

KOKI-TV (FOX23), Tulsa, OK

# **Quarterly Issues/Program List**

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015

KOKI-TV provides its viewers with News, and public service announcements that address issues of concern to our local community. Among the issues determined to be of most concern to the community during the preceding calendar quarter were:

- Weather
- Crime
- Municipal Issues
- Education
- Health

This report contains a representative example of the issue-responsive programming aired on the station. For more information about the station's issue-responsive programming, please contact the station directly.





# KOKI Local News of Public Interest (1st Quarter 2015):

Weather

#### Frozen Fountain Causing Problems for Drivers in Downtown Tulsa

Date: 1/7/2015 10pm Duration: 1:45 Rick Maranon

The streets of downtown Tulsa are slick and hazardous thanks to falling temperatures and a major malfunction in a landmark. The Bartlett Square fountain created its own skating rink. The ice got so bad that the city had to dispatch a salt truck just to take care of the area around the fountain. The problem was caused by a sensor malfunction that was supposed to turn it off when the temperature dropped below a certain point and thanks to the ice, they can't get to the shut off valve to fix the fountain.

#### Postal Workers Brave the Cold to Deliver the Mail

Date: 1/8/2015 9pm Duration: 2:00 Brittany Jeffers

The severe cold doesn't get in the way of getting the mail. Postal workers take extra precautions in all types of weather, including the extreme cold. Dean Pingry is a postal worker. He says after 36 years delivering the mail, he knows what to do when it gets cold. "You definitely need to layer up. It was so cold this morning that it was pretty brutal," explains Pingry. Many Tulsa neighborhoods are walking routes. They remind homeowners to clear walkways and stairs during snow and ice events.

#### **Sprinklers Causing Problems for Drivers and City Workers**

Date: 1/22/2015 5pm Duration: 1:25 Clay Loney

Sprinklers, while helpful during warm months, create big problems when it gets cold. After three days of a hard freeze, the lines become a hard slab of ice. When that happens, it can blow out the water meter. While property owners are hit with the cost of repairs, the city is also facing the cost of a new water meter. Since the city owns the meter, they don't charge the resident. They will help out, though. If requested, the City of Tulsa will send out a crew to turn off your sprinkler meter for you – saving both you and the city money.

#### People Begin Cleaning Up Following Snow and Ice in Bartlesville

Date: 2/26/2015 6pm Duration: 1:55 Jonathan McCall

A half foot of sleet and snow fell on Bartlesville overnight. Now they are cleaning up, but concerned about the refreeze coming up at night. FOX23 talked with one driver who took 30 minutes to clean off his car and he wasn't even sure if he could make it home. "These little ole Mustangs, they don't like this stuff very much," says Bobby Jackson. Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Washington County road crews worked together to clear the streets in and around Bartlesville. Crews planned to be out throughout the night to take care of the streets as temperatures fall again.

#### Cleanup Efforts after Snow and Ice Pummel Green Country

Date: 2/25/2015 6pm Duration: 2:00 Jonathan McCall

McAlester was hard hit by the snow and ice. The storm dropped 7 inches on Pittsburg County. As soon as the sun came out, residents didn't waste any time digging out from the snow. The ice that preceded the storm caused big problems. Reporter Jonathan McCall even lost a shoe when he slipped in a drainage ditch thanks to the ice. Emergency management officials say that even with the task at hand, they are working with an eye on the next round of snow and ice forecast to be coming within the next few days.

#### **Snow Causes Issues for Tulsa Drivers Getting Home**

Date: 2/27/2015 9pm Duration: 1:30

Snow fall caused problems for drivers trying to get home before the weather made travel impossible. One driver was going below the speed limit when he lost control on the ice and fell off a steep embankment. Witnesses said the driver was doing everything right before sliding off the street and flipping four times. Officer Samuel Smith tells FOX23, "Just two occupants inside and they are both OK. He just had a scratch on his fingers. They were very lucky this time." According to EMSA, accidents were averaging about one every 15 to 30 minutes. Police expect to be on Operation Slick Streets through the night. This means they only respond to injury accidents.

Rick Maranon

#### Why the Snow Doesn't Keep Wildfires at Bay

Date: 3/5/2015 6pm Duration: 2:10 Martina Del Bonta

Fire crews in Bartlesville say that the snow won't help them much. Just like last year, there was an early March snow, followed by a quick warm up to spring. The problem is that while the ground may be wet, it doesn't do much to help green up the fields. Kary Cox, Washington County Emergency Management director, says "It's tall enough so that fuel for the fire is there and ready to burn." Firefighters point to the wildfires that spread throughout northeastern Oklahoma in January as an indication of what's to come. Crews are prepared for the wildfire season by getting trucks ready for it to start.

