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### **Quarterly Issues/Program List**

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016

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

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 News Report

### KOKI Local News of Public Interest:

### Weather

#### **Storm Damage in Collinsville**

Date: 07/01/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:50

JJ Burton

Tree limbs were all over yards but thankfully no houses were damaged. And problem was the split power poles. It was 7 p.m. and Burley Vickers was watching TV until the storm interrupted. Vickers said "it started off it was real drastic wind. He has a lot of trees in his yard. He watched them and prayed none came crashing on his house. Vickers said "praise god it didn't blow any of the trees down, but some of the neighbors got trees blown down". Vickers was one of the 3,200 who lost power. His came back after an hour but some were still without power around 12 this afternoon.

Collinsville Energy crew tried to put a fuse back on that line. Phil Stowell, Public Works Director said "when they put the fuse back in and it failed... that means they still have a problem such as a tree limb on the line somewhere and they got to walk the line or drive the line and find out where that could happen. Correct that problem ...refuse it and then the lights come back on." That was one of the reasons why it took so long to restore power. It happened twice. The worker was not hurt, and they were able to restore power for these folks by 7 a.m. but they had about six split power poles which created an even bigger issue. Stowell said "we've requested a construction crew because we have several severed poles and we just need more folks in here to give us a hand to get those back up". Vickers drove around this morning, looking at the damage. He said "after all of that wind I would expect to see all of this but I see a lot more than I would expected would take place you know". But he said we need the rain. Collinsville Energy's crews worked more than 16 hours to get power back on. They were hoping if more storms roll through tonight, they would not as strong as last night's. But if they are, the crews are prepared for another long night.

#### **Flooding in Pawnee County**

Date: 07/01/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:45

Hector Mejia

"This is our conference room and this is two inches at least it's over the top of my shoe. Nothing like this. It's never been like this", said Kathy McKinnis, Director of the Pawnee Public Library. This is the mess left to clean up at the library after heavy rain rolled through Friday morning. Thankfully, the flooding did not rise high enough to damage their book collection, but it came very close to a precious gift they've had for more than two decades now. McKinnis said "Oh shoot this is our Thomas Moran lithograph print oh shoot". The library stayed closed Friday to vacuum out the flooding and they hoped to stay closed for Fourth of July weekend but instead they would spend it cleaning up after the storm. It was worse at the City's Street Department Building, where they also had to deal with sewage overflow in several rooms. Commissioner Jerry Rolland said "the black mud that you see is sewer and I come in here and we have a room we don't use opened it up and it had about six inches of water the main that you see right there was actually kicking up about a foot of water". Commissioner Rolland told FOX23 it also spilled into his office, where a crew of two people spent the day cleaning it up. He stated "this that you see here the same stuff just sewer backup". And over at the courthouse, maintenance workers said they scooped out 35 of these 5 gallon buckets, filled with flood water, from their basement. McKinnis said "my biggest concern is that we get it dry enough so that it doesn't mold".

## **Heat Exhaustion in Muskogee**

Date: 07/06/2016 9pm

Duration: 1:45

Eddie Randle

"When I woke up I was in an ambulance", said Glen Davis who works for the Muskogee Water Treatment Plant and like many city workers part of his job requires him to be outside and with high temperatures and even higher heat indexes that can sometimes be bad combination if you are not careful. "I try to drink 4-5 glasses of water a day and do some Gatorade in-between, something to keep me hydrated". He said a couple weeks ago he thought he was doing all the right things where he took regular breaks and drank water and stayed in the shade. "I thought I had been hydrated and for the life of me I don't know what happened". He said he got overheated and the next thing he remembered was being cared for by medics. FOX23 talked to Dekota Jones, Safety Manager for the City said his office works to keep workers informed on the importance of staying hydrated and being mindful of the high temperatures. Jones said "we do training every summer so before the heat hits we try to get everyone trained on the heat exhaustion. It comes down to everybody's body is different so you just have to know your limits". Now Davis said he makes sure to plan his day after checking the weather. He looks for ways to stay cool and tries to do his outside work in the morning and save his inside work for when temperatures are higher. Davis said "if anybody can take what happened to me and learn from it including myself I'm glad for it".

## **Calls to EMSA Due to Heat Related Illnesses**

Date: 07/20/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:45

JJ Burton

FOX23 spent part of the afternoon at the EMSA's call center to talk to them about the heat this week and if they have been slammed because of it. Kelli Bruer with EMSA said "so far this has been a pretty average summer for heat related calls". While FOX23 was here, there were no heat related calls. After FOX23 had left, EMSA Spokesperson Kelli Bruer informed FOX23 that they responded to three heat exhaustion calls. So far this week EMSA has responded to 16 total calls having to deal with the heat. According to Bruer, that number was low. Bruer stated "it has surprised us a little bit. We've had some really bad summers where we would have a dozen or more than 20 heat calls in a day." She also said the reason they have not had many calls this year could be because folks know to keep themselves hydrated and not to go outside unless they have to or they could be getting a pool or splash pad. Bruer also said the bulk of their calls came from folks who decided to workout in this high heat temperature.

## **Bacone College (Muskogee) Suffered Damage Due to Storm**

Date: 07/20/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:45

Eddie Randel

Bacone College Executive Vice President Dr. Robert Brown told FOX23 that the school will start but with some changes. He said "this storm as bad as it was and as hard as part of our campus got hit is not going to keep us from moving students into the residents' hall". One of the dorms will be closed because of damage from last week's storm. The school is still rebuilding from this flooding back in January. After a meeting with assessors and adjusters, administration believes that they do not have to tear the dorm down. Dr. Brown stated "we can refurbish and rehab this particular facility the Bacone Inn. That will take some time and money but FOX23 learned that the college's only cafeteria is located in this particular dormitory so they have to find a new place for the students to eat but they have a plan. Dr. Brown said "we can put together perhaps a temporary kitchen and they can bring in semis that have all the kitchen

facilities that are needed". Right now workers are taking cans of food and loading them onto carts so the food can moved to the temporary facility. Eric Lembke is a recent graduate and current employee said he is just pleased with how the faculty has reacted under the current circumstances. Lembke also said "they are actually having meeting now discussing the future plans so knowing that they are taking action immediately is a really good feeling.

### **Hillcrest Hospital (Claremore) Flooded Due to Storm**

Date: 08/26/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:45

Morgan Downing

Walter Foster says the joy of becoming a new father turned into chaos moments after his first child, Gunner, was born. Foster said "a couple minutes after he was born the water gushed from the ceiling. And then it just went chaotic," Foster snapped several pictures showing FOX23 inside the Women's Health Center Wing in Hillcrest Hospital Claremore. He said "there was inches of water standing in the floor". He also said people were trapped inside elevators. He said "I mean they were just winging it. There was no procedures at all. Everybody was running crazy up and down." He said about ten minutes after his wife gave birth, she was moved to a dirty room and she held Gunner in her arms for hours. He also stated that his wife was not cleaned until roughly eight hours after she gave birth. He said "it was not a good show at all. Nobody was prepared". Hospital CEO David Chaussard, said the staff takes part in drills to prepare for situations like this. He said "I mean our staff during this entire event have just done a phenomenal job". Chaussard also said at no point was patient safety or care compromised. He stated "we do have a few areas of the hospital that we are not using right now". But otherwise, he said the hospital is fully functional while they clean and make repairs.

