



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, 2022 to June 30, 2022

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

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

Local Programming

These programs are regular presentations of KGOU Radio.

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

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

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

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

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

Aging & Retirement

Thu, May 12, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: 'That home is sacred to me': Norman woman joins fight against turnpike

On Feb. 22, Gov. Kevin Stitt announced plans for the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to embark on a \$5 billion, 15-year project to expand Oklahoma's turnpike network.

Agriculture & Environment

Tue, April 19, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

A guide to the Oklahoma Legislature's newest round of cannabis bills

As the Oklahoma Legislature reached another deadline last week, several medical marijuana bills advanced out of committee.

Thu, April 21, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Striking gold in the green rush: entrepreneurs tap into Oklahoma's weed economy

Since the legalization of medical marijuana in Oklahoma about four years ago, cannabis business owners have tried to cash in on the Green Rush with mixed success. One entrepreneur has found success in Oklahoma's brave new world of weed.

Thu, April 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

For those with storm anxiety, Oklahoma's severe weather season can be a stressful time

Spring in Oklahoma means severe weather season is upon us. It's normal to have some worry when severe weather approaches, but for some with storm anxiety this time of the year can oftentimes be debilitating.

Thu, April 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Prices for eggs and dairy rise, as production costs remain high

Oklahomans are seeing higher prices for goods like dairy products and eggs in their local grocery stores.

Fri, April 22, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Cherokee Nation, National Park Service agreement protects culturally significant plants

The Cherokee Nation signed the region's first agreement between a Tribal Nation and The National Park Service to protect the medicinal plants in Buffalo National River Park. A tribal executive order will also make land in Adair County serve as the Cherokee Nation Medicine Keepers Preserve.

Mon, April 25, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

ACCESS Turnpike engineers provide timeline for environmental impact studies, address water pollution concerns for Oklahoma Turnpike Authority project

As Cleveland and Oklahoma county residents raise concerns about the environmental impact of two ACCESS Oklahoma Turnpike routes, the project's engineering firm that handles environmental studies is providing some answers.

Mon, April 25, 2022 ~ Program, 59 minutes

KGOU Readers Club: 1947 Woodward Tornado

KGOU managing editor Logan Layden discusses the fascinating history of Oklahoma's deadliest tornado with the authors of 1947 Woodward Tornado, Dr. Deena Fisher and Robin Hohweiler.

Tue, April 26, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Arcadia Lake in Edmond to receive \$2 million in upgrades

KGOU's Nyk Daniels reports that Arcadia Lake in Edmond is about to undergo \$2 million in renovations.

Tue, May 3, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Bird flu has arrived in Oklahoma, agriculture officials urge safety measures to contain the spread

Oklahoma became the 31st state with a confirmed case of avian flu in chickens over the weekend, and state agriculture officials are asking for help to contain the spread.

Thu, May 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Tornado leaves path of destruction in Seminole

The town of Seminole — about 50 miles southeast Oklahoma City — was hit by tornadoes for the second time this week.

Thu, May 19, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Dry weather brings brown wheat mites to Oklahoma crops

Looking at the state of some Oklahoma wheat fields, it's easy to think the problem is just the drought, but brown wheat mites could also be to blame.

Fri, May 20, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Gov. Stitt signs new cannabis industry regulations with more on the way

More than 90 cannabis-related bills were filed at the beginning of the session, but as lawmakers wind down their time at the Capitol, only 20 remain.

Tue, May 31, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Making the cut: Oklahoma governor signs final round of medical cannabis legislation for 2022 session

As the legislature entered its final day of the session on Friday, the long list of cannabis-related legislation had been whittled down to a little over a dozen new bills.

Mon, June 13, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Recent storms tame Oklahoma's drought conditions

Recent heavy rain has put a dent in the state's drought. According to NOAA, one Oklahoma county was the wettest in the nation last month.

Arts & Entertainment

Fri, April 22, 2022 ~ Feature, 10 minutes

The Imaginaries - Maggie McClure & Shane Henry

Local musicians Maggie McClure and Shane Henry star in/provide the soundtrack for a new motion picture filmed in Oklahoma. Here's *The Imaginaries'* story, as told to KGOU's Jim Johnson...

Mon, May 23, 2022 ~ Program, 59 minutes

KGOU Readers Club: Rare Encounter

As Memorial Day weekend is celebrated across the county, KGOU offers an encore broadcast of the May edition of the KGOU Readers Club - highlighting the book *Rare Encounter*, a war novel based on the true story of John William Hall.

Thu, June 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

deadCenter Film Festival returns for 22nd edition this weekend

Film lovers are in for a treat this weekend as the deadCenter Film Festival is back in person in Oklahoma City beginning Thursday.

Sun, June 19, 2022 ~ Feature, 25 minutes

Alastair Greene's "New World Blues" (Weekend Blues interview)

Aired Sunday, June 19, 2022 In advance of his June 24th OKC showcase, Greene shared some of the details of his musical journey on KGOU's Weekend Blues with 'Hardluck' Jim.

Business, Economics & Finance

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Oklahoma Starbucks employees are following the national trend of pushing for unionization

Many Starbucks employees in Oklahoma are unhappy with corporate and higher management. KGOU's Hannah France reports on a store location where a movement to unionize is underway.

