

Community Issues and Programs on KET that addressed the issue
January - March 2014

1. ENVIRONMENT / LAND USE

Kentucky's Greenside Half-hour independent environmental documentary series that looks at specific sites and projects across Kentucky such as UPS, Mother Ann Lee Hydro Electric Station, Mammoth Cave and others. 1/15, 3pm, KET KY; 2/15, 10:35, pm, KET; 2/21, 10:35pm, KET2; 2/24, 1:30am, KET KY; 2/28, 1:30am, KET KY

Farming the Black Patch (One hour) Independent documentary about the dark-fired tobacco culture in Western Kentucky. 1/17, 11am, KET KY; 2/4, 3am, KET KY; 2/21, 11am, KET KY; 3/11, 2pm, KET KY; 3/17, 10am, KET KY; 3/20, 10pm, KET KY

Town Branch: Lexington's Historic Watershed (Half-hour) Independent documentary that looks at Lexington's underground stream and the environmental effects from the community and industry. 1/13, 10pm, KET KY; 1/18, 2:30pm, KET KY

Faces of Farming (Half-hour) Independent documentary that profiles farmers in Kentucky and the challenges they face. 1/15, 10:30am, KET KY

Coming to Ground (90 minutes) Documentary that looks at the state of Kentucky's small farms and agribusinesses and the challenges they face. 2/3, 1:30am, KET KY; 3/10, 2am, KET KY; 3/11, 3pm, KET KY; 3/13, 10pm, KET KY; 3/14, 7pm, KET KY; 3/15, 10:30pm, KET KY

LAND (and how it gets that way) (One hour) KET funded documentary that examines urban development in Woodford County. 2/8, 3am, KET KY; 3/3, 10am, KET KY; 3/4, 9pm, KET KY; 3/5, 9am, KET KY; 3/8, 4pm, KET KY

Vintage Kentucky: The Vine to Wine Experience (Half-hour) Documentary about the vineyard and wine industry in Kentucky. 2/6, 2:30pm, KET KY; 2/17, 5am, KET KY

Common Ground and Cleaner Water (One hour) KET documentary about Kentucky's watersheds, water runoffs, and stream pollution. 3/12, 4pm, KET KY

Coal in Kentucky (One hour) Independent documentary that looks at the coal industry and its impact on Kentucky. 1/5, 10am, KET KY; 1/7, 2am, KET KY; 1/12, 12pm, KET KY; 1/14, 8pm, KET KY; 1/16, 6am, KET KY; 1/18, 3pm, KET KY; 3/11, 9pm, KET KY; 3/12, 2pm, KET KY; 3/15, 4pm, KET KY; 3/24, 10am, KET KY

Deep Down (One hour) Independent documentary that examines the impact of mountain top removal on one Kentucky community. 3/17, 3am, KET KY

A Decade of Difference (One hour) Independent documentary about environmental clean-up in Eastern Kentucky. 2/26, 4pm, KET KY; 3/24, 2am, KET KY; 3/27, 10pm, KET KY; 3/28, 4pm, KET KY

Main Street: More Than Just a Place (Half-hour) Profile of visionaries from all across the Commonwealth who are working to preserve our downtowns'

heritages and give back life to those boarded-up historical buildings. 2/26, 3:30pm, KET KY; 3/1, 5:30pm, KET KY

EcoSense for Living (Half-hour) This environmental program produced through KET looks at various aspects of green living, from green jobs and children in nature, to household tips for saving energy. 2/28, 2:30pm, KET KY; 3/31, 1:30am, KET KY

Resonance House: From Installation to Inhabitation (Half-hour) Independent documentary that profiles an environmentally built house in Kentucky. 1/21, 3pm, KET KY

Solar Decathlon (Half hour) How the University of Kentucky's s.ky blue team designed, fabricated, constructed, and operated a solar-powered home as part of a solar village on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. 3/14, 2:30pm, KET KY; 3/20, 9:30am, KET KY

