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**KGOU Radio (KGOU, KROU, KOUA, KWOU, KQOU & Related Translators) Issues/Programs List**

Covering the Period: January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024

KGOU Radio (including KGOU, KROU, KOUA, KWOU, KQOU and related translators) attempts to meet the needs and interests of its listeners through a variety of programming selections. Below are listed the problems identified by the station and only some of the specific program presentations aired in meetings its obligations to the listeners.

These needs were identified through a combination of efforts that ascertained the issues of concern to both community leaders and the general population of our service area. These efforts included management staff interaction with a variety of community leaders; input from the general population through conversation with station staff; the monitoring of other media news coverage, and judgments made by the KGOU news and management staff about the selection of both network, syndicated and local materials for broadcast.

Local Programming

These programs are regular presentations of KGOU Radio.

Oklahoma Update Newscasts: Weekdays at 6:19am, 6:49am, 7:19am, 7:49am, 8:19am, 8:49am, 12:19pm, 12:39pm, 1:19pm, 1:39pm, 3:32pm, 4:04pm, 4:32pm, 5:04pm, 5:32pm, and 6:04pm. These one minute to two-minute local newscasts include local headlines in the public radio tradition, sports, weather and traffic reports. The newscasts run as local segments within Morning Edition, Here & Now, BBC Newshour, and All Things Considered.

Calendars: Hourly, daily. Each hour of local programming, and as often as possible during network programming, KGOU airs one-minute local events calendars to promote items of civic and cultural interest.

Oklahoma News Feature/StateImpact Oklahoma/Oklahoma Engaged/Infrastructure/Long Story Short/AM & PM NewsBriefs/Capitol Insider & A&E Reports: These four + minute news/entertainment features are locally produced, as resources allow, and are usually broadcast twice in both Morning Edition, once during Here & Now, and once or twice during All Things Considered.

How Curious: These (mostly) 5-10 minute, sound/story-rich reports are locally produced and serve to answer listener-generated questions.

During this time period, the following local issues were presented:

## Aging & Retirement

**Thu., March 14, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Oklahoma Human Services survey seeks input of seniors to improve support as state population ages**

Oklahoma seniors are expected to outnumber children in the next ten years. Oklahoma Human Services is creating a plan to prepare for this shift, and it's seeking the perspectives of the state's seniors in a survey due on Friday.

## Arts & Entertainment

**Fri., Jan. 5, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Korth: 'Killers of the Flower Moon' to stream on Apple TV+ on Jan. 12**

An Oklahoma-set blockbuster film will be ready to stream on your television next Friday. Apple announced Killers of the Flower Moon will be available for streaming on Apple TV+ beginning Jan. 12.

**Mon., Jan. 8, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/LaCroix: Lily Gladstone wins Golden Globe for 'Killers of the Flower Moon' role**

The 81st Golden Globe Awards were held Sunday night, and a film largely shot in Oklahoma was all but shut out.

**Fri., Jan. 12, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/LaCroix: Larry Collins, Oklahoma rockabilly legend, dies at 79**

Larry Collins, a fiery guitarist who helped create classic rockabilly music, died on Jan. 5 in Santa Clarita, California at the age of 79.

**Fri., Jan. 12, 2024 - Feature, 9 minutes**

**KGOU/Johnson: Sugar Free Allstars - the rare Oklahoma-based duo whose 'day jobs' are making music**

In 2006 the musical team of Rob "Dr. Rock" Martin and Chris "Boom" Wiser began a transformation from a rock/funk-influenced band that performed mostly at night in adult-oriented bars and venues, to a 'day-dwelling' duo focused on entertaining entire families.

**Sun., Jan. 14, 2024 - Feature, 13 minutes**

**KGOU/Johnson: The potent pairing of 'Sweet' and 'Dirty'**

An excerpted interview from the January 14th broadcast of KGOU's 'Weekend Blues'.

**Mon., Jan. 29, 2024 - Program, 59 minutes**

**KGOU Readers Club: Midwest Hymns**

The selection for this month is a book of poetry, Midwest Hymns, where author Dale Cottingham conveys a sense of community and brings the prairie to life in what's often called flyover country. Cottingham discussed his poems with KGOU managing editor Logan Layden.

**Fri., Feb. 9, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/LaCroix: Reba McEntire to become third Oklahoman to sing Super Bowl national anthem**

Country music superstar Reba McEntire launched her career by singing the national anthem at the National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City in 1974. Now, 50 years since that performance, she'll do it again this Sunday at Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas.

**Sat., Feb. 17, 2024 - Feature, 15 minutes**

**KGOU/Johnson: Samantha Fish shares insights on Grammy-nominated, collaborative project with Jesse Dayton**

Excerpted interview from the February 17th, 2024 broadcast of The Weekend Blues

**Sun., Feb. 18, 2024 - Feature, 15 minutes**

**KGOU/Johnson: This is 40 - Jessica Tate**

Excerpted 'audio postcard' from the February 18th, 2024 broadcast of The Weekend Blues

**Tue., Feb. 27, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/LaCroix: Lily Gladstone wins SAG Award, as two Oklahoma productions pick up WGA Award nominations**

Lily Gladstone has won another major award for her portrayal of Mollie Burkhart in the film Killers of the Flower Moon.

**Wed., March 6, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**KGOU/Johnson: Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate's 'origin' story and the making of a celebrated American Indian classical composer**

2024 is becoming a monumental year for an Oklahoma-based classical composer who's already enjoyed a fair share of accolades and accomplishments throughout his still burgeoning career.

**Mon., March 11, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Korth: 'Killers of the Flower Moon' shut out at Oscars**

Despite 10 nominations, Killers of the Flower Moon claimed no Oscars on Sunday evening.

**Sun., March 10, 2024 - Feature, 11 minutes**

**KGOU/Johnson: Talking-while-treading with Christone "Kingfish" Ingram**

Excerpted interview from the March 10, 2024 broadcast of The Weekend Blues.

**Wed., March 13, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: Oklahoma Evicted**

In Oklahoma, most eviction records remain publicly available indefinitely unless they are sealed or expunged by a judge. Even eviction filings that were dismissed in favor of the tenant, filed mistakenly or wrongfully, or were discriminatory, remain available to the public; most are easily retrieved via the internet.

**Tue., March 19, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Korth: Toby Keith will be posthumously inducted into Country Music Hall of Fame**

Toby Keith will be posthumously inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Country Music Association announced on Monday.

**Fri., March 29, 2024 - Feature, 8 minutes**

**KGOU/Johnson: Mallory Eagle's 'The Neon Waltz' takes flight**

An audio postcard on the 'making of' Mallory Eagle's sophomore album.

**Sat., March 30, 2024 - Feature, 20 minutes**

**KGOU/Johnson: Hittin' the road with Cathy Lemons & Phil Berkowitz a.k.a The Lucky Losers**

Excerpted interview from the March 30, 2024 broadcast of The Weekend Blues

### **Business, Economics & Finance**

**Wed., Jan. 3, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: USDA report shows foreign-owned land holdings rising in Oklahoma**

Foreign-owned land holdings increased in Oklahoma and across the nation in 2022, according to the latest report on land ownership from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Wed., Jan. 3, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Cordera: State receives first made-in-Oklahoma electric vehicles from Canoo**

Oklahoma is receiving its first electric vehicles from EV manufacturer Canoo. These are the first made in Oklahoma EV's meant to modernize the state's fleet of vehicles.

**Tue., Feb. 6, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Oklahoma's overall cattle numbers increase as national population dips to 1950s levels**

The number of cattle and calves in Oklahoma is up in the new year, according to the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cattle Survey, but shoppers still might see differences at the grocery store.

**Tue., Feb. 13, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Oklahoma lawmakers eye new Industrial Hemp Task Force**

Senate Bill 1422 creates a group to study industrial hemp and the measure sailed through Oklahoma's Senate Agriculture Committee on Monday.

**Thu., Feb. 15, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/Daniels: QuikTrip opens first location in Oklahoma City metro**

The longtime Tulsa-based convenience store has opened its first location in the Oklahoma City metro.

**Mon., Feb. 19, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Oklahoma USDA office awards \$2 million in business development grants**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced it is doling out \$2 million in grants to Oklahoma rural businesses, municipalities and the Cherokee Nation.