Fri, April 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

House committee to investigate tourism department's dealings with Swadley's Bar-B-Q

A special House committee will investigate potential misuse of taxpayer dollars by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department.

Wed, May 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Muscogee Nation resolution seeks to protect its citizens from state taxation

Muscogee Nation is moving ahead with plans to file a lawsuit seeking relief from state taxation for tribal citizens.

Fri, May 13, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: 'Oklahoma doesn't want us': Families grapple with looming displacement from turnpike

A Norman family's home and horticulture business sits in the path of the proposed South Extension turnpike route.

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Wed, June 1, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma City Starbucks becomes first in the state to unionize

The Starbucks on 23rd and Robinson in Oklahoma City became the state's first store to win a union.

Thu, June 2, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

NOAA survey allows residents to report tornado experiences

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is looking to hear from people whose communities have been hit by tornadoes.

Fri, June 3, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

College enrollment continues to decline in Oklahoma

Enrollment at Oklahoma's colleges and universities tumbled by almost 5 percent in spring 2022 compared to spring 2021, according to a report released last week by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center.

Wed, June 8, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

National lifeguard shortage affecting Oklahoma pools

The summertime job is normally popular, but a shortage in lifeguards is affecting Oklahoma, too.

Thu, June 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma officials announce a \$100 million, high-tech factory is coming to Stillwater

A high-tech, rare metals company announced it will invest \$100 million in a new Stillwater plant.

Tue, June 14, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Starbucks unionization efforts represent the next generation of the labor movement

Following the first win for Starbucks unions in the state, union organizers speculate this is part of a new wave in the long history of the labor movement in Oklahoma.

Crime & Law Enforcement

Wed, April 6, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Under a new Oklahoma law, abortion providers could face a decade in prison

Oklahoma lawmakers passed a bill Tuesday that would make performing an abortion a felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Wed, April 6, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: How a proposed felony classification system would affect justice in Oklahoma

Advocates say it could help reduce sentences for nonviolent offenders. Some House Republicans believe justice reform efforts have gone too far.

Thurs, April 7, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Oklahoma abortion laws would send providers to prison for up to a decade and worsen access for the region

The U.S. Supreme Court has allowed Texas' abortion restriction law to stand. That has driven up demand in Oklahoma, and has caused doubts the court would strike down new laws.

Wed, April 6, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: How a proposed felony classification system would affect justice in Oklahoma

Senate Bill 1646 by Sen. Dave Rader, R-Tulsa, cleared the upper chamber by a 35-12 vote in late March. It's eligible to be considered in the House, where Rep. Mike Osburn, R-Edmond, is carrying the bill.

Thu, April 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Former Oklahoma corrections officer convicted for allowing white supremacist attack on Black detainees

A former Kay County Detention Center supervisory corrections officer faces up to 10 years in prison for violating the civil rights of three Black detainees.

Wed, April 27, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Wrongfully convicted man: 'I've made peace with it, but it hasn't made peace with me'
Perry Lott is rebuilding his life after spending 31 years in prison for crimes he didn't commit.

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A statue of Marjorie Tallchief was stolen and sold for scrap. Now, Tulsa Historical Society is raising money to replace it

Tulsa Police are looking for the person who cut down the statue of Marjorie Tallchief and sold it for scrap metal at a local recycling center.

Wed, May 4, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Oklahoma Watch files transparency lawsuit against state agency over federal relief funds
Oklahoma Watch filed a suit against the state of Oklahoma for documents related to pandemic relief fund spending...

Thu, May 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

State Auditor report accuses Stillwater administrative assistant of embezzling more than \$200,000

A former Stillwater Public Schools employee is facing felony embezzlement charges.

Mon, May 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: How a lack of data hinders Oklahoma justice reform efforts

Without access to statewide data like average jail stay or the racial makeup of detention centers, the public is largely left in the dark on how Oklahoma's justice system is operating.

Wed, May 11, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: State officials refuse to release a report on emergency pandemic relief fund spending intended for school supplies

Oklahoma Watch has formally requested documents on the state's use of pandemic relief funds...

Tue, May 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Grand jury criticizes Gov. Kevin Stitt, Pardon and Parole Board over commutation processes

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt's actions regarding his appointees to the Pardon and Parole Board have been "grossly improper" and the board's commutation process was focused on speed over public safety, according to an Oklahoma County grand jury report.

Wed, May 18, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

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An Oklahoma grand jury has issued a criticism of Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt's commutation process, saying...

Wed, May 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Gov. Kevin Stitt supports abortion restrictions on rape victims. Critics say he doesn't understand the trauma those victims will face

Senate Bill 1503 and other restriction bills have no exemptions for Oklahomans who have been raped. Stitt says that is intentional, and that those victims should carry pregnancies to term, then connect with adoption services.

Mon, May 23, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Norman-area residents allege Open Meetings Act violations in lawsuit against Oklahoma Turnpike Authority

Nearly 200 residents are listed as plaintiffs in a lawsuit filed Wednesday against the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority that alleges the agency violated Oklahoma's Open Meetings Act by using vague wording in its meeting agendas and public documents.

Thu, June 2, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma politicians react to mass shooting in Tulsa

Oklahoma's elected leaders offered up many thoughts and prayers in the wake of a mass shooting in Tulsa Wednesday that left five people, including the gunman, dead.

