

Issues & Programs List

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Issues; Programs	Title / Programming Type	Date/Time/ Duration	Narrative
Education: Kansas	Removal of native American mascots from schools	10/05/2022	A group of Kansas educators and tribal leader is urging the state education board to remove native American mascots from schools.
Environment: Kansas	This city in Kansas really conserves its water, but that still might not be enough to survive	10/11/2022	Hays has become the California of Kansas — a place where thinking about your water use is a way of life. For now, it's an outlier. But as climate change brings drier, hotter weather to Kansas, more cities may have to follow a similar path.
Environment: Texas	'Dry hole' wells in Texas can leak contaminants, but they aren't being cleaned up by the state	10/20/2022	While P-13 wells are technically considered water wells, they were originally drilled for oil and gas exploration.
Healthcare: Kansas	Labor shortages close Kansas nursing homes	10/28/2022	A shortage of nursing home staff is easing in some states. But in other states like Kansas, it's still critical. The state's aging population could continue to propel the industry into crisis.
Environment: Kansas	Instead of Dredging, What if Jacuzzi-Like Water Jets Could Save a Kansas Lake?	10/18/2022	Starting next year, the Corps of Engineers will pelt the lakebed with Jacuzzi-like water jets to try to move some mud and release it downstream.
Policy: Texas	Green wave? Cannabis decriminalization passes in five Texas cities	11/10/2022	Cannabis decriminalization gained ground in Texas this week when five Texas cities passed local ballot measures to reduce or eliminate penalties for low-level weed possession.
Healthcare: Kansas	Kansas Ranks Among the Worst in the Country on Both Mental Illness and Its Treatment	11/14/2022	Kansas performs worse on key measures of mental health than anywhere else in the U.S.
Education: Kansas	State of Kansas rethinking math	11/17/2022	Only 20% of students in Algebra continue on to College Calculus (which high school Algebra is predatory).
Community: Texas	Texas food bank lines near pandemic highs. Here's what organizations say they need.	11/21/2022	For people with limited incomes, surging food prices are hitting especially hard. A network of food banks says they need more support from Texas lawmakers.

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Environment: Kansas	Here's how this year's drought has battered the Midwest — and what it might mean for next year	11/25/2022	From deadly wildfires to choking dust storms to decimated crop harvests, this year's drought has left its mark across the country. For the hardest hit areas, such as the Great Plains, recovering from the far-reaching impacts of this historically dry year won't be easy.
Healthcare: Texas	What's driving the increased demand for mental health care in Texas?	1/29/2022	Demand for mental health services has skyrocketed since the COVID-19 pandemic began. What's driving the increased demand, and how can psychologists meet it?
Healthcare: Texas	COVID-19, flu and RSV overwhelm Texas hospitals just as pandemic surge briefly subsided	12/7/2022	Hospitals across the United States are dealing with a combination of illnesses that are once again putting a strain on resources.
Government: Kansas	Cyber Security lacking in state & local agencies.	12/14/2022	Nearly ½ of agencies are lacking in staff to implement security measures like updating software . This is due to the budget for IT staff
Agriculture: Kansas	This is the first time the Kansas Water Authority has voted to save what's left of the Ogallala	12/16/2022	For the first time, the state board voted Wednesday to say that Kansas shouldn't pump the Ogallala aquifer dry to support crop irrigation. The underground water source has seen dramatic declines in recent decades.
Healthcare: Kansas	A Kansas program aims to reward good nursing home care, but critics say poor oversight remains	12/20/2022	A Kansas program that awards nursing homes millions of dollars for providing thoughtful care doesn't weed out those with a history of deficiencies.
Agriculture: Kansas	One year after wildfires, Kansas ranchers vow to 'get by ... somehow'	12/23/2022	It's been one year since widespread wildfires tore across western and central Kansas. For the ranchers who lost so much, the rebuilding process is far from over.
Healthcare: Kansas	Kansas deaths less this year than last but still higher than before the pandemic	12/29/2022	Heart disease and cancer are still the leading cause of death in Kansas. COVID-19 was third.