### **Damages in a local church (Claremore) Due to Storm**

Date: 08/26/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:35

JJ Burton

The roof at the New Hope Church of God came off of one side of the building. All the debris landed all over—tin, wood, and shingles. Pastor Mark Tincher said "it's pretty amazing. I basically got a call late last night. Someone had driven by saw that part of our roof was off so I came here." Pastor Tincher had been at the church since about 10 last night. It wasn't as bad as he thought it was going to be. He said "when I felt wet carpet I knew that we had trouble". Most of the damage was in the youth center and it was mostly water damage. Pastor Tincher said "feel very fortunate... very blessed". This could have been much worse. The roof could have caved in or the transformer could have blown and set the whole building on fire. The parts are being held together with a bungee cord because the wind blew it off. Pastor Tincher "the first thing I saw was open wires. When I saw that I knew I had to call somebody". The City is going to come back and fix this. Pastor also said "I feel very blessed that no one was here, nothing was going on. Six-thirty at night... had it been the night before we would have had a church full of people."

### **Storm Damage in Broken Arrow**

Date: 08/29/2016 10pm

Duration: 1:45

Eddie Randel

FOX23 found turned over traffic signs through a drive around Broken Arrow on Monday after strong winds pushed through the City. The winds were powerful enough to put a QuikTrip sign on its back and Broken Arrow City workers said the storm took out a left turn signal causing a bit of a traffic backup. But

workers at Lowes said they even had to close part of the parking lot to customers. Keith Kunze, Store Manager at Lowe's said "different lumber, nails and screws and kind of scattered so we petitioned it off just to minimize the traffic to get it cleaned up". FOX23 found damage to storage houses, playhouses and a shed crushed. The storm did not last long and managers say they are already starting the cleanup process. FOX23 found out they just fixed some of the storage buildings that were damaged by the last round of storms.

### **Lightning Struck School in East Tulsa**

Date: 09/09/2016 9pm

Duration: 0:25

Shae Rozzi

School leaders at Columbus Elementary said lightning hit an air conditioner on the roof. Some parents say they saw fire trucks and wondered what was going on. School leaders evacuated the school for about 30 minutes. Classes went on as scheduled when everything was cleared.

**Son Attacked His Own Father in Sand Springs**

Date: 07/03/2016 9pm

Duration: 1:45

Sharon Phillips

Like many people on this quiet street in Sand Springs, Sue Shane has no idea why her neighbor's son is accused of attacking his own father with a hatchet. Shane said "I just think he went berserk. He's always been a little quiet and withdrawn". She was home when it happened and was the first person the victim's daughter ran to for comfort. Shane stated "I didn't see anything but I heard her scream and she came over to me and my house and I comforted her and she was in shock".

According to Sand Springs Police, Jason Costes waited for his father to come home and when he arrived, that was when Police said Jason pulled out a hatchet. Officers said his father has severe injuries to his face, arm and leg. Shane said "it's a travesty. It's horrible. He's not in good shape. He's really cut, bad". Police said Jason then jumped into a 2003 silver Honda Pilot with Cherokee tag, CE1000 and took off. Family members believe he may be traveling to Illinois to see a girl. Shane said "he took the Honda Pilot and evidently hasn't been found". As neighbors like Shane do their best to comfort this family, Police are hoping Jason will be caught soon. Right now he is considered armed and dangerous. Shane stated "I feel really bad for them and they are going to have a terrible time. I just hope it gets better for them and he gets caught".

**Tractor Theft in Tulsa County**

Date: 07/05/2016 9pm

Duration: 1:45

Sara Whaley

Here's the tractor that one Okmulgee County man was using to bail hay near 251<sup>st</sup> and Alternative US 75. Samantha Squires, a resident in Tulsa said "shocking more or less it's shocking." That was the reaction neighbors in Tulsa had after that same tractor showed up near their homes around 18<sup>th</sup> and Southwest Boulevard. FOX23 found out the machine was stolen around 10:30 last Monday night. Family members and friends bombarded social media with posts hoping that someone would spot the tractor and the cutter. Eventually someone did. The tractor was left in this parking lot in Tulsa. Squires said "that doesn't look right you know and we went by it again and I said you know that's not a place where that should be". The victim said when he went to check out the tractor there was a note inside. He also said the person apologized for stealing the tractor saying they needed the cutter and sold it someone in Texas. There was also a warning for him to keep an eye out on his other property. Squires said "I guess it's kind of nice but not really because they still stole the vehicle so it doesn't really make difference". The victim said he is still hoping to find the cutter...and has a reward out for it.

**Burglary Tire Store in Tulsa**

Date: 07/05/2016 10pm

Duration: 1:45

Sara Whaley

15-year old Ignacio Gomez came with his family from California 7 years ago to set up shop here in Tulsa. Ever since then he and his older brother have helped their father run the place. And they never had a problem with crime until late June. Gomez said "it stresses us out". Thieves worked to get inside their big garage door. Video from June 23<sup>rd</sup> shows one man in a white Honda rammed into that metal door until it popped open. He made it inside but Gomez said the alarms scared him off before he got away with any loot. Gomez said "I didn't think they would come back and do it again". But he was wrong. A

video from July 3<sup>rd</sup> showed the suspect with a helper and a truck, and a new idea. They tried desperately to pull open the door with a chain. When that didn't work, they tried something else. The suspects damaged the business's side door here trying to get in. Right now the business is out about one thousand dollars in repairs. They want the suspects caught before they are out even more.

### **Business Burglaries in East Tulsa**

Date: 08/04/2016 9pm

Duration: 1:45

Sara Whaley

Diann Fernandez works at Zafara beauty salon. It is just one of several businesses in the busy 31<sup>st</sup> and Mingo area which Tulsa police say crooks have hit hard lately. Fernandez said ""we've been in business for 5 years and nothing like that had ever happened". Detectives are investigating 8 business break-ins in just the last couple of weeks. Fernandez remembers walking in to see her store in shambles. She said "everything was just busted open. It was kind of scary, kind of scary to find out that our things were missing". Police say the thieves hit two other salons after Zafara. Reports show a bakery, a tattoo shop, a vet clinic, a Southern Agriculture and a restaurant have all been targeted as well. On top of that, police say they think it could be that same group that stole four cars from a used car lot as well in the same area. Now each places is out thousands in damage and lost property. The thieves are mainly stealing money and thing that are easily pawned like electronics. Fernandez "it's scary...it might happen again. We walk in everyday and we are like is stuff gonna be stolen....are we going to have another break-in. it's traumatizing".

### **Murder Connections in Tulsa**

Date: 08/22/2016 9pm

Duration: 1:25

Sara Whaley

Two Tulsa murder scenes just hours apart are now connected. On Monday, as officers continued to guard the double homicide house in east Tulsa, detectives worked to put all the pieces together. Sara Whiteley lives near 31<sup>st</sup> and Garnett, right next door to where police say a man and woman were brutally killed and their dog shot sometime on Sunday. Whiteley said "they said the house was ransacked..." Detectives say family members of the victims discovered their loved ones bodies on Sunday evening. Whiteley said it was heartbreaking to see their reaction. Whiteley said "she was running up and down screaming and yelling, then they started gathering right out here". Fast forward to about 2am on Monday, police found a man dead in a front yard near 56<sup>th</sup> Street North and Hartford in north Tulsa. Detectives now believe the man shot in this case (north Tulsa) could possibly be the killer in the double homicide (East Tulsa). So now for police, it is all about the science of proving it with guns, shell casings and fingerprints. Detectives say the evidence inside this house (East Tulsa) is absolutely vital to their investigation, and the house it still taped off. Police say-the man killed in north Tulsa had some sort of romantic relationship with one of the victims in the double homicide in east Tulsa.