Wed, June 8, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Stitt's 'Oklahoma Turnaround' ads may violate ethics rules

The latest campaign commercial for Gov. Kevin Stitt prominently featuring his appointed attorney general, John O'Connor, is raising eyebrows in political circles and may run afoul of state Ethics Commission rules for electioneering, according to several Republicans and Democrats.

Thu, June 9, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Tulsa mass shooting reignites gun policy debate in Oklahoma

Armed with a rifle and handgun, a man killed two doctors, an office manager and a patient's husband at a Tulsa hospital last week. The attack has re-ignited a conversation about firearms in Oklahoma.

Wed, June 14, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Federal judge clears way for Oklahoma lethal injection executions to proceed

Oklahoma may continue to use its three-drug lethal injection protocol to carry out executions, U.S. District Judge Stephen Friot ruled on Monday (6/13).

Fri, June 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: A report says Oklahoma prisons are plagued with staffing shortages and operational inefficiencies

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections has consistently failed to address critical staffing shortages and operational inefficiencies in its aging prison facilities. The Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency proposes several solutions.

Fri, June 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma attorneys charged in facilitating illegal cannabis operations

A pair of Tulsa lawyers are accused of conspiring with out-of-state financiers to cultivate and ship cannabis out of Oklahoma.

Wed, June 22, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma State Department of Education accuses Epic of miscounting enrollment, other issues

State schools superintendent Joy Hofmeister said she's going to recommend Epic Charter Schools be put on accreditation probation.

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SIOK: For years before the Saint Francis shooting, health workers have experienced on-the-job violence at alarming rates

And they say the pandemic has made it worse. One nationwide survey of nurses found 44 percent of them experienced physical abuse on the job in early 2020.

Fri, June 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Founders of Epic Charter Schools arrested for embezzling state money

After a years-long investigation, the founders of Epic Charter Schools and their longtime financial officer have been arrested for various charges including embezzlement of state funds

Fri, June 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade. What it means for Oklahoma

The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling will have a major impact on abortion access across the country, but the law won't change much in Oklahoma.

Mon, June 27, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: The effort to build a new Oklahoma County jail is a decade in the making

Oklahoma County voters are being asked to approve a \$260 million bond issue to fund the construction of a new detention center.

Wed, June 29, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Epic co-founders, former CFO arrested on embezzlement, racketeering charges

For this week's Long Story Short, Oklahoma Watch's Jennifer Palmer joins Executive Director Ted Streuli to offer the latest developments in alleged financial improprieties involving Epic Charter Schools.

Wed, June 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Supreme Court rules Oklahoma can prosecute non-Indians when they commit crimes against Indians on reservations

In a 5-4 decision, the United States Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday that Oklahoma does have concurrent criminal jurisdiction when prosecuting non-Native people for crimes committed against Native people within reservation boundaries.

Thu, June 30, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: 'When a right is created by the Supreme Court, it can go away': What overturning Roe could mean for contraception access, sexual privacy, marriage equality

When Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey were overturned last week, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote in his opinion that previous rulings on sexual privacy, marriage equality and birth control access should be reconsidered because they're based on the same constitutional mechanism as Roe and Casey. StateImpact spoke with OU political science professor and expert on gender and sexuality in law, Kathleen Tipler, about how the decision could reach well beyond abortion.

Education

Mon, April 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

A roundup of education bills that advanced - or didn't - last week in the Oklahoma legislature

As abortion bills grabbed national headlines last week, Oklahoma lawmakers were also considering a number of education measures.

Mon, April 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Cherokee Nation donates \$7.5M to public schools in northeastern Oklahoma

The Cherokee Nation is giving \$7.5 million to schools in northeastern Oklahoma for its annual Public School Appreciation Day, at least \$1 million more than the tribe's past contribution.

Wed, April 13, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Charter school reform bill advances, but still has a long way to go

A bill that would create significant changes to charter school authorization advanced through the House of Representatives Common Education Committee Tuesday.

Thu, April 14, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

How property tax protests are hurting Oklahoma schools

It's a complicated issue, and it has to do with tax payments and land and energy equipment assessments. But the bottom line is the issue is hurting the state's schools because they rely on locally based ad valorem taxes for their budgets.

Mon, April 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Tulsa Community College offers virtual enrollment to qualifying Oklahoma high school students

Tulsa Community College announced it would offer the equivalent of a year's worth of college to high school juniors and seniors virtually for a heavily discounted rate.

Tue, April 19, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Stillwater School Board asks Oklahoma to make bathroom rules for transgender students

Stillwater Public Schools is asking the state to intervene in a controversy surrounding transgender students using the restroom.

Wed, April 27, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

As Pre-K enrollment suffered across the country, Oklahoma kept access strong

Parents across the country were hesitant to send their 4-year-old children to school during the pandemic. That's borne out in enrollment numbers. But Oklahoma ranked second in pre-k access nationwide.

Thu, April 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OKCPS will ask for massive bond proposal on November ballot

Oklahoma City Public Schools is gearing up to ask voters to approve a massive bond package.

Thu, May 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

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Fri, May 6, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Teachers, students pick up the pieces in wake of tornado that heavily damaged charter school in Seminole

A tornado slammed school buildings in Seminole Wednesday night. Now, students and teachers spent their day Thursday picking up pieces.

