the Federal Highway Administration says are crucial for economic growth.

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Oklahoma and Texas seek solution to Red River water dispute

The southern vegetation line of the Red River has been regarded as the official border between Oklahoma and Texas. But when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers created Lake Texoma as a flood-control lake by damming parts of the river in 1944, that border has become murky at times. As Oklahoma Watch's Paul Monies discusses in this week's Long Story Short, Texas officials proposed swapping parts of the border to remedy the dispute.

Friday, May 5, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma DEQ says not to use McAlester water after fire truck was used as improvised pump

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality has issued an order not to use water from the McAlester Public Works Authority or several Pittsburg County Rural Water Districts that buy their water from the city.

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

OPMX: As Oklahoma City considers new development, residents raise concerns about area's underground water supply

If you're reading this in central Oklahoma, there's a good chance you're above the Garber-Wellington Aquifer.

Friday, May 12, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma City Animal Shelter reopening after 47-day closure

Oklahoma City's Animal Shelter is reopening after a 47-day closure. This weekend, more than 200 dogs will be available for adoption at the facility and all fees will be waived. The facility will start intaking new animals again on Monday.

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Stretch of Interstate 40 to be closed this weekend

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation says drivers should begin planning now for a full weekend closure of eastbound and westbound I-40 between I-35 and Choctaw Rd.

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 ~ Feature, 13 minutes

How Curious: What fascinating avian museum is based in Oklahoma City?

Exploring the fascinating history and lore of pigeons, plus the incredible variety of breeds

Monday, June 5, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Oklahoma City Animal Shelter closes again following another canine respiratory outbreak

The Oklahoma City Animal Shelter has closed its doors once again to prevent the spread of a canine respiratory infection. KGOU's Nyk Daniels reports...

Monday, June 5, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Apollo 13 astronaut to visit Oklahoma City for book signing, Q&A session

An astronaut who survived the historic Apollo 13 moon mission is making a stop in the metro. KGOU's Nyk Daniels reports...

Monday, June 5, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Train derailment in Marlow leaves no injuries, deaths or chemical waste

No injuries or deaths were reported following investigations into a train derailment in Marlow Sunday afternoon.

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 ~ Feature, 13 minutes

How Curious: How did Oklahoma give birth to seismic reflection?

How Curious explores a momentous scientific breakthrough which took place in Oklahoma in the early 1920s and which continues to have worldwide consequences today

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oil-laced mud spills into northern Oklahoma creek after heavy rainfall

Cleanup is underway after about 42,000 gallons of mud containing crude oil and other drilling waste spilled out of a pit and into a northern Oklahoma creek.

Thursday, June 8, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma's first documented case of deer with Chronic Wasting Disease discovered in Panhandle

A deadly disease found in wild deer has been discovered for the first time in Oklahoma.

Monday, June 12, 2023 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

OPMX: Oklahoma has restored nearly 100 unhealthy streams thanks to water monitoring, regenerative agriculture

Oklahoma has managed to restore nearly 100 unhealthy streams — more than any other state. Oklahoma officials say credit is due to individual farmers and the conservation programs that support them.

Monday, June 12, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Sun's out, ticks out: Recent Oklahoma weather conditions help ticks thrive

Summer is here and temperatures are heating up. That means bugs like ticks are excited to nip at people passing them by.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma will conduct \$3.3 million experiment on slowing spread of eastern redcedar

The Oklahoma Conservation Commission is getting more than \$3 million dollars to study the impact of eastern redcedars on the state's water resources.

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 ~ Feature, 13 minutes

How Curious: How did rural Norman, Oklahoma, become a Chicago mobster's second home?

For decades, stories have circulated about a violent Chicago gangster living in rural Norman, OK. In this How Curious episode, Rachel Hopkin, digs for the truth behind the rumors.

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: State of Emergency declared for 10 counties in eastern Oklahoma

Strong storms producing at least three tornadoes over the weekend ravaged Oklahoma, knocking out power and leaving a path of destruction in their wake.

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU: Edmond Animal Shelter closes due to canine influenza

Another Oklahoma animal shelter has closed its doors due to the spread of illness. KGOU's Hannah France reports...

Friday, June 23, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: As Guthrie deals with blue-green algae, upstream treatment plant problems persist

As the City of Guthrie deals with a blue-green algae bloom at a local lake, listeners have reached out with questions about contamination from a nearby wastewater treatment plant.

Monday, June 26, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oklahoma releases updated guidelines about mercury in fish

Oklahoma is home to over 200 lakes — 71 of those have specific advisories about mercury in fish. This year, the lake at Fort Supply in Northwestern Oklahoma is the only new addition to that list, but the guidelines at other lakes have changed.

Sports

Friday, June 9, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Back-to-back-to-back: Oklahoma Sooners capture third straight softball championship

The Oklahoma Sooners are softball national champions yet again.

Monday, June 12, 2023 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OPMX: Oral Roberts baseball team headed back to College World Series for first time since 1978

For the first time in 45 years, the Oral Roberts baseball team is going back to the College World Series.

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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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