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Quarterly Issues/Program List

2nd Quarter 2017

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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2nd Quarter 2017 News Report

KOKI Local News of Public Interest:

Weather

Early Plans to Tackle Problems with Mosquitoes

Date: 04/24/2017 9pm

Duration: 1:15

Clay Loney

It is really hard to tell what kind of mosquito year we are going to have. So the Tulsa County Health Department is wasting no time. Scott Meader with the Tulsa Health Department says staff are being trained this week and mosquito traps will be put out next week—almost a month earlier than normal. With recent rains and more in the forecast, Meader says the mosquito population could explode especially if people do not remove or treat standing water near their homes. Meader says “If it keeps raining there could be more mosquitos and if it’s hot and dry there could be a different types of mosquito”. The Tulsa Health Department could start spraying for mosquitoes by the end of May. Meader says “last year we encountered some West Nile positive mosquitoes on earlier trapping dates. So we decided to push it earlier”.

Wind Storm Damage in Mayes County (Pryor, OK)

Date: 04/26/2017 5pm

Duration: 1:00

Jackie Delpilar

An EF-1 tornado ripped through Mayes County and knocked a big branch in the side of the Russell Boren’s house after, Boren says he was standing in his bedroom when a tree blew over, putting a hole through the side of his house. Boren said “...lived here for 40 years and this is the first anything happened close to home”. The tree that actually went through his house was rooted at the front of the property. The top of the tree went through the home. In a few houses over, another tree put a hole on Karen Elgin’s home. Elgin said “the wind was horrible”. Elgin and her family heard the tree crash but could not tell just how bad it was until this morning. Now, they are sawing the tree into pieces and will cover the roof with a tarp before it can get fixed. So far, FOX23 has not heard of anyone getting hurt or any major damage to homes in the area.

Flooding in Muskogee due to Heavy Rain

Date: 04/29/2017 9pm

Duration: 1:00

Jackie Delpilar

Roads are now turned to rivers after heavy rain in the Meadows neighborhood. Laura Walker who lives in that neighborhood says “it’s been pretty bad”. She says the area is usually the first to flood when heavy rain hits. But it never gets easier to watch. She also says “it’s hard, it’s not fun, you don’t want to leave your home, but at the same time you’d rather go somewhere where it’s dry”. Emergency Management says they helped evacuate a handful of people from the area. They may need to evacuate more if it gets worse where an evacuation shelter is ready for folks who need it. Firefighters had to rescue a family out of a van today after it got stuck in flooding water on 24th Street. So far there is no reports of anyone getting hurt, and Emergency Management is working to keep it that way.

Heavy Rain Causes Flooding in Tahlequah (Cherokee County)

Date: 04/29/2017 9pm

Duration: 1:00

Cailey Dougherty

Homeowners and business owners along the Illinois River basin have had to evacuate ahead of the significant flooding. Mike Jackson came to help a couple families evacuating from Riverville Resort on Saturday. He says the homes had just been repaired after being engulfed with water in 2015. Jackson says "the way it was last time it actually beat the stain plum off of these buildings and the number 3 cabin which is that one right there, it took it off the foundation". FOX23 found a flooded roadway nearby causing problems for those who live on the east side of Combs Bridge. Local folks tell FOX23 because the road is flooded, drivers now have about an hour detour if trying to get to the west side of the river. Business owners have also been preparing for the worst. Business owner Casey Peyton who owns Peyton's Place says "the first time ever it got into this building in 2015, and we just finished modeling it from that flood, and it's going to get us again". They loaded up valuables into rafts to try to protect them from the expected water damage in their store. Many say they are just hoping for the best for everyone impacted.

Schools Closings due to Flooding after Storms in Haskell and Cherokee Counties

Date: 04/30/2017 5pm

Duration: 0:20

Jonathan McCall

Weekend storms that came through Green Country is causing some schools district to cancel classes. Kinta Public Schools in Haskell County will be closed on Monday and Tuesday because of flooding. Lowery and Briggs School Districts (Cherokee County) have also cancelled classes for Monday and Tuesday.

Power Outages across Northeastern Oklahoma due to Wind and Rain

Date: 05/01/2017 8am

Duration: 0:30

Jonathan McCall

Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) says wind and rain caused several problems for them today. This afternoon a tree fell on a line near 96th and Mingo (Tulsa) knocking out power to more than a thousand customers. A tree also fell on a line in Vinita knocking out power of 100 people— homes and businesses. Power is out for some people in the town of Eucha but crews will have to wait for water levels to drop in Spavinaw Creek before they can make the repairs.

Mosquitos Season in Green Country

Date: 05/08/2017 9pm

Duration: 0:55

Jonathan McCall

Scott Meador with the Tulsa Health Department says "we've seen a few mosquitoes out and about." Soon, you will be slapping, shooing, and shunning the blood-sucking pests as they start to pop up across green country. Meador says "numbers have been low up until now, but they may start creeping up." Meador says the reason is "it's been cooler and it's been rainy, both of those weather events really help to keep the mosquitoes down." That was until recent storms rolled through leaving behind standing water and warmer conditions. 2-ingredients Meador says gets the pests stirring. Meador also says water that sits for 5 to 10 days is ideal, but he says the storms also helps drive some away. Meador says "heavy rains reset the system. They blow everything out of the creeks." Meador says it is too early to tell what we will see from now until October. Meador states "the types of mosquitoes present tell us what kind of diseases are floating around."