Tue, May 10, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

School data aggregator finds Oklahoma City Public Schools enrollment loss among highest in nation

A national group found that Oklahoma City Public Schools had the highest drop in public school enrollment in the country among urban districts between last year and this year.

Wed, May 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Dolly Parton program will help provide books to early readers across Oklahoma

Hundreds of thousands of Oklahoma children will soon be able to read free books thanks to the expansion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program.

Fri, May 13, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma has received no complaints of CRT violations in textbooks, Sec. Walters warns publishers anyway

An Oklahoma State Department of Education spokeswoman says the state has not received any formal complaints of textbooks containing Critical Race Theory or information that violates House Bill 1775.

Tue, May 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma legislature budget proposal includes significant increase for higher education

Oklahoma lawmakers released their \$9.8 billion budget proposal late Monday.

Thu, May 19, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Substitute shortage persisted even after Oklahoma school closures slowed down

Earlier this year a teacher shortage in Oklahoma forced hundreds of school districts to close their doors because of a lack of substitutes to fill in for educators out with the coronavirus. But even though that substitute shortage no longer occupies the headlines, it persists.

Wed, May 25, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Billionaire philanthropists pushing charter schools and school vouchers also fund Oklahoma's Secretary of Education's six-figure salary

Secretary of Education Ryan Walters makes at least \$120,000 a year as executive director of a nonprofit organization that keeps its donors secret. Walters is also paid about \$40,000 a year by the state, according to state payroll data.

Thu, May 26, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: 'It's utterly ridiculous:' trans Tulsa students react to Oklahoma's school bathroom ban

A bill to bar transgender students from using the bathroom corresponding with their identity was signed by Governor Kevin Stitt Wednesday.

Fri, June 3, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

College enrollment continues to decline in Oklahoma

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Mon, June 6, 2022 ~ In-depth, 2 minutes

SIOK: Before getting their diplomas, these Yukon High School seniors go back to elementary school

Every year, graduating seniors from Yukon High School go back to the local elementary school for a "Senior Sendoff" with their former childhood teachers.

Wed, June 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Epic Charter Schools settles open records lawsuit brought by Oklahoma Watch

Epic Charter Schools has provided emails from co-founder Ben Harris requested by Oklahoma Watch in 2020 after settling a lawsuit.

Sun, June 19, 2022 ~ Program, 59 minutes

Oklahoma Votes 2022: Republican State Superintendent Candidates Forum

Join KGOU for an audio broadcast of this week's Roger's State Public Television forum featuring the Republican candidates for the state's top education post.

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Medicine & Health

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Oklahoma Watch: Federal inspectors clear Oklahoma's public health lab of major infractions

Oklahoma's new pandemic research center remains more of an aspiration than a reality 18 months after its announcement by Gov. Kevin Stitt.

Thu, May 5, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Oklahoma already ranked among the highest in the country for sexually transmitted infections. The pandemic likely made it worse

Oklahoma ranked in the top five for sexually transmitted syphilis, newborns born with syphilis and gonorrhea.

Mon, May 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

City of Seminole receives \$20M to upgrade wastewater treatment plant

The city of Seminole is receiving nearly \$20 million from the USDA to upgrade their wastewater treatment facility.

Fri, May 13, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Local health officials offer advice for families struggling to feed their babies amid formula shortage

Baby formula was already running low across the country because of now-common supply chain issues, but a bacterial outbreak at a Michigan formula factory has worsened the problem — creating a nationwide shortage. Local health officials and infant health services have advice for families struggling to feed their babies.

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Oklahoma families with premature babies are struggling amid the formula shortage

The special formula — made with extra calories to help the babies catch up on growing — was hard to find even before the recent strain.

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Oklahoma Watch: Lawmakers call special session over pandemic relief funds

Oklahoma lawmakers called themselves into a special session on Wednesday to give them additional powers over the direction of \$1.87 billion in federal coronavirus relief funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Tue, May 31, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Audit questions slowness of Oklahoma support for abortion alternatives

A vendor with a \$2 million state contract to provide reimbursements to Oklahoma crisis pregnancy centers spent just \$106,000 of the money on nonprofits that counsel against abortions.

Wed, June 1, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

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An internal audit by the Oklahoma State Department of Health shows the agency has serious concerns about the performance of a vendor selected to provide reimbursements for care to pregnant women at crisis centers that counsel against abortions.

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COVID is on the rise in Oklahoma. Should we be concerned?

Now that lab testing for COVID is significantly rarer, it's hard to know how many Oklahomans have the virus.

Wed, June 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma medical researchers have developed a cancer drug, and it's headed for human trials

Oklahoma medical researchers announced Wednesday they have a cancer drug headed to human trials

Mon, June 20, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

There are two identified cases of monkeypox in Oklahoma. Health experts think there are more

The Oklahoma State Department of Health announced a second probable case on Friday. But because the virus can present as other infections — such as syphilis and herpes — medical leaders are concerned it's getting overlooked.

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Reproductive rights supporters rally in Oklahoma following Supreme Court ruling

In the days since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, hundreds of Oklahomans gathered throughout the state to grieve, protest and organize.

Tue, June 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Long before Roe v. Wade was overturned, Indigenous women faced barriers to abortion

After the U.S. Supreme Court's decision came down Friday overturning Roe v. Wade, Oklahoma's attorney general announced it had triggered a state law banning the practice in Oklahoma.