American Chestnut: Appalachian Apocalypse (Half hour) Examines the history and disappearance of the American chestnut tree, once the dominant hardwood species in Appalachian mountain forests. 3/20, 9am, KET KY; 3/20, 11pm, KET KY; 3/25, 4pm, KET KY

Let It Grow (Half hour) KET documentary about urban gardening, with visits to backyard gardens; the Food Literacy Project at Oxmoor Farm in Louisville; the Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky; and the Lexington Farmers' Market. 3/3, 12:30pm, KET KY; 3/5, 4:30am, KET KY; 3/8, 1:30pm, KET KY; 3/10, 3:30am, KET KY; 3/10, 5pm, KET KY; 3/13, 11:30pm, KET KY; 3/24, 5am, KET KY; 3/26, 4:30am, KET

Natural Heroes (Half-hour series) This series focuses on people making a positive difference for the environment and enhancing the world around us. Tuesdays, 1:30pm, KET2

Green Buildings (Half-hour) Looks at green buildings from the Solar Decathlon competition in Washington, D.C. to the restoration of New Orleans. 2/23, 12:30am, KET KY; 2/23, 11:30am, KET KY

The Electricity Fairy (One hour) Independent documentary that examines America's national addiction to fossil fuels through the lens of electricity. 2/13, 10pm, KET KY; 2/15, 2am, KET KY

2. **ECONOMY** (Unemployment; outsourcing of jobs; mortgage issues; high gas and food prices)

Kentucky Tonight (One hour) Panelists discussing the topic of the State Budget were Bob Leeper, Rick Rand, John Carney, and Ray Jones

Original air date: 1/27, 8pm, KET

Additional air dates: 1/28, 12am, KET KY; 1/28, 7am, KET KY; 1/28, 6pm, KET KY; 1/29, 2am, KET; 1/29, 5am, KET KY

Kentucky Tonight (One hour) Discussion of Minimum Wage

Guests: Anna Baumann, Tod Griffin, Bonifacio Aleman, and Stacy Roof

Original air date: 2/10, 8pm, KET

Additional air dates: 2/11, 12am, KET KY; 2/11, 7am, KET KY; 2/11, 6pm, KET KY; 2/12, 2am, KET; 2/12, 5am, KET KY

Kentucky Tonight (One hour) Discussion on State Tax Reform

Guests: Jim Wayne, Tim Moore, Jason Bailey and Brian Strow

Original air date: 2/17, 8pm, KET

Additional air dates: 2/18, 12am, KET KY; 2/18, 7am, KET KY; 2/18, 6pm, KET KY; 2/19, 2am, KET; 2/19, 5am, KET KY

Kentucky Tonight (One hour) Discussion of Expanded Gambling; panelists included Kevin Flanery, Stan Cave, Ed Glasscock, and John-Mark Hack

Original air date: 2/24, 8pm, KET

Additional air dates: 2/25, 12am, KET KY; 2/25, 7am, KET KY; 2/25, 6pm, KET KY; 2/26, 2am, KET; 2/26, 5am, KET KY

Connections with Renee Shaw (Half-hour) Guests are Ron Crouch, demographer and director of research and statistics in the Office of Employment and Training for the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, and Myrdin Thompson of Louisville, an activist with RESULTS, a nonprofit whose mission is to fight hunger and poverty.

Original air date: 3/2, 9am, KET KY

Additional air dates: 3/4, 8am, KET KY; 3/5, 6:30pm, KET KY; 3/6, 7:30am, KET2; 3/6, 12:30pm, KET KY

America's Fiscal Challenge with David Walker (One hour). Economist Walker discusses US economy at a University of KY forum. 3/13, 4am, KET KY

kNOWMORE Nonprofits (Half-hour) Looks at the role of non-profits. 2/6, 12:30am, KET KY; 2/11, 4pm, KET KY; 2/21, 4:30pm, KET KY; 2/25, 8:30am, KET KY; 2/27, 2:30pm, KET KY; 3/18, 4pm, KET KY; 3/21, 9:30am, KET KY

Start Up (Half-hour) New series that looks at new start ups in business and how others can follow. Saturdays, 9am, KET2 and Wednesdays, 12:30am, KET