### **Suspected Serial Burglars Arrested in Broken Arrow**

Date: 08/30/2016 9pm

Duration: 1:45

Nina Carter

A simple search online is what Broken Arrow police say led them to three suspected serial burglars. On Sunday, Corporal Leon Calhoun says they got a call from a man who said he found his radar detector for sale on Craigslist which was stolen from his car the night before along with a laptop and gun. Calhoun said "our detectives made contact with the sellers posing as buyers". Calhoun says the detectives

arranged to meet the sellers at QuikTrip on Sunday afternoon. When they got there, they say they met Michael Moore, who was holding the radar detector. Mark Bryant and Chelsee Redding were waiting for him in the car. Calhoun said "confirmed that the radar detector that was the same one stolen by the serial number". Calhoun said "this obviously just wasn't one situation they had been involved in several". All three were arrested. Calhoun told FOX23 stings like these are occasional" Calhoun said "it does happen time to time and our detectives will look on those sites such as craigslist". He also says while the victim did help out detectives by searching the sites himself, he did the right thing by calling police when he found his stolen items. Calhoun said "don't try to contact the sellers themselves. Call us and let us try to contact the people and recover their items and hopefully put the people in jail". According to Calhoun, Bryant told officers the three of them were together when they broke into multiple cars.

### **Treasury Scam in West Tulsa**

Date: 09/15/2016 6pm

Duration: 1:45

Ashli Lincoln

Kim Fowler from West Tulsa told FOX23 when she checked her voicemail this week, she was not expecting to hear this "...an enforcement action which has been executed by the U.S. Treasury department regarding a tax fraud against your name". She said "you hear how serious that sounds...I thought it was the real deal". Fowler told FOX23 she has gotten several calls from different individuals claiming to be agents with the U.S. Department of Treasury. She said the person told her she was committing tax fraud and if she did not pay thousands, she was going to be sent to jail that day. Fowler said "it stresses me mam, especially when they're calling me like two times a day". Fowler said she did not send them any money because she did not have any. FOX3 tried calling the number but got this message "the number you have dialed is not in service". FOX23 then reached out Tulsa Police. They told FOX23 that they are aware of this attempt to steal your money and the tactics thieves are using are typical. Tulsa and Jenks Police said they have received several reports this week about these callers. The U.S. Department of Treasury also acknowledges it on their website and encourages people to not give money or their information.

### **Check Fraud in Broken Arrow**

Date: 09/15/2016 6pm

Duration: 1:35

Lynn Casey

Broken Arrow Police said Lindy Banford walked into the RBC Bank on Kenosha Street and tried to cash a check for \$300. Corporal Leon Calhoun with Broken Arrow Police Department said "it was allegedly written from a client of theirs and realized that the check was not similar to the ones he normally writes". The teller went to call that customer and ask if he had written that check and he said no. Calhoun said "what she did at that point was to stall the suspect until she could contact officers and they could arrive". Police said not only had there been a lot of effort to forge the check, they said Banford took precautions with her own identity. The responding police said as soon as they saw her, they could tell the big tattoo on her neck was not real. They think she got one and put it there to throw them off in case they used security video to look for her later. Calhoun said "...in hopes of being able to say well that wasn't me because she had a tattoo". People that FOX23 met said they are glad everyone was paying attention. Police said that there was already at least one other victim which was the person they say the ID belonged to that Banford was using. And that's not all...Calhoun said "she is a suspect in a previous situation very similar to this".



### Three QuikTrip Robberies in Tulsa

Date: 09/24/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:30

Hector Mejia

Tulsa police say the QuikTrip (QT) clerks never saw a weapon but the suspect, or suspects, walked into three locations across Tulsa, demanding cash and walked away. A QT customer Daniel Gonzales said "it's a crime shame, why can't people just get a job? You know, what's wrong with people nowadays". Just before midnight, police say a man walked into a west Tulsa location near 33<sup>rd</sup> West Avenue and Southwest and implied he had a gun...terrorizing employees. Gonzales said "Oh, God, I can just imagine what went through their mind. Oh, God, frightened". Officers say two hours later, a man with the very same physical and clothing description, did the same thing to employees in Brookside, near 41<sup>st</sup> and Peoria. Gonzales "everybody gets tired of it, you know? People get fed up with it". The third time though, around 4:30am, police saw a shorter suspect, with different clothes. Investigators on the scene here told me they're relying on surveillance video to confirm if all three robberies are tied. Police say the suspect in the third robbery, near 51<sup>st</sup> and Harvard, left in an early 2000 white-colored sedan with black rims on it. This time, he did not say anything about having a weapon. Police told FOX23 that they even deployed a K-9 unit, but the police dog lost the track when they reached a road.

**Fireworks Permits in Tulsa and Surrounding Cities**

Date: 07/01/2016 12pm

Duration: 2:15

Janna Clark

Melissa Abbott said even though shooting off your own fireworks is illegal in Tulsa, she knows that on the 4th of July, she would hear them anyway in her East Tulsa neighborhood. Abbott said "as you get closer to midnight it gets worse". Melissa gets why it is illegal. Abbott said "that's what bothers me. The houses are so close and that's not safe. If it goes off and lands on someone's roof, it's a fire hazard Bixby, Jenks, Glenpool, Sand Springs, Claremore And Broken Arrow have made it legal to set off fireworks in city limits as long as you get a permit for about 20 bucks. FOX23 asked Abbott "would that make it any safer if they had a permit to do it?" Abbott replied "I don't think so because it's not they had to go through extra training to do it, it's just a matter of paying some extra money and giving the city some extra revenue". Broken Arrow City Attorney Beth Anne Wilkening disagrees. Wilkening stated "you make it safer by just the education of the public with regard to discharge of the fireworks". FOX23 reported that when you pay for a permit, you are agreeing to a certain set of rules which are spelled out on your permit; like you're supposed to set off fireworks; on the concrete instead of the grass; and make sure you're at least 25 feet from your house. FOX23 also reported that you don't have to have a permit to buy them. Marcy Leffingwell's family sells fireworks. Marcy said "maybe they're doing fireworks and don't have a permit". FOX23 checked and found Broken Arrow issued almost 1,800 permits last year. At \$20 bucks each, people paid almost 36-thousand dollars. The City said it goes into the City's general fund and helps pay for extra police and firefighters on the 4th. You can get a ticket for setting off fireworks when you shouldn't, and fines start at about \$200 dollars. But FOX23 uncovered that Police are not handing out many tickets. In Broken Arrow last year, they gave out 1,800 permits but only 5 tickets. In Bixby, more than 600 permits, and only 1 ticket. In Glenpool, they issued about 250 permits and no tickets. Marcy said "it kind of seems like they're not really enforcing that but I hate to say that because I don't know". FOX23 asked Police about it. Glenpool said they only had 2 officers on duty last 4th of July, and emergency priority calls come first. Bixby said they would have to see someone set off fireworks and that rarely happens. Broken Arrow said they are typically responding to other calls and they depend on neighbors to call in violations.

**Election Signs in Tulsa County**

Date: 07/01/2016 6pm

Duration: 1:45

Lynn Casey

FOX23 found that many people who live around Tulsa were not quite clear on what the rules are about political signs. A resident, Joe Torres, was unsure about sign rules. When FOX23 asked "how long do people have before they have to take their political signs down"? Joe replied "I don't know. 24 hours?" Another resident, Gena Kelly Oakes who likes to show her political support said "that is a good question. You know I never, ever thought of it. Uh..." The Ordinance for the City of Tulsa says you have seven days after an election. That goes for individuals with signs on their own property, and campaigns who put out signs for their candidates. Gena told me she always lets candidates she supports put signs in her yard. She said "they ask you to contact their campaign office and have them come and have the remove those." Joe Torres said he now knows the time limit he is going to warn his neighbors. Joe said "I think I'm going door to door to day hey you better take them out because you're going to get a ticket". The City does not issue citations for that but since they do not have tickets as a motivator. They want people to just be good neighbors so they don't have to use resources to do the picking up.