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Military, War & Veterans

Fri, April 22, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Stitt signs bills aimed at helping Oklahoma National Guard members

Gov. Kevin Stitt signed a pair of bills aimed at helping National Guard service members enrolled in Oklahoma colleges who have a permanent address out of state or moved to the state too recently to establish residence.

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Politics & Government

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Oklahoma Gov. Stitt's appearance on Fox News draws backlash, ire from tribal leaders

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt is drawing criticism from tribal leaders after an appearance on Fox News Wednesday night.

Fri, April 1, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Lawmakers question fiscal transparency, planning in state park system

Oklahoma legislators tasked with oversight of state fiscal transparency had some tough questions for the director of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, focusing on financial accountability and customer service at state parks.

Tue, April 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Norman's mayor, other elections across Oklahoma to be decided on Tuesday

Voters in 74 of Oklahoma's 77 counties are headed to the polls on Tuesday, April 5 to cast their ballots for mayor, school boards, city council and other local races.

Tue, April 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: End of state questions? Experts say legislation could doom most efforts

The Senate is set to consider four joint resolutions that would make it more difficult for state questions to pass or be voted on.

Tue, April 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Guy Barker joins increasingly crowded race for Oklahoma's Congressional District 2

Another Republican has jumped into the increasingly crowded race for Oklahoma's Congressional District 2.

Wed, April 6, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Norman chooses new mayor, as Heikkila unseats Clark

A political shift in Norman: Incumbent mayor Breea Clark was voted out of office Tuesday in favor of Larry Heikkila.

Fri, April 8, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Approval of anti-abortion bill highlights unpredictability of legislative process

Oklahoma made national news this week with passage of one of the most restrictive and punitive anti-abortion bills in the nation, which Governor Kevin Stitt is expected to sign. The bill's progress to final passage caught some lawmakers and political insiders by surprise.

Mon, April 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

A roundup of education bills that advanced - or didn't - last week in the Oklahoma legislature

As abortion bills grabbed national headlines last week, Oklahoma lawmakers were also considering a number of education measures.

Tue, April 12, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma's governor signs bill banning most abortions

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt signed a bill on Tuesday that criminalizes abortion, effectively making most abortions illegal in the state.

Wed, April 13, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Charter school reform bill advances, but still has a long way to go

A bill that would create significant changes to charter school authorization advanced through the House of Representatives Common Education Committee Tuesday.

Wed, April 13, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: What to watch during Oklahoma's candidate filing period

Many candidates have announced plans to run for one of the many federal, state and judicial races on the ballot. They have to file for office during a three-day window that starts Wednesday

Wed, April 13, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: What to watch during Oklahoma's candidate filing period

Among the marquee matchups will be Gov. Kevin Stitt's re-election bid. Stitt is expected to face off against Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister, who switched parties last fall to enter the race as a Democrat, in the general election.

Fri, April 15, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Oklahoma legislators prepare for challenges to new law criminalizing abortion

A majority of Oklahoma legislators celebrated Oklahoma's newest law that criminalizes abortion and makes the medical procedure virtually impossible to obtain. Arguably, it's the strictest such law in the nation, but additional anti-abortion legislation is also moving closer to passage.

Mon, April 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Nearly half of Oklahoma legislative races already are decided without a vote

Hundreds of thousands of Oklahoma won't have a say in selecting their state senator or representatives this year. Of the 125 legislative seats on the 2022 ballot, 44% have already been decided.

Tue, April 19, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

A guide to the Oklahoma Legislature's newest round of cannabis bills

As the Oklahoma Legislature reached another deadline last week, several medical marijuana bills advanced out of committee.

Tue, April 19, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Stillwater School Board asks Oklahoma to make bathroom rules for transgender students

Stillwater Public Schools is asking the state to intervene in a controversy surrounding transgender students using the restroom.

Wed, April 20, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Nearly half of Oklahoma legislative races already are decided without a vote

Many incumbent state legislators are not going to face opposition from party rivals...

Fri, April 22, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Stitt signs bills aimed at helping Oklahoma National Guard members

Gov. Kevin Stitt signed a pair of bills aimed at helping National Guard service members enrolled in Oklahoma colleges who have a permanent address out of state or moved to the state too recently to establish residence.

Fri, April 22, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: LEAD Act approved to incentivize large-scale economic development

Almost \$700 million in rebate incentives will be available soon to attract a new large business to the state.

Thu, April 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OKCPS will ask for massive bond proposal on November ballot

Oklahoma City Public Schools is gearing up to ask voters to approve a massive bond package.

Fri, April 29, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Tourism and Recreation Department executive director resigns as House of Representatives launches probe

One day after the speaker of the house announced formation of a special committee to investigate a contract between the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and a restaurant providing food services at six state parks, the agency's executive director, Jerry Winchester, resigned and Governor Kevin Stitt announced the state has filed a lawsuit against Swadley's Foggy Bottom Kitchen for breach of contract.

Fri, April 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

House committee to investigate tourism department's dealings with Swadley's Bar-B-Q

A special House committee will investigate potential misuse of taxpayer dollars by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department.

Mon, May 2, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Trans bathroom ban advances in Oklahoma legislature amid open letter battle

Oklahoma's House of Representatives advanced a bill that would bar transgender students from using the bathroom corresponding with their gender identity.