Main Street: More Than Just a Place (Half-hour) Documentary of Main street revitalization projects in Kentucky and across the U.S. 2/26, 3:30pm, KET KY; 3/1, 5:30pm, KET KY

Kentucky Entrepreneur (One hour) In this new series, successful Kentucky businessmen discuss their personal strategies and give students suggestions for achieving financial success. 3/18, 11am, KET KY

Music Makes a City (One hour) Documentary that looked at the impact of the Louisville Symphony on the cultural and economic wellbeing of Louisville. 1/24, 10pm, KET; 1/27, 5am, KET2; 1/27, 9pm, KET KY; 1/31, 7pm, KET KY; 3/17, 10pm, KET KY; 3/21, 8pm, KET KY

Vintage Kentucky: The Vine to Wine Experience (Half-hour) Documentary about the vineyard and wine industry in Kentucky. 1/13, 5am, KET KY; 1/15, 11:30am, KET KY

The Truth About Money Weekly half-hour series about personal-finance issues. Wednesdays, 7:30pm, KET2

Made and Bottled in Kentucky (One hour) The story of the early distillers in Kentucky and the multi-million-dollar industry they spawned. 1/4, 4pm, KET KY; 1/5, 2pm, KET KY; 1/6, 12am, KET KY; 1/8, 7am and 8pm, KET KY; 1/10, 6pm, KET KY; 1/11, 1am, 12pm, and 9pm, KET KY

Tobacco Blues (One hour) KET funded independent documentary on the vanishing tobacco farms and economy in Kentucky. 2/4, 3pm, KET KY; 2/6, 11pm, KET KY; 2/7, 7pm, KET KY

3. EDUCATION

Kentucky Tonight Charter Schools was the topic discussed with guests Brad Montell, Mary Lou Marzian, Wayne Lewis and Brent McKim.

Original airdate: 2/3, 8pm, KET

Additional airdates: 2/4, 12am, KET KY; 2/4, 7am, KET KY; 2/4, 6pm, KET KY; 2/5, 2am, KET; 2/5, 5am, KET KY

One to One (Half-hour) Host Bill Goodman talks with University of Kentucky Provost Christine Riordan, Ph.D., about her role at UK and the work she hopes to accomplish. 1/19, 9:30am, KET KY; 1/19, 1pm, KET; 1/20, 12:30am, KET; 1/22, 7:30am, KET2; 1/23, 8am, KET KY; 1/23, 6pm, KET KY

One to One (Half-hour) Host Bill Goodman and Geoffrey Mearns, the new president of Northern Kentucky University, who discusses his background and his plans for NKU.

Original air date: 2/9, 1pm, KET

Additional air dates: 2/10, 12:30am, KET; 2/11, 7:30pm, KET2; 2/12, 7:30am, KET2; 2/13, 8am, KET KY

One to One (Half-hour) Host Bill Goodman talks with Dreama Gentry, executive director of Partners for Education at Berea College, who works with a budget of \$18 million and a staff of 140 to improve educational outcomes in rural Appalachia.

Original air date: 2/16, 1pm, KET

Additional air dates: 2/17, 12:30am, KET; 2/18, 7:30pm, KET2; 2/19, 7:30am, KET2; 2/20, 8am, KET KY; 2/20, 6pm, KET KY

One to One (Half-hour) Host Bill Goodman talks with James Hurley, president of Pikeville University, who discusses student success and the role of Pikeville University as a school located in rural Appalachian Kentucky.

Original air date: 2/23, 1pm, KET

Additional air dates: 2/24, 12:30am, KET; 2/25, 7:30pm, KET2; 2/26, 7:30am, KET2; 2/27, 8am, KET KY; 2/27, 6pm, KET KY

One to One (Half-hour) Bill Goodman's guests include Dr. John Nash of the University of Kentucky and filmmaker Ralph King discussing the new documentary "Extreme by Design." 1/1, 7:30am, KET2; 1/2, 8am, KET KY; 1/2, 6pm, KET KY

