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

Covering the Period: January 1, 2022 to March 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/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, March 23, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

### **Long Story Short: At least 537 COVID-19 deaths missing from state nursing home data**

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## Agriculture & Environment

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**Mon, Jan 3, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

### **Experts say Oklahoma is in danger of wildfires, urge caution**

Dry and dead vegetation, low humidity and warm weather are all making what experts call a dangerous wildfire environment in Oklahoma this winter.

**Tue, Jan 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

### **Oklahoma and federal wildlife agencies looking into deaths of whooping cranes, bald eagle**

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are teaming up to investigate the deaths of whooping cranes and a bald eagle in Oklahoma.

**Wed, Jan 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

### **Oklahoma ends 2021 with warmest December on record**

Oklahoma just experienced its warmest December since state records began in 1895.

**Wed, Jan 12, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

### **Nation's largest wind energy project nears completion in western Oklahoma**

The 999-Megawatt Traverse Wind Energy Center is expected to commence operation sometime in April.

**Fri, Jan 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

### **Warm, dry weather affecting Oklahoma's wheat harvest**

Oklahoma's extended drought conditions are worrying farmers and agricultural experts, alike...

**Tue, Feb 1, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

### **First major winter storm of the season takes aim at Oklahoma**

Oklahomans are bracing for freezing rain, sleet, snow and ice as the first major winter storm of the season heads for the state.

**Thurs, Feb 2, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

### **Oklahoma City residents will be allowed to raise chickens and quail in their backyards**

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**OU researchers team up with NASA to study January nor'easter**

A group of scientists from the University of Oklahoma have returned from the East Coast after teaming up with NASA to analyze the region's recent nor'easter snowstorm.

**Thu, Feb 10, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: A world of wounds'- Decline in grasshopper populations offers window into consequences of climate change**

Environmental problems are causing a troubling trend in grasshopper populations, and its implications stretch far beyond insects.

**Wed, Feb 16, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Northwest Oklahoma ranch wins award for conservation practices**

A ranch near the small northwestern Oklahoma town of Freedom was selected as the recipient of a statewide conservation award.

**Tue, March 1, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**'This is our backyard': Quapaw Nation asserts more control over environment within its reservation**

One of the largest environmental clean-up sites sits within the boundaries of the Quapaw Nation. Since those boundaries were reaffirmed last year in a court ruling, the tribe is preparing to take a bigger role in rehabilitating the land.

**Wed, March 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Russia's invasion of Ukraine exacerbates high fertilizer prices, limited availability**

Even before the war in Ukraine, fertilizer costs were high, but now more pressure is on the market.

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**Oklahoma school feeding programs would fall under Agriculture rather than Education under bill advanced in Senate**

The Oklahoma Senate Tuesday passed a bill that would change how school lunch programs are administered.

**Tue, March 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**What to know about the newest round of marijuana legislation**

As lawmakers rushed to meet last Thursday's deadline to have bills read in their house of origin, over 30 medical marijuana-related bills advanced from the House and Senate floors.

**Business, Economics & Finance**

**Fri, Jan 7, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Record Revenues Available For Appropriation In 2022 Legislative Session**

The State Board of Equalization has certified that more than 10 billion dollars is available for the legislature and governor to spend in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

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**Capitol Insider: Economic Uncertainty Exists Despite Strong Oklahoma Financial Picture**

Oklahoma's economy begins 2022 in a strong position. Dr. Robert Dauffenbach, Senior Associate Dean for Economic Development and Impact at the University of Oklahoma Price College of Business, says economic conditions are largely positive to start the year, but uncertainty over inflation, unemployment and interest rates are cause for concern.

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**The winter gas bill from hell: Oklahomans face paying \$1.4 billion over snow storm**

Customers are being saddled with paying 600 times the usual price for energy after a winter storm as regulators are accused of being too close to the industry they monitor.

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**Audit finds Oklahoma State Department of Health misspent millions and potentially violated state laws**

State Auditor Cindy Byrd independently released her office's investigation into the state department of health, which found it might have broken the law in its race to secure PPE at the beginning of the pandemic.

**Mon, Feb 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma nonprofit used federal funds for vacations instead of victim services**

Federal auditors uncovered a pattern of improper and irresponsible spending under Candida Manion, executive director of the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, that included conference trips to Southern California and Florida.

**Wed, Feb 16, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: Misspent federal grants meant for domestic violence victims**

Oklahoma Watch investigated the use of funds intended for victims of domestic violence and found that federal grant dollars were misappropriated.

**Fri, Feb 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Where does medical marijuana stand in the Oklahoma legislature?**

This week, Oklahoma lawmakers considered bills related to medical marijuana. Several medical marijuana bills made their way through committees this week that would reign in and regulate the industry.

**Thurs, March 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma tribes boast billions in economic impact in new report**

An organization that tracks tribal economic data released a new report Wednesday detailing a more than \$15.6 billion impact to Oklahoma's economy, ranging from jobs, gaming exclusivity fees and healthcare contributions

**Thurs, March 31, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma lawmakers hope to lure cryptomining businesses with incentives, tax credits**

Through tax credits and incentives in [Senate Bill 590](#), Oklahoma legislators are intending to draw cryptomining businesses to the state.