Tue, May 3, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Stitt gave families \$8 million for school supplies in the pandemic; they bought Christmas trees, gaming consoles and hundreds of TVs

Oklahoma gave a Florida company a no-bid contract to distribute \$18 million in pandemic relief money as a test-run for school vouchers. Now federal investigators are eyeing the deal.

Wed, May 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

In light of lawsuit, council conditionally approves funds for Oklahoma Turnpike Authority

Following a lawsuit filed by opponents of ACCESS Oklahoma Turnpike projects, the council in charge of approving bonds granted the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority \$200 million dollars — but the money comes with conditions.

Wed, May 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Muscogee Nation resolution seeks to protect its citizens from state taxation

Muscogee Nation is moving ahead with plans to file a lawsuit seeking relief from state taxation for tribal citizens.

Fri, May 6, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: State budget talks heating up as end of legislative session nears

The most important part of the legislative session is still a work in progress. With three weeks left before the Legislature adjourns sine die, budget negotiators are moving closer to finalizing the state budget and appropriations for the next fiscal year.

Mon, May 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

City of Seminole receives \$20M to upgrade wastewater treatment plant

The city of Seminole is receiving nearly \$20 million from the USDA to upgrade their wastewater treatment facility.

Mon, May 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: How a lack of data hinders Oklahoma justice reform efforts

Without access to statewide data like average jail stay or the racial makeup of detention centers, the public is largely left in the dark on how Oklahoma's justice system is operating.

Thu, May 12, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Stitt vetoes bill that would allow state, tribal law enforcement coordination to keep unsafe drivers off the road

Tribal Nation leaders are urging Oklahoma lawmakers to override Gov. Kevin Stitt's veto on a public safety bill concerning tribal judicial systems and state agencies.

Fri, May 13, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: 'Oklahoma doesn't want us': Families grapple with looming displacement from turnpike

A Norman family's home and horticulture business sits in the path of the proposed South Extension turnpike route.

Fri, May 13, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: All eyes on budget talks as end of legislative session draws close

By law, the legislative session must end by 5:00 p.m. on the last Friday in May, and the last big item on this year's agenda is the release of the fiscal year 2023 budget agreement.

Tue, May 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Grand jury criticizes Gov. Kevin Stitt, Pardon and Parole Board over commutation processes

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt's actions regarding his appointees to the Pardon and Parole Board have been "grossly improper" and the board's commutation process was focused on speed over public safety, according to an Oklahoma County grand jury report.

Tue, May 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma legislature budget proposal includes significant increase for higher education

Oklahoma lawmakers released their \$9.8 billion budget proposal late Monday.

Wed, May 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Gov. Kevin Stitt supports abortion restrictions on rape victims. Critics say he doesn't understand the trauma those victims will face

Senate Bill 1503 and other restriction bills have no exemptions for Oklahomans who have been raped. Stitt says that is intentional, and that those victims should carry pregnancies to term, then connect with adoption services.

Wed, May 18, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Grand jury criticizes Gov. Kevin Stitt, Pardon and Parole Board over commutation processes

An Oklahoma grand jury has issued a criticism of Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt's commutation process, saying...

Thu, May 19, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Lawmakers call special session over pandemic relief funds

Oklahoma lawmakers called themselves into a special session on Wednesday to give them additional powers over the direction of \$1.87 billion in federal coronavirus relief funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Fri, May 20, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma paid outside counsel double the fees for arguing SCOTUS case

Oklahoma paid outside counsel double the amount originally promised as part of the state's battle against the tribes in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Fri, May 20, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Gov. Stitt to consider transgender student bathroom ban

Oklahoma lawmakers advanced a measure barring transgender students from using the restroom corresponding with their gender identity.

Fri, May 20, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Gov. Stitt signs new cannabis industry regulations with more on the way

More than 90 cannabis-related bills were filed at the beginning of the session, but as lawmakers wind down their time at the Capitol, only 20 remain.

Fri, May 20, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Lawmakers call special session to address spending federal ARPA dollars

In the waning days of the 2022 regular Oklahoma Legislative Session, Oklahoma lawmakers entered into a special session to consider how to spend almost two billion dollars in federal money the state has received under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Mon, May 23, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Norman-area residents allege Open Meetings Act violations in lawsuit against Oklahoma Turnpike Authority

Nearly 200 residents are listed as plaintiffs in a lawsuit filed Wednesday against the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority that alleges the agency violated Oklahoma's Open Meetings Act by using vague wording in its meeting agendas and public documents.

Mon, May 23, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: State of Oklahoma budget provides increases for law enforcement

As they completed their work in the 2022 Regular Session, Oklahoma lawmakers sent to the governor a state budget for fiscal year 2023 that provides additional appropriated dollars for various law enforcement agencies.

Thu, May 26, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: 'It's utterly ridiculous:' trans Tulsa students react to Oklahoma's school bathroom ban

A bill to bar transgender students from using the bathroom corresponding with their identity was signed by Governor Kevin Stitt Wednesday.

Fri, May 27, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Lawmakers seek overrides of governor's vetoes during final day of session

On the final day of the 2022 regular legislative session, lawmakers unleashed a flurry of votes to override vetoes by Governor Kevin Stitt and passed multiple bills for appropriation of federal American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Mon, May 30, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Legislature sends message with veto overrides on final day of regular session

As they raced toward the 5:00 p.m. Friday deadline for completing the 2022 legislative regular session, members of the state House and Senate decisively overrode six of Governor Kevin Stitt's bill vetoes and hinted at more differences of opinion in the upcoming special session.