## **Business Expansion in Bixby**

Date: 07/03/2016 10pm

Duration: 2:00

Sharon Philips

Anyone who knows Pastor Orlando Juarez knows he dreams big, and that is exactly what he is doing for the City of Bixby. Orlando said 'when is the last time that the church did something that benefitted business, and that's what we want to do. We want to redefine what church is supposed to be in community". His goal is for the church to join the community, rather than the community joining the church. Market Square on Memorial is set to do just that with a place for worship and fellowship, retail space and a gathering area. Orlando also said "Market Square on Memorial will have a main venue and then we are going to have like a Guthrie Green gathering place, it's going to be a destination place, and the idea is to have retail to come around places where people want to be." And it is all going to be sitting right here at 121<sup>st</sup> and Memorial. 7 acres of this property will be used for the church and its facilities and the other 21 acres will be used for commercial and gathering space. Orlando said "we made an offer of 2.2 million and they took it and so now we own 28 acres on 121st and Memorial". Orlando said he has spoken with City leaders and the Mayor, and they welcome the idea. Orlando said 'after I told him what I was thinking about doing, he got behind it and he liked that idea because they want business in their community". Churchgoers like Jaime Gonzalez are also thrilled. Jamie said "this growth, I believe will offer not only more things that is available to the Bixby area but also jobs for the community.'

## **Development in Owasso**

Date: 07/20/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:45

Morgan Downing

Brandi Schwarz, a local resident has watched Owasso develop before her eyes. She said "It's changed quite a bit...lots more people and lots more businesses". Now, with the news of 531 new homes that were just approved to be built in Owasso, Schwarz and her friend Deanene Tonn say they are excited for it. Tonn said I think that it shows that Owasso is a desirable community to live in". On Tuesday, City Councilors gave the green light for a developer to build Tyann Villa, a gated neighborhood with 64 new homes right across the street from Hayward Smith Elementary School. Councilors also approved a master community to be built on the north side of 76th Street North, west of north 161st East Avenue. Director of Community Development, Bronce Stephenson said 1,000 to 1,200 people move to Owasso each year. Stephenson also said "walking trails, fishing ponds with a fishing dock, it'll have either a splash pad or swimming pool". Some neighbors did express their concerns over traffic congestion. Stephenson said 76th Street North is about to be widened from Highway 169 to 129<sup>th</sup> East Avenue. Right now 76th Street North will not be widened in the spot where they plan to build all these new homes but Stephenson stated that they hope to change that. He said "in the future that will become a priority".

## **Development in Downtown Muskogee**

Date: 08/18/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:45

Eddie Randel

Ron Drake is the man Muskogee has put in charge of rebuilding its downtown area and he is no stranger to the task he's written a book it and has already helped revitalize downtown Okmulgee. Drake said "basically what I'm going to do is what I would do if this were my town...lofts and restaurants and just a lot of great things that are happening". The City is hoping to bring some of those great things right here

to Muskogee. Drake told FOX23 the City is moving in the right direction by adding things like downtown apartments and gateways that will attract people. Drake said "but there's a lot of other places that really need help". Jeanette Hunter owns several businesses and buildings in the downtown area including a pizzeria which sits inside of Shadowwood Mall. Hunter said "a lot of people just don't know that it's here". This is one building Drake believes can really benefit from the type of work he does. Drake said "if we really look around in here there is a lot of fun things that we can use in this building and convert them into this fun retro place where people will want to hangout. FOX23 learned this is all easier said than done. Drake said "for this to take action the people of Muskogee need to believe this can happen". Hunter said "It's kind of if you build it they will come kind of thing...you kind of have to have a vision".

### **Development in West Tulsa**

Date: 08/25/2016 9pm

Duration: 1:00

Cailey Dougherty

This week, construction began near 71<sup>st</sup> and Elwood on the new "71 at Tulsa Hills" apartment complex. Developers say the complex will have 341 units, some of which will be available by this coming spring. FOX23 drove to Owasso to talk to Adam Peck with "S and K Multifamily", who says they picked this location because of the monumental growth the area has seen in recent years.

Peck said "71<sup>st</sup> corridor is booming, Tulsa Hills is going game busters, movie theater, all kinds of new retail". Developers say more residents in the area will bring an economic boost to the businesses that are nearby. Bryan Bennett, owner of Sweetie's Pop Stop said "the more people, the closer they are, most of the time people shop wherever they live". Bennett just opened "Sweetie's Pop Stop" at Tulsa Hills four days ago. He said he is hopeful as more businesses open shop, the additional housing will continue to follow. Bennett said "I think it's great, it's going to continue to develop out this way with housing as well as retail I'm sure".

### **Update in the Rose District (Broken Arrow)**

Date: 08/26/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:45

Jenny Young

According to The City of Broken, it made nearly \$375,000 in sales tax revenue during the past 5 years of development in the Rose District. Michael Spurgeon, Broken Arrow City Manager said "sales tax is extremely important, it's the life blood of any Oklahoma municipality". Police, parks, streets and roads—all benefit from those dollars the city says are spent by people who buy in Broken Arrow. Since 2012, 35 businesses have opened here. Spurgeon said they will build more commercial properties but they also plan to build more homes to continue to support nearby shops. Marci Hawkins, a Broken Arrow resident said "I've seen the City in times it wasn't developed and I've seen it become a thriving downtown again and it's very exciting and I think for our towns to be really vital you must have people who live there".

The City said the plan will bring more jobs here. College student Kristin Wolfe feels like the City is already flourishing especially for people her age. Wolfe also said "I feel like there's opportunity to meet people, there's great job opportunities, there's always something happening so there's no telling who you'll run into". One attraction is the state of the art \$1.3 million water fountain in the Rose District, complete with a light show. The City said water will be shooting up out of the fountain by the fall. Today workers are using a scotch kit to seal the electrical wiring underneath the fountain. Residents said the 46 million dollars invested between the City and private investors has been worth it.

### **Sports Complex in Muskogee**

Date: 09/09/2016 9pm

Duration: 1:30

Eddie Randel

Assistant City Manager, Mike Miller said Sports Facilities Management has increased participation from not just local leagues but also tournaments and people coming in from out of town at the Hatbox Sports Complex. FOX23 reached out to the management team and learned right now they are pulling in about 70 thousand dollars less than they anticipated but they say that doesn't really put them in the red because in terms of income, they have made more than expected year to year and the City agrees. Miller said "one of the things they have done is more than triple the number of tournament teams that have come to town". This time two years ago when the City was managing the complex they were seeing about 80 thousand dollars annually. Now that the new management team has taken over the complex is bringing in over 300 thousand dollars a year. The City tells FOX23 eventually they plan to budget the facility without subsidy which means they will have more money to use for other things like parks around town and other public service.

### **Groundbreaking in Jenks**

Date: 09/20/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:30

Preston Jones

Contractors are already digging in the dirt at the new downtown commons park in Jenks. With a stage, green space, public restrooms and bike racks, the City hopes the 1.1 million dollar park, will be the gateway into downtown and the school campus. But for Nikki King at the Fusion salon next door, it is not good news. King said "since they closed off the parking lot and the alley two weeks ago, we've had the worst business in the last 4 years. People have canceled, they're not coming in and I have stylists that aren't making money". The lot used to be a big parking lot when FOX23 first talked to King last year when the park was just a proposal. She said "exactly what I feared is happening". Before construction, there were 77 parking spaces out here. When it is done, there will be about the same number of spaces, they just won't be as close. Business owners say that just won't work. King said "I have many employees who work late at night, young females walking two blocks to their car in the evening is not a safe option". Mayor Kelly Dunkerley says he does not think parking will be a problem. Mayor Dunkerley said "we feel like we've addressed those issues, we know everyone needs to have parking, we're committed to having that available". The park is funded by Vision 2025 money and it is a joint venture between the City and Jenks schools. City leaders say they are hoping it will bring more people and more money downtown. King said it might do just the opposite. She also said "I don't want to go anywhere else, but i might be forced to".

