

Issues Programming List
Quarterly Issues Programs List for KWLS
January 1 - March 31, 2020
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Section 1. Issues

The following are identified as significant community issues this quarter:
Crime, Safety, Health, Education, Agriculture, Community

KWLS regularly and continually offers PSA's and Event Information at no charge for Charities, Churches, Communities, and Schools. The following is a list of programming offered is representative and not comprehensive. The order is chronological and not by any priority:

Section 2. Responsive Programming

Economy 1/4/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Last year saw plenty of business activity in Cowley County, with new stores and restaurants opening and others. Two business and community leaders interviewed Thursday said they feel positive about the current business climate. Paisley Howerton, CEO of the Arkansas City chamber of commerce, said Ark City is doing pretty well overall.

Economy 1/8/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- A possible sales tax initiative to fund repairs to county bridges has been deferred until 2021, Cowley County Commissioners decided at their Tuesday morning meeting, the first of the new year.

Health 1/11/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Most area lawmakers remained outright opposed or skeptical to expanding Medicaid after a compromise plan was announced this week by the state's Democratic governor and a top Republican lawmaker. The plan from Gov. Laura Kelly and Senate Majority Leader Jim Denning would give Kelly the straightforward expansion of state health coverage that she has advocated, covering as many as 150,000 additional people.

Safety 1/15/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Arkansas City High School has beefed up its safety measures inside and outside the school by hiring two full-time security guards. Brett Grose and Russell Leffew joined the ACHS staff in late December. USD 470 Superintendent Ron Ballard said that both men are well qualified.

Safety 1/28/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- About 40 members of area churches, including some from northern Oklahoma, gathered Saturday at Bible Christian Church in Arkansas City to learn about protecting their churches, in terms of both security and safety. Most of the people who attended were members of church safety/security committees or were getting information to start one.

Crime 1/20/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- The Arkansas City Police Department is investigating two incidents of theft last week at local businesses, resulting in losses estimated at more than \$7,000. Officers were dispatched Jan. 13 for a theft report at Zeller Motor Company, located at 3021 N. Summit St. Suspects had entered the property and removed several automobile parts valued at \$6,000. Police then were dispatched to the Evergy and Kansas Gas Service office, located just to the north of Zeller Motors for a similar theft report

Education 1/22/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Monday night's special Winfield board of education meeting focused on a discussion among the board, an architectural team from Schafer, Johnson, Cox and Fry out of Wichita, and principals and assistant principals from all of the district schools to find out the administrators' knowledge of problems in the buildings.

Community Calendar 6:00 AM 1-31-20 1:00-

Economy 2/1/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- A new power plant addition is proposed to be constructed at the site of the current E. 12th St. Power Plant in Winfield. When the City Commission met in its work session on Thursday, a new generation resource to benefit the City of Winfield and all member cities of the Kansas Power Pool was a centerpiece discussion.

Safety 2/3/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- The need to improve courthouse security was one of the subjects discussed in the Cowley County Commissions first work session Thursday morning. The session, at which no action was taken, lasted almost three hours and covered four topics. It provided commissioners Wayne Wilt, Alan Groom and Bob Voegelé and county administrator Lucas Goff an opportunity to discuss several issues in depth.

Crime 2/5/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- The Arkansas City Police Department arrested an Arkansas City woman recently in connection with the mistreatment of an elder at a local nursing home.

Economy 2/7/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- For those craving a Neives' fried chimichanga or a taco with everything, owner Tudy McCreary is getting ready to open a to-go window in the former Neives' restaurant building. The business is now Neives' Mexican Truck and Catering. 'We decided since we had the truck and the catering, why not have a to-go window, too,' McCreary said. Entrance to the to-go window will be from the alleyway behind the restaurant at 119 E. Ninth Ave. in Winfield.

Safety 2/10/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Under Ks Gov. Kelly's plan, two vacant buildings near Winfield Correctional Facility will be repurposed for a prison environment. The Kansas Veterans' Home has used the buildings, Triplet and Funston, in the past but they currently sit empty.

Education 2/12/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Winfield High School's four-year graduation rate increased last year, while Arkansas City High School's fell several points. Both, though, saw gains in the percentage of students earning degrees after five years. Kansas Department of Education figures released for the 2018-19 school year show that Winfield's four-year graduation rate rose 4.2 percent from the previous year to 92.8 percent.

Education 2/13/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Board member Lance Niles is moving out of state and has submitted his resignation, effective Feb. 25. His wife, Tamara Niles, is the school district's attorney. She also has given notice, but will stay on through this school year, which ends in May, according to Superintendent Ron Ballard.

