

## Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station WEKU

January 2 – March 30, 2024

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### Section I. Issues

The station has identified the following issues as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. Natural disaster recovery: The status of the Eastern Kentucky recovery from the 2022 historic floods.
- B. Education: Issues relating to public school and higher education in our community.
- C. Health: Measuring the impact and effects of the Coronavirus pandemic and other health related issues
- D. Arts and Culture: Telling the stories of Kentucky arts and culture
- E. Economy: How inflation and worker shortage has affected the local economy
- F. Commonwealth: Stories pertaining to Kentucky issues

## **Section II. Responsive Programs**

The station has broadcast programming dealing with each of the above-referenced issues. Programming dealing with each issue is set out below.

### **A. Natural disaster recovery: The status of the eastern Kentucky recovery from floods and other natural disasters.**

#### A 1- Natural Disaster Recovery

Wrap. January 3 8:19 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :48 sec. Story about the federal government helping flood survivors sell their damaged homes to local governments and move out of the flood plain.

#### A 2- Natural Disaster Recovery

Voicer. January 3 6:42 AM. Duration :44 sec. Story about policy changes made by FEMA after the 2022 floods in eastern Kentucky.

#### A 3- Natural Disaster Recovery

Wrap. January 16 8:19 AM, 4:04 PM. Duration :40 sec. Story about criticism of Kentucky Department for Local Government's plan to spend \$300 million in federal recovery funds.

#### A 4- Natural Disaster Recovery

Wrap. January 22 6:04 AM, 4:04 PM. Duration :51 sec. Story about FEMA touting improvements to its disaster assistance program.

#### A 5- Natural Disaster Recovery

Wrap. March 1 6:04 PM, March 2 8:04 AM, 10:04 AM. Duration :43 sec. Story about the Kentucky Division of Forestry distributing 1500 trees to help rebuild after 2022 floods.

#### A 6- Natural Disaster Recovery

Wrap. March 19 7:04 AM, 6:04 PM. Duration :52 sec. This is a story about environmental groups working with the company Beam Suntory to reforest former surface mines near Hazard.

#### A 7- Natural Disaster Recovery

Wrap. March 21 4:04 PM. Duration :43 sec. This is a story about tornado recovery efforts in Trimble County Kentucky after storms caused severe damage.

**B: Education: Issues relating to public school and higher education in our community.**

B 1- Education

Voicer. January 2 8:42 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :36 sec. Story about education officials discussing coaching and mentoring programs helping with retention efforts.

B 2- Education

Wrap. January 2 7:04 AM, 6:04 PM. Duration :40 sec. Story about a GOP lawmaker wanting to work with Governor Beshear to find solutions to staffing shortages in Kentucky schools.

B 3- Education

Voicer. January 5 6:19 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :30 sec. Story about Fayette County School System transitioning to remote learning for snow days.

B 4- Education

Wrap. January 5 8:19 AM, 4:04 PM, January 6 9:04 AM. Duration :38 sec. Story about a state lawmaker asking others to consider passing legislation to harness artificial intelligence in educational settings.

B 5- Education

Wrap. January 8 4:04 PM. Duration :52 sec. Story about a bill moving through the legislature to limit DEI initiatives on college campuses.

B 6- Education

Voicer. January 8 8:04 AM. Duration :39 sec. Story about new data showing Kentucky had the highest enrollment growth in higher education in the country.

B 7- Education

Wrap. January 11 7:19 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :51 sec. Story about a deal between Transylvania University and a group of Lexington banks and developers to add affordable housing on campus.

#### B 8- Education

Voicer. January 11 7:42 AM, 6:04 PM. Duration :37 sec. Story about a GOP lawmaker filing a measure targeting certain efforts meant to make public schools more inclusive.

#### B 9- Education

Feature. January 11 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM, 5:44 PM. Duration 3:20. Story about funding for early education and the debate over universal pre-K.

#### B 10- Education

Wrap. January 11 4:04 PM, January 12 7:04 AM. Duration :41 sec. Story about a proposed constitutional amendment that would open the door to taxpayer funding of private school tuition,

#### B 11- Education

Wrap. January 12 7:19 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :45 sec. Story about Kentucky's higher education community celebrating it's national number one designation.

#### B 12- Education

Voicer. January 12 6:42 AM, 5:42 PM. Duration :46 sec. Story about a state lawmaker filing a bill to shake up the Kentucky Board of Education, the bill would have members no longer appointed by the governor.