Tue, May 31, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma legislature overrides several governor vetoes, will return for special session in June

On Thursday, Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt vetoed parts of the \$9.8 billion state budget, and called for a special session of the legislature to address eliminating the state grocery tax and reducing the personal income tax.

Tue, May 31, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Making the cut: Oklahoma governor signs final round of medical cannabis legislation for 2022 session

As the legislature entered its final day of the session on Friday, the long list of cannabis-related legislation had been whittled down to a little over a dozen new bills.

Thu, June 2, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Critics say Oklahoma's crackdowns on abortion and critical race theory rely on fear and confusion

Vague laws leave residents wondering what's legal and what isn't. Opponents argue that is by design.

Thu, June 2, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma politicians react to mass shooting in Tulsa

Oklahoma's elected leaders offered up many thoughts and prayers in the wake of a mass shooting in Tulsa Wednesday that left five people, including the gunman, dead.

Fri, June 3, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: Oklahoma officials release requests for billions in federal pandemic relief funds

After denying requests for them for months, Oklahoma purchasing officials have released details on more than 1,400 projects asking for billions in federal pandemic relief under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Fri, June 3, 2022 ~ Feature, 9 minutes

Capitol Insider: Confluence of factors causing inflation that will last a while longer

High prices are squeezing families across the nation and Oklahoma lawmakers get ready to return for a special session to address inflation, University of Oklahoma economist Dr. Robert Dauffenbach explains the economic forces causing the surge.

Mon, June 6, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Watch: How Oklahoma lawmakers have loosened gun regulations the past decade

As Oklahoma grapples with mass shootings in Taft and Tulsa, an analysis of gun-related legislation passed over the past decade shows Oklahoma has consistently loosened firearms restrictions.

Wed, June 8, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Stitt's 'Oklahoma Turnaround' ads may violate ethics rules

The latest campaign commercial for Gov. Kevin Stitt prominently featuring his appointed attorney general, John O'Connor, is raising eyebrows in political circles and may run afoul of state Ethics Commission rules for electioneering, according to several Republicans and Democrats.

Thu, June 9, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Tulsa mass shooting reignites gun policy debate in Oklahoma

Armed with a rifle and handgun, a man killed two doctors, an office manager and a patient's husband at a Tulsa hospital last week. The attack has re-ignited a conversation about firearms in Oklahoma.

Thu, June 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Swadley's investigation prompts Oklahoma lawmaker to file bill restoring Tourism Commission oversight

A state Senator is drafting a bill to restore powers to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission.

Fri, June 10, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Oklahoma lawmakers return to Capitol for two special sessions

Oklahoma legislators called a special session to approve legislation authorizing expenditures of federal funding for projects under the American Rescue Plan Act. In late May, Governor Kevin Stitt called another special session to consider tax cuts. In the week ahead, the Oklahoma capitol will see a rarity - two special sessions going at the same time.

Tue, June 14, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

OKC Mayor David Holt talks guns, immigration and climate change

Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt was in Nevada last week for the annual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, where gun violence, immigration, and climate change were some of the main topics of discussion. After returning to Oklahoma, Holt talked with KGOU's Dani Ingram about each of those issues.

Thu, June 16, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Oklahoma City teenagers ask policymakers not to 'downplay' their experiences

StateImpact is on a listening tour with Oklahoma's youth. Two recent high school graduates from OKC talk about their comfort levels in the classroom, how they fit in society and representation.

Fri, June 17, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Oklahoma House and Senate leaders dispute resolution of special session on taxes

Legislators returned to the State Capitol on June 13th for the start of the third special session, called to consider repeal of the grocery sales tax and reduction of the state individual income tax rate. The extraordinary session ended when the House of Representatives adjourned Sine Die with leaders of the two houses disagreeing over the results.

Sun, June 19, 2022 ~ Program, 59 minutes

Oklahoma Votes 2022: Republican State Superintendent Candidates Forum

Join KGOU for an audio broadcast of this week's Roger's State Public Television forum featuring the Republican candidates for the state's top education post.

Fri, June 24, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Oklahoma anti-abortion laws triggered by U.S. Supreme court Roe v. Wade decision

Oklahoma is one of 13 states with abortion "trigger laws" designed to go into effect in the event the U.S. Supreme Court banned the right to obtain an abortion. On Friday, the Court announced its decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, triggering Oklahoma's anti-abortion law.

Race, Identity & Culture

Sun, April 3, 2022 ~ Program, 59 minutes

KGOU Readers Club: This Land is Herland: Gendered Activism in Oklahoma from the 1870s to the 2010s (RPT)

KGOU managing editor Logan Layden discusses the important role women play in the history of Oklahoma with the editors of This Land is Herland, Sarah Eppler Janda and Patricia Loughlin.

Mon, April 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Maria Tallchief, America's first prima ballerina, will be featured on U.S. coin

Maria Tallchief will accompany George Washington in wallets, pockets, piggy banks, cashier drawers and while being flipped in the air. Tallchief is one of the five women chosen for the 2023 honorees for the American Women Quarters Program.