### Crime & Law Enforcement

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Death row inmate Donald A. Grant will be the next of Oklahoma's death row inmates to be executed on Thursday morning, followed in three weeks by Gilbert Postelle.

**Fri, Jan 28, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: U.S. Supreme Court Moves Closer To Resolution Of McGirt-related Legal Matters**

While rejecting 32 of the 33 petitions filed by the State of Oklahoma regarding its 2020 decision in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, the U.S. Supreme Court set an April hearing date for further consideration of the effect of the decision on the federal Major Crimes Act.

**Wed, Feb 16, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma highway drivers warned of roadside grain dumping**

Oklahomans may drive past road signs warning “No Grain Dumping” reminding haulers to clean up grain piles left on the side of roads or at truck pull offs. Roadside grain dumping can increase the risk of accidents and harm wildlife.

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For the second time in 2022 and just the fourth time in seven years, Oklahoma has executed a death row inmate.

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**Long Story Short: Oklahoma’s execution method on trial**

The outcome of an upcoming federal trial will have long-lasting implications for the death penalty in Oklahoma.

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**Oklahoma AG announces end to school library book obscenity probe**

Oklahoma Attorney General John O’Connor announced the end of his school library book probe on Thursday.

**Mon, Feb 28, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Does Oklahoma's lethal injection protocol lead to cruel and unusual punishment? A federal trial seeks to find that out**

Oklahoma secrecy laws allow the state to obscure where it gets lethal injection drugs. Given the state's track record, the critics say, that shouldn't be the case.

**Wed, March 9, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: The expungement process in Oklahoma is long and expensive. The legislature could change that**

Expungement can help people with arrests or aging convictions pass background checks and secure stable housing and employment.

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**IRS investigating Epic Charter Schools finances**

Epic Charter Schools is facing another investigation of its finances and governance, this one by the Internal Revenue Service.

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**Indigenous communities celebrate reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act**

Native communities are celebrating President Biden's signing of an update to the Violence Against Women Act.

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**A day in Oklahoma county drug court, where a judge hopes all rise**

Programs intended to keep addicts out of prison are common in Oklahoma. But limitations exist based on the county, judge, DA, treatment availability and other factors beyond the participant's control.

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**Long Story Short: Many Oklahoma jails struggle to meet health and safety standards**

More than four dozen Oklahoma jails were cited for health and safety violations in 2020.

### Education

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**Tulsa eclipses OKC as largest public school district in Oklahoma**

Tulsa Public Schools has become the largest traditional public school district in Oklahoma.

**Mon, Jan 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma received only two unfounded allegations of violations of Critical Race Theory ban law**

Oklahoma's State Department of Education fielded a pair of allegations that schools violated the state's so-called critical race theory ban last fall.

**Wed, Jan 19, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Amid rampant COVID surge, Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt turns to state employees to shore up substitute teaching slots**

Gov. Kevin Stitt wants state employees to help fill the gap in substitute teachers across the state...

**Fri, Jan 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**OKCPS bumps substitute pay amid Oklahoma school staffing shortage**

Oklahoma City Public Schools announced the district is increasing its substitute pay by \$70 a day.

**Wed, Jan 26, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma Senate Pro Tem introduces bill to pave the way for school board recall elections**

A bill introduced by Senate Pro Tem Greg Treat would allow communities to organize recall petitions of school board members.

**Thurs, Jan 27, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Public comment period for Oklahoma's new rules on talking about race in the classroom available through next week**

Through next week, the general public will have a chance to comment on the state's rules related to Oklahoma's so-called Critical Race Theory ban.

**Fri, Jan 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Legislature will consider a new system for authorizing charter schools in Oklahoma**

Every Oklahoma charter school could soon have a new authorizer if a bill before the Oklahoma legislature this session becomes law.

**Tue, Feb 1, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**OEA poll shows Oklahoma educators and schools are stressed amid omicron surge**

Amid a raft of closures and pivots to distance learning, teachers reported stress levels so far unseen during the pandemic, according to a survey of Oklahoma Education Association members.

**Thurs, Feb 2, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: Amid noisy controversies, Oklahoma school librarians do their best to create 'informed citizens'**

The books in Oklahoma school libraries don't end up on the shelves by accident. A few parent groups and legislators are trying to limit what appears in school libraries. StateImpact reports on how librarians decide which books are available to kids.

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**Epic proposes plan to combine its blended and virtual schools into one entity**

Epic Charter Schools says it plans to consolidate its blended and virtual schools into one school.

**Fri, Feb 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**One week of session down, where do education issues stand?**

Education will be one of the major focuses of Gov. Kevin Stitt and Oklahoma lawmakers during the 2022 legislative session.

**Fri, Feb 11, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

### **Capitol Insider: Oklahoma House Will Not Hear Senate School Choice Bill**

In a surprise move for the first week of the legislative session, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives Charles McCall has announced a school choice bill authored by Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat will not be heard in the House.