#### Tornado Strikes Sand Springs and west Tulsa

Date: 3/25/2015 9pm Duration: 1:45 Lynn Casey

Sand Springs took the brunt of the spring storm that spawned a deadly tornado. A mobile home park was the hardest hit and Tulsa County deputies have blocked off the area so emergency responders can work their way through the rubble and rescue people trapped in their homes. The Tulsa County Sheriff's Office escorted our cameras through a neighborhood already swept for survivors. We spoke to one woman who took cover with her four children. Meanwhile people were seen walking through the neighborhood carrying anything they could.

#### Residents of Mobile Home Park Hit by Tornado Pick Up After Storm

Date: 3/26/2015 5pm Duration: 2:05 Farron Salley

Our view from the air shows just how badly damaged the River Oaks Estates mobile home park was during the storm. One family says they barely escaped when the storm flipped their home upside down. Debbie Davis says she waited for hours to be allowed back into the park, where she searched for her

angel that was a memento from her late daughter. Major Tom Huckeby took FOX23 through an area where one man was killed. "We worked toward the sound of his voice, but before we got to him we found the father under a propane tank," Huckeby says. While they were rescuing the man's father, he passed away. Rescuers pulled five people out of the debris.

### Woman Sentenced in Creek County Murder Cold Case

Date: 1/20/2015 5pm Duration: 2:25 Farron Salley

Beverly Noe pleaded no contest to accessory to murder in the 1992 deaths of Wendy Camp, Cynthia Britto and Lisa Kregear. Noe was initially charged with first degree murder in the deaths, but the plea deal dropped those charges to accessory. She faces a 30 year prison sentence. Family members say that the plea deal will have to do. "I would've went the rest of my life not knowing where my family was and I am glad this is coming to an end. The pain is going to be there but I just want justice and now I have what I wanted," Camp's husband told FOX23. The funeral for Camp and Britto will be held in Guthrie.

#### Missing Rogers County Man Found Dead Inside East Tulsa Hotel

Date: 1/22/2015 5pm Duration: 1:55 Lynn Casey

70-year-old Gerald Hail was reported missing from Inola. He was found dead inside a hotel room in east Tulsa. 26-year-old Matthew Hannah confessed to killing Hail, but investigators don't know why or how the two men are connected. Officers tell FOX23 that Hail got a call and left Inola for Tulsa. He was seen leaving the hotel with Hannah, but police say they don't believe the reason that he gave for why they were together. Police are still looking for the gun used in the murder.

#### Man Killed Inside East Tulsa Hotel

Date: 1/28/2015 9pm Duration: 2:00 Sara Whaley

A man arrested for a murder says he's innocent, but Tulsa investigators say they have proof that he's their guy. FOX23 asked Kendrick Logan if he had a part in a shooting that left a man dead inside a hotel room. "They got me on some bullshit that I don't know nothing about," Kendrick tells us. According to investigators, the victim, Michael Jones, and another woman came to the hotel from out of town and were involved in prostitution. Jones got into a fight with Pamela Taylor and officers say she called a few people to come "make it right." Logan was arrested along with Taylor and Warren Crittenden.

#### Tulsa Man Murdered Outside Wichita, KS

Date: 2/18/2015 5pm Duration: 2:00 Angela Hong

Dale Childress was found dead along the side of a Kansas highway. Police say Childress was one of the people they wanted to talk to about a November double murder. Childress was one of several people connected to the homicide. Homicide Detective David Walker says he wanted to talk to Childress about what role he might have played in the murder or what he knew. However, he says, they didn't have cause to arrest him. Detectives are now working to see if his murder is linked to the November killings.

#### Five Arrested for Stealing from National Cemetery in Fort Gibson

Date: 2/25/2015 5pm Duration: 1:30 Miranda Christian

Five people are behind bars, accused of stealing from the Fort Gibson National Cemetery. They were discovered by someone driving by the cemetery who saw them loading large items into a truck. When officers arrived, they discovered the chain link fence had been cut and found footprints around a storage shed. When they were arrested, police found large equipment such as lawn mowers along with drugs.

#### **Human Remains Found Outside Bristow Home**

Date: 2/26/2015 6pm Duration: 1:35 Brittany Jeffers

Possible human remains are discovered at a house that a murder suspect and his family once called home. Jimmy Moser was arrested in Osage County earlier in the week. Property records show that Moser's family owned the land that is now a crime scene. The Oklahoma Bureau of Investigation is working with the Creek County Sheriff's Office to search for remains. A neighbor tells us investigators were there for several hours. "They start taking pictures and investigating the buildings," says Joseph Adams. The remains were turned over to the Oklahoma Medical Examiner's Office to determine an identity and cause of death.