#### B 13- Education

Wrap. January 18 6:42 AM, 8:42 AM, 4:04 PM. Duration :41 sec. Story about a bill introduced to the state legislature to overhaul the state board of education.

#### B 14- Education

Wrap. January 18 6:04 AM, 8:04 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :38 sec. Story about a bill to restrict certain Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives.

#### B 15- Education

Interview. January 23 7:50 AM, 5:50 PM. Duration 7:13. Interview with ECU President David McFaddin about DEI efforts in higher education, possible support for a new university and the future of post-secondary education.

#### B 16- Education

Wrap. January 24 6:04 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :44 sec. Story about Kentucky Senate voting overwhelmingly to expand eligibility for the Kentucky Education Excellence Scholarship awards.

#### B 17- Education

Wrap. January 24 6:19 AM. Duration :39 sec. Story about a Kentucky House committee advancing a bill to make it harder for educators to get hired if they have a history of sexual misconduct.

#### B 18- Education

Voicer. January 25 6:42 AM. Duration :33 sec. Story about the Jefferson County Board of Education getting a new chair.

#### B 19- Education

Voicer. January 29 7:42 PM, 4:04 PM. Duration :38 sec. Story about competing measures in the Kentucky House that seek to allow taxpayer funding of private schools.

#### B 20- Education

Wrap. January 30 7:04 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :45 sec. Story about a bill designed to keep public school students off their cell phones.

#### B 21- Education

Wrap. January 31 7:42 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :40 sec. Story about a House committee greenlighting a proposal to require a state board to speed up the process of investigating complaints against educators.

#### B 22- Education

Voicer. January 31 8:19 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :34 sec. Story about a poll showing school leaders say they cannot offer teachers competitive salaries under the budget proposed by the state House.

#### B 23- Education

Wrap. February 14 6:19 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :46 sec. Story about a bill that would allow Eastern Kentucky University to offer doctoral degrees in osteopathic medicine passed the state House Committee on Education.

#### B 24- Education

Wrap. February 14 6:04 AM, 8:04 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :38 sec. Story about a bill designed to limit DEI efforts in Kentucky higher education institutions passing the state Senate.

#### B 25- Education

Wrap. February 14 5:32 PM. Duration :42 sec. Story about the Jefferson County Teachers' Association getting a new president.

#### B 26- Education

Wrap. February 15 5:04 PM. Duration :42 sec. Story about a measure to require Kentucky to speed up investigations in to teacher misconduct clearing the state House.

#### B 27- Education

Wrap. February 16 6:04 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :41 sec. Story about the performance funding formula for Kentucky public universities receiving scrutiny in Frankfort.

#### B 28- Education

Wrap. February 16 8:19 AM, 4:04 PM. Duration :41 sec. Story about a Kentucky senator wanting the state to invest \$300 million in early childhood education.

#### B 29- Education

Wrap. February 21 6:19 AM, 8:42 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :41 sec. This is a story about Kentucky lawmakers looking to reduce student misbehavior on public school buses and could also address parental misconduct.

#### B 30- Education

Wrap. March 1 6:19 AM, 8:19 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :44 sec. This is a story about armed "guardians" to patrol Kentucky schools under a measure moving through the General Assembly.

#### B 31- Education

Wrap March 1 7:04 AM. Duration :44 sec. This is a story about a bill in the Kentucky House that would require public high school students to complete a civic literacy course before graduating.

#### B 32- Education

Wrap. March 4 6:42 AM, 8:42 AM, 4:04 PM. Duration :43 sec. This is a story about the University of Kentucky getting \$7.5 million dollars from Beam Suntory as part of an ongoing educational partnership with the university.

#### B 33- Education

Wrap. March 4 6:19 AM, 8:42 AM. Duration :41 sec. This is a story about Lexington's new 17-million dollar public library opening.

#### B 34- Education

Interview. March 19 7:51 AM, 5:50 PM. Duration 7:12. This is an interview with ECU President David McFaddin about continued interest in a new southeast Kentucky university, the final weeks of the legislature and construction on Baptist Health Arena.



## **C. Health: Measuring the impact and effects of the Coronavirus pandemic and other health related issues**

### C 1- Health

Voicer. January 3 7:04 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :46 sec. Story about the executive director of the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission resigning his post.