House Fire in Bixby Likely Caused by Lightning Strike

Date: 05/11/2017 6pm

Duration: 0:20

Clay Loney

FOX3 severe weather coverage continues in Bixby where fire investigator believe a lightning strike sparked a devastating fire that left a family of eight homeless. The fire happened Wednesday night near 121st and Mingo. Firefighters say the flames started in attic and quickly spread to other parts the home. The homeowner tells says even though she lost a lot a material items, she is grateful for what she still has.

Heat Concerns in Tulsa

Date: 06/16/2017 10pm

Duration: 0:40

Shae Rozzi

Several local organizations are working to keep you and your family cool in this dangerous heat conditions. FOX23 learned that the Center of Hope in downtown Tulsa has activated their cooling station to help you keep cool. Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) says when it reaches more than 100 degrees outside and if you cannot afford to run your air conditioning, they would not send you a cut off notice. Medical officials say they cannot stress enough how important it is to stay hydrated at this time of the year. This evening, Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) issued a medical heat alert. As of 4:45 this evening, they had already responded to 5 heat-related calls.

Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) Issued Heat Alert in Green Country

Date: 06/20/2017 9pm

Duration: 0:20

Shae Rozzi

EMSA issued a heat alert today. By 4:30pm today, they responded to 5 heat-related calls. Paramedics took two patients to the hospital because of their symptoms. EMSA issues the alert whenever they respond to 5 or more suspected heat-related illness calls in a 24-hour period. Paramedics want to remind you to drink plenty of water, and wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.

Heroin Bust in Coweta

Date: 04/18/2017 9pm

Duration: 1:30

Sharon Phillips

Glen Kerr lives right down the street where the heroin bust took place and saw all of the commotion early Tuesday morning. Kerr says "I got up and looked out and saw the lights flashing down there and I went back inside and locked the doors". He says he is not surprised that criminal activity was going on here. Kerr says "I've been seeing a lot of traffic down there here over the last month or month and a half". Coweta police say the big bust was all thanks to a driver they arrested recently. They say he pointed them to this suspected drug house. That was when Coweta police got in contact with the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office and got a warrant to search the home. Inside, they found cocaine, heroin, numerous amounts of pills they have yet to identify and guns. Officers arrested Nathaniel Horn and Sydney Young. As Kerr works to keep his home and yard looking nice, he says he is so grateful law enforcement is working to keep his neighborhood clean. Both Horn and Young were booked into the Tulsa County jail on a host of complaints. According to the Sheriff's Office, Horn took responsibility for everything.

Robbery at Bacone College in Muskogee

Date: 04/23/2017 10pm

Duration: 1:20

Jackie Delpilar

A college dorm rooms were robbed at gun point, where according to court papers, two masked men forced their way into these Bacone College dorms back in February. They demanded cash, cell phones, and valuables. A woman works near those dorms asked FOX23 not to show her face. She says "it's not surprising at all, scary rather, but not surprising". She says she wishes she would have learned about the robbery sooner. She also says "you've got people that work here; that come here every day not knowing there's an armed robbery here...that puts those people at risk". Court papers say one suspect stood in the doorway, pointing a gun at the victims. The second suspect identified as Robert Theriot hit one victim in the mouth with brass knuckles causing major dental damage. Theriot also punched the other victims...seven students in total. He is now charged with robbery and police is still searching for the other suspect. Students nearby told FOX23 the victims have since moved out of those dorms.

Violent Crimes in Tulsa

Date: 04/26/2017 5pm

Duration: 1:00

Nina Carter

Tulsa police say they are ramping up their response to violent crime. In a news conference this afternoon, Police Chief Chuck Jordan announced that more than 50 officers participated in a 4-day operation that started on Saturday. Jordan says "the entire TPD (Tulsa Police Department) participation was funded by a grant awarded by the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office". Jordan says the nearly 75 thousand dollar grant is the first aimed at cutting back on serious crime. Police say 29 guns were recovered and 92 people were arrested in this operation. They say the FBI, ATF (Alcohol, Tabaco, Firearms and Explosives) and the Tulsa County District Attorney's Office also helped out. Jordan says "police work is getting harder and harder to do. So for these guys to go out and do what they did with what they had to do without using excessive force, I applaud their efforts".

Jordan also says that even though the City is seeing a slight decline in overall crime, it not where it should be. Jordan says "we're going to stop when we feel we have things a little more under control in our City".

2nd Grade Teacher Arrested at Holmes Park Elementary School in Sapulpa

Date: 05/04/2017 9pm

Duration: 1:20

Sharon Phillips

Megan Sloan was arrested on Monday morning at Holmes Park Elementary School in Sapulpa. Jen Watkin's son is in Sloan's 2nd grade class, and she was stunned to find out his teacher had been arrested. Watkins says "this is a person I send my child to every single day". Emails showed that a concerned citizen alerted the school about Sloan back in 2015. One of them showed a response from now Superintendent Robert Armstrong saying in part "I'm in receipt of a complaint regarding a teacher in our school district and need more information to follow up on this issue". Parents like Watkins want to know why the school did nothing about Sloan if they knew about an issue back in 2015. Watkins says "if someone makes an accusation like that against a teacher in charge of second graders...you give that person a drug test". Watkins says the school just sent out this note saying her son would have a substitute teacher for the rest of the year, but did not say why. Records show a teacher discovered Sloan having an open conversation on Facebook about using and selling heroin. Investigators found syringes, some filled and also meth and heroin in her purse. Sapulpa Public Schools gave us a statement saying in part: "Oklahoma Statutes prohibit a public body from releasing and/or discussing internal personnel investigations, including demotion, discipline, or resignations".