**Wed., Feb. 21, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Report shows Oklahoma has fewer producers, but some counties had an increase of farmers and ranchers**

The latest U.S. Department of Agriculture's Census of Agriculture shows overall Oklahoma has fewer farmers and ranchers, but not every county saw a decrease in producers.

**Mon., Feb. 26, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Will Rogers World Airport hopeful new customs facility leads to nonstop international flights**

Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City is preparing for international flights by adding a customs facility.

**Tue., March 5, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Oklahoma minimum wage petition can move forward, court rules**

The Oklahoma Supreme Court ruled Monday that an initiative petition asking voters to raise the minimum wage can move forward.

**Thu., March 21, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: State parks are crumbling. Oklahoma lawmakers are pitching an 8-year maintenance plan to fix it**

Across the state, Oklahoma's parks are careening from one emergency infrastructure crisis to the next as legislators have struggled to figure out a viable, cost-effective and palatable long-term solution to maintain over \$1 billion in assets.

**Mon., March 25, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Ranchers will continue to feel long-lasting impacts of Western Oklahoma, Texas wildfires**

As landowners wait for their fields to green up after recent wildfires, ranchers will be monitoring immediate and long-term wildfire effects on cattle.

## **Crime & Law Enforcement**

**Tue., Jan. 2, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Oklahoma corrections agency eyes massive security upgrades to boost safety**

The Department of Corrections is working on plans to completely revamp the antiquated security technology in all of its correctional facilities in an effort to improve safety behind bars for inmates and correctional employees.

**Thu., Jan. 4, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/France: Execution of James Ryder delayed to evaluate mental competency**

What would have been Oklahoma's first execution of 2024 has been delayed to determine the mental state of the death row inmate.

**Thu., Jan. 4, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/Shaar: Former Jones city employee arrested on embezzlement charges**

The state auditor says nearly \$60,000 was missing from the city of Jones from 2016 to 2019.

**Mon., Jan. 8, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/Daniels: Oklahoma attorney general eyes legal action over alleged insulin price gouging**

Oklahoma's attorney general is exploring legal action against drug manufacturers, alleging wrongful conduct that resulted in artificially increased prices for insulin.

**Tue., Jan. 9, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: Plaintiffs push to disqualify judge from St. Isidore religious charter school lawsuit**

Plaintiffs in one of the lawsuits against the St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual Charter School will get another chance to disqualify the judge assigned to the case.

**Wed., Jan. 10, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to sue over new law on board appointments**

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority plans to sue over a new law that limits the governor's ability to appoint members to the agency's governing board.

**Tue., Jan. 16, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Korth: Oklahoma City is offering a reprieve for overdue ticket charges**

Oklahoma City is offering a reprieve on overdue tickets for things like speeding or parking illegally.

**Wed., Jan. 17, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: Oklahoma parole rate declines**

In 2021, 36% of prisoners who appeared before the board received a favorable recommendation. That percentage dropped to 24% in 2023.

**Tue., Jan. 23, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/France: Oklahoma death row inmate's case to be heard by U.S. Supreme Court**

Richard Glossip, who has been on death row for over two decades, maintains he is innocent.

**Wed., Jan. 24, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: Oklahomans exhibiting mental health issues who died in jail**

Last year, 28 jail detainees died from untreated mental health or substance use conditions, accounting for more than half of the state's 53 jail deaths, an Oklahoma Watch investigation found.

**Tue., Jan. 30, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Oklahoma AG files injunction against Biden Administration to prevent additional loss of family planning funds**

Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond filed an injunction against the Biden Administration to avoid losing an additional year of Title X family planning funds.

**Wed., Feb. 7, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: OK Watch sues Ponca City seeking arrest details, public oversight**

Oklahoma Watch and reporter Whitney Bryen are suing Ponca City seeking details about the arrest of Patrick Hansen who was taken by police to the Kay County jail where he died.

**Wed., Feb. 7, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Watch: Oklahoma Parole Board approves revised commutation eligibility requirements**

The Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board voted unanimously on Monday to implement a waiting period for state prisoners to argue their sentence is unjust or excessive.

**Fri., Feb. 9, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Swadley's Bar-B-Q owner, two others indicted on criminal fraud, conspiracy charges**

Three people face criminal charges over alleged fraud at barbecue restaurants in Oklahoma state parks. A grand jury indicted the owner of Swadley's Foggy Bottom Kitchen and two other people, according to Attorney General Gentner Drummond's office.

**Mon., Feb. 12, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: Oklahoma attorney general drops governor's refiling of 'meritless' ClassWallet lawsuit**

Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond dismissed a lawsuit Monday filed last month by Gov. Kevin Stitt against a Florida vendor involved in a pandemic relief program that resulted in the sizable mispending of federal funds.

**Fri., Feb. 16, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/France: Prosecutors seek death penalty for woman accused in homicide of four-year-old girl**

If convicted, she could become the second woman on Oklahoma's death row.

**Mon., Feb. 19, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Oklahoma domestic violence homicides decrease but still exceed pre-pandemic average**

Oklahoma's domestic violence homicides remain elevated despite a slight downturn, statewide data shows.

**Wed., Feb. 21, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX: Owasso awaits answers in death of nonbinary student as officials warn of misinformation**

A community in the Tulsa area is waiting to learn more details about the death of a 16-year-old Owasso High School student who died Feb. 8.

**Thu., Feb. 22, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/Layden: Commissioners select site in southeast Oklahoma City for new county jail**

Oklahoma County commissioners voted Wednesday to locate the new county jail in southeast Oklahoma City.

**Tue., Feb. 27, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX: Police release video, search warrant related to investigation of Nex Benedict's death**

Owasso police have released materials that shed more light on the days before and after the death of 16-year-old Nex Benedict, an Owasso High School student who passed away earlier this month under mysterious circumstances.

**Wed., Feb. 28, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: Inmate's death raises questions concerning private prison staff oversight**

Using state-issued tablets, prisoners told Shelton that a man on their unit had been beaten to death overnight with no staff intervention. Word spread on social media that morning and concerned family members began calling the facility urging them to investigate.

**Thu., Feb. 29, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: House committee advances bill to halt all Oklahoma executions**

A House panel on Wednesday passed a bill that would put a moratorium on executions.

**Fri., March 1, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: 4 Oklahomans convicted in \$100 million construction bid rigging conspiracy**

Four men worked together to squeeze extra money out of Oklahoma Department of Transportation construction projects. The final co-conspirator pleaded guilty in federal court in late February.

**Mon., March 4, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Watch: Subpar care led to Shannon Hanchett's death in Cleveland County jail, federal lawsuit claims**

Cleveland County Detention Center staff recklessly disregarded Shannon Hanchett's constitutional rights and contributed to her in-custody death amid a mental health crisis, a federal lawsuit filed on Jan. 25 claimed.

**Wed., March 6, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: State AG dismisses second ClassWallet lawsuit**

The state's attorney general on Monday, February 12th assumed control of, then immediately dismissed, a lawsuit against Florida-based vendor ClassWallet for its role in two pandemic relief programs for students.

**Tue., March 12, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/France: Former Oklahoma police officer first to be found guilty under renewed Violence Against Women Act**

The ex-police officer is the first in the nation to face harsher penalties under the 2022 reauthorization of the original act.

**Wed., March 20, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: Subpar care led to Cleveland County detainee's death, federal lawsuit claims**

Cleveland County Detention Center staff recklessly disregarded Shannon Hanchett's constitutional rights and contributed to her in-custody death amid a mental health crisis, a federal lawsuit filed on Jan. 25 claimed.

**Wed., March 20, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Oklahoma Inter-Tribal Council joins opposition to bill shielding poultry farms from pollution lawsuits**

Leaders from Oklahoma's Five Tribes are asking the state legislature not to move forward with a bill that would shield some poultry farmers from lawsuits, even if they pollute streams, rivers or lakes.

**Fri., March 22, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX: Tulsa County prosecutor won't pursue charges in Owasso teenager's death**

Local prosecutors will not file charges related to the death of Nex Benedict.

