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Issues; Programs	Title / Programming Type	Date/Time/ Duration	Narrative
Environment	Lesser prairie chicken	10/01/2020	The USDA is working on a different conservation approach. It hopes to benefit native wildlife and the people who call the Plains home.
Economy	Beef production/beef industry	10/06/2020	Some ranchers and lawmakers want to see more than federal assistance. They hope COVID-19 is a tipping point for long-standing complaints about price transparency and consolidation within the beef industry.
First district preview	Regional public health/economy	10/08/2020	Kansas' First Congressional District covers more than half the state, The district's current representative, Roger Marshall, is running for the U-S Senate and that means the Big First is a race between two newcomers.
Ballot initiative	State legislature	10/13/2020	Amendment B seeks to repeal a 38-year-old Colorado law affecting how much residents must pay in property taxes.
Environment	Wildfires in the west	10/14/2020	The wildfires marked a paradigm shift, ushering in a new chapter of massive, frequent fires that communities across the American West face today.
Economy	Regional public health/economy	10/15/2020	Migrant workers need to work despite COVID risks
Ballot initiative	State legislature	10/20/2020	Colorado's Proposition 115 calls for reasonable abortion restrictions but opponents see the measure as dangerous to women's health
US Senate Race	Politics	10/27/2020	With the election now less than two weeks away, surveys show that Americans are more divided than ever on the culture war issues of abortion, race, guns and the power of government - Issues that are also affecting the race for the open U.S. Senate seat in Kansas.

Economy	Regional public health/economy	06/10/2020	Their Parents Fear For Their Jobs, So Children Of Meatpacking Workers Speak Out On COVID-19 For Them
Economy	The challenges faced by Black farmers	10/29/2020	Working a full-time job while farming or ranching is common for many Black farmers and ranchers according to the <a href="#">Oklahoma Black Historical Research Project</a> , which has been working since the late 1990s to support Black farmers and ranchers in the state, helping them navigate USDA resources like the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program.
Environment	Wildfires in the west	11/04/2020	In June of 2002, nearly half a million acres burned from the Rodeo-Chediski Fire in Arizona. There was too much fuel in the forest, a buildup that began more than a century ago. Enough people saw the record-breaking fire and agreed that something needed to be done to prevent the next big fire.
Economy	Regional public health/economy	11/17/2020	Small processors in Oklahoma being granted millions of state and federal dollars, allowing them to add machines, space and people in response to the demand for beef stemming from the pandemic.

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Public health	Regional public health	11/19/2020	Hospitals in Colorado and Nebraska are calling Kansas in desperate search of beds for coronavirus patients. But Kansas hospitals are asking them for the same.
Technology	Cow facial recognition technology	12/01/2020	Research that may lead to a faster way to track cattle in the event of a disease outbreak

Public health	Regional public health	12/03/2020	A crisis can unite people. But the COVID-19 pandemic shows it can also divide them. Those divisions are taking a toll on Kansas' public health workers who form a meager line of defense against disease outbreaks.
Economy/politics	National politics' impact on agriculture	12/17/2020	Tom Vilsack served as secretary of ag for all eight years of the Obama administration. And while some see Pres Elect Joe Biden's choice as safe and a good compromise, others from both sides of the political spectrum are not happy.
Environment	Rural issues	12/22/2020	Hobart, Oklahoma isn't the only town facing a water problem. Erik Olson, the strategic director of health at the Natural Resources Defense Council, says a lot of small, rural towns across the country struggle to keep water safe.
Economy	Agriculture	12/29/2020	Many of the challenges farmers faced this year can be chalked up to the fact that, for many states, this was the first year hemp production was legally permitted.