#### Osage County Murder Suspect Charged in Second Murder in Creek County

Date: 3/19/2015 9pm Duration: 1:55 Jonathan McCall

Jimmy Moser was charged with the murder of his girlfriend, just weeks after he was charged with killing a friend in Osage County. Investigators found bones on property belonging to Jimmy Moser's relatives in February. Moser's girlfriend Kimberly Davis was reported missing the day after Moser was arrested for killing Steven Willey. According to court records, investigators met up with Moser in the Osage County jail. Court documents show that Moser told investigators that he and Davis got into a fight and "Kimberly end up being shot and subsequently died."

#### Man Arrested for Murder of Son following 17 Hour Standoff with Police

Date: 3/20/2015 5pm Duration: 1:45 JJ Burton

Neighbors in a south Tulsa apartment complex are upset after a man shoots and kills his son during a 17 hour standoff. Bryon Creech is accused of killing his 5-year-old son. Investigators were unable to confirm the child's death until Creech left the apartment after the 17 hour standoff. "There was never any indication that the child was harmed," explains Tulsa Police Office Leland Ashley. FOX23 was told that the child's mother was at the apartment complex during the entire standoff. Many of the people in the apartment complex were evacuated during the standoff. They were let back into their apartments when Creech surrendered to authorities.

#### Deputies Search for Man who Escaped from Tulsa Halfway House

Date: 3/31/2015 9pm Duration: 1:45 Morgan Downing

According to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, 45-year-old Steven Newby walked away from Avalon Correctional Services in Tulsa earlier this month. Now officials believe Newby is hiding in a heavily wooded area in Mayes County. Carole Sullivan is camping at Spavinaw State Park, but says she

no longer feels safe, so she left and got a motel room. "I said, 'I'm not staying in that tent tonight if there's somebody on the loose out there,'" says Sullivan. Deputies believe Newby burglarized a home in Spavinaw and stole a shotgun and some food. They believe he is armed and dangerous. Newby's previous crimes include burglary and arson.

# **BOK Center Spawned Growth for City and Downtown Area**

Date: 1/1/2015 9pm Duration: 3:25 Ron Terrell

More than six years after it opened, the BOK Center has transformed downtown Tulsa into a destination for many of the biggest names in entertainment and sports. When Vision 2025 was passed in 2003 it was intended to spur economic development across the Tulsa area. "When we passed the vote that funded this BOK Center, Tulsa really needed a shot in the arm," explains former mayor Bill LaFortune. The vote wasn't just about building an arena, but building a facility that would be known and respected around the world. Through October 2014, the BOK Center has recorded nearly 1,100 events with a total attendance of more than four million people. In addition, new restaurants and shops have sprung up around the BOK Center and OneOK Field.

# Tulsa Plans to Change Street Lights in Downtown Area

Date: 1/8/2015 10pm Duration: 2:05 Rick Maranon

Some street lights in downtown Tulsa will be getting a bit darker when the city switches over to using LED lights. The lights would actually be dimmer, as the city tests acorn lights around downtown. "It will improve the energy efficiency of the light and like I said, make it night sky friendly," explains Thomas Baker of the Tulsa Downtown Coordinating Council. City workers would replace the current bulbs with energy efficient LED bulbs along with a kit that would prevent light from shining out of the very top of the fixture. The conversion will cost around \$100,000 and is part of a spending package focused on improving downtown Tulsa. The changes will take place over the course of a year.

## City of Tulsa Holds Meeting to Discuss River Development

Date: 1/22/2015 10pm Duration: 2:05 Rick Maranon

The City of Tulsa is quietly working on a development project that could put a store on land that is part of a south Tulsa park. The plans call for a building near 71<sup>st</sup> and Riverside, but it could be a while before it's known what's in the works for the area. At a meeting Thursday afternoon, members of the Tulsa Public Facilities Authority discussed a letter of intent for a piece of land. According to the mayor's economic development director, Clay Bird, it would be in what is now an empty field. "A letter of intent is a precursor agreement that you actually intend to enter into a lease," explains Bird. He tells FOX23 that the city is not selling the land, but planning to enter into a long term lease with a developer, who has not yet been named. The city says they expect to preserve the trail in their plans. The development plans now go to the Tulsa Planning Commission.

#### Tax Funding Tulsa Firefighters Scheduled to Expire

Date: 2/2/2015 6pm Duration: 2:00 Lynn Casey

Tulsans will be asked to approve a new sales tax that would help protect your family in the event of a fire. The tax would be six tenths of a penny, which would add up to about \$2 million per year for the fire

department. Tulsa Fire Department leaders say this would mean 35 more firefighters. The last sales tax paid for the construction of a state-of-the-art training center. The new tax would be used to upgrade the training center as well as hire new firefighters who would staff a new fire station along with additional staff for the current stations. That would, in turn, mean a better response to emergencies. If the city council approves the recommendation, it would be put to a vote in November.