Education Matters (One hour) College Financial Aid Call-in; 1/27, 9pm, KET

Education Matters (One hour) Meeting the Challenges of Poverty. Two panel discussions explore the effects of students at risk due to poverty. 3/18, 9am, KET KY

Once Upon a Vision (One hour) Documentary on the origins and history of Berea College. 1/4, 2pm, KET KY

Settlement Schools of Appalachia (One hour) In the late 19th century, college-educated young women of the Bluegrass, influenced by the progressive movement, established several community schools in isolated areas of Eastern Kentucky. This KET documentary looks at the early history, growth, and contemporary roles of these Appalachian community institutions. 2/21, 3am, KET KY; 3/11, 7am, KET KY; 3/18, 10am, KET KY

Our Kids Monthly half-hour series about student experiences in Jefferson County schools. First and third Tuesdays, 2:30pm and Fridays, 7am

Roundabout U Weekly half-hour magazine program from Murray State University that profiles the activities and achievements taking place on campus. Fridays, 5:30am, KET; and the following times each week on KET KY: Mondays, 8:30am; Tuesdays, 6am and 5pm; Wednesdays, 6pm; Fridays, 8:30am; Saturdays, 7:30am

Workplace Essential Skills Half-hour KET series that helps adults develop skills that allow them to find and keep a good job. Tuesdays, 9:30am, KET2; Wednesdays, 8:30am, KET2; Thursdays, 12am, KET and 9:30am, KET2; Fridays, 8:30am, KET2

4. HEALTH

Kentucky Tonight (One hour) Topic: Statewide Smoking Ban
Guests: Shawn Jones, Jim Waters, Ashli Watts and Ken Moellman.
Original airdate: 1/20, 8pm, KET

Additional airdates: 1/21, 12am, KET KY; 1/21, 7am, KET KY; 1/21, 6pm, KET KY; 1/22, 2am, KET; 1/22, 5am, KET KY

Kentucky Tonight (One hour) Topic was Medical Review Panels with guests Steven Stack, Jim Kimbrough, Michael Sutton, and Vanessa Cantley.

Original airdate: 3/17, 8pm, KET

Additional airdates: 3/18, 12am, KET KY; 3/18, 7am, KET KY; 3/18, 6pm, KET KY; 3/19, 2am, KET; 3/19, 5am, KET KY

Connections with Renee Shaw (Half hour) Secretary of the Kentucky Health and Family Services Cabinet Audrey Haynes discusses health benefits exchange program and major health and welfare issues facing Kentucky families and children. 1/10, 5pm, KET2; 1/12, 9am, KET KY; 1/12, 1:30pm, KET; 1/14, 8am, KET KY; 1/15, 6:30pm, KET KY; 1/16, 7:30am, KET2; 1/16, 12:30pm, KET KY

Connections with Renee Shaw (Half-hour) Dr. Stephanie Mayfield Gibson, commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health, discusses legislative efforts to pass a statewide smoke-free law; action by the Food and Drug Administration on trans fats in foods; and the impact of the Affordable Care Act. 1/24, 5pm, KET2; 1/26, 9am, KET KY; 1/26, 1:30pm, KET; 1/28, 8am, KET KY; 1/29, 6:30pm, KET KY; 1/20, 7:30am, KET2; 1/30, 12:30pm, KET KY

One to One with Bill Goodman (Half-hour) Governor Steve Beshear discusses the upcoming year, the General Assembly, and the success of Kynect, the Kentucky health care marketplace. 1/5, 9:30am, KET KY; 1/5, 1pm, KET; 1/6, 12:30am, KET; 1/8, 7:30am, KET2; 1/9, 8am, KET KY; 1/9, 6pm, KET KY

Well Fed: Nourishing Our Children for a Lifetime (One hour) Examination of nutrition's impact on Kentucky citizens and educational efforts to improve it. 1/15, 4pm, KET KY; 2/13, 11am, KET KY; 3/13, 4pm, KET KY

Health Three60 (One hour) "When Children are Cruel." An examination and discussion of bullying. 1/3, 3pm, KET KY; 3/20, 11am, KET KY

