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Quarterly Issues/Program List

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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
- Education
- Municipal Issues
- Crime
- Health

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



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

- FOX23 News This Morning — 4:00am-9:00am (weekdays); 6:00am-10:00am (Saturdays); 6:00am-9:00am (Sundays)
- FOX23 News at 11 — 11:00am-11:30am (weekdays)
- FOX23 News at 5 — 5:00pm-5:30pm
- FOX23 News at 5:30 — 5:30pm-6:00pm (weekdays)
- FOX23 News at 6 — 6:00pm-6:30pm (weekdays)
- FOX23 News at 6:30 — 6:30pm-7:00pm (weekdays)
- FOX23 News at 9 — 9:00pm-10:00pm
- FOX23 News at 10 — 10:00pm-10:30pm (weeknights and Sundays)

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.

KOKI Local News of Public Interest:

Weather

October is a Big Month of Change for Green Country

Date: 10/6/23 5pm

Duration 1:56

Laura Mock

Meteorologist Laura Mock discusses the solar eclipse happening in one week. This solar eclipse will be an Annular Eclipse, when the moon is further away. When it is a Super Moon, the moon is slightly closer. The sun is 400 times larger than the moon, but it is 400 times farther away—the reason why we see an eclipse. The moon will pass between the earth and the sun casting a shadow traveling from the pacific northwest down through Texas.

Fall Foliage is Back as Green Country Enters into the Colder Months

Date: 10/12/23 5pm

Duration 1:37

Mikayla Smith

Meteorologist Mikayla Smith looks at the changing conditions and fall colors in Green Country. Mikayla looks at how we may start to see the changing colors in the next week or so. The change will be dark green to light green to yellow in several areas. Some of the places to see those changes are Greenleaf and Osage State Parks. Many of the areas will see peak colors the first week in November.

How Our Hot Weather Played into This Year's Pumpkin Crop in Green Country

Date: 10/18/23 5pm

Duration: 2:03

James Aydelott

This year's pumpkin crop was not affected as much as expected by our hot weather. Meteorologist James Aydelott and Mikayla Smith speak with Pumpkin Town owners about how there has been a shortage of pumpkins in years past. This year, we have had plenty of rain and a wet early season, so the crop has been good. Mikayla Smith spoke live with the owner of a local pumpkin patch to get a read on the fall crop.

Powerful Cold Fronts Start to Begin in November

Date: 11/8/23 5pm

Duration: 1:43

James Aydelott

By the end of October and into early November, Green Country starts to see significant cold fronts move into the area. The jet stream moves to the south and that brings much colder temperatures into Green Country for several days in a row. The cold front arrives during November with extremes in temperatures. Yesterday, we had a record high of 86 and then dropped to a low of 37. We saw the biggest drop back in 1911, with the Great Blue Norther: a 70-degree drop in temperature.

Changes coming to Winter Alerts from the National Weather Service

Date: 11/14/23 5pm

Duration 2:23

Mike Grogan

Each winter, Green Country will fall under a variety of winter weather advisories and warnings. Several of them are being modified to better explain the winter weather threats and reduce confusion. The Wind Chill Advisory and Warning will be replaced by a Cold Weather Advisory and an Extreme Cold Warning, respectively. There are two main changes to the new version of these alerts. The first is to remove the 10-mph threshold for an alert for cold weather to be issued. Dangerous cold weather can affect humans and livestock even with light winds. The second change is a slight upward shift in the feel-like temperature threshold for those cold weather alerts to be issued. They vary depending on geography with the southern 2/3 of Green Country with a 0 degrees wind chill threshold for a Cold Weather Advisory and a -10 degrees threshold for an Extreme Cold Warning.

New Dewpoint Record Set in Oklahoma

Date: 11/17/23 5pm

Duration: 2:05

Mikayla Smith

FOX23 Meteorologist Mikayla Smith explains the high temperatures and the lows we have had over the years on Thanksgiving Day. The record high in our area was 84 degrees in 1965. The record cold for this day was 12 degrees back in 1913. Mikayla Smith also talks about the record rainfall for this day as well.

Winter Wildfire Season is Here: What to Know About the Threat in Oklahoma

Date: 12/6/23 5pm

Duration 1:51

Mike Grogan

Many of us may not associate winter with wildfire season, but Oklahoma is vulnerable to dangerous fires this time of year for several reasons. Once we have our first freeze of the year, much of our vegetation cover goes dormant, allowing for a dramatic increase in fuel. Winter is also our driest time of the year, which is often because colder air cannot hold as much moisture as warmer air. It's not uncommon to go weeks without any precipitation this time of year. However, that is not for a lack of storm systems. The active jet stream overhead can induce stronger winds here at the surface, which can spread fires rapidly. That is why we must be on guard to not accidentally start a blaze. It only takes a wayward cigarette butt or spark from a controlled fire to create a big problem in the upcoming months.