#### **City Finishing Permits for New Costco Location**

Date: 2/4/2015 5pm Duration: 2:00 Lynn Casey

FOX23 has confirmed that construction on a new Costco location in south Tulsa will start next month. Developers just finished the permitting process, nearly 9 months after the store was announced. The project is actually ahead of schedule, even though people note that it seems like a long time since the city announced plans to put a store in south Tulsa. "The planning commission today is going to approve the final plat for the Costco project and that is the last step in the planning phase," explain Dwayne Wilkerson with the INCOG Land Development Division. The city has already made changes to the intersection to get ready for the extra traffic in the area. Costco tells FOX23 they are aiming to be done by the end of the year.

#### **City Holds Domestic Violence Summit**

Date: 2/27/2015 9pm Duration: 1:50 Shae Rozzi

In Tulsa last year, there were 12 murders and nearly 1,200 arrests due to domestic violence. This prompted city leaders to come up with new ways to stop it. Mayor Dewey Bartlett's Safer, Stronger Tulsa summit focused on teen dating violence. Tulsa Public Schools 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor Bob Erhle believes a program starting with children in Pre-K would help. "If we can get the kids young, raise them right, get them to understand that this is a problem, how to address these issues, maybe then we will not have the adult violators," says Ehrle. Law enforcement, victim advocates and other community leaders attended the summit. "We have to repeatedly remind ourselves of these problems and repeatedly look and see, is there a way we can improve the situation," says Mayor Dewey Bartlett.

#### New Plans for Spending Vision 2025 Money for Suburbs around Tulsa County

Date: 3/24/2015 5pm Duration: 1:40 Preston Jones

Tulsa Mayor Dewey Bartlett announced a shuffling of where and how Vision 2025 money will be spent. These changes will help communities around Tulsa County grow. The county currently controls the money from Vision 2025. Now cities will collect the money and spend it themselves. This way cities that don't want to spend money on Arkansas River improvements won't have it. Broken Arrow Mayor Craig Thurmond supports river development, but says "it's not something we want to fund." He says Broken Arrow needs to spend their money for things like public safety and capital improvement projects. Voters in each city will have to vote on how the money will be spent.

#### The City of Tulsa Decides How to Handle Trash From Tornado

Date: 3/27/2015 6pm Duration: 2:05 Janna Clark

Limbs and pieces of roofing is beginning to pile up following the March 25<sup>th</sup> tornado, but the right way to get rid of the debris is actually wrong in the city of Tulsa. People are stacking debris on their curbs, ready for the city pick up. But Friday afternoon, the city announced they have no plans to come around and pick up the debris piles. For past storms, the city chose to send trucks to pick up the debris, but this time they have decided not to. If you want to get rid of the debris, you can call the city and make an appointment for a crew to come to your house and get rid of the limbs for a \$5 fee. The city is making its Green Waste site available to residents free of charge.

#### Metropolitan Environmental Trust Holds Pollutant Collection

Tulsa's Metropolitan Environmental Trust spent the weekend working to keep hazardous chemicals out of city water supplies. The MET held a pollutant collection event. Workers collected everything from pool and lawn chemicals to medication. The line was long, but people didn't mind waiting. "Tulsa's a beautiful city and I want to keep it safe and clean. I wish more people would take advantage of this," says Mary Byrne. People in line were dropping off things like paint thinner, grease and pills. They've even taken a bomb before, which was why the Tulsa Police Bomb Squad was on hand. More than 12,000 people showed up for the weekend event. The MET plans another pollutant collection event in the fall.

# New Report Ranks Oklahoma Schools as 3<sup>rd</sup> Worst in Nation

Date: 1/8/2015 10pm Duration: 0:25 Clay Loney

A new report slams Oklahoma public schools ranking them the third worst in the nation. Oklahoma earned a D+ grade on Education Week's "Quality Counts" report. The state ranked number 48. The report ranked the states in 40 categories including student achievement, finance and early childhood education. Mississippi came in last place in the report, only three and a half points behind Oklahoma.

#### **Broken Arrow Public Schools Consider Dropping High Stakes Testing**

Date: 1/12/2015 10pm Duration: 1:45 Jonathan McCall

The Broken Arrow School District has joined a growing list of districts taking a stand against high stakes testing. Many educators believe high stakes testing is part of the problem in Oklahoma. Changing how the system works is the mission for a group called "For The People." It's a group spearheaded by the Cooperative Council for School Administration and the Oklahoma State School Board. The group advocates ending high stakes tests. On Monday the Broken Arrow School Board supported a resolution to end high stakes tests. Superintendent Dr. Jerod Mendenhall claims the way the state uses the testing is a disservice to students. School leaders in Norman and Purcell also approved resolutions against high stakes tests tonight.