Robbery at Walgreens in Broken Arrow

Date: 05/17/2017 5pm

Duration: 1:30

Nina Carter

For the fourth time in three years, Broken Arrow police are investigating a robbery at Walgreen Pharmacy Store at Kenosha and Lynn Lane. Officer James Koch says "this type of robbery has become more popular... prescription drugs are widely abused so we are concerned". Koch says the suspect came in just before 10 pm on Tuesday. He says the man was wearing a hoodie with the hood up to hide his face. Koch says he went to the pharmacy and demanded prescription drugs... threatening the clerk by showing a pistol tucked into his waistband. Koch says the suspect got away with an abnormally large amount of prescription drugs compared to past pharmacy robberies. He was reportedly last seen running north of the store. Koch also says he was shocked to hear the robbery happened at this store near Kenosha and Lynn Lane (9th), not only because it is consistently busy but it is also within eyesight of the police department, which is right behind this fence. Koch says "we're pretty visible so that tells me it's probably not someone that's familiar with the area". No injuries were reported from the robbery. Detectives say they are going over surveillance video from the pharmacy and surrounding stores.

Aggravated Drug Trafficking in Muskogee

Date: 05/22/2017 10pm

Duration: 1:00

Jackie Delpilar

Two pounds of crystal meth are now off the street in Muskogee. Pete Kirk and Katelynn Kay Anderson are now facing aggravated drug dealing charges. Court papers say troopers found the drugs after stopping the couple for speeding on Highway 69, just outside City limits. A K-9 picked up the scent of

drugs so troopers searched the car. After searching the car, troopers found two gallon sized bags full of meth, two pounds in all. Community members that FOX23 spoke with say they are glad the drugs are out of the hands of suspected drug dealers. Brian Hudson says he has had friends and family affected by drug use. He is glad to hear about the arrest. Hudson says "I've had to pick up some buddies late at night, drug house, and it just breaks my heart and I don't want other families to go through that". Others that FOX23 spoke with say drug use is a problem in Muskogee and they hope arrests like these can help it stop.

Robbery at KFC Restaurant in Tulsa

Date: 06/01/2017 5pm

Duration: 0:45

Nina Carter

Employees at this fast food restaurant were not expecting any orders at 8:30 this morning. But that changed after police say a gunman ducked in behind a delivery guy. Tulsa police say the suspect armed with a pistol forced a worker to open the safe, then locked her and the delivery driver in the restaurant's freezer. Police say the suspect took off in the delivery truck but ditched it just one block away. Kelly Bargas lives just south of the KFC near Admiral and Memorial. Bargas says the stolen delivery truck ended up in his yard still in gear. Police say the suspect was wearing a mask so employees could not give them a good description.

Traffic Stop Turned into a Drug Bust in Sand Springs

Date: 06/19/2017 5pm

Duration: 1:30

Rick Maranon

Sand Springs Police made a traffic stop that turned into a drug bust on Friday. An officer found 42 grams of meth, a smoking pipe and marijuana inside the vehicle. A small signal turned in to one of the biggest drug discoveries this year when an officer pulled over Kevin Jameson for simply failing to signal while making a left turn. But this little light of his ended up shining another light on what police say was an unsuspected drug mule. The officers pulled him over for just a minor traffic violation. Tulsa police officer, Jeanne Mackenzie tells FOX23 after police had a K-9 officer smell Jameson's car and they ended up finding 44 pounds of meth. Forty-four pounds and street dollars about five thousand dollars per pound. So we are looking at 220-thousand dollars of methamphetamine. Police say they did not find any bricks of cash as they usually do with drug mules and alleged drug dealers on Jameson, and they believe he was driving through moving the drugs from one state to another but not Oklahoma. Mackenzie says with Jameson being far in to his 50s, almost 60 years old, it just shows that the drug trade can attract people from all walks of life— not just gangsters and thugs who look rough, and everyone should be vigilant.

Guns, Drugs and Knives found in Bixby

Date: 06/25/2017 9pm

Duration: 1:00

Mallory Thomas

Guns, drugs and knives found in Bixby. Bixby police arrested Cody Damme after a local gas station cashier helped identify his car. It first got an officer's attention when he noticed a shotgun. When police took a closer look inside, they say they also found around 200 knives and drugs. One local woman says she thinks Tulsa crime is bleeding over into cities like Broken Arrow and Bixby. Danielle Hegdale, a Broken Arrow resident says "I think there is the possibility that the eastern edge of Tulsa has maybe bleed over into other populations." Hegdale also says she moved away from Tulsa a few years ago to

hopefully get away from the crime. Hegdale says "...it just seemed like there was more reports not only one the news, but neighbors would be talking about it." While Hegdale says she has noticed an increase, one Bixby resident thinks differently. Greg Campbell from Bixby says "I haven't seen or heard of any crime...we've lived here for about eight years now so overall it's been a very safe place." Campbell says that arrests like Damme's are not the normal in places like Bixby. Campbell says "Bixby has always been a very safe place."