City of Owasso Upgrading All of its Warning Sirens

Date: 12/12/23 5pm

Duration 2:16

Amy Hybels

Over the next two weeks, the city of Owasso is replacing its old siren heads with brand new ones that have more speakers. The upgrade to the city's 16 speakers should allow sound to travel further, according to their Emergency Management Specialist Donald Lynch. An additional siren head is also being installed outside Stone Canyon Elementary. Lynch says the average life span of a siren head is about 14 to 16 years. The speakers they're replacing are more than 20 years old. Funding for the project comes from the city's general fund. The total cost of the project is about \$900,000.

FOX23 Showcases the Extreme Christmas Weather Conditions of the Past and What Recent Christmases Have Brought to the Tulsa Area

Date: 12/22/23 6pm

Duration 1:25

Mike Grogan

Christmas in Green Country can mean just about any type of weather. From wet to windy, mild to full on wintery, we have seen it all. The record high temperature on Christmas was 72 degrees not long ago in 2021. The record low temperature was -2 degrees back in 1982—a big extreme between those two. The most snow we got on Christmas was 1.3 inches back in 1975. The rainiest Christmas ever was 1.29 inches back in 1987.

KOKI Local News of Public Interest:

Education

Free Music Program Helps 300 Tulsa Students

Date: 10/13/23 6pm

Duration: 2:16

Paris Rain

A free music program in Tulsa is helping hundreds of students. Sistema started 9 years ago. Many of the students have gone on to become musicians, music teachers, and even teach in the Sistema program. The founders of Sistema consider themselves missionaries in music education, providing opportunities for students to help them feel like a special part of the community. They also have a satellite program where students do not have to come downtown to the main Sistema Tulsa site. They can attend lessons at their own schools.

Oklahoma Senators Debating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs in Higher Education

Date: 10/19/23 5pm

Duration 3:11

Tanya Modersitzki

Oklahoma State Senators are debating whether Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs are to remain in higher education. While some lawmakers want to get rid of DEI, some education officials argue that may hurt accreditation. The Chancellor for Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education, Allison Garrett, highlights DEI in the state's universities and colleges. In order for universities to be accredited, they need to show proof their campuses are in compliance, which includes diversity.

Tulsa Public Schools Gives Second Update on District Improvements to OSDE

Date: 10/26/23 9pm

Duration 2:10

Tanya Modersitzki

Tulsa Public Schools had their second update on district improvements to the Oklahoma State Board of Education. State Superintendent Ryan Walters is concerned about not seeing more growth projections. Walters is threatening a state takeover if positive changes are not made quickly. TPS Interim Superintendent Dr. Ebony Johnson is trying to prove to OSDE and Walters there are improvements. Her presentation to the board Thursday morning was the "Science of Reading."

NSU Develops New Resource Centers for Education Majors

Date: 11/13/23 5 pm

Duration: 2:15

Jannah James

Northeastern State University has a new resource to decrease our state's teacher shortage. The Riverhawk Center for Teacher Excellence helps support students through scholarship and mentoring. The focus is to fill the critical need of teachers across our state. A federally funded grant awarded to NSU will help potential education majors, teacher candidates, and teaching majors at the Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses. President of NSU, Rodney Hanley, said they are training teachers to fill a need in rural areas.

The Owasso Education Foundation Awards Several Grants to Teachers

Date:11/16/23 5:00 pm

Duration :45

Shae Rozzi

The Owasso Education Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to funding educational grants to Owasso Public Schools teachers, awarded nearly \$74,000 on its annual Grant Patrol Day. The grants, applied for by Owasso educators directly, touch every aspect of the school district, from elementary and secondary classes to the Ram Academy, Owasso's alternative high school. The Owasso Education Foundation raises funds through community partnerships and two annual events, the Denim & Diamonds Gala and the Patriot Classic, a golf tournament held annually at The Patriot Golf Club.

Broken Arrow Public Schools Held Their Annual Indian Educational Cultural Night

Date: 11/30/23 10pm

Duration :39

Sara Whaley

As Native American Heritage Month wraps up, BAPS held one last event. Thursday, the school district hosted its annual Indian Educational Cultural night at Oneta Ridge Middle School. Projects done by students throughout the month were displayed for everyone to see. There was also authentic food, games, face-painting, and crafts. FOX23 spoke with Indian Education Coordinator Rich Pawpa about why events like these are important. “A lot of our kids are, I want to say, ‘nontraditional,’ so we're trying to reintroduce our kids to their culture,” he said. The school district plans to host the event again next year and hopes to make it even bigger and better.