Health Three 60 (One hour) "Erasing the Stigma of Mental Illness" 1/16, 4pm, KET KY

Health Three60 (One hour) "The New Face of Diabetes" 1/17, 9am, KET KY

Health Three60 (One hour) "Probing Prescription Drug Abuse" 1/24, 9am, KET KY

Health Three60 (One hour) "No health without mental health" 1/30, 4pm, KET KY; 2/14, 9am, KET KY

Health Three60 (One hour) "Citizens Taking Charge" 1/31, 11am, KET KY; 2/21, 9am, KET KY; 3/27, 11am, KET KY

Health Three60 (One hour) "Healthy Competition: How County Health Rankings are Catalyzing Change." 3/13, 11am, KET KY

Health Three60 (One hour) "The heart facts." 1/23, 4pm, KET KY; 2/7, 9am, KET KY

Health Three60 (One hour) "Champions of Children's Health" examines three different regions in Kentucky and their health rankings for 2013. 3/6, 11am, KET KY

The Alzheimer's Epidemic (One-hour) New documentary about the effect of Alzheimer's in Kentucky, including an examination of new drugs, care centers, etc. 2/20, 11pm, KET KY; 2/22, 5pm, KET KY; 2/24, 3pm, KET KY; 2/25, 4am, KET; 2/26, 9am, KET KY; 2/27, 4pm, KET KY

Two Brothers (Half-hour) Documentary about a Kentucky veteran's struggle with PTSD. 2/1, 4pm, KET KY; 3/27, 2:30pm, KET KY

Born Too Soon (One hour) KET Documentary that reveals the shocking statistics and long-term effects of premature birth in Kentucky; its connections to smoking, poverty and environment; the impact of scheduling for convenience; and efforts across the state to prevent this serious and costly trend. 1/3, 11am, KET KY; 1/10, 9am, KET KY; 1/25, 3am, KET KY

The Ascending Journey (Half-hour) Profile of a Kentuckian with multiple myeloma cancer. 2/24, 10:30pm, KET

More Than Child's Play: Why Physical Activity Matters (One hour) KET health documentary about physical state of Kentucky's youth and ways to improve it. 2/3, 4pm, KET KY; 2/5, 2pm, KET KY; 2/7, 11am, KET KY; 2/8, 4pm, KET KY; 2/25, 11am, KET KY; 3/28, 9am, KET KY; 3/29, 4am, KET KY

Fixing Kentucky's Smile (One hour) The state of Kentucky's dental health and the challenges ahead, especially for those in rural counties. 1/30, 11am, KET KY

Journey into Well Being (One hour) Profile of health and wellness groups and places in Kentucky. 1/11, 5pm, KET KY; 1/13, 9pm, KET KY; 2/28, 7pm, KET KY; 3/14, 9am, KET KY

Second Opinion (Half-hour series) This independent series looks at a variety of health issues, from Lyme disease and shingles to breast cancer and foodborne illness. Tuesdays, 5am, KET and Thursdays, 11:30am, KET2

Sweet Tooth (Half-hour) KET funded independent documentary on dental health in Eastern Kentucky. 1/9, 4:30pm, KET KY; 2/13, 4:30pm, KET KY

Gray Matters: The Silent Epidemic of Brain Injury (One hour) Examination of brain injuries in Kentucky. 2/28, 2am, KET KY

Louisville Life (Half-hour) Discussion of a Louisville program that helps families with legal matters impacting their child's health. 2/1, 7:30pm, KET; 2/2, 8am, KET KY; 2/3, 7:30am, KET2; 2/3, 6pm, KET KY; 2/4, 6:30am, KET KY; 2/6, 7:30pm, KET2; 2/7, 12:30am, KET; 2/7, 8am, KET KY; 2/7, 5:30pm, KET2; 2/7, 10pm, KET KY; 2/8, 7am, KET KY