#### **Tulsa Public Schools Search for New Superintendent**

Date: 1/30/2015 5pm Duration: 1:45 Andrew Carter

The search for a new superintendent for Tulsa Public Schools has taken a turn when one of the candidates announced that he was taking himself out of the running for the position. Millard House announced he was stepping down, saying the timing isn't right. Meanwhile, teachers are asking the district to reset the search and look at other candidates. The lone candidate is Rhode Island Commissioner of Education Deborah Gist. A special board meeting has been scheduled to discuss the two candidates, but they believe they have a strong candidate in Dr. Gist.

#### **Tulsa Public Schools Names New Superintendent**

Date: 2/4/2015 5pm Duration: 2:12 Farron Salley

Tulsa's new superintendent visited schools and met with teachers for the first time today. Superintendent Dr. Deborah Gist went from class to class at Disney Elementary, sitting with students and talking tactics with teachers. Dr. Gist told FOX23 that she's against high stakes testing, wants higher pay for teachers and doesn't put too much weight on state issued letter grades for schools. "I don't believe that any student, decision about a student or a teacher or a school should be made based on only one assessment," she said. Dr. Gist also says she wants to build up early childhood education.

#### The White House Claims Education Bill Would be a Set Back for Oklahoma

Date: 2/16/2015 5pm Duration: 0:40 Clay Loney

The White House says Oklahoma would lose millions of dollars a year under an education plan in the House of Representatives. Tulsa Public Schools would face a \$2 million cut, while Okmulgee Public Schools would lose about \$300,000. President Obama says the bill would erase years of progress on math and reading skills and a record high graduation rate. "Their plan would lock in cuts to schools for the rest of this decade. We'd actually end up investing less in our kids in 2021 than we did in 2012," explains the President. Republican leaders say more spending doesn't equal better education. Their plan would get rid of 65 programs deemed ineffective.

#### Oklahoma's New State Superintendent Visits Tulsa, Outlines Budget Plan

Date: 2/18/2015 10pm Duration: 1:55 Jonathan McCall

Despite a more than \$600 million budget shortfall, State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister still believes there's enough money to start fixing Oklahoma's education system. Hofmeister says that while she's focusing on closing the education gap, she's also working to stop a teacher pipeline that's flowing to other jobs in other states. According to Hofmeister, Oklahoma teachers make significantly less than their counterparts in neighboring states. "We do have a crisis with teacher shortages and part of it is compensation, but that's just one part," Hofmeister tells FOX23. She has vowed to lead the fight to get more money in education.

#### Tulsa Voters Support School Bond to Improve Tulsa Public Schools

Date: 3/3/2015 9pm Duration: 2:00 Jonathan McCall

Tulsa Public Schools came away from this election as the big winner. Voters overwhelmingly approved a \$415 million bond proposal. All four propositions passed with more than 80% of the vote. They only needed 60% plus one to pass. Tulsa Superintendent Dr. Keith Ballard says the vote sends a clear message that Tulsa cares about students. "Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think we would go into the 80's. What it says is that the city of Tulsa really supports its schools. As I said in my first remarks, you cannot have a great city without a great school," says Ballard. The money from the bond should become available starting in 2016.

#### Tulsa Public Schools Closes Schools due to Tornado Damage

Date: 3/26/2015 9pm Duration: 1:45 Rick Maranon

Tulsa Public Schools used their last snow day to clear storm debris from schools and fix any problems caused by the March 25<sup>th</sup> storms. Originally, the district planned to use that snow day on Monday so teachers could go to the education rally in Oklahoma City. The storm left schools without power. Crews at Jones Elementary worked overtime to get the debris cleaned up and the power back on. TPS spokesman Chris Payne says the district was lucky that students were at home when the storms hit and not outside when the tornado sirens sounded. The district does not have any snow days left to use, so if they have to cancel classes any time between now and the end of the year, they may have to schedule extra days at the end of the year.

# Green Country Teachers Travel to Oklahoma City of Education Rally

Date: 3/30/2015 6pm Duration: 2:05 Lynn Casey

Teachers from across the state converged on Oklahoma City for the annual education rally hoping to change their classroom for the better. Green Country teachers tell FOX23 they hope lawmakers are listening. The teachers rallied for what they call major shortcomings in the Oklahoma public education system. "Everyone knows how horrible that testing situation is," explains one teacher. State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister was also on hand, saying "Our children shouldn't have to depend on box tops" for teachers to get the supplies they need. Teachers also argued for better pay because many are leaving to neighboring states that pay much better than Oklahoma.