Exhibit Highlighting the Victims of Drug Overdose Coming to Tulsa

12/8/23 5pm

Duration: 2:31

Alexa Mostrom

The University of Tulsa's Oklahoma Center for the Humanities is partnering with the “Into Light” project to bring a national exhibit on substance abuse to the state in 2024. “‘Into Light’ was born out of a tragedy in my family,” said Theresa Clower, founder of Into Light. “We lost our son, Devon, in 2018 to an accidental fentanyl overdose. He was 32 years old.” Clower said after her son died, she drew a portrait of him as a way to cope with grieving. After she finished it, she kept drawing. The mission of the organization is to change the conversation on the topic of battling addiction.

Broken Arrow Public Schools Increase Bus Driver Wages to Retain Drivers, Attract New Ones

Date: 12/11/23 6pm

Duration: 1:45

Tanya Modersitzki

Broken Arrow Public Schools are taking care of their bus drivers by increasing their pay in hopes of retaining their current drivers and attracting new ones. At the start of the school year, school districts told FOX23 about their bus driver hiring initiatives, including sign-on bonuses. Some districts deal with driver shortages by changing their bell schedules like Union. BAPS is no exception to the shortage, and they've accommodated a staggered bell schedule for seven years. The district raised their pay from \$15.66 to \$17.16 an hour. It's a \$100,000 dollar increase in their payroll budget, but BAPS Chief Support Officer Rosalyn Vann-Jackson says their drivers are worth every penny.

Tulsa Public Schools Board Members, Parents Defend Decision to Hire Dr. Ebony Johnson as Superintendent

Date: 12/12/23 5pm

Duration: 2:16

Spencer Humphrey

Tulsa Public Schools officially hired Dr. Ebony Johnson as the new superintendent of the district, despite some people—such as State Superintendent Ryan Walters—calling for a national search. School board members, and some Tulsa Public Schools parents told FOX23 if the district did a national search like Walters was wanting, it would make reaching the year-end goals he set for the district almost impossible to achieve. “I believe that local control is what Tulsans have said they wanted all along,” said TPS Board President Stacey Wooley. To keep the Oklahoma State Department of Education from following through on its threats of stripping TPS of that local control, Wooley says Dr. Ebony Johnson was the only clear choice to get the job done. “We've heard from almost a thousand Tulsans, just through the last few days, who have told us this is what they wanted,” said Wooley.

Osage County Sheriff Sues DA, Accuses Him of Defamation, Sabotaging BTK Investigation

Date: 10/6/23 9pm

Duration: 2:36

John Asebes

Osage County Sheriff Eddie Virden has filed a lawsuit against District Attorney Mike Fisher, accusing him of defaming him and sabotaging a recent cold case investigation involving Dennis Rader, the BTK Killer. In a FOX23 exclusive, John Asebes details the lawsuit and claims by the sheriff that much of this is politically motivated. In a 34-page lawsuit, the Sheriff says what Fisher said was slanderous and could possibly permanently damage the investigation into the disappearance of a Pawhuska teen back in 1976.

Attorneys Representing Tulsa Race Massacre Survivors File Appeal With Oklahoma Supreme Court

Date: 10/11/23 9pm

Duration: 1:09

John Asebes

Attorneys representing Tulsa Race Massacre survivors filed an appeal with the Oklahoma Supreme Court after the dismissal of a lawsuit seeking reparations for the 1921 attack. They are asking the court to overturn a lower court ruling that dismissed their public nuisance lawsuit against the city of Tulsa. This comes after the passing of one of the 3 survivors, Hughes Van Ellis, known as Uncle Red. Now the attorneys are asking the Oklahoma Supreme Court to act with urgency.

Former Tulsa Public Schools Employee Changes Plea in Wire Fraud Lawsuit

Date: 10/30/23 5pm

Duration: 2:35

Tanya Modersitzki

A former TPS employee was back in court for a change of plea after he was accused of embezzling thousands of dollars from the district. Devon Fletcher admitted he defrauded the district of \$600,000 and changed his plea to guilty. The district's former Talent and Equity Officer admits he committed wire fraud between 2018 and 2022. Fletcher told the court he created bogus invoices for services that didn't exist. He admitted taking money for personal use and his attorney says he now wants to do the right thing and cooperate.

Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum Says the City Will No Longer Wait for State to Act on Tribal Issues

Date: 11/2/23 10pm

Duration: 2:27

Paris Rain

Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum says the city will no longer wait for the state or Congress to act on Tulsa Police's treatment of tribal citizens. FOX23'S Paris Rain covered the State of the City news conference and spoke with the mayor. Bynum says currently, there are two different sets of rules in the city: one for tribal citizens, and one for everyone else. This all stems from the U.S. Supreme Court's McGirt decision. The mayor says the next year will be busy trying to figure out how to handle it once and for all.