### C 2- Health

Wrap. January 4 8:19 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :49 sec. Story about Addiction Recovery Care expecting an increase in calls for treatment over the course of the new year.

### C 3- Health

Wrap. January 5 7:04 AM, 5:04 PM, January 6 8:04 AM. Duration :46 sec. Story about Kentucky's governor wanting to expand medical marijuana program to include 15 additional conditions.

### C 4- Health

Feature. January 9 7:50 AM, 5:50 PM. Duration 7:17. Feature story about how colorectal cancer is affecting more people under the age of 50.

### C 5- Health

Wrap. January 10 6:19 AM, 8:04 AM, 4:04 PM. Duration :38 sec. Story about a lawmaker introducing Hadley's Law to the state legislature.

### C 6- Health

Wrap. January 10 7:04 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :46 sec. Story about the city of Lexington seeing a spike in non fatal drug overdoses over the course of a few days.

### C 7- Health

Feature. January 10 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM, 5:44 PM. Duration 4:16. Feature story about efforts from Kentuckians to convince lawmakers to allow the use of medical cannabis.

#### C 8- Health

Voicer. January 11 6:04 AM, 8:04 AM, 6:32 PM. Duration :46 sec. This is a story about a state of emergency declared for the town of Fleming Neon due to the lack of accessible fresh drinking water.

#### C 9- Health

Feature. January 16 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM, 5:44 PM. Duration 4:21. This is a feature story about the possibility of more reports of problem gambling after sports wagering was allowed in Kentucky.

#### C 10- Health

Feature. January 17 7:50 AM, 5:50 PM. Duration 6:54. This is a feature story about the Integrative Medicine Program at UK Healthcare.

#### C 11- Health

Wrap. January 19 6:42 AM, 6:04 PM. Duration :40 sec. This is a story about a bill that would strip local air regulators of the ability to issue fines for violations companies voluntarily disclose.

#### C 12- Health

Voicer. January 19 7:19 AM, 6:04 PM. Duration :38 sec. This is a story about state wildlife officials finding Avian Flu in samples from two snow geese in western Kentucky.

#### C 13- Health

Wrap. January 23 8:04 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :46 sec. This is a story about expectant mothers being able to claim child support during pregnancy under a bill proposed by state lawmakers.

#### C 14- Health

Wrap. January 24 7:42 AM. Duration :36 sec. This is a story about the Kentucky House passing amended version of a bill that limits pollution fines.

#### C 15- Health

Wrap. January 24 8:04 AM. Duration :46 sec. This is a story about an uptick in flu cases in Lexington.

#### C 16- Health

Wrap. January 25 6:19 AM, 4:04 PM. Duration :52 sec. This is a story about a bill in the Kentucky legislature that would set new THC impairment levels.

#### C 17- Health

Voicer. January 25 7:42 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :42 sec. This is a story about the mayor of Somerset asking lawmakers to prohibit the use of Kentucky's addiction recovery centers by those from out of state.

#### C 18- Health

Voicer. January 25 8:42 AM, 6:04 PM. Duration :33 sec. This is a story about a Kentucky non-profit reporting a record number of organ donations and transplants in 2023.

#### C 19- Health

Wrap. January 26 6:42 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :42 sec. This is a story about how Kentucky's foul winter weather led to a blood shortage across the commonwealth.

#### C 20- Health

Wrap. January 29 6:42 AM, 6:04 PM. Duration :41 sec. This is a story about how lawmakers in Kentucky continue to fight over reproductive rights but they are agreeing on maternal health.

#### C 21 – Health

Wrap. January 30 6:04 AM, 4:04 PM. Duration :50 sec. This is a story about Kentucky's latest report card from the American Lung Association.

#### C 22- Health

Wrap. January 30 7:42 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :39 sec. This is a story about a federal program that makes it possible for adults in Kentucky to be treated for COVID-19 or the flu without leaving home.

#### C 23- Health

Feature. January 30 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM, 5:44 PM. Duration 3:42. This is a feature story about Democratic lawmakers in Kentucky pushing for exceptions to the state's near total abortion ban while GOP and anti-abortion activists push a "culture of life."

#### C 24- Health

Wrap. February 1 7:42 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :31 sec. This is a story about a legislative proposal to require Kentucky Medicaid to cover certain midwife services.