### **Tue, Feb 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

#### **Senate education voucher bill squeaks through committee, faces long path to becoming law**

A bill to open up education savings accounts across Oklahoma cleared its first legislative hurdle Tuesday.

### **Wed, Feb 16, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

#### **Where do virtual charter school reforms stand in the Oklahoma legislature?**

As Epic Charter Schools continues to consider major reforms in the wake of scandal, Oklahoma lawmakers considered a trio of measures to hold schools like the charter behemoth accountable.

### **Thu, Feb 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

#### **After community challenge, Bixby Public Schools will keep pair of books in libraries**

"Thirteen Reasons Why" and "Me and Earl and the Dying Girl" will stay available for Bixby students...

### **Tue, Feb 22, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

#### **Tulsa Representative hopes to enhance Race Massacre descendant scholarship program**

A Tulsa Democrat is pushing a measure to reform and enhance a scholarship program originally intended for the descendants of survivors and victims of the Tulsa Race Massacre.

### **Thu, Feb 24, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

#### **SIOK: How Oklahoma's classroom curriculum bans affect Black educators and families**

**For the last year Oklahoma Republicans have derided Critical Race Theory as a racist way of teaching** that discriminates against white students. It's been a difficult debate to watch for at least one Black father and scholar of the subject.

### **Mon, Feb 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

#### **In shortened week, abortion bills sailed through committees but one could have an impact on schools**

Five bills snagged headlines after they sailed through committee before the winter storm hit and closed the legislature for two days.

### **Tue, March 1, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

#### **Oklahoma City Public Schools drops mask mandate**

For the first time since the beginning of the academic year, Oklahoma City Public Schools announced it would lift its masking requirement beginning Tuesday, March 1.

### **Wed, March 2, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

#### **Bill limiting sexual content in school libraries passes through committee**

A bill that would limit sexual content in school libraries passed out of the Senate Education Committee Tuesday.

### **Thu, March 3, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: Education voucher bill no longer includes home schoolers as it jumps another hurdle to becoming Oklahoma law**

A bill that would give families savings accounts to pay for private school tuition passed another hurdle Wednesday.

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**Poll finds Oklahoma voters oppose public funds going to private school scholarships**

A survey commissioned by Oklahoma educators and conducted by a Virginia pollster found that Oklahoma voters are opposed to school voucher measures like one currently being debated in the legislature.

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**Trio of virtual charter school reform bills pass Oklahoma House of Representatives**

A pair of bills augmenting virtual charter school oversight passed in the Oklahoma House of Representatives Monday.

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**SIOK: What does school choice look like in rural Oklahoma?**

StateImpact's Robby Korth talks with families and educators in Sulphur to find what school choice is like in Oklahoma's rural areas.

**Fri, March 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**2020 Teacher of the year files paperwork to run for state superintendent as Democrat**

A Democrat appears to have entered the race for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**Mon, March 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma lawmaker compares librarians to cockroaches, district disputes incident she outlines**

An Oklahoma lawmaker accused Stillwater Public Schools librarians of withholding a student's library checkout history from their parents.

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**Oklahoma lawmakers pass a handful of education bills in Spring Break-shortened week**

Lawmakers only met two days during the week off for students. During that time they passed a handful of bills that would affect them.

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**A bill to prioritize scholarships for Tulsa Race Massacre descendants passes through Oklahoma House**

A bill that enhances a college scholarship program intended for the descendants of survivors and victims of the Tulsa Race Massacre passed in the House Monday.

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**School voucher bill narrowly fails in Oklahoma Senate during late night vote**

A school voucher bill narrowly failed late Wednesday night after hours of debate. Senate Bill 1647 would have allocated more than \$128 million to private school scholarships and educational services for families.

**Friday, March 25, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: "Education Savings Account" Bill Hits Bipartisan Roadblock**

A bill that would direct tax dollars into an account to help parents pay for private school tuition met stiff opposition, and defeat, in the Oklahoma Senate.

**Mon, March 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma's massive school voucher bill is dead, but the ideas behind it are unlikely to go away**

In a dramatic turn Wednesday, a coalition of mostly rural Republicans and urban Democrats voted down one of the most headline-grabbing bills of the year in Senate Bill 1647.

**Thurs, March 31, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Rural school districts get creative to maintain spirit of popular four day schedule**

A 2019 law was designed to limit four-day school weeks across Oklahoma, but those districts are making an effort to keep their four-day calendars alive.

**Medicine & Health**

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**Oklahoma hits its highest COVID-19 case count, positivity rate of the pandemic**

Oklahoma has entered yet another coronavirus spike. People are testing positive at the highest rate ever.

**Thurs, Jan 6, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**In two months since vaccine has been available, fewer than 10% of Oklahoma kids ages 5-11 are vaccinated**

Though vaccines for kids 5 and up have been available for months, less than half of Oklahoma children have gotten vaccinated for COVID-19.

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**When to test, why you should upgrade from a cloth mask and other COVID questions answered**

Not sure how long after a COVID exposure to get a test? This question and others are answered in this Q&A with local health officials.

