

KAYS Q3 Issues and Programming List

July 1 –September 30, 2021

Issue	Program	Description	Guest	Date	Time	Length
Heat Health	Sunday Sessions	With the hot weather there is an increase risk of heat illness	Knapp	July 11	6:05	5:02
Climate	Sunday Sessions	Several religious communities are turning their attention to climate change	Grimmett	July 18	6:05	4:47
Saving	Sunday Sessions	Studies show that most Americans do not have enough savings	Kish	July 25	6:04	5:53
COVID	Sunday Sessions	COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations have shot back up	Llopis-Jepsen	Aug. 1	6:05	4:45
School safety	Sunday Sessions	As kids get set to return to school we look at children safety	Braun	Aug. 8	6:04	3:25
Mental Health	Sunday Sessions	Going back to school can create anxiety for kids	Wiles	Aug. 15	6:04	6:46
COVID	Sunday Sessions	The college model was falling apart even before COVID-19	Perez	Aug. 22	6:05	4:42
KS Economy	Sunday Sessions	Lawmakers try to balance the economy and the lesser prairie chicken	Cinski	Aug. 29	6:05	4:44
Mental Health	Sunday Sessions	Most teens have suffered mental health issues due to COVID	Johannes	Sept. 5	6:04	4:51
Invasive Grass	Sunday Sessions	An invasive species of grass is taking over pastures and grasslands.	Condos	Sept. 12	6:05	4:47
Aging	Sunday Sessions	Dealing with and embracing aging	Yelland	Sept. 19	6:04	2:59
Health	Sunday Sessions	Tips on digging into your medical bills and pushing back	Llopis-Jepsen	Sept. 26	6:04	4:31

Sexual Violence Awareness – Options Domestic and Sexual Violence Services continues to see an increase requests for services. Requests for services are up 63 percent this year compared to 2020, and were up 43 percent in 2020 compared to 2019

EMS Staffing Shortage – The Ellis County Commission approved a plan Monday that they hope will help them begin to address staffing issues with the EMS services. The plan contains an increase in base salary and options for sign-on and relocation bonuses.

Education – Hays USD 489 hopes to save money by purchasing student and staff computers using federal funds. The Hays school board will hear a proposal tonight to use Federal Emergency Connectivity Funding to purchase 900 student computers and 200 staff computers.

FEC Complaint - 2022 is likely to be a competitive election year in Kansas... and a watchdog group has filed a complaint that they hope will increase transparency in campaign spending.

Education – Hays USD 489 used federal COVID relief funds to pay for summer school this year and hopes to continue the service next summer.

Public Library – The Hays Public Library Foundation is set to host a Wine & Cheese Fundraiser this October at the Hays Public Library.

Backpacks for Kids – Distribution of backpacks and school supplies from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church at 29th and Hall in Hays.

Childcare – A new state program will target half a million dollars in federal funding toward childcare so parents can work or look for a job.

Back To School Stress Relief – There's usually some anxiety at the start of any school year, and this year may see more because of what last school year was like.

Rural childcare – A lack of childcare access has become a chronic problem in Kansas, and it could be contributing to population loss in rural areas with few providers.

BACKUP PLAN FOR 911 - Emergency management staff for the city of Hays and Ellis County are looking at a different solution to the backup plan for when the countywide emergency dispatch system goes down, which happened earlier this month.

First Step Housing Project – First Step Housing Project officially opened on Tuesday and can start accepting clients. The remodeled space includes four bedrooms, a shared commons area with a kitchen and laundry facilities.

Food inflation – Grocery prices rose 3.6% in the Midwest over the past year. Food takes up a bigger chunk of Kansans' paychecks

Rural Cost of Living – The latest Cost of Living Index shows some parts of rural Kansas are relatively expensive.

Wonder Women League sets Power of Purse fundraiser - The Wonder Women League of Ellis County is set to host an elegant social evening to raise money for the United Way and other causes the league supports next month.