New Businesses in Broken Arrow

Date: 04/03/2017 6pm

Duration: 0:20

Shae Rozzi

Ulta, Michael's, Dollar Tree and Ross will open at Shops of Broken Arrow near Lynn Lane and Hillside Drive in the fall. Up the road at Hillside Crossing, Jersey Mike's, Wingstop and Tropical Smoothie Café will open in the summer. The Indian Brewing Company is also going in the Rose District.

Development on Riverwalk in Jenks

Date: 04/19/2017 5pm

Duration: 1:15

Jackie Delpilar

Construction is front and center at Riverwalk Crossing in Jenks. It is the progress of three new restaurants set to open in a few months and more on the way. Chamber of Commerce President Josh Driskill says "It's a great time here, a lot of developments underway and in a couple months we'll see a lot more announcements". He also says success from the Flying Tee Golf Center next door has helped bring new life to Riverwalk Crossing. The new businesses will help bring in more tax revenue and more visitors to the area. Driskill says "any time you've got great strong businesses, it means you're going to see more sales tax revenue, the more successful the biz, the more people come". And the Chamber expects many visitors soon with Andolini's opening a new Italian restaurant in about a week. Burn Co BBQ will open its new location here at Riverwalk Crossing in a couple months. And Maryn's Taphouse and Raw Bar will also open soon. There is also a new industrial park underway off Elm Street. The City says a developer is sprucing up the place to bring in new tenant which a trend the Chamber of Commerce hopes will continue.

Rezoning Meeting in Bixby

Date: 04/23/2017 10pm

Duration: 1:20

Sharon Phillips

The area of 161st and Memorial has been a hot button for residents and developers alike in the City of Bixby. The property owner wants to sell to developer Rausch Coleman who is hoping to build 525 homes. But many worry with the added traffic and the way the infrastructure is currently, the City will not be able to withstand more houses. Bixby City Manager, Jared Cottle says he believes the added homes would result in an increase in revenue for the City. Cottle says "it is true that retail development follows rooftops and one of the keys we have to expand the services we offer in public safety is to have additional retail". Cottle says Bixby must have more residents to have more retail. To those worried about added traffic to Bixby, Cottle says traffic counts are not as congested in South Bixby. Cottle says "the 30,000 cars are north of the river and a lot of that development has moved forward in that point in time. We have maybe a third of that traffic at 161st and Memorial".

And for those who are concerned about bond money being given to the developer for flood issues. Cottle says "with regards to the drainage, the City cannot give money to a developer with bond funds". Cottle also says if the Council passes the second reading Monday night, then the zoning order goes into effect but this is not a full blown approval for the development. IT is only for zoning action.

Downtown Plans in Muskogee

Date: 04/28/2017 5pm

Duration: 1:10

Jackie Delpilar

Muskogee is looking for ways to improve its downtown core. Students from Oklahoma University (OU) are presenting a plan they have come up with to bring life back to downtown. Bro's Haberdashery sits on the corner of Okmulgee and 2nd street in Muskogee. Owner Nick Wilkes opened up shop about six months ago. He says his hometown pride encourages him to invest in Muskogee. Wilkes says "it's my home, my hearts here, I love this place, I love this town". But he admits that downtown Muskogee can use a little TLC (tender loving care). Wilkes says "it's just unsafe to be out on the sidewalk to be honest". A group of Design students from OU hope to help bring downtown Muskogee back to life. They have spent months putting together a plan to bring people back to the City's core. Plans include adding apartments, capitalizing on green space, and making it more bike and pedestrian-friendly. The plan also includes rechanneling the roads, reducing lanes to slow cars down and make it safer for pedestrians. They also want to maintain historic buildings, and increase activity downtown. City leaders will try to use these ideas moving forward.

Bixby's Downtown River Corridor Improvement

Date: 05/05/2017 9pm

Duration: 0:20

Clay Loney

Bixby City leaders are taking steps to improve the downtown river corridor. The City is looking to upgrade the pedestrian bridge near 146th Street and Memorial. They are now doing a survey on the bridge to see how much it can hold. They will use the study to see what kind of upgrades are needed and may even decide to expand the bridge and used it to host events in the future. The City is also working on building a new river access park next to the bridge.

Rezoning Fight in Tahlequah

Date: 05/10/2017 9pm

Duration: 0:15

Shae Rozzi

A zoning change has some people upset in Tahlequah. The City rezoned a 13-acre plot from residential to industrial because of a proposed concrete plant near Highway 51 and Douglas Avenue. People in that area who opposed this have until the end of the month to file a protest petition.

Zoning Fight in Tahlequah

Date: 05/30/2017 6pm

Duration: 0:20

Katie Higgins

People living in Tahlequah have one more day to file a petition against a proposed business near homes. The City rezoned a 13-acre plot from residential to industrial because of a proposed concrete plant near Highway 51 and Douglas Avenue. People against the plant have to collect 359 signatures by tomorrow to ask the Council to rescind their approval.

Business Announcement in Broken Arrow

Date: 06/20/2017 9pm

Duration: 0:30

Nathan Thompson

A local manufacturing company announced today that it is expanding in Broken Arrow. The Swedish company Alfa Laval said it plans to build a new plant right next to its existing plant at 81st and Lynn Lane. The City cannot say how many jobs will come to town until the company breaks ground and releases more details this summer. Broken Arrow resident Chelsea Brown says "oh I think it's absolutely wonderful that they're expanding and wanting to bring life to Broken Arrow and more jobs and people and families really it's a family friendly area." The new plant should be in operation by the end of 2018.

