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

Covering the Period: October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

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

Wed, Oct. 12, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Assisted living facilities struggle to find and keep workers

In this episode of Long Story Short, Oklahoma Watch's Whitney Bryen explains why Oklahoma's assisted living facilities are struggling with what she describes as an 'extreme worker shortage.'

Agriculture & Environment

Tue, Oct. 4, 2022 ~ Feature, 4 minutes

Deteriorating drought conditions have some Oklahoma farmers feeling déjà vu

Drought remains a dire concern in Oklahoma. Dry conditions have wreaked havoc on crops and livestock, and it has some producers feeling déjà vu.

Tue, Oct. 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Conservation Commission approves emergency drought relief program

The Oklahoma Conservation Commission unanimously approved a \$3 million cost-share program for farmers and ranchers.

Mon, Oct. 10, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma farmers and ranchers will soon see additional drought relief money from the state

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt has approved \$20 million for the Emergency Drought Relief Fund to help farmers and ranchers who have suffered crop and livestock loss during the drought.

Mon, Oct. 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Bird flu found in Oklahoma backyard poultry flocks

Oklahoma agriculture officials confirmed multiple cases of bird flu during a virtual town hall meeting Thursday.

Wed, Nov. 23, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Hay shortage means high costs for Oklahoma ranchers as winter arrives

This year's severe drought conditions caused crops like wheat and corn to wither away and pasture cattle graze to dry up. Ranchers across the state are now looking for ways to feed their cattle through the winter as hay supplies dwindle.

Mon, Dec. 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation seeks public comment on proposed rule changes

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation has released its annual suggestions for changes to rules for hunting and wildlife management, and Oklahomans can provide feedback over the next month.

Wed, Dec. 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Endangered Species Act listing of Lesser Prairie-Chicken expected to ramp up demand for conservation banking

Following a decision by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list the Lesser Prairie-Chicken under the Endangered Species Act, conservation organizations are expecting a boom from energy companies adapting to new protections and landowners volunteering their acreage for habitat.

Mon, Dec. 19, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

USDA awards \$500,000 to rural Oklahoma businesses for renewable energy projects

Half a dozen rural Oklahoma businesses and agriculture producers will receive funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Wed, Dec. 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Long Story Short: Protests prompt cancellation of \$1.5 billion power project in southeast Oklahoma

A Texas developer canceled plans for a \$1.5 billion hydroelectric storage project in this southeast Oklahoma river community last week, citing protests from 200 residents and opposition from the Choctaw Nation.

Tue, Dec. 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma State Parks to offer free guided hikes to kick off the new year

Oklahoma State Parks is kicking off the new year with guided hikes and free parking.

Arts & Entertainment

Fri, Oct. 7, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma music star Jody Miller has died at 80

Jody Miller, a country and pop star in the 1960s and 1970s, died Thursday in her hometown of Blanchard, Okla. She was 80 years old.

Sun, Oct. 23, 2022 ~ Feature, 26 minutes

South Austin Moonlighters on the Weekend Blues

The South Austin Moonlighters share their story and debut new song in advance of OKC concert.

Mon, Oct. 31, 2022 ~ Program, 59 minutes

KGOU Readers Club: Sooner Saucers/Oklahoma UFOs 1947-1969

KGOU's Logan Layden speaks with the author about the history of UFO sightings in the state.

Fri, Nov. 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Scissortail Park seeking hub cap donations to create custom holiday tree

Scissortail Park is asking the community to donate spare hub caps to the park for a 'Hub Cap Holiday Tree'.

Fri, Nov. 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Grammy nominations include Oklahoma musicians Reba McEntire, Zach Bryan & more

Several Oklahoma musicians were honored with Grammy nominations this week.

Mon, Dec. 28, 2022 ~ Program, 59 minutes

KGOU Readers Club: Rilla Askew's 'Prize for the Fire'

Readers go back in time to England at the time of King Henry VIII in Rilla Askew's latest historical novel, Prize for the Fire.

Business, Economics & Finance

Tue, Oct. 11, 2022 ~ Feature, 4 minutes

Oklahoma City Apple employees take steps to unionize

Employees at the Apple Store in Oklahoma City plan to join the Communications Workers of America. Depending on the results of this week's upcoming election, they could be the second in the country to do so.

