

KAYS Q4 Issues and Programming List

Oct. 1 – Dec. 31, 2021

Issue	Program	Description	Guest	Date	Time	Length
Conservation	Sunday Sessions	An invasive species of grass is taking over pastures and grasslands.	Condos	10-3	6:04	4:45
Windfarms	Sunday Sessions	Today, wind turbines define the modern Kansas landscape nearly as much as cattle and wheat.	Grimmett	10-17	6:04	4:27
Health care	Sunday Sessions	Kansas spends about \$80 million a year on prescription drugs for its employee health plan.	Llopis-Jepsen	10-31	6:04	4:31
Education	Sunday Sessions	Schools across Kansas are struggling to find substitute teachers in the midst of a lingering pandemic and national labor shortage.	Perez	11-7	6:04	4:36
Money	Sunday Sessions	This a good time to plan ahead and think about how you'd like to celebrate this year.	Kiss	11-14	6:04	4:05
Family	Sunday Sessions	Connecting during the holiday season	Argabright and Cope	11-21	6:04	5:32
Corrections	Sunday Sessions	Staffing at Kansas prisons was a problem in 2017 and 2019. That prompted calls for decisive action. Yet things have only gotten worse.	Mesa	11-28	6:04	4:46
Health Care	Sunday Sessions	Dr. Lee Norman led Kansas through the first year and a half of the COVID-19 pandemic. But Governor Laura Kelly replaced him this week	McLean	12-5	6:04	4:39
Bob Dole	Sunday Sessions	Former Senate Majority leader Bob Dole, of Kansas died Sunday.	Lacy	12-12	6:04	4:21
Goal Setting	Sunday Sessions	Often when it comes to goal-setting we think it's all or nothing	Kiss	12-19	6:04	3:54
Abortion	Sunday Sessions	Kansas has become an unlikely sanctuary for people across the Midwest and the South with even less access to abortion.	Censky	12-26	6:04	4:26

Education – Astra Bank presented Roosevelt Elementary School with a check for \$3,000 last Tuesday to pay for its fifth-grade classes to participate in Young AmeriTowne in Lenora.

Crime – In today's digitally connected world, scams are a constant, but a shocking uptick in phone and internet scams since 2020 has made the problem more troublesome than ever. Ellis County Sheriff Scott Braun recently warned area residents are not immune to the increase.

COVID – Kansas health officials have confirmed the state's first case of the COVID-19 omicron variant. The unidentified individual is a resident of Franklin County.

Fire Update – The Kansas Forest Service estimates that at least 400,000 acres burned in 11 counties in western Kansas, with smaller fires in other counties Wednesday.

Voting – With the November general election less than a month away, advanced voting is begins today in Ellis County. Advanced voting will be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Ellis County Administrative Center in Hays.

Education – Keeping students and staff warm, safe and dry, as well as optimizing space in schools, continues to be at the top of list of priorities for an upcoming bond as the Hays USD 489 bond committees met again last week.

Rural Housing – Paying rent in parts of rural Kansas got harder during the pandemic. An analysis by Headwaters Economics shows that rental markets in 20 rural counties across the state are now unaffordable.

Safety – Halloween is right around the corner, which means opportunities for kids to ingest things they shouldn't. According to the Poison Control Center Hotline at the University of Kansas Health System, last year the largest number of calls were about glow sticks.

Housing – The Hays market has maybe hours of housing supply, according to local real estate agents at a recent economic conference. After increasing steadily for about three years, home sales in Ellis County began to decline at the end of 2020.

Election – If you haven't yet voted in the general election, today is your last chance. Polls opened at 7 a.m. this morning and will remain open until 7 p.m. tonight. The November general election covers city, school board, Cottonwood Extension District board positions and improvement districts.

Historical Society – As the Ellis County Historical Society continues to reinvigorate facilities and programming, the organization is set to host a 50th anniversary celebration this Saturday.

Veteran's Day - This Thursday all veterans and active military who register will receive two free meals, one for the veteran and one for their guest from Thirsty's Brew Pub & Grill.

Scouting – The Girl Scouts annually participate in a community service project in November called the Festival of Giving. This year, the Scouts of service unit 74 donated supplies to the First Step Housing program

Community Policing – Law enforcement officials from across the state were at Fort Hays State University Tuesday to celebrate a \$1.25 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Child Care – The Childcare Task Force of Ellis County has released its community survey to assess the true childcare needs of Ellis County. This digital survey will close Dec. 31.

Education – Hays High School students perform well after graduation, according to a state accreditation report