**Mon., March 25, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Watch: Oklahoma lawmakers seek tougher shoplifting, domestic abuse penalties**

Proposals cracking down on retail theft and domestic violence have momentum at the state Capitol

**Wed., March 27, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: Lawsuit reveals new details about walkout leader's sexting case**

Within three years, Alberto Morejon went from one of the most well-known and celebrated teachers in Oklahoma for his instrumental role in the teacher walkout to inmate number 877723, incarcerated for sexting one of his students beginning when she was 14.

**Education**

**Thu., Jan. 4, 2024 – Feature, 5 minutes**

**The road ahead for Tulsa Public Schools: five months into Walters' mandated improvement plan**

No district in Oklahoma is under the State Board of Education's microscope quite like Tulsa Public Schools. StateImpact's Beth Wallis and OPMX's Max Bryan have this update on how TPS' state-mandated improvement plan is going so far and the work that lies ahead.

**Thu., Jan. 4, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: Oklahoma lawmaker files bill to mandate displaying Ten Commandments in public school classrooms**

Rep. Jim Olsen (R-Roland) filed a bill last week that would mandate hanging the Ten Commandments in Oklahoma's public school classrooms.

**Mon., Jan. 8, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Thousands of Oklahoma private school tax credit applications approved**

The Oklahoma Tax Commission has approved thousands of applications for new private school tax credits.

**Wed., Jan. 10, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX: Several Tulsa schools moved off federal low-performance list**

A dozen Tulsa public schools have seen enough improvement to be moved off a federal list for poor performance.

**Wed., Jan. 10, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: Superintendent Ryan Walters threatens breakup with statewide education organizations**

Superintendent Ryan Walters announced Wednesday the State Department of Education is likely ending long-standing relationships with major statewide education organizations.

**Tue., Jan. 23, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: State Superintendent Ryan Walters taps far-right media personality for school library committee**

State Superintendent Ryan Walters announced in a news release Tuesday he was appointing Chaya Raichik to the department's Library Media Advisory Committee. Raichik is behind the far-right X (formerly Twitter) account, LibsofTikTok.

**Thu., Jan. 25, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK/Wallis: Oklahoma's Education Department awarded teachers life-changing bonuses — and created a nightmare for some by demanding them back**

The Department of Education overpaid at least \$290,000 in teacher bonuses and is working to claw back the money mere months after it was distributed. Nine teachers have been issued demands for repayment.

**Fri., Jan. 26, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: Oklahoma Board of Education approves final rule on student pronoun changes, suspends teaching certificates**

Thursday's State Board of Education meeting saw the passage of a permanent rule change on student gender designations, the suspension of several educators' teaching certificates and the appearance of a controversial conservative media figure.



**Thu., Feb. 1, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Oklahoma teachers may not have to return errant bonuses, Walters says**

State Superintendent Ryan Walters said Wednesday errant bonuses his administration paid to educators might not have to be clawed back.

**Wed., Feb. 7, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**OPMX/Wallis: What to expect from Oklahoma lawmakers on education in 2024**

The state legislature is back in session, and there's no hotter topic than education policy. StateImpact education reporter Beth Wallis talked with StateImpact managing editor Logan Layden about what to expect from lawmakers in 2024.

**Fri., Feb. 9, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Gov. Kevin Stitt calls for higher education consolidation. What could that look like in Oklahoma?**

Gov. Kevin Stitt caught some lawmakers off guard Monday when he called for consolidating public colleges and universities in his State of the State speech.

**Wed., Feb. 14, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: 'Let's get rid of them': Bill incentivizing Oklahoma schools to go phone-free advances**

A bill that would incentivize school districts to ban cell phones on campus got one step closer Tuesday to becoming law, but committee members opposing it say it doesn't go far enough and shouldn't come with a price tag.

**Thu., Feb. 15, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Oklahoma bills would give full tuition scholarships to students with intellectual disabilities**

Students would be able to access Oklahoma's Promise funds.

**Mon., Feb. 19, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: Bill advances that would give college scholarships to children of Oklahoma teachers**

Lawmakers are considering another initiative to incentivize teachers to stay in Oklahoma classrooms that would allow teachers' children to be eligible for the state's tuition scholarship program.

**Wed., Feb. 21, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: Edmond Public Schools petitions Oklahoma Supreme Court to intervene in book removal demands from OSDE**

Edmond Public Schools is pushing back against a rule from the Oklahoma Department of Education requiring districts to remove certain library books. The district petitioned the State Supreme Court Tuesday to weigh in on whether the rule is valid.

**Wed., Feb. 21, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Oklahoma bill seeks to make sex ed opt-in, define curriculum, limit use of preferred pronouns**

A bill advanced Tuesday that would require parents to opt their kids into sex ed and change the type of education parents are opting their kids into.

**Thu., Feb. 22, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK/Wallis: Watchdog agency failed to perform required inspections at elite Oklahoma high school plagued by culture of harassment**

An Oklahoma Watch investigation last year revealed a pervasive culture of harassment at an elite Oklahoma high school. StateImpact's Beth Wallis spoke with Jennifer Palmer, the reporter behind the story, about a recent update: the agency responsible for addressing those issues failed to perform required inspections for 16 years.

**Fri., Feb. 23, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: Oklahoma Board of Education approves slate of new, amended rules at February meeting**

The State Board of Education unanimously approved 15 new or amended administrative rules at its Thursday meeting.

**Mon., Feb. 26, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: Superintendent of Oklahoma City Public Schools resigns**

The superintendent of Oklahoma City Public Schools is stepping down. Dr. Sean McDaniel submitted his resignation Monday.

**Tue., Feb. 27, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Caldwell: Owasso students walk out over Nex Benedict's death, while decrying bullying, political rhetoric**

About 20 Owasso High School students walked out of school on Monday, regarding the death of Nex Benedict.

**Wed., Feb. 28, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: 'We need some Jesus': Lawmaker sidelines school accreditation bill after Republican pushback**

The Oklahoma Senate Education Committee was scheduled to hear a bill that would have removed authority over school district accreditation decisions from the State Board of Education. But at the end of the committee meeting Tuesday, the bill's author and chair of the committee sidelined it.

**Thu., Feb. 29, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: Oklahomans gather at Capitol to advocate for education policy, celebrate public schools**

Sarah Lucas, secretary of the Oklahoma Parent Legislative Advocacy Coalition, set out plates of apple pie slices on a red, white and blue table while public school supporters filed into a room at the Oklahoma Capitol building Wednesday.

**Thu., March 7, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK/Wallis: Oklahoma paraprofessionals provide critical student services — but many are barely making ends meet**

In a special education classroom at Tulsa Public Schools' Skelly Elementary, Kathleen Bitson presses colored blocks into a student's hand, counting aloud as she picks up each one.

**Mon., March 11, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: State Superintendent Ryan Walters received Black Hole Award from FOI Oklahoma**

Every year, the organization Freedom of Information Oklahoma awards those who promote access and awareness of open records and open government, but it also saves one award recognizing a lack of transparency — the Black Hole Award. This year's Black Hole Award recipient is State Superintendent Ryan Walters.

**Tue., March 26, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Watch: Oklahoma Attorney General will lay out evidence in Epic founders' multi-million dollar embezzlement case**

The size of the scandal alleged at the state's largest online school befits the school's name: epic.

**Thu., March 28, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK/Wallis: What education measures are still alive at the 2024 legislative session's halfway point?**

Lawmakers are at the halfway point in this year's legislative session, and just a fraction of the education bills filed at the top of the session have survived big legislative deadlines.

**Thu., March 28, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Caldwell: Tulsa Public Schools to offer thousands in recruitment bonuses for new teachers**

Tulsa Public Schools is set to offer new teachers extra cash. The school district is partnering with the City of Tulsa to offer recruitment bonuses.

**Fri., March 29, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Tensions flared ahead of monthly Oklahoma State Board of Education meeting**

For months, the tense atmosphere at the monthly State Board of Education meeting has been as big a part of the experience as policies themselves as Oklahomans who remained deeply divided over the state superintendent's rhetoric have shown up to speak out.

**Energy**

**Fri., Jan. 5, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/Daniels: OG&E seeks to raise rates. Here's how much your bill might increase**

The utility company is asking the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to approve an annual rate increase of \$332 million.