Fri, Oct. 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

USDA awards nearly \$90 million to Oklahoma for rural broadband development

More than a dozen Oklahoma counties will receive funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Mon, Oct. 31, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Regents request almost \$100 million budget increase in effort to increase workforce readiness

Oklahoma's Regents for Higher Education are asking the legislature to up funding for the state's public colleges and universities.

Fri, Nov. 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Canoo to acquire manufacturing plant in Oklahoma City

Electric car company Canoo is acquiring a vehicle manufacturing plant in Oklahoma City.

Fri, Nov. 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Downtown OKC's Crystal Bridge Conservatory reopens to the public following renovations

A downtown Oklahoma City landmark is open to the public following more than a year of being closed for renovations.

Tue, Nov. 22, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Turnpike Authority purchased oppositional domain names ahead of ACCESS project rollout

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is coming under fire for purchasing domain names that oppose its 15-year, \$5 billion ACCESS Oklahoma turnpike program.

Mon, Nov. 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Spruce up the holidays by visiting an Oklahoma Christmas tree farm near you

The holidays are just around the corner, which means some Oklahoma farmers are opening up their Christmas tree farms for business.

Tue, Nov. 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Public Service Company of Oklahoma proposes price increase

The Public Service Company of Oklahoma is proposing a price increase to pay for improvements to the electrical grid.

Wed, Nov. 30, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Unemployment in Oklahoma hits 3.4% - the highest recorded rate this year

Statewide data from the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission in October shows an increase of Oklahomans on the unemployment rolls.

Wed, Nov. 30, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Demand is high, but financial support for Oklahoma's unpaid caregivers is scarce

It's unclear how many family caregivers are in Oklahoma. But their unpaid work is valued in the billions. Advocates say they merit more financial support.

Wed, Dec. 7, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Skyrocketing rent, evictions pushing thousands of Oklahomans out of their homes

In Oklahoma, it's easy to be evicted. Moderate- and low-income families face skyrocketing rent, utility and food prices and the ongoing fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. The resulting economic storm coupled with a lack of affordable housing and weak protection from Oklahoma's Landlord Tenant Act has pushed thousands from their homes.

Mon, Dec. 19, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Starbucks workers strike in OKC, encourage Tulsa to join ranks

Starbucks workers went on strike for the first time ever in Oklahoma on Sunday. At the unionized store on 23rd Street and Robinson Avenue in Oklahoma City, baristas refused to work and instead spent the morning picketing.

Tue, Dec. 20, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Cherokee Nation funding construction of new water tower in rural eastern Oklahoma town

The Cherokee Nation is using COVID-19 relief funds to build a new water tower in the town of Roland, which sits on the tribe's land near the Arkansas border.

Crime & Law Enforcement

Tue, Nov. 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma receives nearly \$7M from settlement with Google over tracking practices

Oklahoma is one of 39 states receiving part of a more than \$390 million multistate settlement with Google.

Thu, Nov. 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma executes Richard Fairchild, the seventh death row inmate to be killed since the state resumed capital punishment

Richard Fairchild was on death row for the 1993 murder of his girlfriend's three-year-old son.

Wed, Nov. 23, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma City Council votes not to consider an ordinance that would have criminalized homeless encampments

A set of ordinances to criminalize living in homeless encampments will not receive further consideration from the Oklahoma City Council.

Wed, Nov. 23, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: A witness to execution

Father Bryan Brooks, who has witnessed four executions and prayed outside of the state penitentiary during at least 100 more, sheds light on the process and the men killed by the state in the name of justice.

Mon, Nov. 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma nonprofit creates legal fund to support teachers accused of violating HB 1775

An Oklahoma nonprofit is announcing a new legal fund to protect teachers accused of violating House Bill 1775, which limits critical discussions in the classroom about race or sex.

Fri, Dec. 2, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Judge: Oklahoma Turnpike Authority violated Open Meeting Act, ACCESS project contracts rendered invalid

Opponents of the 15-year, \$5 billion ACCESS Oklahoma turnpike project were handed a big win Thursday. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority lost the first of several impending court decisions regarding the ACCESS program.