Fri, April 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

A new album hopes to get a new generation speaking, singing the Cherokee language

The album, ᎠᎩᎠᎩᎠᎩᎩᎩ (Anvvnelisgi), is sung entirely in the Cherokee language and features metal, hip hop and folk artists. Its creators want to get more people speaking the language while jamming out.

Fri, April 22, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Cherokee Nation, National Park Service agreement protects culturally significant plants

The Cherokee Nation signed the region's first agreement between a Tribal Nation and The National Park Service to protect the medicinal plants in Buffalo National River Park. A tribal executive order will also make land in Adair County serve as the Cherokee Nation Medicine Keepers Preserve.

Thu, April 28, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: 'I love a place that hates me,' how two transgender Oklahoma teens navigate current events in their home state

StateImpact is on a listening tour with Oklahoma's youth. And we've brought along our microphones. In the first session, two transgender high school juniors from Tulsa share how they feel about their education and their place in the state.

Mon, May 2, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Trans bathroom ban advances in Oklahoma legislature amid open letter battle

Oklahoma's House of Representatives advanced a bill that would bar transgender students from using the bathroom corresponding with their gender identity.

Tue, May 3, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

A statue of Marjorie Tallchief was stolen and sold for scrap. Now, Tulsa Historical Society is raising money to replace it

Tulsa Police are looking for the person who cut down the statue of Marjorie Tallchief and sold it for scrap metal at a local recycling center.

Wed, May 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Muscogee Nation resolution seeks to protect its citizens from state taxation

Muscogee Nation is moving ahead with plans to file a lawsuit seeking relief from state taxation for tribal citizens.

Fri, May 13, 2022 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

'We have to invent a new country now': KGOU's conversation with David Brooks

KGOU's Logan Layden had a chance to sit down with David Brooks while he was on campus, to talk about the deep divides that make our politics so caustic, and about the future of the country's discourse.

Fri, May 20, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Gov. Stitt to consider transgender student bathroom ban

Oklahoma lawmakers advanced a measure barring transgender students from using the restroom corresponding with their gender identity.

Sun, May 22, 2022 ~ Program, 59 minutes

NextGen Talks Oklahoma: ‘Enacting Equity / Illuminating Inclusion’

An audio broadcast of the 2021 NextGen Talks Oklahoma: “Enacting Equity/Illuminating Inclusion” event at the University of Central Oklahoma in November 2021. The event focused on defining and expanding conversations on equity and inclusion and distinct themes associated with its practice.

Thu, May 26, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: ‘It’s utterly ridiculous:’ trans Tulsa students react to Oklahoma’s school bathroom ban

A bill to bar transgender students from using the bathroom corresponding with their identity was signed by Governor Kevin Stitt Wednesday.

Tue, June 7, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Wilma Mankiller’s U.S. quarter unveiled in Cherokee Nation celebration

More than 1,500 people stood in line outside the Cherokee Casino in Tahlequah on Monday to get the first quarters honoring the late Wilma Mankiller, the first woman Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

Tue, June 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Long before Roe v. Wade was overturned, Indigenous women faced barriers to abortion

After the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision came down Friday overturning Roe v. Wade, Oklahoma’s attorney general announced it had triggered a state law banning the practice in Oklahoma.

Wed, June 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Supreme Court rules Oklahoma can prosecute non-Indians when they commit crimes against Indians on reservations

In a 5-4 decision, the United States Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday that Oklahoma does have concurrent criminal jurisdiction when prosecuting non-Native people for crimes committed against Native people within reservation boundaries.

Science & Technology

Mon, May 2, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Central U.S. to emerge as flash flooding hotspot, study finds

New research has found flash flooding events are likely to become more severe in the future if carbon dioxide emissions continue at their current rate.

Tue, May 3, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Bird flu has arrived in Oklahoma, agriculture officials urge safety measures to contain the spread

Oklahoma became the 31st state with a confirmed case of avian flu in chickens over the weekend, and state agriculture officials are asking for help to contain the spread.

Thu, May 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Tornado leaves path of destruction in Seminole

The town of Seminole — about 50 miles southeast Oklahoma City — was hit by tornadoes for the second time this week.

Thu, May 19, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Dry weather brings brown wheat mites to Oklahoma crops

Looking at the state of some Oklahoma wheat fields, it's easy to think the problem is just the drought, but brown wheat mites could also be to blame.

Thu, June 2, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

NOAA survey allows residents to report tornado experiences

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is looking to hear from people whose communities have been hit by tornadoes.

Thu, June 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma officials announce a \$100 million, high-tech factory is coming to Stillwater

A high-tech, rare metals company announced it will invest \$100 million in a new Stillwater plant.

Mon, June 13, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Recent storms tame Oklahoma's drought conditions

Recent heavy rain has put a dent in the state's drought. According to NOAA, one Oklahoma county was the wettest in the nation last month.

Wed, June 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma State University researchers develop cheap, accessible way to monitor water for harmful algae

Researchers at Oklahoma State University are creating more efficient ways to monitor water for harmful algae blooms.

Wed, June 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma medical researchers have developed a cancer drug, and it's headed for human trials

Oklahoma medical researchers announced Wednesday they have a cancer drug headed to human trials

Fri, June 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Communities in southeast Oklahoma run out of water as they wait for repairs

Some people near Sardis Lake in southeast Oklahoma ran out of water last week while waiting on repairs to their water treatment system. The water is back on, but the area is on a boil order without a definite end date.

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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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