## **Oologah Elementary School Student Dies Suddenly**

Date: 1/8/2015 5pm Duration: 2:00 Angela Hong

The superintendent of Oologah Public Schools says mixed messages from the Oklahoma State Health Department regarding the death of 6-year-old Jenny Yang prompted him to close school. Superintendent Max Tanner says his conversations with the state and the county have been different, but they both say they are telling him the same thing. Yang died suddenly on Monday. The state Health Department says they have not ruled out any diseases or illnesses as the cause of Yang's death. Test samples were sent to the state labs Wednesday and those have been expedited. The school will be disinfected as a precaution.

## More Than 200 absent from Inola School Due to Flu and Other Illnesses

Date: 1/13/2015 5pm Duration: 2:00 Angela Hong

About a third of the students at Inola Elementary School were home sick with the flu and other illnesses such as strep throat and a stomach bug. Since so many are sick, some parents are keeping their kids home even if they aren't sick. Principal Dr. Kent Holbrook says, "The 30% I have down there, that's the worst I've seen in about 27 years." According to the school nurse, 40 students were confirmed to have the flu. The district is sending students home if they have a fever, but they aren't planning on shutting down the school.

#### Morris Shuts School for 4 Days to Curb Spread of Flu

Date: 1/21/2015 9pm Duration: 1:45 Jonathan McCall

Morris Public Schools says they are shutting down school to help stop the spread of the flu and strep throat. Classes were cancelled for Wednesday and Thursday. One parent says she's happy the school closed after a large number of students and staff called in sick. "It keeps mine from getting sicker. I had one that was sick last week. I definitely don't want it back in my house again," says Jennifer Stacy. The Okmulgee County Health Department reports seven people hospitalized with the flu, but no deaths. Students were sent home with information on spotting the flu and strep throat.

#### The High Cost of Getting the Flu

Date: 2/5/82015 6pm Duration: 1:55 Lynn Casey

Three more people have died from the flu in Tulsa County. According to the Oklahoma State Health Department, the children and elderly are at a higher risk of getting the flu. Danny Cruse's mother is one of the 68 people who have died from the flu so far this year. "It turned into pneumonia in her lungs," says Cruse. He tells FOX23 he's seeing the strain it's putting on other families thanks to doctor's visits, medication, being out of work or taking care of sick children. The Tulsa County Health Department says it's not uncommon for there to be a second peak during this flu season.

#### New Research Released on the Benefits of Tamiflu

Date: 2/9/2015 5pm Duration: 1:55 Tiffany Alaniz

Pharmacists have been busy this year filling prescriptions of Tamiflu. Now there's a new study about the added benefits of taking the anti-viral medicine. Research has proven that the drug will reduce the amount of time you're sick with the flu. "It actually can decrease the flu complications such as hospitalizations, developing different upper respiratory infections such as pneumonia," explains pharmacist Chris Schiller. The drug is also said to keep people who are exposed to the flu from catching the virus. Pharmacists say the earlier you take the drug the better and it's best within the first day or two of your symptoms or exposure.

#### Record-Breaking Flu Deaths in Oklahoma

Date: 2/26/2015 5pm Duration: 1:55 Sharon Phillips

The Oklahoma State Department of Health say 90 people have died from the flu this season and over 2,000 people have been hospitalized with the virus. FOX23 talked to one woman who was visiting the county health department with her goddaughter. "It's really frightening actually and I've never seen the numbers that high in Tulsa," says Dejretta Beeks. People 65 and older and children are the people most at risk for the flu and the health department still recommends getting the flu shot, even this late in the season. Last year, there were 72 flu deaths in the state.

#### Walgreens Says Oklahoma is the One of the Worst States for Flu Activity

Date: 3/17/2015 5pm Duration: 2:00 Michelle Linn

This is the first year Walgreens compiled a flu index, tracking where pharmacists filled the most prescriptions for anti-viral drugs such as Tamiflu. Tulsa was among the top cities for flu activity – coming in at number 10. Oklahoma City took the top spot. We asked Olivia Ochoa, Walgreens pharmacist why most of the cities with the highest flu activity were clustered together. "I think the key is to recognize it was a cluster in that area and to press the issue of how important vaccination is," says Ochoa. She also says many doctors were writing prescriptions for everyone in a family if one person came down with the flu.

#### Three More People Die from Flu in Oklahoma

Date: 3/19/2015 5pm Duration: 1:50 Preston Jones

The Oklahoma Health Department says three more people died due to the flu this week, bringing the total deaths in the state to 101. Tulsa County had an additional 10 hospitalizations due to the flu and pharmacists are worried that it's not over yet. "It lasted a bit longer than what you'd expect, kind of went away for a bit, then came back," says pharmacist Chris Schiller. What happens is that when one person comes down with the flu, the rest of the people in the house often come down with it too. Doctors say the best thing to do is disinfect your entire house to keep everyone safe from the flu if someone comes down with it.

