

Issues & Programs List

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Issues; Programs	Title / Programming Type	Date/Time/ Duration	Narrative
Agriculture: Kansas	'This is do or die': Western Kansas farmers push to save the Ogallala aquifer before it's too late	1/10/2023	After decades of irrigation, the aquifer that makes life possible in dry western Kansas is reaching a critical point. Several counties have already lost more than half of their underground water. But a new plan could save more of what's left.
Agriculture: Regional	Kansas wheat farmers face a tougher future as climate change ramps up dry, hot, windy weather	1/16/2023	A new study from Kansas State University researchers is the first to measure how a changing climate is hurting wheat production in the Great Plains. And it points to a future with more extreme heat, drought and wind.
Community: Texas	Extra SNAP food benefits for Texans set to expire next month	1/23/2023	Food banks across Texas are bracing for the expiration of extra food assistance benefits Texans have utilized since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Agriculture: Kansas	How bad was the 2022 drought? For these 7 Kansas communities, it was the driest on record	1/24/2023	Record-setting lack of rain in 2022 transformed parts of western Kansas into a temporary desert. And it'll take a while for the region's fields, towns and mindsets to recover.
Community: Texas	Could taxed marijuana sales lower Texans' property taxes?	1/31/2023	Since the state began recreational marijuana sales last year, it's become a popular destination for certain travelers.
Community: Kansas	Staffing shortages make it harder to get training	2/1/2023	Walkeeny has only 2 officers making it difficult for them to send them away for the 40 hours of required training.
Economic: Oklahoma	Rural towns leave parents without child care options: 'Talk about panic.'	2/7/2023	Increasing access to child care in rural areas is important to families, but it's also an economic development issue.
Community: Kansas	How tiny saddles and youth rodeo might help keep another generation in rural Kansas	2/23/2023	As small town populations decline, people in places like western Kansas look for ways to keep their rural farming and ranching lifestyle alive for the next generation. Some families think youth rodeo might be part of the answer.

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Environment: Kansas	Wind farms are transforming the Kansas landscape. Here's an effort to tone down their lights	3/1/2023	Wind farms continue to spread across Kansas — but with new features that will tone down the way they interrupt wide open skies with red, blinking lights visible for miles and resented by many rural residents.
Healthcare: Oklahoma	Will Oklahomans vote to be the 22nd state to legalize recreational marijuana?	3/3/2023	Voters are just days away from deciding whether Oklahoma will legalize recreational marijuana. But results of similar ballot initiatives in Arkansas and Missouri could help predict the fate of State Question 820.
Education: Texas	Should West Texas change time zones? One researcher says it could make roads safer	3/15/2023	The Texas Legislature is considering a bill that would allow the state to deposit \$8,000 annually into a child's education savings account for the family to choose where the child goes to school.
Government: Texas	Cyber Security lacking in state & local agencies.	3/16/2023	A recent study from Eastern New Mexico University suggests much of West Texas is in a misaligned time zone.
Agriculture: Oklahoma	What can be done to slow the spread of eastern red cedars in Western Oklahoma?	3/22/2023	Eastern red cedars are spreading across Oklahoma and slurping up billions of gallons of water each day. New legislation at the Oklahoma Capitol aims to do something about that.
Education: Kansas	Enrollment at Kansas college is down.	3/27/2023	A 6% Drop in College enrollment at Kansas colleges and 28% at community colleges this last decade as high school grads decide not to go to college.