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**The Omicron variant is hitting Oklahoma hard and creating troubles unseen in earlier surges**

After months of what felt like a return to normal, the coronavirus is back with a vengeance, and this surge poses different threats than those of the past.

**Fri, Jan 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**OU-led research team uses AI to predict coronavirus strains in bats**

A University of Oklahoma professor is leading a team that uses artificial intelligence to better understand bat populations and predict betacoronavirus transmission to humans.

**Tue, Jan 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Why vaccines still offer some help after six months, why Omicron still poses a problem for hospitals and other COVID questions answered**

Misinformation about the coronavirus and the vaccines to fight it has evolved throughout the pandemic. Oklahoma doctors and health officials are responding to the latest myths.

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**Omicron surge affecting Indian Health Service too, but Oklahoma official says they're prepared**

Indian Health Service facilities in Oklahoma are also seeing a spike in COVID-19 patients, but officials in the system say they're prepared.

**Thu, Jan 20, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: Emails show a rush to finalize a deal to move Oklahoma's Public Health Lab in the face of pushback from lawmakers**

Federal pandemic relief money has helped cover some of the cost of relocating the facility to Stillwater.

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**Science Museum Oklahoma receives funding award for community vaccine education**

Science Museum Oklahoma was awarded \$19,203 to continue a virtual community education program focused on COVID-19 and vaccine information.

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**Oklahoma breaks all-time record for COVID hospitalizations**

As of Thursday, more Oklahomans are in the hospital for COVID-19 than any time in the pandemic.

**Thu, Feb 17, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: 'There's going to be a real blip:' Medical professionals are concerned about delayed routine screenings and their long-term effects**

Residents have been missing out on cancer screenings, diabetes management and other services that prevent and detect disease.

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**National report finds Oklahoma is lacking in youth mental health supports**

Youth across the nation have been struggling with their mental health amid the coronavirus pandemic and school closures.

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**Capitol Insider: Vaccination Bills Moving Through Legislative Process**

Bills regulating vaccinations were among the most popular filed in the Oklahoma legislature this year and already lawmakers are indicating the extent to which they will go in establishing vaccine policy.

**Thu, March 10, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: Oklahoma researchers could soon study psychedelic mushrooms' effect on mental health. The lawmakers behind the push hope it will help veterans**

Psilocybin research has gained momentum around the globe, as the compound begins to lose some of its stigma. After other conservative states passed laws allowing trials, Oklahoma lawmakers began working to adopt the policies here.

**Fri, March 11, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: State Senate Advances Six More Anti-abortion Measures**

Oklahoma's State Senate approved legislation to further limit abortion in the state and to prepare for the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on the constitutionality of a Mississippi anti-abortion law.

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**A bill could unlock opioid settlement money in Oklahoma, allowing millions to be disbursed to local governments**

Oklahoma was one of the first states to successfully sue drugmakers for their role in the opioid epidemic, but almost none of that money has been spent so far.

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**A bill making its way through the Oklahoma Legislature would require parents' OK on contraception for minors**

Senate Bill 1225 would require health providers to obtain parental consent before administering birth control or vaccines.

**Thurs, March 31, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Memory loss, debilitating fatigue and more: Oklahomans share their experiences with long COVID symptoms**

Even though cases are down, thousands of Oklahomans are still dealing with COVID symptoms. As many as one in three who are infected with the virus will continue to have symptoms for weeks — or even months — after recovery.

**Military, War & Veterans**

**Thu, March 10, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: Oklahoma researchers could soon study psychedelic mushrooms' effect on mental health. The lawmakers behind the push hope it will help veterans**

Psilocybin research has gained momentum around the globe, as the compound begins to lose some of its stigma. After other conservative states passed laws allowing trials, Oklahoma lawmakers began working to adopt the policies here.

## Politics & Government

**Mon, Jan 3, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

### **Oklahoma AG celebrates suspension of vaccine mandate for Head Start teachers**

Oklahoma Attorney General John O'Connor touted a victory in federal court over the weekend that suspends a vaccine mandate for Head Start workers.

**Fri, Jan 7, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

### **Supreme Court to decide whether to reconsider its 'McGirt v. Oklahoma' decision**

Eighteen months after a landmark ruling said the state of Oklahoma doesn't have jurisdiction on tribal reservations in Oklahoma, the nation's high court will decide if they want to reconsider the decision.

**Fri, Jan 7, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

### **Capitol Insider: Record Revenues Available For Appropriation In 2022 Legislative Session**

The State Board of Equalization has certified that more than 10 billion dollars is available for the legislature and governor to spend in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

**Tue, Jan 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

### **Supreme Court lets ruling stand on 'McGirt v. Oklahoma' retroactivity; no decision yet on reconsideration**

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday let a lower court ruling stand that said McGirt v. Oklahoma could not be applied retroactively.

**Mon, Jan 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

### **Oklahoma received only two unfounded allegations of violations of Critical Race Theory ban law**

Oklahoma's State Department of Education fielded a pair of allegations that schools violated the state's so-called critical race theory ban last fall.