Fri, Dec. 2, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Judge invalidates Oklahoma Turnpike Authority ACCESS Oklahoma action

A District Court judge has dealt a setback to the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority by ruling the Authority willfully violated the Open Meeting Act with deceptive language in meeting agendas and documents during action on the ACCESS Oklahoma turnpike expansion project.

Fri, Dec. 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Turnpike Authority puts ACCESS on pause after lawsuit loss

The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority has now lost two recent court decisions regarding the \$5 billion ACCESS Oklahoma turnpike project. And in response, the agency is tapping the brakes on the project.

Fri, Dec. 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

False reports of shootings coming into schools across Oklahoma

Police across Oklahoma reported bogus calls of mass shootings at schools across the state Thursday.

Fri, Dec. 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Former Oklahoma corrections officer sentenced to federal prison for deliberately allowing white supremacist attack on Black detainees

A former Kay County Detention Center supervisory corrections officer will serve time in federal prison for violating the civil rights of three Black detainees.

Wed, Dec. 14, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: OKC Police's Crowd-Sourced Effort Exploits Accused

Oklahoma City police insist their social media posts that ask the public for help identifying and finding suspects work, citing 155 solved cases this year through September.

Education

Mon, Oct. 3, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Thousands of public school students applied and approved to transfer under new Oklahoma law

Heading into the new school year this fall, more than 10,000 students requested to transfer under Oklahoma's new open transfer law.

Tue, Oct. 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma wants more students to fill out FAFSA

Completing the Federal Application for Student Aid – commonly called the FAFSA – is important for students who want help paying for college. Oklahoma's State Regents for Higher Education are trying to get more students to apply.

Mon, Oct. 10, 2022 ~ Feature, 3 minutes

SIOK: Alumni gather at Oklahoma City's old Northeast High School to honor 1970 student activism

A group of alumni from the former Northeast High School in Oklahoma City returned to their alma mater this weekend to remember their old school and activism many engaged in more than 50 years ago.

Thu, Oct. 13, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: Oklahoma lawmakers tried to limit four day school weeks, but they're hanging on in rural communities

Four day school weeks have become more common across Oklahoma over the last decade. Lawmakers have tried to limit the practice. However, the rural districts that use them are fighting to keep them.

Wed, Oct. 19, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: New data shows students gaining ground, but still below pre-pandemic in core subjects

In this week's Long Story Short, OK Watch's Jennifer Palmer reports that Oklahoma's test score data for 2022 shows fewer students are on grade level in math and reading than in 2019, a stark sign of the coronavirus pandemic's negative impact on student learning and the slow recovery ahead.

Wed, Nov. 2, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Has Stitt Fulfilled His Education Promises?

As a candidate for governor, Kevin Stitt promised to improve education and make Oklahoma "a top 10 state." Now, four years later, Oklahoma Watch's Jennifer Palmer looks back at those promises and results.

Wed, Nov. 16, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

3 Western Heights school board members resign

Three embattled school board members at Oklahoma City's Western Heights Public Schools are resigning after months of controversy.

Thu, Nov. 17, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: 'It had to be more than just teachers and their families voting': Oklahoma educator responds to election outcome

Jami Jackson-Cole is a fifth-grade teacher at Duncan Public Schools and manages the Oklahoma Edvocates Facebook page, which is a community of thousands of teachers and parents around the state. StateImpact's Beth Wallis spoke to her about how Oklahoma teachers are looking at the road ahead.

Thu, Nov. 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Students in Beggs attended virtual class for eight days this month while their school had no water

Unreliable access to drinking water has left people in Beggs scrambling for much of the month of November.

Fri, Nov. 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma sets record for emergency teaching certifications...again

Oklahoma broke its annual record for emergency teaching certifications, and there's still one more month to go.

Wed, Nov. 23, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma aims to slow pandemic learning losses with math tutoring program

Educators looking to make some extra money have until Wednesday afternoon to sign up to be virtual math tutors.

Thu, Dec. 8, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Western Oklahoma schools battle illness uptick, some forced to go virtual

Schools in western Oklahoma are battling an uptick in flu cases, which has forced at least two to go virtual.

Tue, Dec. 13, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma governor appoints new member to embattled Western Heights school board

The Western Heights Board of Education is back in business following Gov. Kevin Stitt's appointment of a new board member. The move comes in response to the resignation of three board members who oversaw multiple operational failures.