#### C 25- Health

Wrap. February 2 6:42 AM, 4:04 PM. Duration : 45 sec. This is a story about efforts by a Kentucky Democrat to formally add protections for patients seeking a legal abortion out of state.

#### C 26-Health

Voicer. February 15 7:42 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :34 sec. This is a story about Kentucky's Attorney General filing a civil suit against Kroger for its alleged role in the state's opioid crisis.

#### C 27- Health

Wrap. February 15 8:19 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :43 sec. This is a story about a bill introduced to the Kentucky Senate that would help give the state's independent pharmacies more transparency and agency.

#### C 28- Health

Wrap. February 15 6:19 AM. Duration :44 sec. This is a story about a town hall meeting for women veterans focused on heart health.

#### C 29- Health

Wrap. February 15 5:32 PM, February 16 8:04 AM. Duration :36 sec. This is a story about wide spread illness causing schools to close in southeastern Kentucky.

#### C 30- Health

Wrap. February 16 7:19 AM, 8:42 AM, 6:04 PM. Duration :54 sec. This is a story about syphilis cases being on the rise in Kentucky.

#### C 31- Health

Wrap. March 1 6:42 AM, 8:42 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :39 sec. This is a story about 300 Kentucky health care providers signing an open letter urging lawmakers to repeal all abortion bans.

#### C 32- Health

Wrap. March 2 7:04 AM, 9:04 AM. Duration :43 sec. This is a story about a new grant from the Kentucky association of health plans to improve healthcare access in the southeast.

#### C 33- Health

Wrap. March 4 7:42 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :43 sec. This is a story about Lexington's Veterans Affairs Health Care holding a town hall to help veterans.

#### C 34- Health

Wrap. March 4 6:04 AM, 8:04 AM, 6:04 PM. Duration :47 sec. This is a story about the rise of measles and Kentuckians are being urged to get vaccinated.

#### C 35- Health

Wrap. March 5 7:19 AM. Duration :49 sec. This is a story about Williamsburg Independent School district shutting down due to illness.

#### C 36- Health

Wrap. March 5 7:04 AM. Duration :40 sec. This is a story about Governor Beshear joining a White House event to discuss how Kentucky changed the rules for businesses that influence prescription drug prices.

#### C 37- Health

Wrap. March 5 6:19 AM, 8:19 AM. Duration :39 sec. This is a story about a state GOP lawmaker filing a bill to expand access to medical cannabis in Kentucky.

#### C 38- Health

Voicer. March 19 6:19 AM, 8:19 AM. Duration :45 sec. This is a story about Kentucky's Attorney General urging a commission to step back the state's investment in Ibogaine to treat opioid addiction.

#### C 39- Health

Voicer. March 20 6:42 AM. Duration :39 sec. This is a story about state lawmakers setting stipulations on unlocking funds for Kentucky's medical cannabis program.

C 40- Health

Wrap. March 20 7:04 AM, 8:19 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :43 sec. This is a story about Lexington's VA Hospital being the first in the south to perform a new type of dental surgery.

C 41- Health

Super Spot. March 21 6:04 AM, 7:42 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration 1:47. This is a story about Lexington's planning commission working on new rules to establish where medical marijuana businesses can grow, process, and sell their products.

## **D. Arts and Culture: Telling the stories of Kentucky arts and culture**

### D 1- Arts and Culture

Wrap. January 05 7:19 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :46 sec. This is a story about Tony Award nominee and actor Colton Ryan receiving the Key to the City of Lexington.

### D 2- Arts and Culture

Voicer. January 08 6:42 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :41 sec. This is a story about the Louisville Orchestra being recognized for a Grammy Award nomination.

### D 3- Arts and Culture

Interview. January 08 7:50 AM, 5:50 PM. Duration 6:42. This is an interview with Keenland Library Director about the library's collections and lecture series.

### D 4- Arts and Culture

Commentary. January 10 7:31 AM, 5:48 PM. Duration 1:15. This is a commentary from Joel Pett offering a prediction on the 2024 presidential election.

### D 5- Arts and Culture

Feature. January 12 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM, 5:44 PM. Duration 4:26. This is a feature about a central Kentucky's connection to the Cleveland Browns during the NFL Playoffs.

### D 6- Arts and Culture

Wrap. January 17 7:04 AM, 8:42 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :47 sec. This is a story about people marching on Martin Luther King Day to bring attention to the area's homeless population.