**Thu, Jan 20, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

### **SIOK: Emails show a rush to finalize a deal to move Oklahoma's Public Health Lab in the face of pushback from lawmakers**

Federal pandemic relief money has helped cover some of the cost of relocating the facility to Stillwater.

**Fri, Jan 21, 2022 ~ Feature, 6 minutes**

### **Capitol Insider: Late Surge In Bill Filing As Legislative Session Nears**

Bills were flying fast and furiously on Thursday as lawmakers rushed to file legislation ahead of the bill filing deadline for the 2022 Oklahoma Legislative Session.

**Mon, Jan 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

### **'McGirt v. Oklahoma' ruling stands, but Supreme Court will consider arguments that could limit it**

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed Friday to hear arguments that could limit part of the McGirt v. Oklahoma decision.

**Mon, Jan 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

### **Oklahoma receives millions in federal funds to repair local bridges**

Oklahoma will receive \$53 million this year – and about \$267 million over five years – to repair outdated bridges from the federal Bridge Construction Program.

**Wed, Jan 26, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma Senate Pro Tem introduces bill to pave the way for school board recall elections**

A bill introduced by Senate Pro Tem Greg Treat would allow communities to organize recall petitions of school board members.

**Thurs, Jan 27, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: Medicaid, marijuana, and culture wars - StateImpact Oklahoma discusses the upcoming legislative session**

The Oklahoma Legislature is back in session on Feb. 7. Managing editor Logan Layden led a discussion with the StateImpact Oklahoma reporters on what they'll be covering

**Thurs, Jan 27, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma lawmakers on both sides of the aisle push for removal of sales tax on groceries**

Oklahoma lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have filed legislation to remove a tax on groceries.

**Thurs, Jan 27, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Public comment period for Oklahoma's new rules on talking about race in the classroom available through next week**

Through next week, the general public will have a chance to comment on the state's rules related to Oklahoma's so-called Critical Race Theory ban.

**Fri, Jan 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Legislature will consider a new system for authorizing charter schools in Oklahoma**

Every Oklahoma charter school could soon have a new authorizer if a bill before the Oklahoma legislature this session becomes law.

**Fri, Jan 28, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: U.S. Supreme Court Moves Closer To Resolution Of McGirt-related Legal Matters**

While rejecting 32 of the 33 petitions filed by the State of Oklahoma regarding its 2020 decision in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, the U.S. Supreme Court set an April hearing date for further consideration of the effect of the decision on the federal Major Crimes Act.

**Fri, Feb 4, 2022 ~ Feature, 17 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Governor Kevin Stitt Identifies Challenges And Goals Ahead Of 2022 State Of The State Address**

As he prepares to deliver his 2022 State of the State Address, Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt told KGOU's Dick Pryor and Quorum Call's Shawn Ashley about his goals for the upcoming legislative session and fourth year in office. KGOU will air the annual State of the State Address live at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, February 7.

**Mon, Feb 7, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Mayor, city council, school board seats to be decided across Oklahoma on Tuesday**

65 of Oklahoma's 77 counties are holding special elections and primaries on Tuesday, Feb. 8 for mayor, school boards, city council and other local races.

**Mon, Feb 7, 2022 ~ Program, 1 hour**

**Oklahoma Gov. Stitt 2022 State of the State address**

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt gave his fourth State of the State address on Monday before a joint session of the State House and Senate for the opening of the 58th Oklahoma Legislature.

**Mon, Feb 7, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma Gov. Stitt focuses on McGirt, school choice, tax cuts in 2022 State of the State address**

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt gave his fourth State of the State address on Monday before a joint session of the State House and Senate for the opening of the 58th Oklahoma Legislature.

**Wed, Feb 9, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma City reelects Holt, Stillwater chooses Joyce, Norman mayoral race headed to runoff**

Voters in 65 of Oklahoma's 77 counties took to the polls Tuesday to decide on several local elections – including mayoral and city council races, school board and bond elections and other propositions.

**Thu, Feb 10, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Audit finds Oklahoma State Department of Health misspent millions and potentially violated state laws**

State Auditor Cindy Byrd independently released her office's investigation into the state department of health, which found it might have broken the law in its race to secure PPE at the beginning of the pandemic.

**Fri, Feb 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**One week of session down, where do education issues stand?**

Education will be one of the major focuses of Gov. Kevin Stitt and Oklahoma lawmakers during the 2022 legislative session.

**Fri, Feb 11, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Oklahoma House Will Not Hear Senate School Choice Bill**

In a surprise move for the first week of the legislative session, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives Charles McCall has announced a school choice bill authored by Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat will not be heard in the House.

**Mon, Feb 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma nonprofit used federal funds for vacations instead of victim services**

Federal auditors uncovered a pattern of improper and irresponsible spending under Candida Manion, executive director of the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, that included conference trips to Southern California and Florida.

**Tue, Feb 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Senate education voucher bill squeaks through committee, faces long path to becoming law**

A bill to open up education savings accounts across Oklahoma cleared its first legislative hurdle Tuesday.