**Thu., Jan. 11, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Oklahoma, Texas energy companies merge to create natural gas giant**

Oklahoma City natural gas company Chesapeake Energy Corporation and Texas-based Southwestern Energy are merging to create one of the largest natural gas companies in the U.S.

**Tue., March 26, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Hydroelectric plant in Southeast Oklahoma is a no-go for now, feds say**

A power company is looking to build a hydroelectric power plant on the Kiamichi River near Talihina, but federal regulators have nipped the project in the bud.

**Immigration**

**Thu., March 21, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma could soon get version of controversial Texas immigration law**

House Speaker Charles McCall vows to secure Oklahoma's borders via a measure similar to one passed by Texas lawmakers last year that allows local police to arrest and deport people they suspect entered the country illegally.

**Medicine & Health**

**Wed., Jan. 3, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: New Oklahoma City mental health hospital expects to break ground in March**

A new mental health hospital in Oklahoma City is expected to break ground in late March.

**Thu., Jan. 4, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Oklahoma declines to participate in federal summer food program for children**

Gov. Kevin Stitt's office says the state will not implement a federal summer food program for children because U.S. Department of Agriculture rules for it aren't clear.

**Fri., Jan. 5, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: OHS announces incentives for providers serving Oklahomans with disabilities**

Oklahoma Human Services is launching a joint initiative on Feb. 1 to recruit and retain direct support professionals amid what the agency says is a statewide shortage.

**Thu., Jan. 11, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: OU Health becomes first health system in Oklahoma to offer fertility preservation procedure**

OU Health is the first to offer a new fertility preservation option to patients whose ability to conceive might be impacted by other conditions.

**Fri., Jan. 12, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Soonercare unwinding fuels ‘record-breaking’ enrollment for health insurance marketplace**

The federal health insurance marketplace has experienced a 38% increase in enrollees compared to last year’s open enrollment period.

**Mon., Jan. 22, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Oklahoma agency launches campaign to promote safer opioid, prescription drug management**

ODMHSAS is launching a new initiative to educate how to safely use, store and dispose of opioids and other prescription meds.

**Tue., Jan. 23, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Biden Administration denies complaint from Oklahoma woman who sought emergency abortion**

Federal officials say an Oklahoma hospital didn’t violate the law by telling a pregnant woman to wait until her condition was severe enough to qualify for an abortion.

**Thu., Jan. 25, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Most rural Oklahoma hospitals lack maternity care, others that do risk losing it**

Oklahoma is among 10 states in the U.S. where more than two-thirds of rural hospitals lack labor and delivery services, according to a report from the Center for Healthcare Quality & Payment Reform.

**Fri., Jan. 26, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Taylor: Oklahoma has seen an estimated 4,500 rape-related pregnancies post-Roe**

Oklahoma’s total abortion ban doesn’t allow exceptions for rape, and a new paper shows how many pregnancies have resulted from rape in the state from July 1, 2022 to Jan. 1.

**Thu., Feb. 1, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK/Taylor: ‘I hope it makes a huge difference’: What \$23 million in opioid settlement funds could mean for Oklahomans**

Lawsuits against opioid distributors have materialized into an initial payout of \$23 million in grants public bodies can apply for to support treatment and prevention.

**Mon., Feb. 5, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Tulsa County birth rate declines dramatically through support of local initiatives**

New data shows Tulsa County’s teen birth rate has declined by 67% from 2009 to 2022.

**Wed., Feb. 7, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: American Lung Association report recommends tobacco use policy improvements in Oklahoma**

The American Lung Association released its annual State of Tobacco Control report, including recommendations on how states like Oklahoma can eliminate tobacco deaths.

**Thu., Feb. 15, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Oklahoma State Department of Health launches loan repayment program to combat clinician shortages**

The Oklahoma State Department of Health and its Office of Primary Care launched a loan repayment program for health professionals working in shortage areas.

**Thu., Feb. 15, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK/Taylor: What to expect from Oklahoma lawmakers on healthcare in 2024**

Abortion restrictions, the ongoing opioid crisis and access to mental healthcare are in focus this legislative session. Jillian Taylor is StatelImpact Oklahoma’s health reporter, and spoke with managing editor Logan Layden about what to expect from lawmakers in 2024.

**Fri., Feb. 16, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Oklahoma lawmakers advance bill allowing pharmacists to dispense certain contraceptives**

A bill that would allow pharmacists to dispense certain types of birth control passed unanimously through the House Health and Human Services Committee Wednesday.

**Wed., Feb. 21, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: Lawmakers seek changes to mental health law**

Oklahoma is one of only six states whose civil commitment laws still mandate immediate or imminent threats, according to research from the Treatment Advocacy Center.

**Thu., Feb. 22, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: OU Health trains group of visiting Ukrainian surgeons on reconstructive procedures**

OU Health is teaching a group of Ukrainian surgeons how to perform reconstructive surgery amid the war between Russia and Ukraine.

**Fri., Feb. 23, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Oklahoma nonprofit urges passage of bill requiring free menstrual products in schools**

A bill advanced in the Oklahoma Legislature that would require sixth through twelfth grade schools to provide free menstrual products.

**Thu., Feb. 29, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK/Taylor: Oklahoma Mothers Milk Bank marks 10 years helping premature babies get a 'healthy start'**

On March 2, the Oklahoma Mothers Milk Bank will celebrate ten years of supporting babies parents with over 1 million ounces of donor milk dispensed since its inception.

**Thu., Feb. 29, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**KGOU/France: Oklahoma's foster family shortage forces children from their communities**

Without enough foster families to support the more than 5,100 children in Oklahoma's child welfare system, many children are moved hours from their homes, increasing the strain on youth, foster parents, case workers and families trying to regain custody.

**Mon., March 4, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: One-time appropriation could add nearly 300 behavioral health jobs, expand care in Oklahoma**

An analysis by the Healthy Minds Policy Initiative found a legislative investment in Oklahoma's behavioral health workforce could add 272 providers to the state.

**Fri., March 15, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Abortion-inducing drug ban advances in Oklahoma legislature**

A bill that would make it a felony for non-medical professionals to deliver abortion-inducing drugs passed the Oklahoma House floor on party lines with a vote of 77-18.

**Wed., March 20, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Study finds inflated THC potency at Oklahoma medical marijuana dispensaries**

A study from a local cannabis testing lab found some medical marijuana products sold in Oklahoma have lower THC levels than advertised.

**Thu., March 21, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK/Taylor: Oklahoma social workers face barriers in getting licensed, a bill could help them get to work faster**

Oklahoma's nearly 6,000 licensed social workers are only meeting about two-thirds of the state's mental health needs.

**Fri., March 22, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Oklahoma medical association opposes bill allowing nurses to prescribe without supervision**

Oklahoma's medical association is opposing a bill heading to the governor, which would allow providers like nurse practitioners to prescribe certain drugs independently.

**Wed., March 27, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Oklahoma embryos could become victims of battery, assault under new legislation**

A bill that would allow Oklahomans to be charged with battery against an unborn child passed another legislative hurdle.

**Fri., March 29, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: New Oklahoma City mental health hospital begins construction, plans to open in 2026**

Oklahoma's soon-to-be largest mental health hospital is officially beginning construction.

**Fri., March 29, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Gov. Kevin Stitt vetoes bill that would allow nurses to prescribe without supervision**

Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt vetoed a bill Friday that would have allowed providers like nurse practitioners to independently prescribe certain drugs.

### **Military, War & Veterans**

**Fri., Feb. 9, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma lawmakers move along the opening of Sallisaw veterans home**

Oklahoma's Senate Veterans and Military Affairs Committee is moving a plan for opening a new veterans' home in Sallisaw.

### **Natural Resources & Wildlife**

**Tue., Jan. 9, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Oklahoma Hydronet aims to track aquifer levels in real-time across the state**

Do you know exactly how much water is in the nearest lake right now? How about your well, or your city's wells and reservoirs? Or how much water is held in the soil of your garden or field?

**Fri., Jan. 12, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes receive funds for Oklahoma bison herd expansion**

There are about 650 bison in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' herd near Concho and recently, they received federal money to continue its growth.