Louisville Life (Half-hour) Profile of the Louisville Elder Refugee Program which helps seniors with mentoring and more. 2/8, 7:30pm, KET; 2/9, 8am, KET KY; 2/9, 12pm, KET2; 2/10, 7:30am, KET2; 2/10, 6pm, KET KY; 2/11, 6:30am, KET KY; 2/13, 7:30pm, KET2; 2/14, 12:30am, KET; 2/14, 8am, KET KY; 2/14, 5:30pm, KET2; 2/14, 10pm, KET KY; 2/15, 7am, KET KY

Louisville Life (Half-hour) An interview with Susan Zepeda, president and CEO with the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. 2/15, 7:30pm, KET; 2/16, 8am, KET KY; 2/16, 12pm, KET2; 2/17, 7:30am, KET2; 2/17, 6pm, KET KY; 2/18, 6:30am, KET KY; 2/20, 7:30pm, KET2; 2/21, 12:30am, KET; 2/21, 8am, KET KY; 2/21, 5:30pm, KET2; 2/21, 10pm, KET KY; 2/22, 7am, KET KY

Sidelined: Concussions in Sports (Half hour) 1/23, 12:30am, KET

Smoke Free: A Matter of Public Health (Half-hour) Documentary about the positive effects of Kentucky's No Smoking bans. 2/28, 6:30am, KET KY

Kentucky Health Half-hour weekly series produced and hosted by a doctor in Louisville about various aspects of Kentuckians' health. Topics covered during this quarter include chronic pain management, acute psychiatric issues, brain lesions, cornea disease, and lymphomas. Mondays, 6:30am, KET KY and 7:30 pm, KET2; Wednesdays, 5:30am, KET and 8:30 am, KET KY; Thursdays 12 Noon, KET KY; Fridays, 7:30am, KET2 and 10am, KET KY

Healthy Minds Half-hour weekly series that has interviews with families living with - and overcoming - mental illness and offering relatable perspectives on mental health conditions that are often misunderstood. Tuesdays, 5am, KET

Sit and Be Fit (Half-hour series) Independent weekly series that addresses gentle exercise needs of seniors and those with physical limitations. Thursdays, 5am, KET and 10am, KET2

CommonHealth of Kentucky Half-hour weekly series that explores successful health models around the state. Fridays, 10:30am, and Thursdays at 5pm, KET KY

Before It's Too Late: Preventing Teen Suicide (One-hour) 2/5, 9am, KET KY

5. YOUTH ISSUES

One to One with Bill Goodman (half hour) Terry Brooks, executive director of Kentucky Youth Advocates, discusses his organization's 2014 legislative agenda and the status of children and families in Kentucky. 2/2, 9:30am, KET KY; 2/3, 12:30am, KET; 2/4, 7:30pm, KET2; 2/5, 7:30am, KET2; 2/6, 8am, KET KY; 2/6, 6pm, KET KY

Connections with Renee Shaw (Half-hour) Renee talks with Calvin Johnson, who was falsely accused of rape and sentenced to life in prison, only to be cleared 16 years later as part of the Innocence Project. 1/1, 6:30pm, KET KY; 1/2, 7:30am, KET2; 1/2, 12:30pm, KET KY;

Connections with Renee Shaw (Half-hour) Secretary J. Michael Brown, head of the Kentucky Public Safety and Justice Cabinet, sits down with Renee to discuss progress in state efforts to curb drug abuse and to discuss the juvenile code and other corrections matters that could come before the 2014 General Assembly. 1/17, 5pm, KET2; 1/19, 9am, KET KY; 1/19, 1:30pm, KET; 1/21, 8am, KET KY; 1/22, 6:30pm, KET KY; 1/23, 7:30am, KET2; 1/23, 12:30pm, KET KY

Hey Kids Let's Cook (Half-hour series) Wednesdays, 3pm, KET2

Workplace Essential Skills Half-hour KET series that helps adults develop skills that allow them to find and keep a good job. Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:30am, KET2

6. URBAN GROWTH (and subsequent problems with schools, health services, transportation, traffic, lack of housing for low-income)

Leadership Landscape (Half-hour) New series that interviews leaders from a variety of industries in Kentucky. Airs on KET KY: Mondays, 2pm, Wednesdays, 6am, Fridays, 5pm.