**Funding Booker T. Washington School in North Tulsa**

Date: 07/03/2016 6am

Duration: 2:00

Farron Salley

School spirit at Booker T. is no secret. From the drumline to the cheerleaders echoed through the alumni. Hornets have a legacy they do not want to lose. Piper Willhite Turner with the Booker T. Washington Foundation made the big announcement Thursday morning. She said "we've had this rainy day fund waiting for a time we need it and right now it's pouring so we need the funds". Funding the Performing Arts and getting better instruments is what the Booker T. Washington Foundation used to do but now they are dipping into the rainy day fund so they can rehire teachers in core subjects. Turner said "we're losing more than 10 but we're going to restore 4 teaching positions in Math, Science, Social Studies and Chinese". The Foundation is donating 150-thousand dollars to ensure those key positions return. Teachers say it's a big boost in morale ahead of what will be a challenging school year. Josh New said "as a teacher it makes me feel appreciated and loved and very very humbled and glad". Josh teaches Japanese and knows unique courses like his are often the first to go. But that is what he says makes Booker T. so unique and what the students often look forward to the most. Josh also said "so the morale was kind of low for the students because they had hoped to take a class with a certain teacher or get to be part of a program that may or may not be there". It is a blow that schools across Tulsa are feeling. But Tulsa Public School recently announced they will be able to rehire about 50 teaching positions. The donation made for Booker T. specifically ensures the class size in all Math, Science and Social Studies classes drops back down from 35 TO 25. Josh said "Oklahoma has to put their children first, education first".

They hope the State can find more money but in the meantime, they will find their own ways to shine.

**Hiring Teachers in Tulsa Public Schools**

Date: 07/07/2016 6pm

Duration: 1:45

Ashli Lincoln

Tulsa Public School Superintendent Deborah Gist said their game plan is to over hire to prepare for possible vacancies. Gist said "we have other vacancies". On Thursday, the District met with dozens of teacher candidates. Some were hired on the spot to prepare for the upcoming school year. FOX23 asked "how is the district able to have a job fair to hire this many positions when it seems like we were losing positions?" Gist replied "because we lose so many positions to our competitors and districts in surrounding states and other careers and things like that we have a need for teachers even in the face of the budget cuts. Gist told FOX23 when they had to cut 100 teaching positions back in April they were able to keep their job. The District said they just moved those teachers to a different department. Gist said "no teacher's lost their jobs because of budget cuts because we have such a big need for teachers". FOX23 found out the funding for these positions will come from the District's General Fund. They had to reduce their budget by six point seven million dollars. The positions that they are filling have already been included in the budget. Gist said the positions have been sitting vacant. She also said "we do lose a lot of people to surrounding States and they have opportunities to go and make a lot more money so we do loose people".

**Bacone College (Muskogee) Suffered Damage Due to Storm**

Date: 07/20/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:45

Eddie Randel

Bacone College Executive Vice President Dr. Robert Brown told FOX23 that the school will start but with some changes. He said "this storm as bad as it was and as hard as part of our campus got hit is not going to keep us from moving students into the residents' hall". One of the dorms will be closed because of damage from last week's storm. The school is still rebuilding from this flooding back in January. After a meeting with assessors and adjusters, administration believes that they do not have to tear the dorm down. Dr. Brown stated "we can refurbish and rehab this particular facility the Bacone Inn. That will take some time and money but FOX23 learned that the college's only cafeteria is located in this particular dormitory so they have to find a new place for the students to eat but they have a plan. Dr. Brown said "we can put together perhaps a temporary kitchen and they can bring in semis that have all the kitchen facilities that are needed". Right now workers are taking cans of food and loading them onto carts so the food can be moved to the temporary facility. Eric Lembke is a recent graduate and current employee said he is just pleased with how the faculty has reacted under the current circumstances. Lembke also said "they are actually having meeting now discussing the future plans so knowing that they are taking action immediately is a really good feeling.

### **Back to School in McAlester**

Date: 08/10/2016 12pm

Duration: 1:50

JJ Burton

They are back...all 3,000 McAlester students ready to tackle a new school year. Even some are not, ready, their parents are. Charlotte Daly, a McAlester parent, "I love it. School's back. The schools have with beefed up security measures. Daly said "that's wonderful, with society and things going the way they are I think it's a good thing". The district installed new cameras at all of its school, inside and outside. Also all the doors are now secured and you will need to buzz to get in or have a badge. Another parent Karon McNeil said "I think it's sad that we've come to those times where we have to do all those things in McAlester Oklahoma. But I'm glad that um... I think they really care about the kids". Another major change here in the district, they closed the Eugene Field Building, and Ki Bois Head Start Program will take over Washington Early Childhood Center. The district says that will save them more than \$150,000. Students who attended Washington have moved to either William Gay or Jefferson Early Childhood Center. Adult Education students that were in the Eugene Field Building are now at the district office, and the operations staff will be transferred to the Transportation Department. The new superintendent, Randy Hughes says the district made those cuts in anticipation that the State will make more cuts to the education budget later this school year. Hughes said "if it doesn't happen then we're good and we got that money that we can bring back some of the personal and a few of the programs that we were not able to continue".

### **Back to School in Broken Arrow**

Date: 08/18/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:50

Nina Carter

Officials say with more students each year and state funding cuts, they're making a lot of adjustments to keep quality classrooms. Broken Arrow bustled Thursday morning as more than 19 thousand students returned to school for the first day. But some did not get there like they used to. Budget cuts forced officials to eliminate bus service to some students who live within a mile and a half of a school. Start times were also changed, which is something parents say will take some getting used to. A Broken Arrow parent, Jason Cleghorn said "it's the first day, we had a lot of the time to get the girls ready, I don't think it's going to be an issue". Cleghorn has two daughters who go to Oneta Heights Middle School. He says

they now start at 8:30 which is not an issue, but he says it is a different story for those with kids in elementary, who now start at 9:10 which would be a problem for working parents. FOX23 caught up with Superintendent Dr. Jarod Mendenhall during his visit to Highland Park Elementary. He says he knows it is not the most convenient, but parents can still drop off kids at last year time, which is 8:30. He says with Oklahoma ranking 50<sup>th</sup> in the nation for teacher salary, one of his main concerns is having enough staff for the growing student body. Dr. Mendenhall "they give their heart and soul to these children and they deserve raises". Large class sizes is something Cleghorn says parents are concerned about too. Cleghorn said "I think is going to be max, but that's pretty challenging for kindergartners, because they only have one teacher". Dr. Mendenhall says he visited several schools to evaluate class size and see if additional staff is needed.

### **Back to School in Union School District**

Date: 08/22/2016 6pm

Duration: 1:45

Faron Salley

Administration here at Union High School is focused on Mingo. There are crosswalks but they want the city to add a left turn light here to help guide traffic. Principal John Chargois says before the City steps in, they are trying several new decongestion strategies on their own like relocating the student drop off point. Chargois said "in the past it's been in front of our UCA but we're actually moving it around to the north side of the building so when parents enter, they'll head toward the track". Parents and students will also find more noticeable upgrades at other places. This is one of 12 newly added classrooms at the Rosa Parks Elementary School. There is also a new roof over at Darnaby Elementary and a three-year renovation process is finally done at the 8th grade center. Bonds you voted on gave the money to make this all a reality. Superintendent Dr. Kirt Hartzler says "certainly schools can't do this alone, we've got to have our parents, our community members involved". He also says they are still facing big challenges from statewide budget cuts. He is worried about the current teacher shortage. He says "we're not asking for our teachers to get wealthy, we're just asking them to be paid a fair wage where they're not having to work part time jobs on the evenings and weekends". He also says that will also help them focus on the job ahead, making sure your youngsters have a solid education.