### D 7- Arts and Culture

Wrap. January 19 8:19 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :50 sec. This is a story about a tourism campaign by VisitLEX to attract visitors from space.

#### D 8- Arts and Culture

Wrap. January 19 6:42 AM, 8:42 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :48 sec. This is a story about a yearly concert in Richmond honoring African American musicians and educators in Kentucky.

#### D 9- Arts and Culture

Interview. January 24 7:50 AM, 5:44 PM. Duration 7:02. This is an interview with Chester Grundy, the former director of UK's Martin Luther King Junior Cultural Center about Jazz great, Les McCann.

#### D 10- Arts and Culture

Wrap. January 26 7:19 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :45 sec. This is a story about an attempt by fans of the late Loretta Lynn trying to get a state park named after the country music legend.

#### D 11- Arts and Culture

Feature. January 26 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM, 5:44 PM. Duration 4:39. This is a story about a Nelson County woman on a mission to clean up Kentucky's lakes and rivers one bag at a time.

#### D 12- Arts and Culture

Super Spot. January 29 6:04 AM, 8:04 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration 2:00. This is a story about Lexington's minor league baseball team getting new owners and coming back with an old name.

#### D 13- Arts and Culture

Wrap. January 30 6:42 AM, 8:42 AM. Duration :44 sec. This is a story about a music video benefitting Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital coming back to Somerset.

#### D 14- Arts and Culture

Feature. January 31 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM, 5:44 PM. Duration 4:52. This is a story about an art exhibition feature canine companions for patients at Kentucky's Children's Hospital.



#### D 15- Arts and Culture

Interview. February 1 7:50 AM, 5:50 PM. Duration 7:54. This is an interview with folk singer/songwriter Michael Johnathan talking about upcoming concerts.

#### D 16- Arts and Culture

Feature. February 14 6:44 AM, 8:44AM, 5:44 PM. Duration 4:58. This is a feature story about the cultural connections between African American and Appalachian/Mountain Music.

#### D 17- Arts and Culture

Wrap. February 16 6:42 AM, February 17 8:04 AM. Duration :41 sec. This is a story about a Kentucky House bill passing out of committee that would make adding or removing any permanent statues or artwork in Kentucky's Capitol Rotunda a matter of legislative approval.

#### D 18- Arts and Culture

Wrap. March 1 7:19 AM. Duration :40 sec. This is a story about a GOP lawmaker narrowing legislation designed to regulate "adult oriented businesses" after meeting with a drag performer.

#### D 19- Arts and Culture

Interview. March 4 7:51 AM, 5:51 PM. Duration 6:48. This is an interview with Daniel Graham about the process of making a banjo.

#### D 20- Arts and Culture

Super Spot. March 4 7:04 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration 1:20. This is a story about the families of military service members coming to Frankfort to be recognized.

#### D 21- Arts and Culture

Super Spot. March 5 8:04 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration 1:21. This is a story about the anniversary of the civil rights march on Frankfort.

D 22- Arts and Culture

Wrap. March 5 6:04 PM March 6 6:42 AM. Duration :41 sec. This is story about the 60th anniversary of the civil rights march on Frankfort.

D 23- Arts and Culture

Wrap. March 19 5:32 PM. Duration :42 sec. This is a story about novelist and Kentucky poet laureate Silas House giving the featured speech at the UK Libraries Edward F. Prichard Lecture.

## **E. Economy: How inflation and worker shortage has affected the local economy**

### E 1- Economy

Wrap. January 3 7:19AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :38 sec. This is a story about a coalition of Kentucky advocacy groups calling on lawmakers to fund initiatives using the state's budget reserves.

### E 2- Economy

Wrap. January 4 7:04 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :38 sec. This is a story about Governor Beshear giving a speech about policy goals using Kentucky's "record-setting" economy.

### E 3- Economy

Wrap. January 5 7:42 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :41 sec. This is a story about the Louisville Urban League's CEO making support for Black-owned businesses a priority for the organization in 2024.

### E 4- Economy

Wrap. January 8 6:19 AM, 8:42 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :46 sec. This is a story about the role Kentucky plays in US aluminum production.

### E 5- Economy

Wrap. January 8 8:19 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :50 sec. This is a story about an increase in unemployment numbers across the commonwealth.