Development in Owasso's Red Bud District

Date: 06/23/2017 5pm

Duration: 0:20

Lynn Casey

A big new development is taking shape in Owasso's Red Bud District. Framing is already going up on. The center will have retail and restaurants on the first floor including a smoke restaurant. It will also have office space on the second floor and loft apartments on the third. The project is expected to be finished fall of next year.

Special Meeting on Education in Tulsa

Date: 04/19/2017 6pm

Duration: 1:20

Rick Maranon

In West Tulsa, school may soon be getting out for more than just summer. Tulsa City Councilor Jeannie Cue represents West Tulsa and she is concerned that Eccdc-Porter, Park, and Remington Elementary Schools could sit empty because of budget cutting and consolidation. Cue says "I have hope, but my concerns are Remington and Park because they sit in the neighborhoods. I'll be watching those schools and TPS (Tulsa Public Schools) assures me that the right thing will come if something does come". Earlier this month, two TPS schools were closed in 2011. Neighbors told FOX23 that the shuttered schools are now prime spots for drug dealers, vandals and even prostitutes. Tulsa Schools Superintendent Dr. Deborah Gist assured councilors that any building closed will still be monitored and the property will be maintained. She says there is a chance the District could use the buildings again in the future. Tulsa City Councilor Connie Dodson represents East Tulsa and she tells FOX23 that she is worried if the funding crisis continues, schools could be closed in her District and as seen at Sandberg Elementary near her side of town. Dodson says "we don't know how much will have to be consolidated to make ends meet and that's the problem. We hope State Legislators will realize that they have the keys to fix this".

Dissecting a Shark at Stone Canyon Elementary (Owasso)

Date: 04/27/2017 9pm

Duration: 0:20

Clay Loney

Sharks in Oklahoma...not in the water, but in a local elementary school classroom. 4th Grade students at Stone Canyon Elementary got to dissect pregnant sharks as part of a science lesson today. They have been studying marine life all year and a grant from the Owasso Education Foundation helped make this experience happen.

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Tulsa Public Schools (TPS) Budget Meeting

Date: 05/01/2017 9pm

Duration: 1:15

Lynn Casey

Teachers Unions are at the Education Services Center to make sure Board members know where they stand on preemptive budget cuts. Nancy Leonard with the American Federation of Teachers Tulsa 6049 says "I know they're trying to pre-plan. But sometimes when you pre-plan you cut your nose off to spite your face". Organizers want TPS to wait until the State budget is finalized before making any major budget decisions like consolidating schools and taking furlough days. The District will take a few more days before finalizing their recommendations but they did make a move to ask the legislature to make

up for some of the anticipated budget shortfall. Leonard says "Oklahoma's run on gas and oil. It always has been". The School Board drafted a resolution to call on the State Legislature to restore the gross production tax to seven percent for all oil producers.

Budget Cuts in Muskogee Schools

Date: 05/13/2017 9pm

Duration: 1:20

Jackie Delpilar

"I was angry, because that's a big change" says Terri Cobb who has twin daughters who are rising seventh graders at Ben Franklin Science Academy. They have just learned this will be their last year at the Magnet School. Cobb says "they were receiving top notch as far as I'm concerned, then to just rip them out like this at the last minute...no notifications". This week, the Muskogee School Board finalized a million dollars in budget cuts for next school year. That includes eliminating 7th and 8th grades from the District's science-focused school. Students from Ben Franklin Science Academy will now go here to Alice Robertson Middle School unless their parents decide otherwise. FOX23 spoke to the Superintendent a few weeks ago about this difficult decision where he says this comes after a decade of cuts and a lack of funding from the State. But he assures parents that Alice Robertson Middle School that will be a good substitute for Ben Franklin. Cobb says that she is hoping for a solution from Legislators. Cobb says "it's not really the School Board's fault, it's the Legislators...they're not looking at what these kids are going through". The Cobb family is now weighing their options which includes home schooling; moving out of the District, or the State. But they are trying to stay positive and give the new school a chance while asking State Leaders to help give students the education they deserve.

Crossing Safety in Broken Arrow School District

Date: 05/15/2017 6pm

Duration: 0:50

Nina Carter

Crossing guards stationed at several locations around Broken Arrow are there to keep kids safe. For several years the City has funded the program for the school district. The amount of funding has not increased even though the number of kids walking has. The City has given the district 32 thousand dollars each year since 2015. Parents say they are happy that it is not going to be affected by state education cut but wonder if more are needed. Earlier this school year, FOX23 reported a total of four Broken Arrow students were involved in auto pedestrian accidents on their way to or from schools. Last fall police say they were making a big effort to make school zones safer. Parents say the fact there is not one crossing guard at each school is a little surprising.

Broken Arrow Public School Budget

Date: 06/05/2017 9pm

Duration: 1:00

Nina Carter

Cautiously optimistic...that is how Broken Arrow Public Schools officials are describing their approach to next year's budget. State Superintendent Hofmeister reported that Common Education will get a 1.6 percent increase from last year. Last week FOX23 reported legislators passed the budget proposed to generate 6.8 billion dollars in revenue. The plan adds about 2.4 billion dollars back into the Common Education Formula. District accountant Natalie Enith says that news is a relief but they are still stuck waiting to see where that money will go. Enith says "...will it go directly all into the formula, will they line item it out for specific activities like text books, ace, PD, RSA, so how will that actual be allocated to us...". The district has already cut 3.8 million dollars from their budget this fiscal year. Enith says right

now they are being told they would receive about the same amount of state funding as they got last year. But Superintendent Janet Dunlop says that is a statement they are taking with caution. Dunlop says "we've heard those words before and what those words equated to in this year and the year prior is then we received midyear cuts."

