

COMMUNITY ISSUES PROGRAM LIST- KARU
First Quarter 2024 (January-April)
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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by KARU, CACHE, OK for the period of January 1st-April 10th. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Pacific Daylight Time.

1. Makeover
2. Addiction
3. Inflation
4. Childhood Obesity
5. Kids Creativity
6. Parents of Addicted children

Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
Makeover	Closer Look	1/14/2024	7:00pm	29:07	Closer Look: Old Schools Get Free Makeovers Through Heart Of America Visit public schools across the U.S. and you travel back in time. “This country created the majority of its schools during the 1940s, 50s and 60s,” says Jill Hardy-Heath, President and CEO of Heart of America . Disrepair deeply affects learning. “If you walk into a school where you have peeling paint and ceiling tiles that are falling, and things have not been updated – think about how that would make you feel.” HOA is committed to raising the spirits of those students and teachers. Fresh coats of paint are only the beginning. “We transform spaces,” she smiles. “Think about Extreme Home Makeover, but School Edition.”
Addiction	Closer Look	1/21/2024	7:00pm	12:55	Closer Look: Gambling, Suicide Risk and Addiction Recovery Gambling addiction is a leading cause of suicide in the United States. The thrill of the bet buries vulnerable gamblers deep in debts matched only by their secret shame. But stats prove you can win recovery, as 2 out of 3 people who seek treatment are able to stop. Rafael Sierra talks with Derek Longmeier of Problem Gambling Network of Ohio and Keith Whyte of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Need to talk? Call the National Problem Gambling Helpline: (800) 522-4700. https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/dollars-and-sense/closer-look-gambling-suicide-risk-and-addiction-recovery-3518
Inflation	Closer Look	2/4/2024	7:00pm	28:38	Closer Look: Food Prices, Fight Inflation From Your Fridge Food costs more these days. COVID-19 shutdowns drove up the price of labor, fertilizer and fuel needed to move crops from farms to factories to stores and eventually to your kitchen. What can you do? Should you panic buy? Comparison shop? Billie Wright checks in with Assoc Prof. Joe Balagtas at Purdue University and Jordan Page, lifestyle blogger and mom of 8 for proven tips on cutting your grocery bill.

Childhood Obesity	Closer Look	2/18/2024	7:00pm	14:46	<p>Closer Look: Tackle Childhood Obesity At Home, Church And School</p> <p>Millions of American kids suffer words like chubby or chunky – or fat – to describe their young bodies. The COVID-19 lockdowns only worsened already alarming levels of childhood obesity, as the CDC found the BMI (body mass index) in children ages 2-19 years old increase nearly doubled during the pandemic. Excess weight weakens growing muscles and joints and can lead to juvenile diabetes or even trigger life-threatening asthma “Prevention is what we really want, right?” says Geri Henchy, Director of Nutrition Policy at the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC). “We want kids to be in environments that are not obesogenic; where they’re gonna get healthy meals, where there isn’t a lot of junk food, where they have activities -- that’s really gonna make a difference for kids.”</p>
Kids creativity	Closer Look	3/3/2024	7:00pm	16:11	<p>Closer Look: Young Storytellers Outreach Brings Kid-Scripts To Stage</p> <p>Children feel the thrill of seeing their scripts come to life with the help of creative-writing mentors and local actors who volunteer to perform. Though based primarily in Los Angeles, the arts program Young Storytellers works to scale its success to other cities by providing free online videos educators can use to help students shape stories. Monika Kelly reports.</p>
Parents of Addicted Children	Closer Look	3/24/2024	7:00pm	28:41	<p>Closer Look: Parents Of Addicted Loved Ones Turn To PAL Groups For Support</p> <p>One of your kids is on drugs. Getting in trouble. Calling you over and over bail them out. You don’t know what to do. PAL Groups bring people together to swap stories and share strategies -- online or in-person. “<i>When we found PAL we’re like okay, we’re not alone, there’s other people who’ve been down this road.</i>” Monika Kelly reports.</p>

Lawton (Oklahoma) Public Library	Local News	3/3/2024 4/7/2024	7:30pm	n/a	Joel Reagan speaks with Bettina King, Deputy Library Director of Lawton Public Library. King shares about the library's roots as a Carnegie library and its history in the community. She shares about the latest usage trends in physical and digital materials. King talks about programs for children, teens and adults. She also talks about the many databases the library provides for its patrons. King outlines the process to get a library card and that it is open to resident in Comanche County. She also shares about local literacy council and about the need for volunteers. (http://www.lawtonok.gov/departments/library/)
988 Mental Health Lifeline (Oklahoma)	Local News	2/11/2024	7:30pm	n/a	Joel Reagan speaks with Heath Hayes, Deputy Commissioner with Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services about the 988 Mental Health Lifeline. The 988 number is like 911 for physical emergencies. People can call or text 988 in Oklahoma to talk to someone or get mental health resources. Hayes speaks about Oklahoma's approach to the 988 concept. He explains how listeners can utilize this resource. Hayes also talks about people calling 988 to get help for family members or friends. He shares about the impact of 988 after a year, including the local Super Bowl commercial, promoting the hotline. (https://988oklahoma.com/)