**Wed, Feb 16, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Where do virtual charter school reforms stand in the Oklahoma legislature?**

As Epic Charter Schools continues to consider major reforms in the wake of scandal, Oklahoma lawmakers considered a trio of measures to hold schools like the charter behemoth accountable.

**Fri, Feb 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Where does medical marijuana stand in the Oklahoma legislature?**

This week, Oklahoma lawmakers considered bills related to medical marijuana. Several medical marijuana bills made their way through committees this week that would reign in and regulate the industry.

**Fri, Feb 18, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Vaccination Bills Moving Through Legislative Process**

Bills regulating vaccinations were among the most popular filed in the Oklahoma legislature this year and already lawmakers are indicating the extent to which they will go in establishing vaccine policy.

**Wed, Feb 23, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Cherokee Nation seeks input on Mankiller-Soap Water Act**

Cherokee citizens are being asked to help the tribal nation identify which homes are in need of clean drinking water.

**Wed, Feb 23, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma AG announces end to school library book obscenity probe**

Oklahoma Attorney General John O'Connor announced the end of his school library book probe on Thursday.

**Fri, Feb 25, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma Sen. Jim Inhofe announces retirement**

Inhofe, who was re-elected in 2020, is the fourth oldest member in the U.S Senate at 87 years old.

**Fri, Feb 25, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Inhofe Retirement Likely To Set Off Candidate Scramble In 2022 Elections**

Oklahoma's senior U.S. Senator James Inhofe has announced plans to retire, bringing to a close a long and storied political career that began in 1967. Inhofe has served in the U.S. Senate since 1994 and is the Ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee. Inhofe plans to remain in the Senate until January 3, 2023.

**Mon, Feb 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**In shortened week, abortion bills sailed through committees but one could have an impact on schools**

Five bills snagged headlines after they sailed through committee before the winter storm hit and closed the legislature for two days.

**Wed, March 2, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: Claiming out-of-state influences, Oklahoma looks to clamp down on state question laws**

Some lawmakers want to make state questions — like the ones that legalized medical marijuana and expanded Medicaid — harder to pass.

**Wed, March 2, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Bill limiting sexual content in school libraries passes through committee**

A bill that would limit sexual content in school libraries passed out of the Senate Education Committee Tuesday.

**Wed, March 2, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Lawmakers advance bills targeting state questions, voter registration laws**

Oklahoma lawmakers took the first steps towards passing laws that would tighten voter registration laws, give poll watchers more protections and make it more difficult for state questions to get on the ballot or pass.

**Thu, March 3, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: Education voucher bill no longer includes home schoolers as it jumps another hurdle to becoming Oklahoma law**

A bill that would give families savings accounts to pay for private school tuition passed another hurdle Wednesday.

**Fri, March 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**A bill that bars trans female student athletes from competition in Oklahoma advances to full House of Representatives**

Trans female athletes could soon be barred from competition in Oklahoma.

**Fri, March 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**What to know about the newest round of Oklahoma medical marijuana legislation**

Medical marijuana remained a key focus this week at the Oklahoma State Legislature, with a slew of related bills passing through the House Alcohol, Tobacco and Controlled Substances Committee.

**Fri, March 4, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Procedural Wheels Turn As Lawmakers Advance Bills At Deadline**

In the last week, Oklahoma legislators acted on more than 400 bills in the House and Senate. With a committee deadline upon them, they employed numerous procedural methods to push favored legislation forward.

**Mon, March 7, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Where do coronavirus bills stand in the Oklahoma legislature?**

Conservative Oklahoma lawmakers are working to ensure the state shies away from the mitigation efforts it implemented early in the coronavirus pandemic.

**Fri, March 11, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: State Senate Advances Six More Anti-abortion Measures**

Oklahoma's State Senate approved legislation to further limit abortion in the state and to prepare for the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on the constitutionality of a Mississippi anti-abortion law.

**Mon, March 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**While fate of school voucher bill awaits, Oklahoma lawmakers advance flurry of education measures**

Last week, Oklahoma state senators braced for a debate on a school voucher bill that never came. Despite that, lawmakers did pass a litany of education bills through their chambers of origin.

**Tue, March 15, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Trio of virtual charter school reform bills pass Oklahoma House of Representatives**

A pair of bills augmenting virtual charter school oversight passed in the Oklahoma House of Representatives Monday.

**Wed, March 16, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Long Story Short: Bill to offer more transparency to the legislative process likely dead**

Efforts to offer greater access and visibility into the legislative process appear to be stifled...

**Wed, March 16, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma school feeding programs would fall under Agriculture rather than Education under bill advanced in Senate**

The Oklahoma Senate Tuesday passed a bill that would change how school lunch programs are administered.

**Fri, March 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**OK Watch: Lawmakers again stifle debate on applying open records law to themselves**

As other states look to increase transparency, Oklahoma's Legislature again decided not to hear a bill that would remove its exemption to the open meetings and records act.