New School in the Union Public School District

Date: 06/14/2017 5pm

Duration: 0:20

Shae Rozzi

More children ages three and younger will have access to early childhood education this fall. Tulsa's Community Action Project (CAP) was awarded federal dollars. To open a new center in Union's former Briar Glen Elementary near 31st and 129th East Avenue. And funding to expand its Rosa Parks Center in Tulsa. The George Kaiser Family Foundation is providing a matching grant in helping more than a hundred kids from lower income families get a better start on their education.

Tuition Hike at Roger State University in Claremore (Rogers County)

Date: 06/22/2017 12pm

Duration: 0:30

Tiffany Alaniz

Tuition is going up at universities across Oklahoma including Rogers State University (RSU). RSU's budget proposal for next school year was approved late Tuesday night that includes a tuition increase of 5% for in-state students and 5.2% for out of state. School officials say that adds up to an extra \$165 a semester for in-state students taking 15 hours. It is not just the tuition increase, other cost saving measures include up to 12 unpaid furlough days for all employees, and nine positions that will either be eliminated or unfilled.

More Flu Deaths in Tulsa County

Date: 04/13/2017 5pm

Duration: 0:20

Clay Loney

The flu has taken the lives of more Oklahomans. The State Health Department reports two more flu deaths in the past week both in Tulsa County. That brings the number of flu deaths Statewide to 92. 22 this season in Tulsa County alone. Since September, more than 2-thousand people in Oklahoma have been hospitalized because of the flu.

Drugs Takeback on Unwanted and Old Medications

Date: 04/26/2017 5pm

Duration: 0:25

Clay Loney

The Tulsa Health Department wants to keep your old medications out of the wrong hands. On the 29th, you can get rid of unwanted, unused or expired medications at several locations: Reasor's on 71st and Sheridan or 41st and Yale. You can also go the MET (Metropolitan Environmental Trust) at 11th and Cincinnati. The Health Department says Tulsa County is 16th out of all counties in the country when it comes to deaths from prescription painkillers.

Tobacco Products Banned in All Tulsa City Parks

Date: 04/20/2017 6pm

Duration: 0:25

Shae Rozzi

The Health Department is leading an initiative to ban tobacco products at all Tulsa City Parks. Dr. Bruce Dart with the Health Department says a tobacco ban at the parks would help Tulsa get a Healthy City Certification. Dart says the certification could lead to 275-thousand dollars in grant money for healthy living programs. Mom Ann Bennett says she supports the Health Department's initiative.

Longer Tick Season Expected this summer in Green Country

Date: 04/20/2017 10pm

Duration: 1:15

Cailey Dougherty

"I was out working in the woods and got a tick in February", says Eddie Reese with Tulsa' Oxley Nature Center. He also says tick season is fully underway now, and the deer population is part of the problem. Reese says "some areas it could be increased deer population because they provide a food source for the ticks so you're going to see more ticks". Experts at Oklahoma State University (OSU) say this year is shaping up to be even worse when it comes to the parasites. Justin Talley, Associate Professor in Entomology at OSU says "this is about the time of year we start seeing a lot of tick activity, it just seems we have it a little bit earlier when we have a mild winter, so that means our tick season is longer". FOX23 checked with the Tulsa County Health Department and found out there is two commonly found tick-borne illnesses in our area. Over the last three years, there has been 31 cases of ehrlichiosis and 70 cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever from a tick bite. While those illnesses are extremely rare, experts say it is important to use caution. Talley says "if you have pets with you, you need to protect your pets because your pets are probably bringing ticks into your household. If you prepare properly and dress properly, enjoy the woods, it's a great place to be".

Route-66 Coalition Getting Health Grant in Tulsa

Date: 04/22/2017 7am

Duration: 0:20

Naomi Keitt

Oklahoma's Route 66 Coalition is getting a big federal grant to help people get healthy and stay that way. The 4-and-a-half million dollars will be used to help more than 75-thousand people with housing and food insecurity, those who need help paying utility bills and need transportation. The Route-66 coalition involves 200 organizations including the Tulsa Health Department.

Early Plans to Tackle Problems with Mosquitoes

Date: 04/24/2017 9pm

Duration: 1:15

Clay Loney

It is really hard to tell what kind of mosquito year we are going to have. So the Tulsa County Health Department is wasting no time. Scott Meador with the Tulsa Health Department says staff are being trained this week and mosquito traps will be put out next week—almost a month earlier than normal. With recent rains and more in the forecast, Meador says the mosquito population could explode especially if people do not remove or treat standing water near their homes. Meador says "If it keeps raining there could be more mosquitos and if it's hot and dry there could be a different types of mosquito". The Tulsa Health Department could start spraying for mosquitoes by the end of May. Meador says "last year we encountered some West Nile positive mosquitoes on earlier trapping dates. So we decided to push it earlier".