### **ITT Technical Institute Closing**

Date: 09/06/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:25

Ashli Lincoln

ITT Technical Institute is a school that has been around for decades where students spent tenths of thousands of dollars. One student said he spent "almost 60 thousand dollars in student loan debt just from ITT Tech". The technical school has now closed its doors after they say they could not comply with new federal regulations. Last week FOX23 reported that the school stopped enrollment after the Department of Education warned ITT that it was failing to meet financial standards. In a statement the college says they have worked tirelessly to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Department of Education wanted the school to boost their cash reserves, and their funds set aside for refunds and other expenses in the event the school closes. The government wanted ITT to boost those funds by forty three million dollars. ITT says they proposed several alternatives but the Department of Education rejected those. The school says "these federal actions resulted in the closure of the ITT Technical Institutes"

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Duration: 1:45

Cailey Dougherty

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#### **Little Lighthouse Expansion in Tulsa**

Date: 09/07/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:45

Ron Terrell

The Little Lighthouse was housed in this facility for about 25 years. Then about a decade ago, they decided they needed more room to serve their students. They bought the land next door and the new Little Lighthouse opens this year. FOX23 brought you many stories about the Little Lighthouse over the years which it is development center for kids with special needs— dealing with children from birth to 6-years-old. This new building is part of an 8 year fundraising campaign. Little Lighthouse’s Director of Operations Jessica Mardis told FOX23 that support is one of many the reasons this is a one-of-a-kind school. She said "it is the support of the community and foundations that got us to this place. It is unique in the fact that we are tuition-free for our families. So they don't have to pay anything to come and get a Christian education with therapy services all day, every day". Now bigger classrooms, more space, and more tools to help their students. Mardis said “this helps us to help us to have more space for their teaching materials... what they need, their equipment for physical development and as well as lowering our waiting list”. A waiting list that, according to a parent and a volunteer FOX23 spoke with, is a big indicator of the school's stature across the country. The new building has allowed the school to increase enrollment from 65 to 96.

**EMSA Heat Alert**

Date: 07/05/2016 10pm

Duration: 0:20

Clay Loney

The heat index was up to 110 degrees in Tulsa today. That led to a number of heat-related emergencies. In just the past 2 hours EMSA confirmed that they have responded to 10 calls in the Tulsa area; throughout the day and into the evening. They took 8 people to the hospital in fair condition. EMSA issued a medical heat alert anytime they respond to at least 5 heat related calls.

**Heat Exhaustion in Muskogee**

Date: 07/06/2016 9pm

Duration: 1:45

Eddie Randle

"When I woke up I was in an ambulance", said Glen Davis who works for the Muskogee Water Treatment Plant and like many city workers part of his job requires him to be outside and with high temperatures and even higher heat indexes that can sometimes be bad combination if you are not careful. "I try to drink 4-5 glasses of water a day and do some Gatorade in-between, something to keep me hydrated". He said a couple weeks ago he thought he was doing all the right things where he took regular breaks and drank water and stayed in the shade. "I thought I had been hydrated and for the life of me I don't know what happened". He said he got overheated and the next thing he remembered was being cared for by medics. FOX23 talked to Dekota Jones, Safety Manager for the City said his office works to keep workers informed on the importance of staying hydrated and being mindful of the high temperatures. Jones said "we do training every summer so before the heat hits we try to get everyone trained on the heat exhaustion. It comes down to everybody's body is different so you just have to know your limits". Now Davis said he makes sure to plan his day after checking the weather. He looks for ways to stay cool and tries to do his outside work in the morning and save his inside work for when temperatures are higher. Davis said "if anybody can take what happened to me and learn from it including myself I'm glad for it".

**Pool Inspections in Tulsa**

Date: 07/11/2016 5pm

Duration: 2:45

Michelle Linn

FOX23 and the Tulsa World requested records from the Tulsa City-County Health Department (CDC) where we looked back through three years of inspection reports, to find the biggest problems and how some pools can stay open. Earlier this year, the CDC reported 80 percent of pool inspections found at least one violation. Inspector Roger Roth is the only full-time health inspector in Tulsa County dedicated to inspecting pools. He does six to 10 inspections a day. He said "we just make sure that they're secure. I just rub this over the top to make sure that it's on". Roth has a list of things to look for—three are imminent hazards that can shut a pool down. They include, low chlorine, PH that is too high or too low, and not being able to see the bottom. He also said "pools where I can't see the main drain". He also said the pool will voluntarily close, and fix the issue, or, he can suspend the license. Since 2013, the Health

Department has only suspended ten licenses, and has only written four warnings. This would not meet Roth's standard. In fact, the pool at Woodhollow Apartments has had more violations than any other pool—12 this year alone. Nine pools have had eight or more violations. Three voluntarily closed. The manager at Rockwood Village said their pool needs about 20 thousand dollars in work, but they want to get it open again this season. A Woodland Park employee told us they are working to fix a broken pump and filter and hope to re-open soon. Bali West said they are closed because they did not have a working phone line. They do now and are open again. If a pool does not close, and Roth keeps finding problems and he can send the owner to court. Roth said "we have to, then we go the ticket route, which is not my favorite thing to do, and in my 25 years, I've written two". Records show the imminent hazard they find the most, is low chlorine levels, which can be a big problem. Roth said "most of your bacteria or parasites or amoebas are going to be killed within 60 seconds by chlorine. Of the 439 pools that have voluntarily closed, since 2013, 326 had that problem. The Health Department does not post pool inspection records for the public, but you can find the reports we requested, online.

### **Calls to EMSA Due to Heat Related Illnesses**

Date: 07/20/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:45

JJ Burton

FOX23 spent part of the afternoon at the EMSA's call center to talk to them about the heat this week and if they have been slammed because of it. Kelli Bruer with EMSA said "so far this has been a pretty average summer for heat related calls". While FOX23 was here, there were no heat related calls. After FOX23 had left, EMSA Spokesperson Kelli Bruer informed FOX23 that they responded to three heat exhaustion calls. So far this week EMSA has responded to 16 total calls having to deal with the heat. According to Bruer, that number was low. Bruer stated "it has surprised us a little bit. We've had some really bad summers where we would have a dozen or more than 20 heat calls in a day." She also said the reason they have not had many calls this year could be because folks know to keep themselves hydrated and not to go outside unless they have to or they could be getting a pool or splash pad. Bruer also said the bulk of their calls came from folks who decided to workout in this high heat temperature.

### **Recall Bar-S Hot Dogs in Oklahoma**

Date: 07/20/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:45

Michelle Linn

There's another listeria scare linked to hotdogs and corndogs made at a plant here in Oklahoma. Two types of hot dogs and three types of corn dogs were all made by Bar-S Foods, in Altus, Oklahoma between July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>. Jenean Holmes, a local mother, told FOX23 that she buys Bar-S hot dogs for her kids about twice a month. She said "they love pork, they love those right there. It concerns me, I don't know about scare, but I am very concerned about it though". FOX23 checked local stores, and found several packages of Bar-S hot dog are still on shelves but none with the affected use by dates of October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. FOX23 called Bar-S and found out the company detected evidence of the potential for listeria contamination, in the corndog room through random routine testing, and immediately stopped production. A spokesperson told FOX23 that a very limited amount of products made it to store shelves. Most of the hot dogs and corndogs were in transit. Production is shut down at the Altus plant and workers are cleaning equipment. They are using other plants to manufacture hot dogs and corn dogs in the meantime. The company does not have a timeline of when they will start production in Altus again. There are no reports of illness linked to the Bar-S hot dogs or corn dogs.

Holmes said "I wash, I wash hands, we do everything that we can, we use dishwasher because we know that it sanitizes. We do watch out for our foods, too".