City of Tulsa Tells County It Wants to Lease Space in New Courthouse, if Built

Date:11/8/23 6pm

Duration: 2:35

Rick Maranon

If a new Tulsa County Courthouse is built, it could also be the new home of Tulsa Municipal Court. FOX23's weekend anchor Rick Maranon looks at the options. The discussion is if the city wants to continue to use the old courthouse or build a new facility. A month ago, a consulting firm gave the city four options. Two involved repairing the badly decaying building, built in 1954, with a cost between 54 and 75 million dollars. The other two options say build a new building in a different spot downtown.

City of Tulsa Announces Winter Weather Prep Plan

Date: 11/28/23 5pm

Duration 2:47

Paris Rain

The City of Tulsa said they've been preparing for the winter since this summer. The mayor says he is confident the city will be ready. The asset team has been working all year to make sure they have the equipment they need. The primary focus will be on the interior roads, since the Oklahoma Department of Transportation clears the highways of snow and ice. The city will also focus on hospital access and emergency services. So far, the city has 7-thousand tons of sand on hand, 63 trucks, and 210 workers ready to keep the roads clear in Tulsa.

City of Tulsa wants to develop area of Route 66 along Riverside Drive

Date:12/5/23 10pm

Duration: 3:35

Alex Cash

The City of Tulsa wants to develop an area of Route 66 along Riverside Drive. A meeting was held asking the community for their ideas on how to develop the area on Tuesday. They have \$6.5 million to spend on it. There have been talks about developing the area since 2003. The area is along Riverside Drive, next to Route 66 and near Tulsa's iconic Crybaby Hill. Some of the ideas included public artwork, improving pedestrian and bike access, paddleboats on the river, a Route 66 vintage themed hotel, and even a giant baby on the hill to honor Crybaby Hill. Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum has set guidelines for the project, which include that the development should have a link with the river and have a roadside attraction.

Students at McLain High School Finish 6-Week Course Meant to Build Relationships Between Police Officers and Community

Date: 12/6/23 5pm

Duration: 1:45

Paris Rain

McLain High School students wrapped up their six-week course with Project Trust. It is a partnership with the Tulsa Police Department and Tulsa Crime Stoppers to grow a positive relationship between youth and law enforcement. The high schoolers went to the Tulsa Police Academy to see where police officers train, and then went to the Gilcrease division to show them what an actual police station looks like.

Planned Auction for Bacone College in Muskogee Called Off Last Minute

Date: 12/14/23 5pm

Duration 2:32

Spencer Humphrey

The planned auction for Bacone College, which was supposed to happen on Thursday in Muskogee, has been called off for now. Bacone College's Interim President, Dr. Nicky Michael, told FOX23 that she had no idea the company forcing the school to be sold at auction would call the auction off. Michael says she still doesn't even know why they did. This is all a result of a lawsuit against the school by a company it had hired to do HVAC improvements on the campus several years ago. Lawyers for the company, MHEC LLC, allege in their lawsuit that the college never paid them for the HVAC improvement work they performed. Michael says the college's previous president hired the company to do the work and it wasn't done well.

KOKI Local News of Public Interest:

Crime

Tulsa Animal Welfare Says a Tip Helped Solve an Animal Torture Case

Date: 10/12/23 5pm

Duration: 2:14

Sara Whaley

After two ducklings were tortured, a tip given to Tulsa Crime Stoppers helped catch the suspect. One tip guided Crime Stoppers to a house, the other to a person of interest. Two ducklings were found tossed on the side of the road with staples all over their bodies. Both ducklings died. The question of why it happened remains unanswered. Tyler McMillian was charged with multiple felonies, including two counts of cruelty to animals, thanks to Crime Stoppers. Without Crime Stoppers police say they may not have been able to solve the crime.

Owasso Deputy Chief Hopes New Flock Cameras Help Fight Crime in the City

10/26/23 10pm

Duration: 2:35

Alex Cash

Owasso is getting Flock cameras, and police hope they will help fight crime. The system reads license plates, so the police department is hoping they will help them clamp down on criminals coming into the city. They are being installed now and it's hoped they'll be up and running in the next few weeks. FOX23 spoke with Owasso Deputy Chief Jason Woodruff. "We're really excited, we're ready to get this thing rolled out, and I think we're going to have really good results with it," Woodruff said. Woodruff said his department is hoping the cameras will help in the fight against criminals coming into Owasso.