Mosquitos Season in Green Country

Date: 05/08/2017 9pm

Duration: 0:55

Jonathan McCall

Scott Meador with the Tulsa Health Department says "we've seen a few mosquitoes out and about." Soon, you will be slapping, shooing, and shunning the blood-sucking pests as they start to pop up across green country. Meador says "numbers have been low up until now, but they may start creeping up." Meador says the reason is "it's been cooler and it's been rainy, both of those weather events really help to keep the mosquitoes down." That was until recent storms rolled through leaving behind standing water and warmer conditions. 2-ingredients Meador says gets the pests stirring. Meador also says water that sits for 5 to 10 days is ideal, but he says the storms also helps drive some away. Meador says "heavy rains reset the system. They blow everything out of the creeks." Meador says it is too early to tell what we will see from now until October. Meador states "the types of mosquitoes present tell us what kind of diseases are floating around."

Bed Bugs at Platt College in Tulsa

Date: 05/10/2017 12pm

Duration: 0:20

Tiffany Alaniz

In a FOX23 investigation, bed bugs are causing problems at a local college. Someone complained to the Tulsa Health Department on Monday about Platt College at 37th and Sheridan. FOX23 investigative reporter confirmed with the college that they do have an infestation. The school serves around three-hundred students. So far, they have closed three classrooms and have pest control working on a solution.

Mosquito Hotline in Glenpool

Date: 06/20/2017 5pm

Duration: 0:20

Nathan Thompson

The City of Glenpool is asking people to help cut down the mosquito population. The City says to call the Health Department's Mosquito Hotline if you are noticing mosquito problems in your neighborhood. The number is 918-595-4219. Workers will then come out and spray. You can also help by clearing out any standing water and if you have outdoor pets, change their water bowls every day.

West Nile Virus in Tulsa County

Date: 06/25/2017 9pm

Duration: 1:00

Hector Mejia

It is a sunny, warm Sunday at Reed Park in West Tulsa. As people enjoyed it, some did not even know mosquitoes in the area could be carrying West Nile Virus until FOX23 them. Officials with the Tulsa County Health Department told FOX23 now is the time when they start finding positive traps. For the week of June 19th to the 23rd, the Tulsa Health Department conducted 47 tests but only two trap samples tested positive. They collected and tested over 1,900 mosquitoes. Earlier this month when they found the first positive trap of the season. Just because they found two new trap samples officials say that does not mean the number of mosquitoes is getting out of control. They tell FOX23 that it actually went down over the last two weeks likely because of the lack of rain during that time. Health officials say anyone can become ill from being bit by an infected mosquito but those over the age of 50 are at greater risk of developing a serious illness.



2nd Quarter Report 2017
Station: KOKI-TV FOX23

HOW WE SERVE OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY:

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

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

Tulsa Heart Walk – FOX23 sponsored a fundraising walk for the American Heart Association, on April 22, 2017. Our stations produced and aired a PSA several times in advance of the event to encourage community participation. FOX23 News anchors emceed the event, and FOX23 News provided local news coverage.

St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway - FOX23 presented the 2017 St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Although the hospital is located in Memphis, TN, it serves children and their families from all over the nation, including many Oklahomans. The hospital's mission is to provide life-saving treatment for children with cancer, at absolutely no cost to their families. Throughout the three months of the Dream Home fundraising campaign, FOX23 and My41 aired promotional spots and provided news coverage. For the fifth year in a row, we helped to raise over \$1 million to help St. Jude continue its invaluable work.

Oklahoma Blood Institute Blood Drive - FOX23 sponsored a blood drive with OBI in Tulsa, on May 25-26, 2017. Our stations produced and aired a PSA several times in advance of the event to encourage community participation.

American Red Cross "Red, White and You" Blood Drive - FOX23 sponsored a blood drive with the Tulsa chapter of the American Red Cross, on June 29-30, 2017. Our stations produced and aired a PSA several times in advance of the event to encourage community participation. FOX23 News provided local news coverage of the event.

2nd Quarter Community Appearances

Shae Rozzi

- May 12th – Go Red for Women luncheon. Emceed the event. 2 hours for 100 people.
- May 13th – Rooster Days parade. Walked in the parade with the FOX23 live van. 2 hours for 5000 people.
- June 3rd – Purple Stride Walk. Emceed the walk that benefitted the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. 3.5 hours for 500 people.
- June 17th – COX Conserves River Cleanup. Attended the COX Charities event cleaning up the Arkansas River in West Tulsa. 1 hour for 250 people.

James Aydelott

- April 17th – Civil Air Patrol. Gave a talk at Gundys Airport in Owasso to the patrol about weather and aviation. 1 hour for 20 people.
- June 5th - Restore Hope board meeting. Represented FOX23 by attending the board meeting. 1 hour for 10 people.

Brad Carl

- May 13th – Rooster Days parade. Walked in the parade with the FOX23 live van. 2 hours for 5000 people.
- April 7th – Chillin & Grillin Festival. Celebrity judge for KC BBQ sanctioned event. 3 hours for 250 people.
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Megan McClellan

- April 7th – Chillin & Grillin Festival. Celebrity judge for KC BBQ sanctioned event. 3 hours for 250 people.
- April 8th – Pennies for Pearls. Celebrity judge for the non-profit fundraiser. 4 hours for 350 people.
- April 19th – Glenpool Elementary School. Talked with students about weather and staying safe. 2 hours for 200 people.