**Tue., Jan. 16, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Oklahoma Conservation Commission delays vote on rules to restrict bowfishing, protect native non-game fish**

The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission has delayed a vote on proposed fishing rules changes after fervent discussion at its meeting last week.

**Mon., Feb. 12, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Oklahoma lawmakers consider water metering requirements for irrigators, cannabis growers**

The Oklahoma legislature is considering closer monitoring of water use. The Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee advanced two bills that would add metering requirements for cannabis growers and some other irrigators Thursday.

**Wed., Feb. 14, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Bill seeks to eliminate state park entrance fees for Oklahoma residents**

Oklahoma residents may soon be able to enter state parks for free.

**Wed., March 6, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Bill to encourage accurate water usage reporting passes Oklahoma House of Representatives**

A bill that aims to encourage irrigators to accurately report their water use is making its way through the Oklahoma legislature.

**Tue., March 19, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Mushroom season comes early to Oklahoma**

Yellow morels are prized for their rich, nutty taste — they sell for \$20 a pound. These honeycomb-looking mushrooms usually spring up in forested areas starting in March or April. But this year, Oklahoma foragers started finding morel mushrooms in late February — about a month ahead of schedule.

## **Politics & Government**

**Wed., Jan. 3, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/Shaar: New tax credit for family caregivers in Oklahoma now in effect**

A new tax credit for family caregivers is now in effect in Oklahoma. State lawmakers passed the Caring for Caregivers Act during the 2023 legislative session.

**Thu., Jan. 4, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/Daniels: Oklahoma Supreme Court to hear arguments on petition to raise minimum wage**

The Oklahoma Supreme Court is set to hear arguments regarding a state question to raise the minimum wage.

**Thu., Jan. 4, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: What's on the ballot for the January 9th election in Oklahoma**

Voters in 18 Oklahoma counties will head to the polls to decide the fate of technology center expansions, police and fire department budgets and more.

**Fri., Jan. 5, 2024 – Feature, 5 minutes**

**Lawmakers to appropriate \$13.9 Billion in next state budget**

When they return to the Capitol in February, Oklahoma legislators will have \$1.3 Billion more to appropriate in the fiscal year 2025 budget than they did last year.

**Tue., Jan. 9, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Top Oklahoma lawmaker proposes 9% pay raises for state employees**

Nearly all state employees could see a 9% pay hike under legislation from a GOP lawmaker who plays a key role in writing the state budget.

**Tue., Jan. 9, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Watch: Turnover, scandals have some rethinking governor's power boost**

After several scandals and turnover in agency leadership, some Oklahoma lawmakers are rethinking their efforts to give the governor direct appointment power over the largest state agencies.

**Tue., Jan. 9, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/Shaar: Oklahoma AG to testify before U.S. House committee in impeachment proceedings against Homeland Security Secretary**

Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond is scheduled to testify Wednesday to the U.S. House Homeland Security Committee.

**Tue., Jan. 9, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/Shaar: Norman lawmaker files bill to ban practice of blocking car registrations over unpaid tolls**

A state lawmaker from Norman has filed legislation to make it easier for people with unpaid tolls to renew their vehicle registrations.

**Wed., Jan. 10, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: Outside groups spent \$2.3 million on Oklahoma elections in 2023**

Politically involved nonprofits and committees without contribution limits spent \$2.3 million to influence Oklahoma voters in 2023, rivaling the \$2.95 million candidates put toward campaign expenses.

**Wed., Jan. 10, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: In Oklahoma's first election of 2024, Beaver County voters greenlight career tech expansion**

Oklahoma voters in 18 counties went to the polls for the first time in 2024 Tuesday. Across the state, they had a total of 24 propositions to decide on.

**Thu., Jan. 11, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/Shaar: Enrollment period ending for Oklahomans to apply for Home Energy Assistance Program**

Time is running out for low-income families to apply for a program that helps with energy costs.

**Thu., Jan. 11, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/Daniels: Oklahoma AG testifies before U.S. House committee**

Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond testified in Congress Wednesday, supporting the Republican-led effort to impeach the U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

**Fri., Jan. 12, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Audit finds nearly \$64,000 misappropriated in small Central Oklahoma town**

Thousands of dollars were misappropriated during 2018 and 2019 in the Town of Coyle, according to an investigative audit from the Oklahoma State Auditor & Inspector.

**Fri., Jan. 12, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Five Tribes refuse to participate in governor's McGirt task force**

The Five Civilized Tribes have rejected an invitation to serve on a task force created to address Governor Stitt's concerns about the impact of the McGirt decision.

**Tue., Jan. 16, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/France: Gov. Kevin Stitt calls for special session just weeks ahead of regular session**

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt is asking legislators to approve personal income tax cuts.

**Wed., Jan. 17, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Oklahoma lawmaker proposes constitutional amendment to say life begins at conception**

An Oklahoma lawmaker wants voters to enshrine into the state Constitution that personhood begins at conception.

**Thu., Jan. 18, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**KGOU/France: Anti-homelessness ordinance enacted, as Shawnee grapples with lack of resources**

At least 150 of Shawnee's 30,000 residents are homeless. And because of an ordinance enacted this month, life might be getting a little more difficult for some of the community's most vulnerable residents.

**Fri., Jan. 19, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Oklahoma lawmakers to consider expanding school meal programs, but GOP views vary**

Lawmakers and child nutrition advocates say there's a "growing conversation" at the state Capitol on expanding school meal programs, but opinions among the Republican majority are mixed.



**Fri., Jan. 19, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Oklahoma State Senator authors bill to limit freedom of the press**

If the Oklahoma legislature passes it, the Common Sense Freedom of Press Control Act would place more monitoring requirements and financial obligations on journalists and media outlets.

**Fri., Jan. 19, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Audit shows thousands in questioned costs at Payne County Sheriff's Office**

A Payne County Sheriff's Office administrative assistant is accused of misappropriating \$137,698.52.

**Fri., Jan. 19, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Call for special session gets cool reception**

Governor Kevin Stitt wants legislators to convene a special session to cut the state's income tax rate before the regular legislative session begins on February 5.

**Mon., Jan. 22, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX: What to watch for during Oklahoma's 2024 legislative session**

The first Monday in February marks the beginning of the Oklahoma legislative session. And Oklahoma lawmakers are gearing up to consider thousands of bills. Our reporters will be there to cover them. Here's what they'll be watching for leading up to the convening of the 2024 legislature.

**Thu., Jan. 25, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma's special tax cut session will end moments after it starts**

Gov. Kevin Stitt wants to slash Oklahomans' income taxes, and he wants to see which state lawmakers agree with him. So he called a special session to accomplish those goals.

**Thu., Jan. 25, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**Ok Voice: Oklahoma bill would end 'incompatibility' as grounds for divorce**

A bill that would abolish no-fault divorce is drawing the ire of some attorneys and domestic violence victims' advocates.

**Thu., Jan. 25, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Wallis: Governor Stitt names new Oklahoma Secretary of Education**

Gov. Kevin Stitt named Nellie Tayloe Sanders as the state's new Secretary of Education Wednesday.

**Fri., Jan. 26, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: A record number of Oklahomans registered to vote ahead of 2024 elections**

There were 2.3 million Oklahomans registered to vote as of Jan. 15, according to a press release by the election board.

**Fri., Jan. 26, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Special session begins as lawmakers consider individual income tax cut**

House and Senate leaders take differing views on Governor Kevin Stitt's special session call to cut the individual income tax rate.

**Mon., Jan. 29, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: How would a personal income tax cut affect low, middle-income Oklahomans?**

Lawmakers will convene for a special session Monday to discuss cutting the income tax. Low and middle-income Oklahomans will see marginal returns compared to their wealthiest neighbors.

**Tue., Jan. 30, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma Senate leader leaves door open for income tax negotiations with Governor, House Speaker**

State lawmakers entered into special session Monday to discuss a quarter of a percent income tax cut for Oklahomans. Immediate changes to the tax code are unlikely. But Senate Pro Tem Greg Treat says a future tax slash could be coming.