Mon, Dec. 19, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma legislator files bills for teacher, support staff pay raises

An Oklahoma lawmaker is pushing for a teacher pay raise to combat the state's teacher shortage.

Mon, Dec. 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma students will see increased access to summer meals under omnibus bill

The omnibus package signed by President Joe Biden includes some stipulations that will make getting lunch easier for students in Oklahoma.

Medicine & Health

Fri, Oct. 7, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

October is SIDS Awareness Month. Here's how to promote a safe sleeping environment for babies

October is SIDS Awareness Month, and there are new recommendations out of the American Academy of Pediatrics to help promote a safe sleeping environment for babies.

Wed, Oct. 12, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

SoonerCare's future is on the November ballot

As the November election draws closer, a major issue is emerging in the governor's race: the future of SoonerCare.

Mon, Oct. 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

RSV is beginning to tick up in Oklahoma

The cold-like infection is more of a threat to children than adults. Like other viruses, prevention strategies include handwashing and cleaning often-touched surfaces, such as doorknobs.

Thu, Oct. 20, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: When Oklahoma voters choose a governor in November, they'll be voting on the future of SoonerCare

Gov. Kevin Stitt wants to fundamentally alter the state's Medicaid program. The gubernatorial election will determine whether he gets to.

Tue, Oct. 25, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

COVID-19 vaccines won't be required to go to school in Oklahoma, but CDC advises getting one

The CDC has advised that children take the COVID-19 vaccine before attending school. But that doesn't mean it will be required for attendance as misinformation swirls around the ruling.

Thu, Nov. 3, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: The Adderall shortage has made its way to Oklahoma

The FDA announced a shortage of Adderall and its generics last month. Oklahomans have been jumping through hoops to get their medication.

Mon, Nov. 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Bacterial illness in western Oklahoma leaves state officials searching for source

Some areas of western Oklahoma are experiencing an uptick in illnesses caused by E. coli and other bacteria.

Mon, Nov. 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Citizen Potawatomi Nation diabetes program helps people manage the disease with peer support

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month and according to the CDC, Oklahoma ranks fifth in the nation for deaths due to the disease. One tribal nation here in Oklahoma is helping patients with the condition.

Tue, Nov. 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

RSV hospitalizations on the rise in Oklahoma

Oklahoma is experiencing a surge in pediatric hospitalizations, like the rest of the country, because of a respiratory virus that is not COVID.

Wed, Nov. 30, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Advocacy and empowerment: How one Oklahoma woman is managing her diabetes diagnosis

Oklahoma ranks fifth in the nation for deaths due to diabetes, and Native people are three times as likely to be diagnosed with the disease than their non-Native peers. One woman in Oklahoma City is determined not to let the disease get in the way of her activism.

Fri, Dec. 2, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma nonprofit gets record-breaking grant to expand healthy food access in Tulsa and beyond

Communities in and around Tulsa that struggle with food security will soon see more fruits and veggies.

Tue, Dec. 6, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Oklahomans turn to vasectomy following overturning of Roe v. Wade

In response to the loss of constitutional protection for abortion and Oklahoma's strict abortion laws, some Oklahomans are choosing sterilization to avoid unwanted pregnancies.

Mon, Dec. 12, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Report: Oklahoma sees significant decline in uninsured children

A study into health coverage rates for kids ranked Oklahoma first in the nation for its gains over the past few years. But much of those gains will likely be lost when the federal government stops its COVID health emergency policies.

Thu, Dec. 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Methamphetamine may not be the center of attention, but it's killing more Oklahomans than any other drug

Nearly two decades after Sudafed restrictions halted local methamphetamine production, the drug continues to cause more overdose deaths in Oklahoma than any other.

Wed, Dec. 28, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: What it's like to struggle with mental health in OK

In this episode of Long Story Short, Reporter Whitney Bryen explains what she found from surveying Oklahomans who struggle with mental health issues.

Politics & Government

Mon, Oct. 3, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Legislature allocates more than \$440 million to water infrastructure projects, with clear focus on economic development

As the state legislature doled out nearly \$2 billion in federal pandemic relief funds last week, about a quarter of that money went to water infrastructure projects.