### E 6- Economy

Voicer. January 11 6:42 AM, 8:42 AM, 4:04 PM. Duration :36 sec. This is a story about officials talking about the goals Louisville and Kentucky's economic development, with a focus on housing.

#### E 7- Economy

Wrap. January 16 7:42 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :45 sec. This is a story about the city of Lexington announcing a \$750 thousand dollar workforce center opening this fall being built in an affordable housing development.

#### E 8- Economy

Wrap. January 17 6:19 AM, 4:04 PM. Duration :42 sec. This is a story about proposed legislation would have Kentucky join a growing list of states addressing housing affordability by changing cities' zoning regulations.

#### E 9- Economy

Voicer. January 17 6:42 AM, 8:04 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :39 sec. This is a story about a southern Kentucky lawmaker wanting to ban trade practices that prey on mortgage owners.

#### E 10- Economy

Wrap. January 22 7:04 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :43 sec. This is a story about Governor Beshear discussing the budget proposed by the Kentucky House and how it threatens to endanger public safety.

#### E 11- Economy

Wrap. January 22 7:42 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :47 sec. This is a story about a Lancaster distillery building a 250-million dollar facility in a dry county, and is already employing 50 people.

#### E 12- Economy

Wrap. January 22 7:19 AM, 6:04 PM. Duration :57 sec. This is a story about a bill filed in the Kentucky House of Representatives looks to protect coal miners from having their wages withheld in a case of mine bankruptcy.

#### E 13- Economy

Wrap. January 23 8:19 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :33 sec. This is a story about Kentucky House Republicans unveiling their two year budget plans for the state government.

#### E 14- Economy

Wrap. January 24 8:19 AM. Duration :46 sec. This is a story about an ordinance mandating that landlords consider all sources of legal income passing the Lexington City Council.

#### E 15- Economy

Wrap. January 25 6:04 AM, 8:04 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :41 sec. This is a story about the Kentucky Senate passing its version of a bill on rent related modifications when it comes to payment sources.

#### E 16- Economy

Feature. January 29 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM, 5:44 PM. Duration 4:06. This is a feature story about advocates for both tenants and the homeless community in Madison County say they're in the middle of a housing and eviction crisis.

#### E 17- Economy

Voicer. January 30 6:19 AM, 4:32 PM. Duration :48 sec. This is a story about a \$2 million dollar round of funding from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board to help support rural businesses.

#### E 18- Economy

Wrap. January 31 6:19 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :48 sec. This is a story about a Lexington city councilmember saying the city needing to do a better job attracting tech firms and the good paying jobs they bring.

#### E 19- Economy

Wrap. February 1 7:04 AM, 6:04 PM. Duration :40 sec. This is a story about a Kentucky House committee advancing several state budget bills including playing out GOP priorities on the \$29 billion dollar General Fund.

#### E 20- Economy

Feature. February 1 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM, 5:44 PM. Duration 3:58. This is a story about the future of the Mountain Parkway project and the interest of government and business leaders in eastern Kentucky when it comes to possible expansion.

#### E 21- Economy

Wrap. February 2 6:04 Am, 4:32 PM. Duration :40 sec. This is a story about the Kentucky House passing the GOP -led budget after 4 hours of debate.

#### E 22- Economy

Wrap. February 21 6:04 AM, 8:04 AM, 6:04 PM. Duration :40 sec. This is a story about legislation to prohibit local governments from enacting bans on source of income discrimination regarding rentals.

#### E 23- Economy

Wrap. February 21 7:04 AM, 5:04 PM. Duration :51 sec. This is a story about the future of the Blue Grass Army Depot as the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs met.

#### E 24- Economy

Wrap. February 24 8:04 AM, 10:04 AM. Duration :49 sec. This is a story about the cancelling of plans for a proposed airport at Bluegrass Station.

#### E 25- Economy

Voicer. March 4 7:42 AM, March 5 5:04 PM. Duration :37 sec. This is a story about the call for workers to fill positions at Keeneland as the racing season begins.

#### E 26- Economy

Wrap. March 5 6:04 AM, 8:04 AM, 5:32 PM. Duration :48 sec. This is a story about a sharp rise in gas prices in Kentucky.

## **F. Commonwealth: Stories pertaining to Kentucky issues**

### **F 1- Commonwealth**

Eastern Standard Episode. January 4, January 7. Duration 53:00.