**Wed., Jan. 31, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: Turnover, scandals have some rethinking Governor's power boost**

Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt, now in his second and final term, campaigned on expanded gubernatorial powers during his first run for governor in 2018.

**Wed., Jan. 31, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Concerns rise at Oklahoma Capitol over effort to claw back teacher bonuses**

An attempt by the Oklahoma State Department of Education to claw back teacher bonuses has raised new questions in the state Legislature over the agency's handling of taxpayer funds.

**Thu., Feb. 1, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Senate Republicans lay out legislative education goals for upcoming regular session**

Republican members of the Senate Education Committee say they'll push incentivizing teachers to end an ongoing shortage and stimulating the economy when session begins Feb. 5.

**Fri., Feb. 2, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma House debates and approves income tax cut, while Senate remains on standby**

House Bill 1002 passed on a 71 to 20 party-line vote on Wednesday, representing a quarter of a percent income tax cut. But, the bill is unlikely to go anywhere — for the moment — as Senate leaders look to use their support for the measure as leverage on other legislative priorities.

**Fri., Feb. 2, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Watch: State Election Board removes GOP members from Oklahoma county election board**

The state Election Board dismissed the Republican member and a Republican alternate from the Oklahoma County Election Board after it determined they failed to certify election results, refused to approve meeting minutes and didn't disclose conflicts of interest.

**Fri., Feb. 2, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: 2024 Oklahoma Legislative Regular Session begins**

Lawmakers are returning to the State Capitol on Monday to convene the new regular legislative session and hear the governor's State of the State Address.

**Mon., Feb. 5, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma Governor lays out priorities: income tax cuts, flat state budget, more school choice**

Gov. Kevin Stitt says Oklahoma is in the strongest position it's ever been. He made the declaration during his sixth State of the State address Monday, an event that kicks off the start of Oklahoma's legislative session.

**Wed., Feb. 7, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma lawmakers debate limiting virtual school days except during emergencies**

Oklahoma lawmakers are considering limiting virtual school days in Oklahoma.

**Wed., Feb. 7, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Oklahoma taxpayers owe Swadley's Foggy Bottom Kitchen nearly \$2.6 million, legal filing says**

A barbecue restaurant chain that once operated locations in six state parks says the state owes it nearly \$2.6 million.

**Fri., Feb. 9, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Lawmakers begin considering bills as new legislative session begins**

After Governor Kevin Stitt's State of the State Address, legislators began reviewing bills and joint resolutions in the Second Regular Session of the 59th Legislature.

**Mon., Feb. 12, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: What's on the ballot for the February 13th special election in Oklahoma**

Voters in 57 counties across Oklahoma are heading to the polls on Tuesday to consider school bonds, city councilors and a new state representative for West Edmond.

**Mon., Feb. 12, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Watch: State Election Board approves new GOP members for Oklahoma County**

The Oklahoma State Election Board on Friday appointed two new Republican members to the Oklahoma County Election Board, just days after removing two GOP members in that county for failing to certify recent elections and spreading misinformation about the election process.

**Tue., Feb. 13, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Greg McCortney tapped to be next Oklahoma Senate leader**

Republican senators on Monday selected Sen. Greg McCortney to be the next leader of the upper chamber.

**Tue., Feb. 13, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma lawmakers push forward a ban on ranked-choice voting**

Some Oklahoma lawmakers think a switch to ranked-choice voting is too costly, others say it will save the state money in the long term and help bring balanced elections.

**Wed., Feb. 14, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: State Election Board removes GOP members from Oklahoma County Election Board**

In a special January 31st meeting, the state board voted to dismiss Oklahoma County Election Board Vice Chair Cheryl Williams and Republican Alternate Jenni White after a daylong executive session behind closed doors at the Capitol.

**Wed., Feb. 14, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Edmond approves \$147 million school bond package, Erick Harris wins House District 39 and more Oklahoma election results**

Voters in 57 counties across Oklahoma went to the polls on Tuesday to consider school bonds, city councilors and a new state representative for West Edmond.

**Thu., Feb. 15, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/Daniels: Legislation doubling distance between jails, schools sparks opposition amid Oklahoma County site search**

As Oklahoma County commissioners continue their search to find a site for the new jail, a bill moving through the Legislature would effectively rule out the current downtown location.

**Thu., Feb. 15, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma lawmakers consider ban on sharing abortion-inducing medicine**

Some Oklahoma lawmakers want to criminalize sharing abortion-inducing drugs.

**Fri., Feb. 16, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma lawmakers debate tax cuts as they decide how to dole out \$11 billion**

The Oklahoma State Board of Equalization certified lawmakers will have \$11.1 billion in authorized funds for Fiscal Year 2025. That's money they can allocate to state agencies and programs for that year.

**Fri., Feb. 16, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Equalization Board certifies money for legislature to appropriate**

Lawmakers now know they will have a record \$14 billion to appropriate for fiscal year 2025 following certification of available funds by the State Board of Equalization.

**Tue., Feb. 20, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma lawmakers push to load school lunch trays with produce from local farms**

Sen. Jessica Garvin's Senate Bill 1473 would provide grants to help farmers grow more fresh produce, and encourage local school districts to buy it from them.

**Thu., Feb. 22, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma Senate approves grocery tax cut, paving way for it to become law**

The Oklahoma Senate has paved the way for a cut to the state's portion of grocery taxes to become law.

**Fri., Feb. 23, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Oklahoma reduces state grocery sales tax rate**

After years of discussion and votes that carried over from 2023 to 2024, the Oklahoma House and Senate have sent to the governor a bill that reduces the tax on groceries.

**Mon., Feb. 26, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Watch: Medical debt relief bill advances to Oklahoma House floor**

Oklahomans facing medical-debt lawsuits could get some relief under a bill advanced by a House committee on Thursday.

**Tue., Feb. 27, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma lawmakers rush to get bills through committee as deadline approaches**

Thursday, Feb. 29 marks the last day state lawmakers can have their bills heard and passed through committees in their chamber of origin to then be considered on the floor.

**Wed., Feb. 28, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma Governor signs state grocery tax cut**

Gov. Kevin Stitt signed a bill eliminating the state's portion of the grocery tax into law Wednesday.

**Wed., Feb. 28, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Oklahoma lawmakers weigh a lasting daylight saving time**

Oklahoma could join 19 other states in having a permanent daylight saving time "trigger law."

**Thu., Feb. 29, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Audit shows Seminole County Sheriff's Office lost almost \$200,000**

A new audit found almost \$200,000 went missing in Seminole County because of a lack of oversight in the county's sheriff's office.

**Fri., March 1, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell gives up workforce secretary role**

Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell resigned from his position as Secretary of Workforce Development Wednesday morning. He was appointed to the position last summer.

**Fri., March 1, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Stitt signs bill reducing Oklahoma grocery sales tax rate**

Governor Kevin Stitt has signed into law a bill that received bipartisan support to reduce the state's grocery sales tax rate.

**Mon., March 4, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Proposed legislation could overhaul how Oklahomans get a license plate after buying a used car**

The Oklahoma legislature is considering a bill to make license plates transferable between owners during private car sales. Lawmakers hope the proposed legislation could prevent unnecessary traffic stops.

**Mon., March 4, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Korth: Who and what's on the ballot for the March 5th Super Tuesday election in Oklahoma**

Oklahomans will head to the polls on Tuesday to choose their party's candidate for President, while voters in some counties will consider alcohol law changes, sales tax extensions and more.

**Mon., March 4, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma AG's opinion creates potential chaos for Stitt's cabinet**

Gov. Kevin Stitt says a recent decision by Oklahoma's attorney general brings into question the positions of all his cabinet members who direct state agencies.

**Tue., March 5, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Bristow Republican Kyle Hilbert will be youngest House Speaker in Oklahoma history**

Rep. Kyle Hilbert, R-Bristow, will be the next Speaker of Oklahoma's House of Representatives. Current House Speaker Charles McCall announced Hilbert as his successor in a news conference Monday.

**Tue., March 5, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Taylor: Oklahoma Sen. Markwayne Mullin says Alabama IVF ruling 'is not the position' of Republican Party**

Oklahoma Republican Senator Markwayne Mullin criticized an Alabama Supreme Court ruling defining frozen embryos as children.