Wed, Oct. 5, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Why 21,000 Oklahoma citizens face significant barriers to the ballot

Oklahoma's Hispanic population increased by 42% since the 2020 census, making it the state's fastest-growing demographic. Yet 21,000 Spanish-speaking Oklahoma citizens will be required to cast ballots in a language they don't fully understand next month.

Thu, Oct. 6, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: How important is education in Oklahoma's race for governor?

As Gov. Kevin Stitt gears up for his challenge from State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister in November, StateImpact reports on what effects education policy could have on the race.

Fri, Oct. 7, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Oklahoma Conservation Commission provides emergency drought relief as crisis worsens

With the drought continuing, the Oklahoma Conservation Commission adopted a plan proposed by the Emergency Drought Commission to deliver \$33,000 in emergency funds to each Oklahoma county. The legislature also allocated an additional \$20 million for the second phase of the plan, which is also on its way to farmers and ranchers.

Mon, Oct. 10, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Polls offer different picture of Oklahoma's race for Governor

Polls are offering varying pictures of Oklahoma's race for Governor.

Tue, Oct. 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Tribes calls on Oklahoma Legislature to repeal HB 1775

The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Tribes passed a resolution during their quarterly meeting that calls upon the Oklahoma legislature to immediately repeal House Bill 1775 — the so-called "critical race theory" bill that they say is leading to fear and confusion among teachers in the state.

Tue, Oct. 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: Oklahoma lawmakers let Stitt vetoes stand on three pandemic relief bills

Oklahoma lawmakers will let Gov. Kevin Stitt's vetoes of three pandemic relief bills stand and will wait until February to take care of any funding for approved projects, legislative leaders said Monday.

Fri, Oct. 14, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Three new leaders selected for state government heading into critical operational period

Over the last few days, Governor Kevin Stitt has announced three key leadership appointments, subject to Senate confirmation.

Tue, Oct. 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

OK Watch: As November nears, many county election boards look to add poll workers

With just weeks remaining until the Nov. 8 general election, the clock is ticking for county election officials to recruit and train an adequate number of poll workers.

Tue, Oct. 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma to vote on legalizing recreational cannabis sales, use

Gov. Kevin Stitt announced Tuesday Oklahomans can vote on the legalization of recreational cannabis in a special election on March 7, 2023.

Wed, Oct. 19, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Stitt, Hofmeister spar in lone governor's debate

Gov. Kevin Stitt and his Democratic challenger Joy Hofmeister faced off in the only gubernatorial debate leading up to the general election on Nov. 8.

Fri, Oct. 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Metadata show Oklahoma Turnpike Authority modified public meeting agendas

Metadata from publicly posted meeting agendas appear to indicate Oklahoma turnpike staff altered agendas for a pair of public meetings leading up to the announcement of a controversial \$5 billion turnpike project.

Fri, Oct. 21, 2022 ~ Feature, 11 minutes

Capitol Insider: The Race for Oklahoma Governor: Democratic Party nominee Joy Hofmeister

Capitol Insider talks to the Democratic Party nominee for governor of Oklahoma: State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister.

Sun, Oct. 23, 2022 ~ Program, 59 minutes

2022 Oklahoma Gubernatorial Debate (Audio Encore)

Gov. Kevin Stitt and his Democratic challenger Joy Hofmeister faced off in the only gubernatorial debate leading up to the general election on Nov. 8.

Mon, Oct. 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Voter Guide: Who and what's on the ballot for the November 8th general election

Oklahoma's Nov. 8 General Election will decide many statewide, federal and local races. Here are some of the races that will be on the ballot. We also answer a few election-related questions too.

Wed, Oct. 26, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Our state under Stitt: Government at the speed of business

Businessman Kevin Stitt campaigned on a simple theme in 2018: Hire me as the state's CEO and let me show you how to transform state government. But a multitude of purchasing scandals and revelations of misspending during the coronavirus pandemic has exposed the hazards of running government at the speed of business.

Wed, Oct. 26, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Former OSU President, state Senator Jim Halligan dies at 86

Former Oklahoma State University President and GOP state Senator Jim Halligan died Tuesday in Stillwater at the age of 86.

Fri, Oct. 28, 2022 ~ Feature, 12 minutes

Capitol Insider: The Race for Oklahoma Governor: Republican Party nominee Kevin Stitt

Capitol Insider talks to the Republican Party nominee for governor of Oklahoma: Governor Kevin Stitt.