Man Shares Experience After Spending 31 Years in Oklahoma Prisons for Crime He Didn't Commit

Date: 10/29/23 10pm

Duration: 2:30

Catherine James

61-year-old Perry Lott served more than three decades in Oklahoma prisons for a crime he didn't commit. "What happened to me should not happen to anybody in this country," Lott said, "and you should care, because it could have been you." A Pontotoc County prosecutor helped convict Lott in a 1987 rape and burglary case, based on a photo lineup. However, Lott had a confirmed alibi, and no

physical evidence linked him to the crime. “The experience of 31 years of living in a place no larger than most people's bathroom, it has a way of humbling a man,” Lott said. A rape kit was also collected in 1987, but it wasn't tested until 2014. “There was no DNA in my case that connected me to the crime,” Lott said. He said there's work that needs to be done to improve the justice system, and he has made it his new mission to advocate for change.

Attorney General's Organized Crime Task Force seizes Record 72,000 lbs. of Illegal Marijuana

Date: 11/14/23 10pm

Duration: 2:57

Alex Cash

The Oklahoma Attorney General's Office, with assistance from the Wagoner County Sheriff's Office, recently seized a record combined 72,000 pounds of illegal marijuana. The seizure is among the largest in state history. According to a press release, the Wagoner County Sheriff's Office and the Oklahoma Attorney General task force executed a search warrant on a Wagoner County business on November 9. Upon a search, agents found more than 72,000 pounds of black-market marijuana inside a metal barn. Along with the seizure in Wagoner County, an additional 250 pounds of illegal marijuana were seized from a Lincoln County grow operation.

USPS Officials Offering Big Rewards to Help Protect Mail Carriers From Violent Crimes

Date: 11/22/23 6pm

Duration: 2:21

John Asebes

The United States Postal Service (USPS) says they've seen an unprecedented rise in crime against their employees, and they're offering big rewards to people who help solve these crimes. According to the annual report for 2022, there were thousands of violent crimes that involved a USPS mail carrier. Postal officials say they are sweetening the pot to help protect workers. FOX23 spoke with US Postal Inspector Sean Smith. He said, while you are looking for your package, watch out for the carrier. “Just watch out for the carriers from time to time,” Smith said. “Be a good neighbor, if you will.” The 2022 annual report said in total nationwide, there were 6,496 reports of crime activity, including 432 robberies, six homicides of on-duty USPS employees, 197 burglaries, and 581 credible assaults and threats.

State Agents Find Massive Organized Crime Marijuana Grow in Mayes County

Date: 11/28/23 5pm

Duration: 3:48

Rick Maranon

The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics moved in on a massive illegal marijuana operation outside of Locust Grove on Tuesday morning. OBN Director Donnie Anderson said the raid on a rural industrial facility comes after a one-year investigation into an organized crime ring that operates mainly on the east coast of the United States. “We weren't planning on announcing it today, but a judge signed off on the search warrant this morning,” said OBN Spokesman Mark Woodward. Anderson told reporters Tuesday the operation is not related to any international criminal actors, but the operation was unlicensed, and like what the state is trying to crack down on when it comes to large illegal grows connected to other activity.

Tulsa Police, Crime Stoppers Working to Improve Relationships Between Teenagers and Police

Date:12/6/23

Duration: 2:09

Paris Rain

With social media and a complex world, the relationship between teenagers and police has seen many changes. So, the Tulsa Police Department and Crime Stoppers have a program they share, called Project Trust, to help bridge that gap. The program is special, say the officers, allowing them a chance to let the teens see them in a different light. It also allows police to see the teens in a different light as well. Project Trust runs for 6 weeks with students in the program hand-picked by their principal. The idea is to build trust and show the teens what police do on the job.

Broken Arrow Police Urging Public to Take Advantage of New Crime Mapping Tool

Date: 12/12/23 6pm

Duration: 2:00

Amy Hybels

Broken Arrow Police is urging the public to take advantage of a new crime mapping tool. Crimemapping.com can be accessed on your computer or phone. Broken Arrow Police Chief Brandon Berryhill says the website allows residents to look up crime statistics dating back as far as six months. BAPD began using the site after replacing its entire software package. "You type in an address, a zip code at your location or whatever location you want to research," Berryhill explained. "It has search criteria. You can pick a time frame going back six months."

Tulsa County DA Speaks With FOX23 About Hate Crime Laws After Man Sentenced to Life for Killing Two Men for Being White

Date: 10/21/23

Duration 2:30

John Asebes

FOX23 spoke with Tulsa County District Attorney Steve Kunzweiler after a man, Carlton Gilford, was sentenced to life in prison without parole for intentionally killing two men because they were white. Oklahoma doesn't have what is technically called a hate crime law, but instead, it's called malicious harassment. Despite someone's intention to harm another person for the color of their skin, the punishment on the first offense is a year in county jail. "How he killed each of those individuals, it was an easy case to prove," Kunzweiler said. "But knowing the reason behind it, you would want to punish that guy even more." What got Gilford his life in prison was the murder charges.