**Wed., March 6, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Korth: Oklahomans choose Trump, Biden in Super Tuesday primaries**

Oklahomans went to the polls on Super Tuesday to choose their party nominees for president, while some voters had county proposals to vote on.

**Fri., March 8, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Governor sues attorney general in fight over AG legal opinion**

A legal opinion from Attorney General Gentner Drummond forced a member of Governor Stitt's cabinet to resign. Now, the governor is seeking legal action against the AG.

**Thu., March 14, 2024 - Feature, 4 minutes**

**SIOK/Ramos: Why a state grocery tax cut causes concern for Oklahoma's local government leaders**

There's a sign that Stillwater Mayor Will Joyce points to when telling the story of a full-street reconstruction project right across from city hall.

**Mon., March 18, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma lawmakers advance bill to restrict state dollars going to people without legal immigration status**

Oklahoma lawmakers are considering ways to make the state less attractive to immigrants who don't have legal permission to be in the country.

**Mon., March 18, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Outlining work schedule as legislators move into session's second half**

The middle of March is spring break time for lawmakers. We look ahead at the work to be done in the tumultuous final weeks of the 2024 legislative session.

**Tue., March 19, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma House advances tax cuts, but new Senate budget leaves them out**

House Republicans are pushing the conversation about more tax cuts forward with a slate of bills passed late last week. The Senate's proposed budget, however, doesn't account for slashes to any more of Oklahoma's revenue streams.

**Wed., March 20, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Bryan: Oklahoma lawmakers advance bill to enhance punishment for bullying that leads to suicide**

Following two student deaths in Oklahoma, a state senator has introduced a bill to enhance penalties for individuals who bully people who later die by suicide.

**Thu., March 21, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Legislature approves bill to bundle Oklahoma hunting and fishing licenses, increase fees**

A bill to streamline Oklahoma's hunting and fishing licenses is headed to the governor's desk after a multiyear journey through the legislature. The measure also hikes hunting license fees for the first time in two decades.

**Fri., March 22, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Movement on budget negotiations expected to pick up**

As legislators return to work following spring break, the stage is set for budget talks to gain momentum.

**Mon., March 25, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Ramos: Oklahoma Congressman Tom Cole wants lead role in federal budget-making**

Oklahoma Rep. Tom Cole is vying for greater control of the federal budget. The U.S. representative pitched to his colleagues in Congress Friday to choose him as the next chair of the U.S. House Appropriations and Budget Committee.

**Wed., March 27, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Opponents of a minimum wage ballot measure ask Oklahoma's high court to revisit ruling**

Critics of an initiative petition that seeks to raise the minimum wage are asking the Oklahoma Supreme Court to revisit its decision that the petition was constitutional.

**Wed., March 27, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Oklahoma says Swadley's owes almost \$5 million in damages from state park contract**

Nearly two years into a legal back-and-forth between the State of Oklahoma and Swadley's Foggy Bottom Kitchen, the state says the barbecue chain owes millions of dollars in damages.

**Fri., March 29, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Democrats renew call for committee to investigate State Superintendent**

Democratic lawmakers have again called on Speaker of the House Charles McCall to form a bipartisan committee to investigate State Superintendent Ryan Walters.

## **Race, Identity & Culture**

**Wed., Jan. 3, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: Plan set to engage more Latinos in Oklahoma politics**

Even though Latinos are the second-largest and fastest-growing demographic in the state, census data shows they register and vote the least compared to other racial and ethnic groups.

**Sun., Jan. 7, 2024 – Program, 59 minutes**

**KGOU/Hopkin: 'Best of' How Curious from 2023**

KGOU presents a best of collection of tales from the year's How Curious episodes.

**Fri., Jan. 12, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Mills: 3 Oklahoma sites have been added to the National Register of Historic Places**

Three sites in Oklahoma have been added to the National Register of Historic Places, according to a joint statement from the Oklahoma Historical Society and State Historic Preservation Office.

**Thu., Jan. 18, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Oklahoma Supreme Court hears arguments in Muscogee citizen's tax case**

The state's high court on Wednesday heard oral arguments in a case that could exempt more tribal citizens from state income taxes due to the U.S. Supreme Court's McGirt ruling.

**Thu., Jan. 18, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX: Report recommends Tulsa establish committee to consider reparations**

The Beyond Apology report recommends Tulsa "establish a government sanctioned task-force or commission to establish and implement the terms of a reparations program."

**Thu., Jan. 25, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Cordera: USDA reappoints Oklahoma farmer to the Advisory Committee for Minority Farmers**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reappointed an Oklahoma farmer last week to a committee supporting minority farmers.

**Thu., Feb. 8, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Korth: Oklahoma lawmakers advance LGBTQ Pride display ban**

A ban of LGBTQ Pride flags on state property is advancing in the Oklahoma legislature.

**Thu., Feb. 8, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX: Tulsa's Gilcrease Museum continues repatriation efforts with return of ancestral remains to tribes**

The Gilcrease Museum is returning ancestral remains to tribes.

**Fri., March 22, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK/France: 'They deserve a chance to be heard': Lawmakers advance Oklahoma Survivors' Act**

At the midpoint of this year's legislative session, Oklahoma legislators advanced a bill that would introduce sentencing reform to criminalized survivors of domestic abuse. Hannah France spoke with Oklahoma Appleseed attorney Leslie Briggs about the Oklahoma Survivors' Act.

**Wed., March 27, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Caldwell: Medical examiner's report of Nex Benedict's death released**

Authorities have released the full autopsy report for Nex Benedict.

### **Science, Technology & Environment**

**Wed., Jan. 3, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Stillwater approves funds to upgrade aging water pump stations**

Stillwater Utilities Authority is replacing retro pump stations to improve water pressure for rural residents. The current pumps, which help deliver drinking water from a treatment plant to homes, were installed in 1985.

**Tue., Jan. 16, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Cordera: Jones Academy students await return of Choctaw Nation heirloom seeds from space**

Choctaw Nation heirloom seeds are now on the International Space Station. Five types of seeds will be exposed to the conditions of outer space for the next few months before returning to Earth in April.

**Tue., Jan. 16, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX: Choctaw Nation launches educational site alongside release of Marvel's 'Echo'**

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is getting the superhero treatment. The Marvel miniseries Echo, featuring a protagonist from the tribe, was released for streaming to Disney+ and Hulu last week.

**Tue., Jan. 16, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Cordera: Northeast Oklahoma City metro area hit by multiple earthquakes over the weekend**

A series of earthquakes struck near Arcadia over the weekend. Shaking could be felt across Oklahoma City.

**Thu., Jan. 18, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX: Choctaw Nation partners with OSU, CDC to fight tick-borne disease in Southeastern Oklahoma**

Choctaw Nation wants Southeastern Oklahomans to keep their eyes peeled for ticks on their reservation.

**Wed., Jan. 24, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: FERC holds Grand River Dam Authority responsible for Northeast Oklahoma flooding**

After decades of frequent flooding in Miami and other Northeastern Oklahoma towns along the Neosho River, a federal regulatory agency has determined the Grand River Dam Authority is responsible. Now, GRDA has been ordered to purchase frequently flooded lands upstream of Grand Lake.

**Fri., Jan. 26, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: How can Oklahoma address artificial intelligence? Stitt task force offers guidance.**

A new task force created by Gov. Kevin Stitt recommends the state hire a chief artificial intelligence officer to oversee public sector use of the emerging technology, manage its risks and promote AI innovation within government.

**Fri., Jan. 26, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Water issues plague towns across Oklahoma after freezing weather**

Water problems have sprung up around the state after last week's freezing temperatures.

**Mon., Jan. 29, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Oklahoma broadband board approves \$374 million in grants for internet projects**

Broadband projects to provide faster and more reliable internet for 55,000 underserved and unserved locations in Oklahoma are moving forward.

**Mon., Jan. 29, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Rain barrel sale helps Oklahomans save springtime showers for dusty summer months**

The Central Oklahoma Stormwater Alliance is partnering with eleven communities to get affordable rain barrels into people's yards.