**Fri, March 18, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**2020 Teacher of the year files paperwork to run for state superintendent as Democrat**

A Democrat appears to have entered the race for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**Fri, March 18, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: Lawmakers Advance Spending Bills Through Procedural Moves**

Even in a spring break-shortened week, Oklahoma legislators stayed ahead of schedule in moving bills closer to floor debate and possible passage.

**Mon, March 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma lawmaker compares librarians to cockroaches, district disputes incident she outlines**

An Oklahoma lawmaker accused Stillwater Public Schools librarians of withholding a student's library checkout history from their parents.

**Mon, March 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma lawmakers pass a handful of education bills in Spring Break-shortened week**

Lawmakers only met two days during the week off for students. During that time they passed a handful of bills that would affect them.

**Tue, March 22, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**A bill to prioritize scholarships for Tulsa Race Massacre descendants passes through Oklahoma House**

A bill that enhances a college scholarship program intended for the descendants of survivors and victims of the Tulsa Race Massacre passed in the House Monday.

**Wed, March 23, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**A bill could unlock opioid settlement money in Oklahoma, allowing millions to be disbursed to local governments**

Oklahoma was one of the first states to successfully sue drugmakers for their role in the opioid epidemic, but almost none of that money has been spent so far.

**Thurs, March 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**A bill making its way through the Oklahoma Legislature would require parents' OK on contraception for minors**

Senate Bill 1225 would require health providers to obtain parental consent before administering birth control or vaccines.

**Thurs, March 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**School voucher bill narrowly fails in Oklahoma Senate during late night vote**

A school voucher bill narrowly failed late Wednesday night after hours of debate. Senate Bill 1647 would have allocated more than \$128 million to private school scholarships and educational services for families.

**Friday, March 25, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Lawmakers advance proposal to make state questions harder to get on ballot, pass**

A package of proposals that would make it harder for many state questions to pass, or even make it on the ballot, are moving forward in Oklahoma's Legislature. KGOU's Dick Pryor and Quorum Call's Shawn Ashley discuss the latest legislation lawmakers are pushing forward.

**Friday, March 25, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Capitol Insider: "Education Savings Account" Bill Hits Bipartisan Roadblock**

A bill that would direct tax dollars into an account to help parents pay for private school tuition met stiff opposition, and defeat, in the Oklahoma Senate.

**Mon, March 28, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma's massive school voucher bill is dead, but the ideas behind it are unlikely to go away**

In a dramatic turn Wednesday, a coalition of mostly rural Republicans and urban Democrats voted down one of the most headline-grabbing bills of the year in Senate Bill 1647.

**Mon, March 28, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Conversion therapy bans continue to be discussed in Oklahoma**

Proposed state legislation to prevent local governments from placing bans on sexual orientation change efforts, more commonly known as "conversion therapy" did not pass in 2015 and failed again this year.

**Tue, March 29, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**What to know about the newest round of marijuana legislation**

As lawmakers rushed to meet last Thursday's deadline to have bills read in their house of origin, over 30 medical marijuana-related bills advanced from the House and Senate floors.

**Wed, March 30, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma Governor signs transgender student athlete ban into law**

Flanked by cisgender female student athletes and lawmakers, Gov. Kevin Stitt signed a new Oklahoma law banning transgender students from athletic competition in women's sports.

**Thurs, March 31, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma lawmakers hope to lure cryptomining businesses with incentives, tax credits**

Through tax credits and incentives in [Senate Bill 590](#), Oklahoma legislators are intending to draw cryptomining businesses to the state.

### Race, Identity & Culture

**Fri, Jan 7, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Supreme Court to decide whether to reconsider its 'McGirt v. Oklahoma' decision**

Eighteen months after a landmark ruling said the state of Oklahoma doesn't have jurisdiction on tribal reservations in Oklahoma, the nation's high court will decide if they want to reconsider the decision.

**Tue, Jan 11, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Supreme Court lets ruling stand on 'McGirt v. Oklahoma' retroactivity; no decision yet on reconsideration**

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday let a lower court ruling stand that said McGirt v. Oklahoma could not be applied retroactively.

**Wed, Jan 19, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Omicron surge affecting Indian Health Service too, but Oklahoma official says they're prepared**

Indian Health Service facilities in Oklahoma are also seeing a spike in COVID-19 patients, but officials in the system say they're prepared.

**Thu, Jan 20, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Stillwater groups helping educate, acclimate Afghan families**

Stillwater Public Schools is partnering with Oklahoma State University to help with education for Afghan refugees. This is part of Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma's initiative to resettle hundreds of Afghan families.

**Mon, Jan 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**'McGirt v. Oklahoma' ruling stands, but Supreme Court will consider arguments that could limit it**

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed Friday to hear arguments that could limit part of the McGirt v. Oklahoma decision.

**Thurs, Jan 27, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Public comment period for Oklahoma's new rules on talking about race in the classroom available through next week**

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While rejecting 32 of the 33 petitions filed by the State of Oklahoma regarding its 2020 decision in McGirt v. Oklahoma, the U.S. Supreme Court set an April hearing date for further consideration of the effect of the decision on the federal Major Crimes Act.