### **Price of EpiPen Affecting Families in Tulsa**

Date: 08/24/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:50

Michelle Linn

It is a shock when the pharmacist says "that will be six hundred dollars" to some families in Green Country filling their EpiPen prescriptions. Kellie Akers, a Green Country mom said her daughter needs EpiPens. She said "it's crazy for that piece of plastic and the needle, that stuff doesn't cost that much, it's ridiculous". Kellie Akers showed FOX23 the text from her pharmacy more than \$600 for one EpiPen kit. Her daughter needs three. Ackers said "my husband, he just about fell out of his chair...that's somebody's two week paycheck is what they're charging for one shot". Dr. Jane Purser with Allergy Clinic of Tulsa said "we are getting many calls in our office of parents that tried to get the EpiPen refills before school has started and they're not able to afford this new price". Physician Assistant Erin Soulek (Allergy Clinic of Tulsa), Allergist Dr. Jane Purser (Allergy Clinic of Tulsa) and Pharmacist Courtney Bymaster (Tulsa's Economy Pharmacy) think they know what is driving up the cost. Bymaster said "they don't have any competition. The Adrenaclick is no longer made, so EpiPen is pretty much their only choice. The Auvi-Q recall left just the EpiPen and the generic epinephrine self-injector on the market. FOX23 was informed that the generic is harder to use and is not much cheaper. Jack Hill has a life threatening nut allergy. Fortunately his parents' insurance covers most of the cost, but still his mom spends four to five hundred dollars a year, out of pocket on EpiPen kits. His mother, Jill Hill said "we're talking about such a low price product and someone who's cornered the market and it's infuriating to me as a mother". Akers is self-employed, and does not have insurance, but she is going to find a way to get the epi pens. She said "it's not just a shot, it's my daughter's life". Dr. Purser said before you walk away from the counter, look online, or ask your pharmacist to help you because you may be able to use the one hundred dollar coupon Mylan offers for EpiPens.

### **Flu Shots are Available in Green Country (Tulsa)**

Date: 08/24/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:30

Ron Terrell

With these hot temperatures, it may be hard to think about the flu. But the flu season is just around the corner, and in fact, the flu shot is already available in Green Country. Dr. Nevin White of St. John Clinic at 81<sup>st</sup> and Memorial told FOX23 that this is a good year to get the vaccine taken care of early. And they have plenty of shots to go around. Dr. White said "get it available to serve the patients... get them vaccinated, and really get a jump on it this year. Typically, flu season runs from October to May. FOX23 looked the numbers—2015-2016 was a relatively mild season for the flu. 13 people died across the state, after more than 100 deaths the year before. Doctor White reminded FOX23 of those who need the shot the most. He said "people who are higher at risk are, children, elderly, people that work in health care, people that have chronic diseases like diabetes". People will have one less option on how to get the vaccine this year. The CDC chose to discontinue the "flu mist". Dr. White stated "it was only 3 percent effective last year...so they pulled it off the market". That means your children will have to face the needle this year, instead of the less intimidating mist. Mindy Jones, a mother of two said "it would be rough with the 5 year old. The 3 year old's tougher with shots, but the 5 year old doesn't like them". She also said "nobody wants to get the flu. I'd rather get a shot than the flu".

### **Medical Marijuana for a Broken Arrow Family**

Date: 08/26/2016 5pm

Duration: 1:20

Cailey Dougherty

Nick Zumwalt of Broken Arrow said his two-year-old son, Levi, has a rare health condition that has been greatly helped by using CBD oil and other forms of marijuana based treatments they have tried in Colorado. He said "we can tell a big difference in his tone and how relaxed he is. We're not going to fix his disease, we're not going to fix what happened to him, but how can we provide the best quality of life that doesn't involved a bunch of drugs that sedate him? When the Secretary of State's Office confirmed that all signatures on the petition for legalization of marijuana had been counted. Now Attorney General Scott Pruitt has confirmed and he has prepared the ballot title well ahead of the September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. But he said that Federal and State election laws require the ballot title to be published with time for any opponents to come forward. Pruitt says we are simply running out of time. Zumwalt said "it is very frustrating". In a written statement, Pruitt said "it's important for the people of Oklahoma to know, regardless of the substance of the State question, the signatures were not submitted with enough time to allow this process to be played out completely". Now, it is a race against the clock. Zumwalt said "it needs to get there and it's better if it happens sooner".

### **E.coli Billboards in Tulsa**

Date: 09/01/2016 9pm

Duration: 2:10

Janna Clark

A Tulsa man has been trying to get his message across about E.coli, and now he is doing it in a huge way. Drivers will see a billboard with big words "GOT E-COLI? OKLAHOMA WATER DOES" on Interstate 44 when crossing the river. Charles Threadgill is paying thousands to put up billboards because a stream that runs through his yard often shows high levels of E.coli. His southwest Tulsa home is just outside the city limits. The Health Department says the E.coli can make you sick, especially if you swallow it. In a FOX23 investigation in May 2016, 6 out of 7 Tulsa creeks that FOX23 tested showed the E.coli was so high that it maxed out the Health Department's test. Threadgill said "it's very important to me. That is a very dangerous level of E.coli to be in those creeks to know kids get in that creek and play in it". Tulsa's program "Save Our Streams" does its own testing and checks creeks and streams. FOX23 analyzed that data and found over the past few years, 65 percent of the creeks had too much E.coli. The City is working to find the source of the E.coli and wants to clean up creeks. But Threadgill blames the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)—the State Agency in charge of monitoring water quality. He said "they ignore the problem. The numbers...they tell me that those numbers don't mean anything. They're just numbers". When FOX23 asked DEQ about the creeks they said, "DEQ does not test for E.coli as it would come back positive due to naturally occurring events in the environment". Threadgill said "it's laughable. I mean a man can only take so much. And I'm at my limit". His billboards also show his new non-profit and website. Threadgill strategically placed 11 billboards all over Green Country—some in Tulsa and other towns...even over at Grand Lake. On Thursday afternoon, another one went up in downtown Tulsa.

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- FOX23 News at 9 — 9:00pm-10:00pm (every day)
- FOX23 News at 10 — 10:00pm-10:30pm (weekdays 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.

**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

**Stuff the Bus** - FOX23 partnered with Reasor's grocery stores for "Stuff the Bus": an annual campaign to organize the donation and distribution of new school supplies to students in need, in eleven local school districts. FOX23 and My41 produced and aired PSAs that encouraged viewers to visit their local Reasor's in order to make monetary donations or donate school supplies, and FOX23 provided donation instructions within

newscasts. Children who receive supplies through this program have the tools they need to begin the school year. This year, the campaign resulted in the donation of more than \$41,000 in school supplies.

**Back to School Expo** – Together with Cox Communications and our Cox Media Group radio stations, FOX23 promoted and participated in a “Back to School Expo.” We gave away more than 3,000 bags filled with school supplies to children who attended the expo.

**YWCA Tulsa “Close the Gap 5K”** – FOX23 produced and aired a PSA for YWCA Tulsa’s “Close the Gap 5K.” This event was designed to raise awareness of the challenges woman face when it comes to health, wealth, and education. (Unfortunately—after much promotion—the event was cancelled, due to inclement weather that morning.)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Community Appearances**

#### **Shae Rozzi**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> – Back to School Expo. Attended a meet and greet at the Back to School expo sponsored by Cox Communications, Cox Radio, and Cox Television Tulsa. 2 hours for 5000 people.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> – Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary Meeting. Attended a meeting to discuss fundraising. Spent 30 minutes shopping for donations. 1.5 hours to 10 people.
- September 15<sup>th</sup> – Salvation Army Angel Tree. Volunteered at the angel tree registration. 2 hours for 100 people.
- September 19<sup>th</sup> – All Saints Catholic School. Met with organizers for the charity dinner to discuss emceeding event. 1 hour with 10 people.
- September 29<sup>th</sup> – Henry Bellmon Awards. Emceed the awards for Sustainable Tulsa and Rotary of Southside Tulsa. 3.5 hours for 200 people.

#### **Jeff Kolb**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> – Worked the Cox Communications green screen booth at the Back to School expo sponsored by Cox Communications, Cox Radio, and Cox Television Tulsa. 2 hours for 5000 people.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – Tulsa State Fair. Attended a meet and greet at the Tulsa State Fair FOX23 booth. 4 hours for 10,000 people.

