

Issues & Programs List

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Education: Texas	Texas police chiefs make recommendations to state lawmakers on school safety, gun regulations	07/05/2022	The recommendations for gun regulations fall into four categories — prevention, preparedness, response and review — and include raising the age requirement to 21 for purchasing AR-15-style weapons.
Agriculture: Kansas	How an increasingly brutal Kansas climate threatens cattle's health and ranchers' livelihoods	07/08/2022	The weather event that killed thousands of cattle in southwest Kansas last month was a rare combination of extreme factors. But it highlights the ongoing risk that heat stress poses for cattle, especially as climate change pushes temperatures higher.
Health: Texas	UT researchers are gathering data to prevent drug overdoses in Texas	07/14/2022	TxCOPE crowdsources its data from harm reduction groups across the state to help track and prevent overdoses
Health: Kansas	Kansas health care is saddling people of color with debt	7/22/2022	Communities of color here face a burden of medical debt that dwarfs what white people experience, and what people of color experience in many other states
Environment: Kansas	Conservationists say habitat loss and climate change have led to a decline in the number of monarchs over the past three decades.	7/26/2022	As monarch butterflies are placed on the endangered species list, here's what Kansans can do to help
Health: Kansas	Western Kansas offers a glimpse of what an abortion ban might look like for Kansas City and Wichita	7/29/2022	As Kansans prepare to vote on the future of abortion, rural western Kansas offers a preview of what life with an abortion ban might eventually look like for the rest of the state.
Culture & History	Eighty million years ago, western Kansas was 'hell's aquarium.' Here's what it can teach us today	8/8/2022	What they're finding could teach us both about life in the ancient world and about the future of life in a changing climate.
Health: Kansas/Nebraska	Kansas, Nebraska researchers use plants to pull toxic lead from soil	8/8/2022	Lead left behind in soil from mining and smelting poses a major health risk to people who live nearby. Researchers in Nebraska and Kansas believe plant life and organic material can limit lead's spread.

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Cluture: Regional	Phone bills are about to go up for some in Texas. Here's why	8/11/2022	The rate increase will help replenish a state fund to maintain and operate cellphone networks in rural Texas. A court determined the state's Public Utility Commission needed to restore \$200 million in overdue money to the fund.
Agriculture: Texas	Parts of Texas in 'extreme heat belt' will experience temperatures of 125 degrees by 2053	8/22/2022	A new study from the First Street Foundation says the extreme heat belt will stretch from East Texas to Wisconsin.
Healthcare: Kansas	The health of Kansans is declining.	8/29/2022	Ed O'Malley, the new president and CEO of the Wichita-based Kansas Health Foundation, is working to make Kansas a healthier place to live.
Agriculture: Regional	How weather in outer space could cost Midwestern farmers \$1 billion	9/01/2022	New research shows how increasingly intense solar flares could disrupt the GPS satellite connections that have made Kansas farms more efficient.
Environment: Kansas	Kansas wants to plug abandoned oil wells that belch methane and swallow groundwater	9/09/2022	Sometimes the signs that an old oil or gas well lies beneath the ground are subtle — a mysterious wet spot in a field, for example.
Economy: Kansas	Amtrak SW Chief Route canceled.	9/13/2022	Amtrak has canceled its South-west Chief Route through Kansas in wake of a pending strike
Environment: Texas	Federal funding could help unlock Texas' geothermal potential	9/14/2022	U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm said in Houston on Thursday that the Biden administration plans to significantly cut the cost of geothermal energy production.
Environment: Colorado	As the Colorado River shrinks, water managers see promise in recycling sewage	9/16/2022	Cities in the arid Southwest are investing in water reuse technology, keeping more water in the system and bolstering drinking supplies in an area hit hard by drought.
Healthcare: Kansas	Kansas Hospitals increase rates	9/27/2022	Kansas hospitals have had to raise rates by about \$300 more per average stay this year.
Education: Kansas	Tax rate hikes for schools.	9/28/2022	Hays & Quinter approved sales & property tax hikes to fund schools improvements amidst falling enrollment.