**Tue., Jan. 30, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Cordera: USPS purchases six electric vehicles from Canoo**

The U.S. Postal Service will purchase six electric vehicles from Canoo, which has a manufacturing plant in Oklahoma, as part of its plans to electrify its fleet of vehicles.

**Wed., Jan. 31, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Oil companies agree to pay \$7.4 million and clean up after oil spill in Northern Oklahoma creek**

The Osage Pipeline carries oil from Cushing to a refinery in El Dorado, Kansas. The pipeline is one of dozens that run through the town, which bills itself "the pipeline crossroads of the world."



**Mon., Feb. 5, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Cordera: OKC City Council denies that a medical waste transfer station is safe near Diggs Park**

The City Council in Oklahoma City denies a request for a statement that a medical waste transfer station would be safe for the residents near Diggs Park. The request comes from a consulting firm that's facilitating the permitting process to develop the facility in northeast Oklahoma City.

**Mon., Feb. 5, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**SIOK/Cordera: 5.1 magnitude earthquake rattles Oklahoma Friday night, OCC to shut down wastewater injection sites**

A strong 5.1 magnitude earthquake rattled Oklahoma shortly before 11:30 p.m. Friday. The epicenter was located near Prague, about 60 miles southwest of Tulsa.

**Wed., Feb. 14, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/Daniels: Cherokee Nation to construct cell towers to serve rural Oklahoma communities**

The Cherokee Nation has announced plans to build new cell towers to expand service to rural communities across eastern Oklahoma.

**Tue., Feb. 20, 2024 - Feature, 5 minutes**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Are there ancient trees in your neck of the woods? Project surveys Oklahoma's Cross Timbers**

Oklahoma's Cross Timbers are home to centuries-old trees, and very few of them are on protected land. In fact, some of them could be right in your literal back yard.

**Thu., March 7, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Oklahoma officials gear up for April 8 eclipse**

From selling special glasses to preparing for traffic snarls, Oklahoma officials are prepping for the April 8 solar eclipse expected to pass directly over southeastern Oklahoma.

**Thu., March 7, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: More electric vehicle charging stations could be coming to Oklahoma's interstates**

More fast charging stations for electric vehicles could be coming to Oklahoma as the state Department of Transportation (ODOT) considers sites for federally-funded chargers.

**Sun., March 24, 2024 – Program, 59 minutes**

**OETA: A Conversation With... Thomas Stafford**

KGOU's Dick Pryor and Gen. Thomas Stafford discuss Stafford's life and times.

**Wed., March 27, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Poison hemlock, kudzu could be added to an Oklahoma plant hit list**

Thistles, the literal thorns in landowners' sides, are the only plants listed on Oklahoma's Noxious Weeds Law. But that might change.

## **Sports**

**Wed., Jan. 10, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX: 8 Oklahoma City Thunder games to be shown on local TV**

The Oklahoma City Thunder is broadening its TV reach for Friday games during the rest of the 2023-24 regular season.

**Wed., Jan. 17, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**KGOU/Shaar: Oklahoma City Council approves use of funds to increase budget for MAPS 4 stadium**

The Oklahoma City Council approved using economic development funds to increase the budget for the MAPS 4 stadium from \$41 million to \$71 million.

**Mon., Feb. 26, 2024 - Program, 59 minutes**

**Readers Club/Layden: Jim Thorpe: World's Greatest Athlete (KGOU Readers Club Encore)**

In an updated re-release of his book, author Robert W. Wheeler and his wife, Dr. Florence Ridlon, add to Jim Thorpe's story, and discuss their own efforts to restore his 1912 Olympic medals, rescinded following a dispute over his amateur status.

### Transportation

**Thu., Jan. 4, 2024 – Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Oklahoma task force recommends implementing per-mile road tax**

A new report recommends state lawmakers pass legislation to create a voluntary statewide program whereby drivers are taxed per mile driven rather than at the gas pump.

**Wed., March 6, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OK Voice: Oklahoma Turnpike Authority governing board hires new director, sets his salary at \$240,000**

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority's governing board on Tuesday appointed a new executive director following the abrupt resignation of its prior leader.

**Thu., March 7, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Korth: Say hello to I-335 and I-344: turnpikes around Oklahoma City to get numerical designations**

Numerical names are coming to the John Kilpatrick and Kickapoo Turnpikes.

### Weather and Climate

**Fri., Jan. 12, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Wheeler: Here's what you need to know as Arctic blast moves through Oklahoma**

As Oklahomans brace for wind chills lower than 20 degrees below zero over the next 4 days, state and local officials are providing advice and assurances on keeping your home safe and warm.

**Wed., Feb. 28, 2024 - Newscast, 1 minute**

**OPMX/Pope: Thousands of acres scorched by Oklahoma wildfires amid dry, windy conditions**

Dozens of fires raged over more than 30,000 acres across the state in 17 counties.

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### Collaborations/Content Partnering Efforts

KGOU is an affiliated member of several collaborative/partnering reporting projects that add to and/or expand upon topics and areas of particular interest and concern to our audience. Among these content-generating projects that offer substantive news and issues-related reports (not necessarily prepared by KGOU staff/reporters) are: OPMX/ (The Oklahoma Public Media Exchange), Oklahoma Watch/Long Story Short, Capital Insider (KGOU & Quorum Call). These producers generate in-depth reports that are generally five minutes in length on a semi-regular basis. KGOU monitors and chooses particular reports by each of these producers that we believe resonates with the needs, interests, and concerns of our audience.

<https://www.nprstations.org/> offers similar lists of issues and news stories broadcast by National Public Radio during this period.

Morning Edition (ME): Monday through Friday, 5am to 9am. A two hour news and information program from National Public Radio, which is repeated once for the second two-hour period. KGOU inserts local news, sports and weather three times within this program, plus weather and traffic reports two additional times per hour.

Here and Now (HAN): Monday through Thursday, 12noon to 2pm, and Friday, 12noon to 1pm. A mid-day broadcast of news and information from WBUR, Boston and NPR. KGOU inserts two local newscasts plus weather in this program each hour.

All Things Considered (AT): Monday through Friday, 4pm to 7pm. A two-hour news and public affairs program from National Public Radio; KGOU airs the second hour twice and the first hour once. KGOU inserts two local news, reports each hour, plus weather and traffic reports two additional times per hour.

Weekend Edition (WE): Saturday from 7am to 9am and Sunday, 8am to 10am. A two hour news and information program from National Public Radio.

Weekend All Things Considered (AT): Saturday 7 Sunday, 5pm to 6pm. A one hour news and information program from National Public Radio.

1A (1A): Monday through Friday, 9am to 11am. A daily call in program featuring national guests on politics, literature, health and more topics.

Fresh Air (FA): Monday through Thursday at 2pm and 7pm / Friday at 7pm. A daily interview and review program focusing on the popular arts and culture but also including current public affairs.

Reveal (Rev): Mondays at 8pm. A weekly investigative news program produced by the Centers For Investigative Reporting.

Other programs carried by KGOU Radio that contribute to the presentation of news, information and a wide variety of views include:

Left, Right & Center (LRC): Saturdays from 6:00 to 7am. This ½ hour program from KCRW analyzes the week's political news and related issues, and from various differing viewpoints.

Zorba Paster on Your Health (Zorba): Thursdays at 11am. A call in program about health, nutrition and healthy lifestyles.

Science Friday (SciFri): Fridays from 1 to 3pm. This 2 hour program from Public Radio International analyzes the week's scientific, technological and ecological news and related discoveries.

BBC World News (BBC): Monday through Friday, 3 to 4pm and 1am to 5am; Saturday and Sunday from 1am to 7am. A live news and information magazine program with a world perspective.

National Native News Service (NNN): weekdays at 2 & 7pm. This is a five-minute newscast from Alaska Public Radio and features news about Native American populations.

Freakonomics (FR): Saturdays, 11am to noon; Tuesdays, 11am to noon. A weekly program focusing on business-related topics and personal and professional improvement.

Ted Radio Hour (TR): Sundays, 7 to 8am; Mondays, 11am to noon. A weekly program featuring personal anecdotes and storytelling on a range of topics from various professionals, experts and authorities.

Throughline (TL): Sundays, 10 to 11am. A weekly program exploring historical events that cover a range of topics.

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