#### **James Aydelott**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> - Attended a meet and greet at the Back to School expo sponsored by Cox Communications, Cox Radio, and Cox Television Tulsa. 2 hours for 5000 people.
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Restore Hope board meeting. Represented FOX23 by attending the board meeting. 1 hour for 10 people.



- September 24<sup>th</sup> – Restore Hope. Picked out food for the charity at the Farmer's Market. 1 hour for 100 people.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> - Tulsa State Fair. Attended a meet and greet at the Tulsa State Fair FOX23 booth. 4 hours for 10,000 people.

### **Ben Walnick**

- August 11<sup>th</sup> – Drillers Game. Threw out the first pitch and attended a special screening of FOX's new show Pitch after the game. 2 hours for 8000 people.
- August 13<sup>th</sup> - Back to School Expo. Attended a meet and greet at the Back to School expo sponsored by Cox Communications, Cox Radio, and Cox Television Tulsa. 2 hours for 5000 people.

### **Michael Seger**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> – Attended a meet and greet at the Back to School expo sponsored by Cox Communications, Cox Radio, and Cox Television Tulsa. 2 hours for 5000 people.

### **Megan McClellan**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> - Back to School Expo. Attended a meet and greet at the Back to School expo sponsored by Cox Communications, Cox Radio, and Cox Television Tulsa. 2 hours for 5000 people.
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Cox Community Concert. Represented FOX23 during a concert sponsored by Cox in Broken Arrow. 4 hours for 12,000 people.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – Tulsa State Fair. Attended a meet and greet at the Tulsa State Fair FOX23 booth. 4 hours for 10,000 people.

### **Clay Loney**

- July 9<sup>th</sup> – Road to Hope Car, Truck, and Bike Show. Attended a meet and greet at Haikey Creek Park in Broken Arrow. 1.5 hours for 250 people.
- July 11<sup>th</sup> – Cox Charities Advisory Board. Represented FOX23 on the board. Determined Community Investment Grants. 5 hours for 20 people.
- July 16<sup>th</sup> – Tokyo in Tulsa. Attended a meet and greet at the Cox Business Center. 1 hour for 200 people.
- August 6<sup>th</sup> – Oklahoma Reptile Expo. Attended a meet and greet at the Cox Business Center. 1 hour for 200 people.
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Eugene Field Community Support Day. Volunteered to help kids with art projects, mentor, and meet and greet families as part of the Growing Together project in Tulsa's disadvantaged communities. 2 hours for 150 people.
- September 10<sup>th</sup> – Mita's Foundation annual fundraiser. Emceed the station sponsored event and attended a meet and greet. 3 hours for 200 people.
- September 29<sup>th</sup> - Henry Bellmon Awards. Attended a meet and greet at the gala. 1 hour for 300 people.

### **Nathan Thompson**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> – Worked the Cox Communications green screen at the Back to School expo sponsored by Cox Communications, Cox Radio, and Cox Television Tulsa. 2 hours for 5000 people.

#### **Ashli Lincoln**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> - Attended a meet and greet at the Back to School expo sponsored by Cox Communications, Cox Radio, and Cox Television Tulsa. 2 hours for 5000 people.

#### **John Boyer**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> - Attended a meet and greet at the Back to School expo sponsored by Cox Communications, Cox Radio, and Cox Television Tulsa. 2 hours for 5000 people.

#### **Eddie Randle**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> - Attended a meet and greet at the Back to School expo sponsored by Cox Communications, Cox Radio, and Cox Television Tulsa. 2 hours for 5000 people.

#### **JJ Burton**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> - Attended a meet and greet at the Back to School expo sponsored by Cox Communications, Cox Radio, and Cox Television Tulsa. 2 hours for 5000 people.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> - Tulsa State Fair. Attended a meet and greet at the Tulsa State Fair FOX23 booth. 2 hours for 10,000 people.

#### **Jonathan McCall**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> - Back to School Expo. Attended a meet and greet at the Back to School expo sponsored by Cox Communications, Cox Radio, and Cox Television Tulsa. 2 hours for 5000 people.

#### **Ron Terrell**

- August 13<sup>th</sup> - Back to School Expo. Attended a meet and greet at the Back to School expo sponsored by Cox Communications, Cox Radio, and Cox Television Tulsa. 2 hours for 5000 people.
- August 20<sup>th</sup> – Grace Goes Disco. Dance leader and dance judge at the annual Grace Hospice fundraiser event. 3 hours for 200 people.
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Will Rogers Follies. Appeared as Wiley Post throughout the show. 2 hours for 100 people.
- September 20<sup>th</sup> - Golden Apple Awards. Attended 4 Tulsa Public Schools to present deserving teachers with the FOX23 Golden Apple Award. 4 hours for 80 people.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – St. Pius School tour. Toured the school and prepped to emcee event. 30 minutes for 10 people.

#### **Michelle Linn**

- August 26<sup>th</sup> – Divas for HOPE. Attended a fundraiser dinner at the FOX23 table. 3 hours for 200 people.
- August 31<sup>st</sup> – Catalayah Elementary. Gave a career talk to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. 2 hours for 100 people.
- September 17<sup>th</sup> – Pioneer Day Parade in Skiatook. Acted as Grand Marshall of the parade. Rode in a convertible and waved at the crowds. 2 hours for 1500 people.

## KOKI-TV FOX23 - PSA Spots Aired - 3rd Quarter 2016

Organization	Subject	Spot Length	Number of Airings
Ad Council / Autism Speaks	Autism Awareness	:15	9
Ad Council / Autism Speaks	Autism Awareness	:60	100
Ad Council / Department of Health & Human Services	Fatherhood Involvement	:30	10
Ad Council / IWitnessBullying.org	Bullying Prevention	:30	5
Ad Council / IWitnessBullying.org	Bullying Prevention	:60	96
Ad Council / The Humane Society of the United States	Pet Adoption	:30	3
Ad Council / The Humane Society of the United States	Pet Adoption	:10	57
Ad Council / Keep America Beautiful	Recycling	:60	6
Ad Council / Keep America Beautiful	Recycling	:30	8
Ad Council / National Crime Prevention Council	Safe Gun Storage	:30	40
Ad Council / NHTSA	Drunk Driving Prevention	:30	54
Ad Council / Partnership for Healthy Mouths Healthy Lives	Kids' Oral Health	:30	10
Ad Council / UNCF	Minority Education	:30	7
Ad Council / USDA	Food Safety	:30	4
Ad Council / USDA	Food Safety	:15	16
Ad Council / US Forest Service	Discover the Forest	:60	108
Ad Council / US Forest Service	Discover the Forest	:30	7
Ad Council / US Forest Service	Discover the Forest	:15	16
Be Vocal	Speak Up for Mental Health	:60	2
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Start Something	:30	7
Broken Arrow Police Department	Texting & Driving Prevention	:30	140
Boys & Girls Clubs of America	Community Youth Development	:60	111
Boys & Girls Clubs of America	Community Youth Development	:30	6
Boys & Girls Clubs of America	Community Youth Development	:15	14
Life Senior Services	Assistance for Seniors	:30	6
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	Light the Night Walk 2016	:20	48
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	Do Things Differently	:30	24
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	Hand Up	:30	21
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	White Cane Awareness	:30	22
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	Library for the Blind	:30	22
OAB / Oklahoma Insurance Department	Life Insurance	:30	24
OAB / Oklahoma Insurance Department	Mental Health Coverage	:60	67
OAB / Oklahoma Insurance Department	Mental Health Coverage	:30	23
The Foundation for a Better Life	Change the World	:30	6
The Foundation for a Better Life	Spread the Love: Pass It On	:60	29
US Marines	Military Service	:60	10
YWCA Tulsa	Close the Gap 5K	:30	24