Former President Trump and his allies have made no secret of their plans, should he be returned to the White House, to move the country away from traditional American democracy and toward an authoritarian style of governing. What would that mean? We begin a series on the question with Jennifer Dresden of Protect Democracy, our first guest. This episode also looks into a report on property abandonment influenced by concerns about climate change, mental health issues linked to climate anxieties and research in eastern Kentucky that finds many people recognizing the connection between climate change and extreme weather events. And, Stu Johnson visits something once a fixture of the Kentucky rural landscape, now a rarity: a tobacco farm.

### **F 2- Commonwealth**

Eastern Standard Episode. January 11, January 14. Duration 53:00.

A steady decline in state funding for higher education has consequences. We hear about them from economist Dustin Pugel and UofL History Professor Elise Franklin, a member of United Campus Workers of Kentucky. Senate President Robert Stivers reacts to a negative report on prospects for a new public university in southeast Kentucky. Lexington steps up its Ag-Tech game. And we hear of efforts to tweak the state's new medical cannabis law.

### **F 3- Commonwealth**

Eastern Standard Episode. January 18, January 21. Duration 53:00.

Atlantic writer and Naval War College Professor Emeritus Tom Nichols offers perspective on the prospects of a US Military under the command of an authoritarian White House. Having had time to process last summer's US Supreme Court ruling ending race-conscious admission programs on college and university campuses, Aaron Thompson, President of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education talks with Gerald Smith about the meaning of the ruling to Kentucky campuses, students, and society. Tom Eblen has a conversation with poet and novelist Crystal Wilkinson about her new book, "Praise Song for the Kitchen Ghosts."

#### F 4- Commonwealth

Eastern Standard Episode. January 25, January 28. Duration 53:00.

As Republicans and Democrats in the Kentucky legislature offer wildly differing proposals for universal pre-K, education series host Brigitte Blom gets the stakes from early childhood care and education expert Dan Wuori. David Phemister, head of the Nature Conservancy-KY, helps us wrap our minds around what it means to place 55,000 acres of forest under a conservation easement. Some of the dashboard apps in new cars are being used as tracking devices by abusive partners. Adam Dodge explores the misuse of this otherwise helpful technology. What's it like to be in a driverless, robot taxi? Reggie Van Stockum caught one in San Francisco and takes us along for the ride.

#### F 5- Commonwealth

Eastern Standard Episode. February 1, February 4. Duration 53:00.

Democracy Optimist, an election-year special series from WEKU, Eastern Standard, and Dynamix Productions, delivers expert background on election law and voting to prepare you for the 2024 general election on November 5. Hosted by University of Kentucky election law and voting research professor Joshua Douglas, Episode One features conversations with two Secretaries of State: Michigan Democrat Jocelyn Benson and Kentucky Republican Michael Adams. Benson and Adams oversee elections in their states and share lessons learned from the presidential election of 2020.

#### F 6- Commonwealth

Eastern Standard Episode. February 8, February 11. Duration 53:00.

Do surface mines and mountaintop removal sites worsen flooding in Eastern Kentucky coalfield communities? The question is the focus of Episode Ten of RISE, the Eastern Standard documentary series. The hour features an extensive conversation with veteran environmental mining engineer and mine safety inspector Jack Spadaro, Mary Cromer and Rebecca Shelton of the Appalachian Citizens Law Center, and the voices of those who survived the catastrophic flood of July, 2022 and are now raising difficult, uncomfortable questions.



## F 7- Commonwealth

Eastern Standard Episode. February 15, February 18. Duration 53:00.

The rate of chronic absenteeism in Kentucky's public schools has reached 30 percent. Education contributor Brigitte Blom hears from experts who say student absenteeism is a lingering impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The significant gains of the past 50 years in U.S. air quality have been reversed by the effects of climate change, according to an analysis by scientists at the First Street Foundation. Tennessee poet Jane Hicks discusses her battle with cancer and how, if we just pay attention, we can discover beauty and wonder in a brush pile.

## F 8- Commonwealth

Eastern Standard Episode. February 22, February 25. Duration 53:00.