KOKI Local News of Public Interest:

Health

City of Tulsa, Tulsa Public Schools Getting Nearly \$13 Million to Expand Mental Health Services

Date: 10/12/23 5pm

Duration: 2:28

Amy Hybels

Tulsa is the recent recipient of nearly \$13 million in federal funding to enhance mental health systems for children and their families. The City of Tulsa and Tulsa Public Schools each received a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Together, the grants are the largest amount of competitive federal funding for children's mental health ever directed to Tulsa. The

City of Tulsa's grant also includes matched contributions from community partners, bringing the total investment in new mental health services for children and their families to more than \$16 million. Healthy Minds Policy Initiative pushed for the grants after researching Tulsa children's mental health.

A Worker's Death at a Tulsa Company Uncovered Dozens of Safety Violations and Health Hazards

Date:10/12/23 10pm

Duration: 2:23

Catherine James

After the death of a worker from a Tulsa manufacturing facility, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) opened three investigations into the company. Accurate Manufacturing, Inc. in Tulsa was found to have exposed employees to several “struck-by hazards” and was violating more than 35 regulations, including 25 safety regulations set by the U.S. Department of Labor. OSHA opened the first investigation after the death of one of the company's employees. The other two investigations that followed focused on safety and health hazards commonly faced by workers in the fabricated metal products industry.

Tulsa Expert Says Helping People with Mental Health is Vital Day After Mass Shooting in Maine

Date: 10/27/23 5pm

Duration: 2:23

Alex Cash

A day after the most recent mass shootings in the United States, a Tulsa therapist says helping people with their mental health is vital. It comes as a series of free therapy groups are being run at Central Library in downtown Tulsa to help people get better access to mental health care. FOX23 spoke with Tulsa social worker and therapist Andrew Duffy on Thursday. “If we want to deter acts of violence in our communities, then we need to learn how to be healthy,” Duffy said. He said mental health and wellness is vital in communities. “Part of that is learning: what do I do with these feelings that I have, what do I do with the hurt that I have inside me, so that it doesn’t build up, take over?” he said. He’s running the series of free groups at the Central Library.

RSU Students Create Peer Mentorship Program for Mental Health

Date: 11/7/23 9pm

Duration: 1:51

Alexa Mostrom

Rogers State University students are using their skills to help each other with mental health. “We can offer a perspective of just coming from our own experience,” said Lynette Bare, co-founder of the Peer Mentorship Program. Bare is a graduate student studying community counseling. She helped create the school's new Peer Mentorship Program this semester. “There's a whole myriad of things that people struggle with—we just want them to know they don't have to struggle alone,” said Bare. Bare said she noticed that the school counselor was often fully booked. They created the new peer mentorship program to help fill that gap.

FOX23 Investigates: Is Homelessness a Growing Problem in Tulsa?

Date:11/13/23 10pm

Duration: 8:10

Janna Clark

Tulsans are calling it the most crucial problem facing our city right now: homelessness. FOX23 Investigative Reporter Jann Clark spent weeks looking into the issue, the reasons for homelessness, the barriers to fixing it, and possible solutions. First, a deep dive into how bad the homelessness problem is now in our city. Growing up in Tulsa, Janna remembers seeing the homeless downtown. And it seems like that's where she saw most of the problem. But now, it's something Tulsans see all over the city. The homeless sit under bridges, hang out in front of stores, and sleep on sidewalks. When Janna asked Tulsans where they see the homeless, she received similar responses. "You see them everywhere, everywhere," Steve Sitzman said. "I mean, they're just everywhere," Margene Dunivant said. "The amount of people you see," said Jean Bishop, "they're everywhere. It's not just in one location." The homeless can find most of the help downtown: places like John 3:16 Mission, The Salvation Army, and the Tulsa Day Center. Tulsa Day Center CEO Mack Haltom said more than 300 people go to the center every day for help.

How Scammers Are Trying to Steal People's Information During Health Care Open Enrollment

Date: 11/20/23 7am

Duration: 2:27

Rick Maranon

Open enrollment is underway for Medicare and other plans offered under the Affordable Care Act. Here's how scammers are using this time to try to steal personal and even health information. Open enrollment for Affordable Care Act plans lasts through the holidays, so there is still plenty of time for you to fall victim to a scam that returns every year around this time. During this time, scammers are trying to make you feel like they can help when instead they're just going to steal your personal information.