Ron Terrell

- April 4th – OK2Grow Lip-sync contest. Lip-synced a song with the media team. 2 hours for 300 people.
- April 8th – Pennies for Pearls Music Trivia night. Participated in the Music Trivia event.
- April 18th - Golden Apple Awards. Attended 4 Tulsa Public Schools to present deserving teachers with the FOX23 Golden Apple Award. 4 hours for 80 people.
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- June 25th – St Jude Dream Home giveaway. Shot live remote for the Dream Home Giveaway in Owasso. 2.5 hours for 25 people.

Michelle Linn

- April 7th – Chillin & Grillin Festival. Celebrity judge for KC BBQ sanctioned event. 3 hours for 250 people.
- April 12th – Tulsa Safe Kids Coalition. Attended monthly board meeting to discuss dangerous trends and pending litigation. 1.5 hours for 20 people.
- April 15th – Search the City Claremore. Emceed event that included live music and scavenger hunts to raise money for the junior high school. 5 hours for 250 people.
- April 25th – St Jude Dream Home floor signing. Represented FOX23 at event where donors and sponsors all signed the floor of the dream home. 90 minutes for 30 people.
- May 4th - #GirlBoss Owasso monthly meeting. Spoke about career and networking at monthly event held for female business leaders in Owasso. 1 hours for 15 people.
- May 10th – Eugene Field elementary school. Gave a career talk to students. 1.5 hours for 70 people.
- May 15th – Kerr Elementary School. Gave a career talk to students. 1.5 hours for 70 people.
- June 25th – St Jude Dream Home giveaway. Shot live remote for the Dream Home Giveaway in Owasso. 2.5 hours for 25 people.

Janna Clark

- April 9th – First Baptist Church Tulsa. Taught pre-k and kindergarten kids during church service. 1 hour for 30 people.
- April 13th – Tulsa Drillers game. Threw out the first pitch at the game. 3 hours for 400 people.
- May 11th – Zarrow International Money Week – worked with 1st graders about running a business and making money. 2 hours for 30 people.

JJ Burton

- May 13th – Rooster Days parade. Walked in the parade with the FOX23 live van. 2 hours for 5000 people.
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Tiffany Alaniz

- May 13th – Rooster Days parade. Walked in the parade with the FOX23 live van. 2 hours for 5000 people.
- May 26th – Stand to Honor. Helped kick off the event for Folds of Honor by standing in the footprints of a service man or woman who lost their life in the line of duty. 2 hours for 50 people.

Nathan Thompson

- April 27th – Iba Awards. Helped pick a male and female winner for a \$2500 scholarships given out by the Tulsa Rotary Club. 2 hours for 10 people.
- June 3rd – Tulsa PRIDE Festival and parade. Walked in the parade with the FOX23 live van and helped with the booth. 4 hours for 10000 people.
- June 26th – Henry P Iba Citizen Athlete Awards. Meet and greet at the banquet and was recognized as one of the judges for the Iba Awards. 5 hours for 1000 people.

Jenny Young

- June 27th – Tulsa County Library Summer Reading program. Gave a career talk to children and parents and read a story to the group. 45 minutes for 50 people.

KOKI-TV FOX23 - PSA Spots Aired - 2nd Quarter 2017

Organization	Subject	Spot Length	Number of Airings
Ad Council / Autism Speaks	Autism Awareness	:60	11
Ad Council / Feed America	Hunger Prevention	:30	1
Ad Council / Bully Project	Bullying Prevention	:60	146
Ad Council / IWitnessBullying.org	Bullying Prevention	:30	1
Ad Council / The Humane Society of the United States	Pet Adoption	:30	8
Ad Council / The Humane Society of the United States	Pet Adoption	:10	74
Ad Council / Keep America Beautiful	Recycling	:60	2
Ad Council / Keep America Beautiful	Recycling	:30	2
Ad Council / National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse	Fatherhood Involvement	:30	5
Ad Council / National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse	Fatherhood Involvement	:15	4
Ad Council / Natural Resources Defense Council	Preventing Food Waste	:30	1
Ad Council / US Forest Service	Discover the Forest	:60	123
Ad Council / US Forest Service	Discover the Forest	:15	48
American Heart Association - Tulsa Chapter	2017 Tulsa Heart Walk	:30	81
American Red Cross	Blood Drive	:30	12
Be Vocal	Speak Up for Mental Health	:60	1
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Start Something	:30	7
Broken Arrow Police Department	Texting & Driving Prevention	:30	71
Boys & Girls Clubs of America	Community Youth Development	:60	137
Boys & Girls Clubs of America	Community Youth Development	:30	4
Boys & Girls Clubs of America	Community Youth Development	:15	20
FOX23 "TXT L8R"	Texting & Driving Prevention	:30	113
OAB / OK Dept of Human Services	Foster Parenting	:30	23
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	Assistive Technology	:30	6
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	Do Things Differently	:30	17
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	From Entitlement to Taxpayer	:30	6
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	Hand Up	:30	14
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	Library for the Blind	:30	21
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	Oklahoma School for the Blind / Oklahoma School for the Deaf	:30	6
OAB / OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services	White Cane Awareness	:30	15
OAB / OK Dept of Transportation	Work Zone Safety	:30	54
OAB / Oklahoma Insurance Dept	Move Over	:30	15
OAB / Oklahoma State Dept of Health	Keep Your Cool, Never Shake a Baby	:30	14
OAB / Oklahoma State Dept of Health	WIC Family Support	:30	5
Tulsa Fire Department	Fire Safety, Emergency Vehicles, Heat/Water Awareness	:30	33
US Marines	Military Service	:60	6