After escaping dictatorship in his home country of The Congo for democracy in the U.S., ECU professor Patrick Litanga describes seeing his adopted home country flirt with authoritarianism. WEKU's Stan Ingold explores failing municipal water systems in eastern Kentucky. How does it feel to be recognized with the teaching equivalent of an Oscar? Education contributor Gill Hunter talks with Lexington agriculture teacher Jacob Ball. In addition to his duties as ECU Choral Director and Chancel Choir Director of the First Christian Church in Richmond, Richard Waters has a new additional role as conductor of the Kentucky Bach Choir. On March 3rd, in addition to selections marking the 300th anniversary of Bach's St. John Passion, the Choir will perform a composition by Dr. Waters, based on the poetry of preeminent Kentucky writer Wendell Berry. And after focusing on dogs in December, Meghan Hawkins joins us from the Lexington Humane Society to give cats equal time.

## F 9- Commonwealth

Eastern Standard Episode. February 29, March 3. Duration 53:00.

The latest in our ongoing series about America's flirtation with autocracy. Our guest is Matthew Howell, Associate Professor of Government at Eastern Kentucky University. Believing the structure of American democracy to be sound, time-tested, and resilient, Dr. Howell is confident the country can weather the 2024 presidential election. Zachary Clifton, a senior at Corbin High School, is the Legislative Policy Coordinator for the Kentucky Student Voice Team. Zachary's role is to press state legislators to listen to the needs and concerns of those who understand them best: students. Tom Eblen, host of Eastern Standard's series on Kentucky writers, has a conversation with former Kentucky Poet Laureate and author Richard Taylor about his non-fiction book, "Fathers."

And Crystal Jones checks up on those New Year's Resolutions we made.

## F 10- Commonwealth

Eastern Standard Episode. March 7, March 10. Duration 53:00.

Episode Two of the Eastern Standard series "Democracy Optimist" connects the importance of local elections which also will appear on the November ballot to the daily lives of voters. Hosted by University of Kentucky election law and voting research professor and author Joshua Douglas, this edition features conversations with Richard Young, founding director of CivicLex, and Jennifer Huseman, editorial director of the non-profit newsroom VoteBeat.org.

## F 11- Commonwealth

Eastern Standard Episode. March 14, March 17. Duration 53:00.

Part Two of a financial crisis for the vital service of childcare looms as a second "fiscal cliff", a legacy of emergency pandemic aid, approaches. Kentucky Youth Advocates' Sarah Vanover, a living encyclopedia on the subject, discusses a proposed major state response now in process in the General Assembly. Brigitte Blom looks into a strategy to recover from the learning loss that occurred during the pandemic. Her guest: Dr. Donny Hale, regional deputy director at the Institute for Educational Leadership, a proponent of the Community Schools concept. Tom Eblen chats with author Fenton Johnson, among the 2024 inductees into the Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame. Lee Carroll provides details on the next Green Room Exchange featuring a return performance by Argentine jazz pianist Leo Genovese.

## F 12- Commonwealth

Eastern Standard Episode. March 21, March 24. Duration 53:00.

Truth and honesty are those values that give us that “North Star” that we can rely on as we navigate our way in the world. But William Damon, one of the world's leading scholars of human development, observes that these days we seem to be going through a dysfunctional period of social change, when “an essential commitment to truthfulness no longer seems to be assumed.” Our guest is former U.S. Attorney, University of Michigan law professor and NBC/MSNBC legal analyst Barbara McQuade. Her new book is titled: “Attack from Within: How Disinformation Is Sabotaging America.”

The Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky has pumped tens of millions of dollars into the communities of Eastern Kentucky and serves as an umbrella organization for more than 100 community groups spread across the region. There has been a succession of leadership at the foundation. We talk with now-retired founding CEO Gerry Roll and her successor, Kristin Walker Collins. Robby Cosenza was beloved in Lexington for his art, music and good humor. His close friend and colleague Duane Lundy remembers Robby in conversation with Tom Martin.

## F 13- Commonwealth

Eastern Standard Episode. March 28, March 31. Duration 43:00.

It feels unusual in that the pro-authoritarian forces are not disguising their authoritarianism” - Robert Farley, a professor in the University of Kentucky’s Patterson School for Diplomacy on segments of the U.S. population who openly welcome autocratic rule in the White House. Can “Red and Blue” folks gather in one place and hold a civil conversation? That’s the aim of workshops coming to Lexington, hosted by Braver Angels, a national organization devoted to facilitating such discussions. Our guest: Braver Angels Kentucky State Coordinator, Carolyn Dupont. Moonshinin’ was not just an Eastern Kentucky thing. Our latest Ten Minute Radio Play is the true story of a Depression-era moonshine still bust in Fayette County.