Wife of man shot by Chelsea police officer says her husband has been suffering mental health crisis

Date: 12/7/23 5pm

Duration: 2:56

Amy Hybels

A man shot by a Chelsea police officer on Wednesday night remains hospitalized, according to the OSBI, which has taken over the investigation. FOX23 spoke to the OSBI at the scene of the shooting near South Gus Street and East 340 Road. The OSBI said at around 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, police were called out to reports of a man standing in a yard with a gun in his hand. According to the OSBI, the man ignored commands from police, and a Chelsea Police officer ended up shooting the man. The OSBI said the man was taken to the hospital and a gun was recovered from the scene. The officer who fired was not injured, the OSBI said.

New Health Clinic Opens in Tulsa to Serve and Meet Needs of Hispanic People

Date: 12/9/23 10pm

Duration: 2:08

John Asebes

A brand-new health clinic opened Saturday in Tulsa to serve and meet the needs of Hispanic people. The Trujillo Multi-Healthcare was founded by Fran Trujillo, an immigrant and nurse practitioner. "It is a special place; I think that my ultimate vision is to provide access regardless of who you are. My motto will be 'Everybody is welcome here,'" Trujillo said. Trujillo said it's her own experience that led to her creating a place where people can get help. The clinic will also provide expertise in dealing with diabetes. The clinic is located at 5561 East 41st Street, near 41st and Yale.

New \$20 Million Community Center Opens in North Tulsa

Date:12/17/23 7am

Duration :57

Tanya Modersitzki

A new \$20 million community center opened Saturday in north Tulsa, bringing more health and fitness opportunities to the area while serving as a school building. Crossover Community Impact (CCI) cut the ribbon on the new Crossover Community Center near East 36th Street North and North Peoria Avenue, on Saturday. The center will serve as a building for the Crossover Preparatory Academy boys school, and it will have a gym, fitness rooms, and workout facilities available for community center members. Organizers say a multi-purpose building like this is important to building community.

KOKI-TV Community Event Participation and Support — 4th Quarter 2023

Station Involvement and Sponsorship of Community Events

Tulsa State Fair — Many FOX23 members FOX23 team (both on-air news talent and other staff) hosted a booth at the Tulsa State Fair for 11 days: September 28 – October 8, 2023. Our staff greeted families, talked with viewers about what they like about our news and weather coverage, and took pictures with them.

Tulsa Christmas Parade – 10 members of the FOX23 News team (both on-air talent and other staff) walked in the parade on December 9, 2023, to wish Tulsa-area families happy holidays and hand out candy canes to kids watching the parade.

American Red Cross – Holiday Blood Drive – FOX23 sponsored a holiday blood drive with the American Red Cross in Tulsa, on December 15, 2023. Our TV stations produced a PSA and FOX23 aired it 45 times in advance of the event to encourage community participation. FOX23 News aired several mentions in newscasts during the course of the event.

Individual Community Appearances

Michelle Linn, FOX23 News Morning Anchor

- 10/1/23 — Tulsa State Fair. Hosted the FOX23 booth to greet families attending the fair and take pictures with them. 4 hours for thousands of people.
- 10/11/23 — Safe Kids Meeting. Attended monthly board meeting as a FOX23 representative for Safe Kids Tulsa (first responders and local childhood safety stakeholders). 1.5 hours with 25 people.
- 10/22/23 — Cheer for a Cure. Emceed an annual cheerleading competition that raises money and awareness for breast cancer prevention and treatment. 10 hours for 2,500 people.
- 11/2/23 — Tulsa Regional Chamber State of the City Luncheon. Represented FOX23 at our table at the annual event. 1.5 hours with 500 people.
- 11/8/23 — Safe Kids Meeting. Attended monthly board meeting as a FOX23 representative for Safe Kids Tulsa (first responders and local childhood safety stakeholders). 1.5 hours with 25 people.

- 11/10/23 — Claremore Veterans Day Parade. Represented FOX23 by riding in the annual parade honoring veterans. 2 hours for 2,000 people.
- 11/11/23 — Safenet “Festival of Trees.” Emceed an annual fundraiser for an organization that aids domestic violence victims in Rogers County. 3 hours for 250 people.
- 11/24/23 — Tulsa Winterfest “Lights On” ceremony. Emceed the “Lights On” event, where Santa helps light the Christmas tree at Winterfest in downtown Tulsa. 30 minutes for 250 people.
- 12/5/23 — Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary Holiday Luncheon. Represented FOX23 by modeling in the fashion show as part of the holiday fundraiser that raised over \$200,000 to support the Salvation Army’s family support programs in the Tulsa area. 1.5 hours for 750 people.
- 12/7/23 — Reading a holiday story at Catalayah Elementary School. Represented FOX23 and read a holiday story to 1st graders, then talked about my career. 1.5 hours for 20 students.
- 12/13/23 — Safe Kids Meeting. Attended monthly board meeting as a FOX23 representative for Safe Kids Tulsa (first responders and local childhood safety stakeholders). 1.5 hours with 20 people.