Tue, Nov. 1, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

As polls tighten, Oklahoma Gov. Stitt to host rallies with big GOP names

As election day draws nearer, Gov. Kevin Stitt is raking in endorsements and bringing in some out-of-state Republicans to grow excitement for his re-election bid.

Fri, Nov. 4, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Polling suggests unpredictable Oklahoma General Election

The 2022 General Election is Tuesday. And while most legislative races have already been determined, the statewide races still to be decided may present some surprises.

Mon, Nov. 7, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Turnpike Authority responds to allegations of modifying public meeting agendas

Some after-the-fact public meeting agenda changes by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and found during a lawsuit appear to be routine. It's the latest turn in a legal maze surrounding the construction of the \$5 billion ACCESS Oklahoma turnpike project.

Mon, Nov. 7, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Tornado moves Southeast Oklahoma polling place a half mile up the road

Tornado damage to a Baptist Church in Idabel will mean some McCurtain County voters will change where they cast their ballots.

Tue, Nov. 8, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

State Election Board offers tips, reminders for Oklahoma voters

Voters head to the polls Tuesday for the General Election and several nonpartisan elections. The State Election Board offers these tips and reminders to Oklahoma voters as they head to the polls.

Wed, Nov. 9, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Choctaw Nation debuts early voting initiative

Oklahoma's five largest tribes broke precedent last month by endorsing Joy Hofmeister for governor. The Choctaw Nation last week established another election first with an initiative to address low voter turnout among its citizens.

Thu, Nov. 10, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

SIOK: StateImpact Oklahoma reporters react to midterm election results

Oklahoma's midterm election results are in the books. The results have big implications for education, health, and the environment in our state.

Thu, Nov. 10, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma senator to continue advocating for permanent Daylight Saving Time

An Oklahoma state senator says he will continue to advocate for Daylight Saving Time (DST) to be the official year-round time in Oklahoma.

Fri, Nov. 11, 2022 ~ Feature, 15 minutes

Capitol Insider: Republican dominance continues in Oklahoma elections

Oklahoma's 2022 general election saw another victorious night for Republican candidates from the state legislature to Congress.

Wed, Nov. 16, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: Gubernatorial Precinct Map Shows Rural, Suburban Dominance For GOP

In this week's Long Story Short episode, Oklahoma Watch's Paul Monies explains where Oklahoma voters turned out for Gov. Kevin Stitt in this year's general election according to precinct-level results.

Wed, Nov. 16, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Medical Association to continue political push through lobby for abortion exceptions

The Oklahoma State Medical Association says it will push during the next legislative session for exceptions to Oklahoma's strict abortion laws.

Fri, Nov. 18, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Lawmakers prepare for 2023 Oklahoma legislative session

The election is over and the members of the new legislature have now been sworn in and house and senate leaders have been nominated. Capitol Insider looks at where the 59th Legislature is heading when it convenes in February.

Wed, Nov. 23, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma voters could decide on abortion access under proposed ballot initiative

Oklahomans could get the opportunity to vote for abortion access in the state. A ballot initiative is in the works, and it crossed an important threshold this week.

Fri, Nov. 26, 2022 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

New comic book urges civic participation and voting

Former state representative and gubernatorial candidate Joe Dorman has a new idea to encourage voting in Oklahoma - a comic book directed at young people to explain the importance of civic responsibility.

Thu, Dec. 1, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Proposed bill would lower age to carry and purchase handguns to 18 years old in Oklahoma

An Oklahoma lawmaker has filed a bill to lower the age to carry and purchase a handgun to 18.

Thu, Dec. 1, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma lawmaker aims to restore oversight to state tourism commission in wake of scandal

Senate Bill 4 would rescind the Governor's authority to hire the leader of Oklahoma's Tourism and Recreation Department.

Thu, Dec. 8, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Jim Inhofe's working papers will be donated to Oklahoma State University upon his retirement

Sen. Jim Inhofe's official papers will be getting a new home soon. The retiring senator will be donating them to Oklahoma State University.

Fri, Dec. 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Petition to put abortion access on the ballot in Oklahoma withdrawn

A petition to put abortion access on the ballot in Oklahoma was withdrawn on the day it was supposed to start collecting signatures.