# Oklahoma Medical Examiner Releases the Reason an Oologah 6-Year-Old Died

Date: 3/30/2015 6pm Duration: 0:20 Shae Rozzi

The Oklahoma Medical Examiner's Office released the cause of Jenny Yang's death Monday. According to the autopsy, Yang died as a result of an enlarged heart. The 6-year-old died unexpectedly after she was sent home from school with a fever in January. It was believed that she suffered from the flu. The report doesn't state why her heart was enlarged.



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# HOW WE SERVE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY:

**FOX23 News Programming**: Local newscasts providing information on weather, crime, safety, family issues and education.

- FOX23 News This Morning 4:30am-9:00am (weekdays);
  7:00am-10:00am (Saturdays);
  6:00am-9:00am (Sundays)
- FOX23 News at Noon 12:00pm-1:00pm (weekdays)
- FOX23 News at 5 5:00pm-6:00pm (weekdays)
- FOX23 News at 6 6:00pm-6:30pm (weekdays)
- FOX23 News at 9 9:00pm-10:00pm (every day)
- FOX23 News at 10 10:00pm-10:30pm (weekdays)

**Severe Weather Coverage:** FOX23 News is committed to being on-air and online, giving the latest conditions as severe weather moves into the KOKI-TV viewing area. FOX23's team of meteorologists provide frequent on-air updates leading up to, and continuing throughout the period when people need to be preparing for severe weather. During that time, FOX23 leads every newscast with weather and the entire news team is involved in providing the latest information on current conditions and damage across our viewing area.

**Station tours**: Tours of our facility and newsroom are given regularly to school groups, as well as any interested people in the community.

Partnership with the Ad Council - On-air PSA campaign in cooperation with the Ad Council.

Amber Alerts for Child Abductions - participants.

**EAS** - participants.

Children's Programming - 3 hours per week

**Tornado Relief Drive** – On March 25, 2015, a tornado destroyed homes and businesses near Sand Springs, OK. On March 30, FOX23 and My41 teamed up with Cox Media Group radio stations, Cox Communications, and the American Red Cross to set up a drive-through donation station at a local park. Both stations aired a PSA several times in advance of the event to encourage community participation. FOX23 News provided live coverage of the event. More

than \$23,000 was donated during this one-day drive. All money raised went to the American Red Cross disaster relief fund.

**Public Appearances -** Anchors and reporters from FOX23 News go into the community to volunteer with local organizations and speak to the public.

# On-Air Talent Appearances for 1st Quarter 2015

#### Janna Clark

- January 5<sup>th</sup> Booker T Washington Foundation Meeting. Served on the public relations committee with 20 other members.
- January 14<sup>th</sup> Read books to elementary students at Zarrow International School for 45 minutes.
- January 25<sup>th</sup> Read to 50 children during Preschool Worship Time at First Baptist Church Tulsa.
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Booker T Washington Foundation Meeting. Served on the public relations committee with 20 other members.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> Booker T Washington Foundation Meeting. Served on the public relations committee with 20 other members.

### Michelle Linn

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Served as mystery reader to one kindergarten class at Stone Canyon Elementary in Owasso as part of Reading Celebration.
- February 6<sup>th</sup> Served as mystery reader to one kindergarten class at Stone Canyon Elementary in Owasso as part of Reading Celebration.
- March 6<sup>th</sup>- Emceed the Stone Canyon PTO Spaghetti Western dinner and auction for the Stone Canyon Elementary School for 3 hours for 450 people.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Emceed opening ceremony for STEM Expo for Discovery School of Tulsa for an hour for 500 people.

#### Shae Rozzi

- March 6<sup>th</sup> Emceed the Stone Canyon PTO Spaghetti Western dinner and auction for the Stone Canyon Elementary School for 3 hours for 450 people.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Greeted guests of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary pancake breakfast and thanked them for attending the event. 2 hours for 100 people.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Served as celebrity judge for the Pennies for Pearls music trivia night benefitting the Oklahoma Parkinson's Disease Association for 4 hours for 300 people.

#### Ron Terrell

- February 27<sup>th</sup> Lost Pages in Wonderland. Performed for 150 people for 3 hours.
- February 28<sup>th</sup> Lost Pages in Wonderland. Performed for 150 people for 3 hours.
- February 28<sup>th</sup> Polar Plunge. Emceed the Polar Plunge benefitting the Tulsa Special Olympics for 500 people for 90 minutes.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Lost Pages in Wonderland. Performed for 150 people for 3 hours.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Co-emceed the Ms. Senior Oklahoma for 700 people for 4 hours.
- March 27<sup>th</sup> Guest performer at Mission IMPROVable for 100 people for 2 hours.