Ron Terrell, FOX23 News Morning Anchor

- 10/2/23 — Tulsa State Fair. Hosted the FOX23 booth to greet families attending the fair and take pictures with them. 4 hours for thousands of people.
- 11/9/23 — Clark Youth Theatre board meeting. Discussed theatre business, voted on items, etc. 1.5 hours with 15 people.
- 11/11/23 — Blitz United Soccer Fundraiser. Emceed a fundraiser for the local organization. 5 hours for 250 people.
- 11/17/23 — Owasso High School tour group. Spoke with students visiting the FOX23 News studio about careers in broadcasting. 20 minutes for 20 students.
- 11/28/23 — Clark Youth Theatre marketing meeting. Discussed marketing/social media strategies for the local theatre. 1 hour with 3 people.
- 12/9/23 — Tulsa Christmas Parade. Walked in the Tulsa Christmas Parade with the FOX23 News team to greet spectators and hand out candy canes. 2 hours for thousands of people.
- 12/14/23 — Clark Youth Theatre Christmas party. Discussed theatre business with fellow board members. 1.5 hours with 30 people.

Shae Rozzi, FOX23 News Anchor

- 10/5/23 & 10/8/23 — Tulsa State Fair. Hosted the FOX23 booth to greet families attending the fair and take pictures with them. 4 hours for thousands of people.
- 12/5/23 — Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary Holiday Luncheon. Emceed the luncheon and fashion show as part of the holiday fundraiser that raised over \$200,000 to support the Salvation Army’s family support programs in the Tulsa area. 1.5 hours for 750 people.
- More than 10 hours of additional activities with the Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary included: planning for the Holiday Luncheon, bell ringing, volunteer gift wrapping for the men at the Adult Rehabilitation Center, and the organization’s final meeting of the year.
- 12/9/23 — Owasso Christmas Parade. Emceed the parade. 2 hours for thousands of people.
- 12/9/23 — Tulsa Christmas Parade. Walked in the Tulsa Christmas Parade with the FOX23 News team to greet spectators and hand out candy canes. 2 hours for thousands of people.

Sara Whaley, FOX23 News Anchor

- 9/30/23 & 10/1/23 — Tulsa State Fair. Hosted the FOX23 booth to greet families attending the fair and take pictures with them. 4 hours for thousands of people.
- 12/9/23 — Tulsa Christmas Parade. Walked in the Tulsa Christmas Parade with the FOX23 News team to greet spectators and hand out candy canes. 2 hours for thousands of people.

James Aydelott, FOX23 Chief Meteorologist

- 9/28/23 & 9/29/23 — Tulsa State Fair. Hosted the FOX23 booth to greet families attending the fair and take pictures with them. 4 hours for thousands of people.

Laura Mock, FOX23 Meteorologist

- 10/6/23 — Tulsa State Fair. Hosted the FOX23 booth to greet families attending the fair and take pictures with them. 4 hours for thousands of people.

Mike Grogan, FOX23 Meteorologist

- 9/28/23 & 10/4/23 — Tulsa State Fair. Hosted the FOX23 booth to greet families attending the fair and take pictures with them. 4 hours for thousands of people.
- 12/9/23 — Tulsa Christmas Parade. Walked in the Tulsa Christmas Parade with the FOX23 News team to greet spectators and hand out candy canes. 2 hours for thousands of people.

Mikayla Smith, FOX23 Meteorologist

- 9/28/23 & 10/5/23 — Tulsa State Fair. Hosted the FOX23 booth to greet families attending the fair and take pictures with them. 4 hours for thousands of people.

Julia Gorman, FOX23 News Anchor/Reporter

- 9/30/23 & 10/6/23 — Tulsa State Fair. Hosted the FOX23 booth to greet families attending the fair and take pictures with them. 4 hours for thousands of people.

Scott Martin, FOX23 News Anchor/Reporter

- 9/28/23 & 10/8/23 — Tulsa State Fair. Hosted the FOX23 booth to greet families attending the fair and take pictures with them. 4 hours for thousands of people.

Janna Clark, FOX23 News Investigative Reporter

- 10/4/23 & 10/6/23 — Tulsa State Fair. Hosted the FOX23 booth to greet families attending the fair and take pictures with them. 4 hours for thousands of people.

Spencer Humphrey, FOX23 News Reporter

- 10/5/23 & 10/6/23 — Tulsa State Fair. Hosted the FOX23 booth to greet families attending the fair and take pictures with them. 4 hours for thousands of people.

Jennah James, FOX23 News Reporter

- 12/9/23 — Tulsa Christmas Parade. Walked in the Tulsa Christmas Parade with the FOX23 News team to greet spectators and hand out candy canes. 2 hours for thousands of people.