Fri, Dec. 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt bans TikTok on government-issued devices

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt has banned the usage of a popular social media app on government devices.

Fri, Dec. 9, 2022 ~ Feature, 6 minutes

Capitol Insider: Lawmakers prepping bills for new legislative session

The deadline for legislators to request bills and joint resolutions for drafting passed on Friday, December 9th. We look at the next steps in the process as lawmakers prepare for the 2023 legislative session.

Fri, Dec. 16, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Bill filing continues as Inauguration Day nears

Oklahoma legislators have a month to go before the bill filing deadline, and already some are generating discussion and headlines.

Wed, Dec. 21, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Long Story Short: City council strikes down OKC homeless encampment ban

Proposed OKC ordinances to ban trespassing and homeless encampments on public or private property that were struck down in November prompt additional discussion and approaches to dealing with the city's homeless.

Fri, Dec. 23, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: Reflecting on the top ten Oklahoma stories of the year in 2022

Dick Pryor and Shawn Ashley look back at the top stories of the year in Oklahoma politics, policy and government to close out 2022. In this week's segment, they unveil stories ten through six.

Thu, Dec. 29, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Statelmpact Oklahoma reflects on 2022 — from abortions to turnpikes

As 2022 comes to a close, Statelmpact managing editor Logan Layden talked with the Statelmpact reporters about the highlights of their coverage and what's to come next year — from the overturning of Roe v. Wade to the tumult over turnpike expansion in the state.

Fri, Dec. 30, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

Capitol Insider: The top ten Oklahoma stories of 2022

KGOU's Dick Pryor and QuorumCall's Shawn Ashley continue their countdown of the top ten Oklahoma stories of 2022. Which story will be number 1?

Race, Identity & Culture

Tue, Oct. 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Osage Nation Congress calls for repeal of Oklahoma's so-called 'critical race theory' ban

When the Osage Nation Congress met to discuss routine business last week, one item included supporting a resolution that called on Oklahoma's legislature to repeal the controversial HB 1775, a law that limits discussion of race, sexuality and gender in the classroom.

Mon, Oct. 10, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Indigenous Peoples' Day is October 10. Here's how you can celebrate

Monday, Oct. 10 is Indigenous Peoples' Day, a holiday honoring the past, present and future of Native peoples across the country.

Tue, Oct. 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma's five largest tribes endorse Joy Hofmeister for Governor

Leaders of the five largest tribes in Oklahoma officially endorsed Democratic candidate for Governor Joy Hofmeister on Tuesday.

Wed, Oct. 12, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

In wake of Castro-Huerta ruling, tribes propose varied paths forward for criminal justice system

The U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources Subcommittee for Indigenous People of the United States says they want to better understand the relationship between tribal governments and state governments around criminal justice matters.

Tue, Nov. 1, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

International students in Oklahoma respond to protests in Iran

As deadly protests continue in Iran, members of the Iranian community at OU are responding to the conflict a world away.

Tue, Nov. 1, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

First Americans Museum hosts rally to increase Indigenous voter participation in Oklahoma

Prospective Native voters gathered at the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City last week to listen to stump speeches from candidates for federal and statewide offices

Mon, Nov. 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Cherokee Nation to open \$20M Durbin Feeling Language Center

The Cherokee Nation is set to open the historic Durbin Feeling Language Center at a grand opening celebration Tuesday, Nov. 15. at 10 a.m.

Thu, Nov. 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Pelosi exploring a 'path' for Cherokee Nation delegate in Congress following testimony

Cherokee Nation is continuing its push to seat a delegate in Congress.

Tue, Nov. 22, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

NASA astronauts prepare to answer Osage students' questions from orbit

Astronauts will speak live from space with Osage students on Wednesday. The name of the event, ጸገረሰ ለጌላ ጦሰኛላኝጎሳ ዐኛሰ ለጌላ, translates to "the children are talking to the stars."

Wed, Nov. 30, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Students send the Osage language to space and hear back from Indigenous astronaut Nicole Mann

NASA astronaut Nicole Mann spoke live from the International Space Station to Osage County students as she answered their questions about space.

Wed, Dec. 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Mexican consulate to open in Oklahoma City this spring

Gov. Kevin Stitt announced Tuesday a Mexican consulate is scheduled to open in Oklahoma next year.