# **James Aydelott**

March 18<sup>th</sup> – Iron Gate. Served food for 2 hours for 300 people.

## Michael Seger

- March 5<sup>th</sup> Member of meteorologist panel for severe weather seminar at National Weather Center in Norman, Oklahoma.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Co-emceed the Ms. Senior Oklahoma event for 700 people for 4 hours.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Judge for Pennies for Pearls music trivia benefitting the Oklahoma Parkinson's Disease Association for 4 hours for 300 people.

#### Ben Walnick

- February 5<sup>th</sup> Talked to 60 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Walt Whitman Elementary school about severe weather safety for 90 minutes.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Participated in music trivia at Pennies for Pearls benefitting the Oklahoma Parkinson's Disease Association.

# Nathan Thompson

 March 8<sup>th</sup> - Participated in music trivia at Pennies for Pearls benefitting the Oklahoma Parkinson's Disease Association.

# Lynn Casey

• March 8<sup>th</sup> - Participated in music trivia at Pennies for Pearls benefitting the Oklahoma Parkinson's Disease Association.

#### **Hector Meija**

 January 31<sup>st</sup> – Met with 7 other journalists to create the Tulsa chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists to discuss launch and reached out to local organizations for support.

## John Boyer

- February 11<sup>th</sup> Gave weather talk to 100 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students for an hour at Pratt Elementary in Sand Springs.
- March 14<sup>th</sup> Gave away Fox23 weather radios for 4 hours at the Hominy Severe Weather Awareness Program.

#### Martina Del Bonta

- January 1<sup>st</sup> Represented the station during a podcast and radio talk show for the Dr. Report for an hour.
- February 20<sup>th</sup> Represented the station at a Special Olympics charity event for Broken Arrow High School.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Was the subject of a student project for Owasso Rejoice Christian.

# Clay Loney

- January 10<sup>th</sup> Meet and greet at the first Saturday of the new exhibit at the Tulsa Historical Society and Museum.
- January 17<sup>th</sup> Volunteered for trail clean up at Tulsa's Turkey Mountain Park for Turkey Mountain Clean Up Day.
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Emceed with Shae Rozzi for the corporate town hall meeting at the Cox Business Center for Cox Enterprises Tulsa Town Hall.
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Meet and greet at the PAC Gallery for an exhibition of historic photos.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> Read to three classes of kindergarteners at Elio Elementary to celebrate Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' birthday.
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Represented Fox23 in a team music trivia competition to raise money for Parkinson's research at the Pennies for Pearls event.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> Led a discussion on crisis communications for local business and organization representative at the Leadership Rogers County program.
- March 25<sup>th</sup> Represented Cox Charities during a day of school visits to see the impact of Cox Charity grants for Innovations in Education.

# **KOKI-TV FOX23 - PSA Spots Aired - 1st Quarter 2015**

Organization	Subject	Spot Length	Number of Airings
Ad Council / Adopt US Kids	Adoption & Foster Care	:30	3
Ad Council / National Crime Prevention			
Council	Safe Gun Storage	:30	1
Ad Council / NHTSA	Drunk Driving Prevention	:30	5
Ad Council / Partnership for Healthy			
Mouths Healthy Lives	Kids' Oral Health	:30	145
Ad Council / The Bully Project	Bullying Prevention	:30	3
Ad Council / Understood.org	Learning & Attention	:30	1
Ad Council / US Forest Service	Discover the Forest	:30	144
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Start Something	:30	50
Boys & Girls Clubs of America		:60	68
Boys & Girls Clubs of America		:30	135
Life Senior Services		:30	9
OAB / OK Dept of Human Services	Child Welfare Careers	:30	104
OAB / OK Dept of Human Services	Foster Parenting	:60	285
OAB / OK Dept of Human Services	Foster Parenting	:30	209
OAB / OK Dept of Human Services	Foster Parenting	:15	288
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	Assistive Technology	:30	13
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	Library for the Blind	:30	12
	School for the Blind / School		
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	for the Deaf	:30	13
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	SSA Reimbursement Services	:30	13
OAB / OK State Dept of Health	Preparing for a Lifetime	:30	71
	Auto Insurance Consumer		
OAB / Oklahoma Insurance Department	Protection	:30	72
Oklahoma National Guard		:30	52
The Foundation for a Better Life	Change the World	:60	216
The Foundation for a Better Life	Change the World	:30	7
The Foundation for a Better Life	Confidence: Pass It On	:30	54
The Foundation for a Better Life	Confidence: Pass It On	:20	2
The Foundation for a Better Life	Generosity: Pass It On	:30	49
The Foundation for a Better Life	Spread the Love: Pass It On	:60	125
Tulsa Boys Home		:30	50
Wounded Warrior Project		:30	4