Safety 2/14/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Signs around some area towns are responding to an ongoing county concern — suicide. "You are NOT ALONE" reads a sign in a Winfield yard, "If you or someone you know is in Crisis and needs someone to talk to, call 800-273-8255 or text HOME to 741741." The numbers are for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Crisis Line.

Economy 2/17/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- The City of Udall has been awarded a \$494,360 in Community Development Block Grants from the Kansas Department of Commerce to help build a combined wellness center and library, it was announced on Thursday. The city will contribute \$474,360 which they secured through a USDA Rural Development loan.

Crime 2/19/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Kansas is unmatched in its tracking of ex-convicts, resulting in more than 21,000 people convicted of sex, drug or violent crimes being registered on a public database.

Safety 2/22/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Some Cowley County employees have asked commissioners to reconsider the county's concealed carry policy. The commissioners, at their January work session, asked county

administrator Lucas Goff to investigate the state's current gun-carrying policies and report to them. They gave no indication that they would consider changing the county's current policy, but asked only for information which will probably be discussed at another work session, Goff said.

Education 3/4/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- The Irving Elementary Community Partnerships Team is excited to share their plans to build an outdoor classroom at Irving Elementary. The outdoor classroom is a part of Irving's Kansas Can School Redesign process and is the inspiration of Irving students and staff.

Crime 3/5/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Crime statistics released by the Kansas Bureau of Investigations for 2018, the latest available, showed that the number of reported crimes in Winfield jumped considerably over the previous year, while the number went down for Arkansas City, although its rate remains slightly higher.

Crime 3/6/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- A Winfield man has been charged in connection with the robbery of Graves Drug store in Winfield.

Education 3/7/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Due to the gas leak issue mentioned earlier Thursday, classes are canceled at Arkansas City High School on Friday, March 6. All other USD 470 attendance centers will be open as usual. The gas utility provider has advised they are unable to isolate a detected leak tonight. Therefore, as a safety precaution, there will be no classes at ACHS tomorrow and staff members and students should NOT report to the high school.

Safety 3/9/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- The local health department on Monday confirmed a person in Cowley County is being tested for the coronavirus. The public health officer, Thomas Langer, will release a statement if that person does indeed have the virus.

Health 3/10/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- A coronavirus scare this weekend in Cowley County turned out to be something of a false alarm, although it did heighten awareness of the potential threat. Test results Friday afternoon revealed that a person suspected of having COVID-19 does not have the virus after all.

Education 3/13/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- The Winfield Board of Education approved Monday night an all-day pre-kindergarten classroom for Country View Elementary School as part of the school's proposed redesign. Principal Desaree Groene and staff members made a presentation of the redesign to the board at their Feb. 24 meeting.

Education 3/13/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Cowley College is extending its spring break for another week and Southwestern College has delayed the start of classes in response to the growing coronavirus threat. Ark City public schools will be back in session as planned on Monday after spring break, and Winfield schools are going on spring break next week.

Education 3/17/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Gov. Laura Kelly is closing all K-12 schools through the end of the semester, moving instruction online as the state responds to the coronavirus pandemic. Kelly's Tuesday afternoon announcement came as several school districts already had extended spring breaks and colleges and universities had moved to online instruction for the rest of the school year.

Economy 3/20/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Hospitality Management LLC announced Friday that Best Western Plus Patterson Park Inn General Manager, Sara Williams, CHA, has accepted a promotion within the company and will be leaving the hotel. The company also announced that the hotel will be placed on the market for sale.

Health 3/23/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Kansas' health department could all but run out of coronavirus testing kits over the weekend, forcing it to rely on private labs and potentially delaying results, the agency's top administrator said Friday.

Education 3/24/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Local school officials are scrambling to develop distance learning plans to keep educating going for kids while schools are shut down due to the coronavirus pandemic. Winfield and Ark City officials said they hope to have something to offer by March 30.

Crime 3/25/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Cowley County sheriff Dave Falletti confirmed that all three burglary suspects were located and arrested on Wednesday afternoon with the help of Cowley Trackers and the K-9 unit.

Economy 3/28/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Nearly 350 workers at GE's Strother Field plant will be laid off for nearly four months, as the financial fallout from the coronavirus pandemic rattles the local economy. The layoffs start April 6. Employees will be required to return to work July 27, unless otherwise notified.

Education 3/31/20 What Do You Know Info 1:00- Since all the schools buildings in the state are closed because of the coronavirus pandemic, administrators, teachers and staff in USD 465 and USD 470 have done some intensive team work over the past seven days to devise plans for students to continue their learning at home from now until the end of the school year in mid-May. At least one parent in the Ark City district is pleased with the distance learning efforts thus far.

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PSA- Kids Safety

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