Let's Paint the Town, Twin Cities! (Half-hour) Independent documentary that chronicles the success of the "Let's Paint the Town!," a Kentucky grassroots downtown revitalization campaign. 1/7, 10:30pm, KET KY

Main Street: More Than Just a Place (Half-hour) Profile of visionaries from all across the Commonwealth who are working to preserve our downtowns' heritages and give back life to those boarded-up historical buildings. 2/26, 3:30pm, KET KY; 3/1, 5:30pm, KET KY

6. IMMIGRATION

Beyond the Border (One hour) The final episode in the six-part series about the story of early settlement, conquest and immigration; of tradition and reinvention; of anguish and celebration; and of the gradual construction of a new American identity from diverse sources that connects and empowers millions of people today. 1/3, 4pm, KET KY; 3/23, 12pm, KET KY; 3/25, 8pm, KET KY; 3/27, 6am, KET KY; 3/29, 3pm, KET KY

Jewish Kentucky (Half-hour) 1/5, 12:30am, KET KY; 1/8, 7pm, KET KY; 1/16, 2:30pm, KET KY; 2/21, 1:30am, KET KY

Third Lives in the First World, (One hour) Independent documentary that examines new immigrants in Louisville. 1/22, 2pm, KET KY; 1/23, 11pm, KET KY

The above programs are either produced, funded or acquired and scheduled by KET. The list does not take into account the educational programs KET airs during the day and overnight. This list also does not take into account many programs fed from PBS, many of which cover the topics above. As noted, many of these programs air at various times throughout the week that they are originally scheduled on the KET network of channels: KET, KET2 and KET KY (The Kentucky Channel).

KET polled its viewers in March 2013 to find out what issues in the State were of concern to them. The resulting priority list - with the Environment taking the top spot, followed closely by the Economy, Education and Health - was culled from the results of that poll, over 625 respondents, which took place via online voting and via mail. Viewers will be polled again in March 2014 in order to update this priority list and plan productions for future months.

KET has seen a growing interest in programs about health and thus they began a new health initiative in January of 2010. A producer was hired through some grants to tackle the most pressing health issues in the state, including premature births, brain injuries and dental health (Kentucky ranks 49th out of 50 states in terms of the worst dental health). In September of 2012, KET's health initiative morphed into a locally-produced series entitled "Health Three60," which produces three to four one-hour documentaries a year.

In January of 2010, KET launched a new education series called "Education Matters," designed to examine some of the key issues in the state's P-20 education, especially around the new Senate Bill 1 (SB1). This series takes on between six and seven issues each year, with most of the programs airing in the fall and winter. This quarter featured the annual "College Financial Aid Call-in", which logged a record number of calls for the panelists.

KET produced a number of specials this quarter to address the needs of the community. These productions included the "50th Anniversary of the March on Frankfort", "19th Annual Chamber Day Meeting," "Severe Weather: Staying Safe," and live coverage of both the "2014 Governor's State of the Commonwealth" speech and the "State of the Budget" address. As usual during the Kentucky General Assembly, KET broadcast daily coverage of the sessions and the various committee meetings and produced their nightly wrap-up program "Legislative Update."

KET also aired a number of specials that were provided by independent producers. These productions included the "2014 Martin Luther King Jr. State

Celebration,” “The 2014 Black History Month Celebration,” “The Governor’s Awards in the Arts” and the “2014 KMEA Marching Band Championships.” Other independent programs that aired during this quarter included “Rise Above: A New Generation of Aeronautics Research at UK,” and two new episodes from the Filson Society discussing history.

KET continues using its statewide digital channel, the Kentucky Channel (KET KY), to feature a diverse variety of programming by, for and about Kentuckians. From live legislative coverage in Frankfort, to Kentucky arts and music programs, documentaries about the history of the Commonwealth, and programs about the issues that affect all citizens, from health to the economy, The Kentucky Channel was designed specifically for the viewers of Kentucky. Utilizing KET’s program archives and current production projects, along with productions from independent producers around the state, partnering broadcast entities and a variety of other sources, the Kentucky Channel provides Kentucky programming 24/7.

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