**Tue, Feb 22, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Tulsa Representative hopes to enhance Race Massacre descendant scholarship program**

A Tulsa Democrat is pushing a measure to reform and enhance a scholarship program originally intended for the descendants of survivors and victims of the Tulsa Race Massacre.

**Wed, Feb 23, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Cherokee Nation seeks input on Mankiller-Soap Water Act**

Cherokee citizens are being asked to help the tribal nation identify which homes are in need of clean drinking water.

**Thu, Feb 24, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: How Oklahoma's classroom curriculum bans affect Black educators and families**

**For the last year Oklahoma Republicans have derided Critical Race Theory as a racist way of teaching** that discriminates against white students. It's been a difficult debate to watch for at least one Black father and scholar of the subject.

**Tue, March 1, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**'This is our backyard': Quapaw Nation asserts more control over environment within its reservation**

One of the largest environmental clean-up sites sits within the boundaries of the Quapaw Nation. Since those boundaries were reaffirmed last year in a court ruling, the tribe is preparing to take a bigger role in rehabilitating the land.

**Mon, March 21, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Indigenous communities celebrate reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act**

Native communities are celebrating President Biden's signing of an update to the Violence Against Women Act.

**Tue, March 22, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

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**Thurs, March 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma tribes boast billions in economic impact in new report**

An organization that tracks tribal economic data released a new report Wednesday detailing a more than \$15.6 billion impact to Oklahoma's economy, ranging from jobs, gaming exclusivity fees and healthcare contributions

**Mon, March 28, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**Conversion therapy bans continue to be discussed in Oklahoma**

Proposed state legislation to prevent local governments from placing bans on sexual orientation change efforts, more commonly known as “conversion therapy” did not pass in 2015 and failed again this year.

**Science & Technology**

**Wed, Jan 5, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma ends 2021 with warmest December on record**

Oklahoma just experienced its warmest December since state records began in 1895.

**Wed, Jan 12, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Nation's largest wind energy project nears completion in western Oklahoma**

The 999-Megawatt Traverse Wind Energy Center is expected to commence operation sometime in April.

**Fri, Jan 14, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**OU-led research team uses AI to predict coronavirus strains in bats**

A University of Oklahoma professor is leading a team that uses artificial intelligence to better understand bat populations and predict betacoronavirus transmission to humans.

**Mon, Jan 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma receives millions in federal funds to repair local bridges**

Oklahoma will receive \$53 million this year – and about \$267 million over five years – to repair outdated bridges from the federal Bridge Construction Program.

**Tue, Jan 25, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**OU researchers aim to repurpose abandoned oil wells for geothermal energy**

Researchers at the University of Oklahoma were awarded \$1.7 million from the U.S. Department of Energy to repurpose abandoned oil and gas wells for providing geothermal energy.

**Fri, Feb 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**OU researchers team up with NASA to study January nor'easter**

A group of scientists from the University of Oklahoma have returned from the East Coast after teaming up with NASA to analyze the region’s recent nor’easter snowstorm.

**Thu, Feb 10, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: A world of wounds'- Decline in grasshopper populations offers window into consequences of climate change**

Environmental problems are causing a troubling trend in grasshopper populations, and its implications stretch far beyond insects.

**Wed, Feb 16, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Northwest Oklahoma ranch wins award for conservation practices**

A ranch near the small northwestern Oklahoma town of Freedom was selected as the recipient of a statewide conservation award.

**Thu, March 3, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: The road to electric -Oklahoma navigates transition to embracing electric vehicles**

The inevitable change from gas powered vehicles to electric has started, and will only continue to accelerate. StateImpact reports on how Oklahoma is handling the transition so far, and the challenges the state is already facing.

**Thurs, March 24, 2022 ~ Feature, 5 minutes**

**SIOK: Long-embattled, rare beetle offers hope of new discoveries to OSU researchers**

Researchers at Oklahoma State University are looking into whether a rare and threatened beetle could provide new ways to preserve meat and fight bacteria.

### Sports

**Mon, Feb 28, 2022 ~ Program, 59 minutes**

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

On the cusp of historic changes to the OU football program, the KGOU Readers Club looks into its storied past and the coach credited with making the program into a perennial powerhouse.

**Fri, March 4, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**A bill that bars trans female student athletes from competition in Oklahoma advances to full House of Representatives**

Trans female athletes could soon be barred from competition in Oklahoma.

**Thurs, March 17, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Former Kingfisher High School football player alleges abuse at hands of teammates, coaches**

A former Kingfisher High School football player is suing his alma mater and coaches.

**Thurs, March 24, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Bill barring transgender student athletes from competition heads to Oklahoma Governor's desk**

A bill that would ban trans student athletes from competing in women's sports in Oklahoma is on its way to the governor's desk.

**Wed, March 30, 2022 ~ Newscast, 1 minutes**

**Oklahoma Governor signs transgender student athlete ban into law**

Flanked by cisgender female student athletes and lawmakers, Gov. Kevin Stitt signed a new Oklahoma law banning transgender students from athletic competition in women's sports.

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### Collaborations/Content Partnering Efforts

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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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