Fri, Dec. 16, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma 2SLGBTQ+ advocate reacts to passage of Respect for Marriage Act

One Oklahoma 2SLGBTQ+ advocate was present at the signing of the Respect for Marriage Act in Washington D.C. earlier this week.

Wed, Dec. 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Native American artists and community members propose changes to Oklahoma's Land Run Monument

For nearly two years, a group of Native American community members, activists and artists have gotten input from people across the state to envision an Indigenous-led Land Run monument in Oklahoma City.

Science & Technology

Thu, Oct. 13, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes

What more can be done to save the Lesser Prairie-Chicken?

In the prairie grasslands of northwestern Oklahoma, the Lesser Prairie-Chicken is in a fight for survival against development interests of energy industries.

Fri, Oct. 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma, NOAA researchers: Climate change will cause extreme flooding to become more widespread, frequent, unpredictable

With extreme floods all over the world filling headlines, researchers at the University of Oklahoma predict things will only get worse.

Tue, Oct. 25, 2022 ~ Feature, 3 minutes

SIOK: 'This is what it's all about': Oklahoma wildlife center releases rehabilitated river otters

Four rehabbed river otters were released back into the wild last week.

Thur, Oct. 27, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Applications open for Oklahoma environmental education grants

Oklahoma teachers and youth leaders can now apply for environmental education grants from the state's Department of Environmental Quality.

Fri, Oct. 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

EPA awards Oklahoma \$29 million for school districts to upgrade to greener, zero emissions school buses

Several Oklahoma school districts have been awarded federal money to purchase new school buses as part of the EPA's Clean School Bus Program.

Fri, Nov. 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma online portal leads to influx of complaints to state education officials

A new reporting system launched in late October allows Oklahomans to report problems at schools. The new system has led to an increase in complaints, according to the State Department of Education.

Fri, Nov. 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

'Not just a flood, but a toxic flood': Lead mining waste sits in the same floodwaters as Northeast Oklahoma homes and businesses

When flood waters rise in the Northeast Oklahoma community of Miami, they bring toxic waste with them. Find out what people in the community are doing to raise awareness of harmful mining waste.

Thu, Nov. 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Scientists and state officials honor underappreciated fish with Gar Week

You've probably heard of Shark Week—a seven-day deep dive into everything shark. But if you want to celebrate toothy fish a bit closer to home, you're in for a treat. Earlier this month, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation celebrated its first Gar Week on Twitter.

Mon, Dec. 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma Broadband Office urges residents to check their internet service

State Broadband Office warns billions of dollars towards securing high-speed internet for Oklahomans could be on the line if the Federal Communications Commission doesn't receive accurate information on current internet access.

Tue, Dec. 6, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Water treatment plant found to be spilling raw sewage into Edmond creek

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality has taken legal action to stop a wastewater treatment plant from leaking sewage into an Edmond creek.

Thu, Dec. 8, 2022 ~ Feature, 9 minutes

SIOK: 'Disasters that define us': Examining Northeast Oklahoma's patchwork of flood protections

As climate change continues to raise the stakes of severe flooding events, some Oklahoma communities are prepared to weather the storm, and some aren't. During the extreme flooding of May 2019, communities were put to the test.

Mon, Dec. 12, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Oklahoma receives funds to update water infrastructure in disadvantaged areas

President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law just over a year ago, allocating over \$50 billion to improve drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure across the country.

Wed, Dec. 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

Temporary fix to Bethany-Warr Acres wastewater treatment issue springs a leak

The Bethany-Warr Acres Bluff Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant was found to be leaking untreated sewage into Bluff Creek over ten days ago. Over the weekend, temporary pipes carrying the wastewater to a nearby facility for treatment also sprang a leak.

Sports

Fri, Oct. 7, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

High school athletes in Oklahoma can now profit off of NIL

High school athletes in Oklahoma can now profit off their name, image and likeness.

Mon, Oct. 31, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minute

KGOU Readers Club: Bud Wilkinson and the Rise of Oklahoma Football

KGOU managing editor Logan Layden sits down with John Scott, author of Bud Wilkinson and the Rise of Oklahoma Football.

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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/OK Engaged (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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