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# Issues and Programs Report

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4th Quarter 2019

Below is a list of community related issues broadcast on KAUT-TV. This information was provided through local news programming and public service announcements for the 4th Quarter of 2019.

## KAUT-TV 4th Quarter 2019 - Local News Programming

Program	Day	Time
Rise & Shine	Monday-Friday	7:00am – 9:00am
Freedom 43 News	Monday-Friday	9:00pm – 9:30pm
Flash Point	Sunday	11:30am – 12:00pm

### **Rise & Shine**

*Rise and Shine offers the best in “community broadcasting”. This is a newscast that welcomes live in-studio interviews highlighting upcoming events that are important to Oklahomans. It has also provided a launching ground for up-and-coming musical acts that might, previously, have never had the opportunity for exposure to a wide broadcast audience. Given the significance of weather, and the year-round potential for severe weather in Oklahoma, multiple weather segments are also included in every one of Rise and Shine’s newscasts.*

### **Freedom 43 News**

*Freedom 43 News offers viewers an alternative to the “late” news. It airs at 9 p.m. central on weekdays and is comprised of a rundown of the day’s top stories – both on a local and national level. It also includes breaking news and a weather forecast geared toward the next morning’s drive to school and work.*

### **Flashpoint**

*Political affairs talk show with a primary focus on Oklahoma politics and national politics with an Oklahoma connection. Expert analysis provided by previous and current politicians. Program guests include but not limited to State Governor, State Superintendent, and local news personalities.*

## **KAUT-TV 4th Quarter 2019 – Education Issues**

Education, including school funding, school consolidation, history of civil rights, science, learning disabilities, art and culture, public education, misuse of funds, and school closings.

### **News 4 At 9pm, 10/15**

Online School Petition – Concerned parents are speaking out through an online petition regarding an alleged comment made by the principal of Tuttle High School and the sudden absence of a school secretary. "It was a shock and I honestly couldn't believe it," Breanna Howard, an alumna of Tuttle High School, told News 4. Howard is talking about an alleged comment made by the high school principal, Dr. Twyla Hester, that sparked an online petition which is well on its way to reaching the 2,500-signature goal. The petition reads in part, "When you throw our special education kids under the bus, we have a problem. When you say you don't have room in "your" school, we as a community have a problem with that." Also, in that petition, concerns over a long-time beloved secretary allegedly suddenly leaving the school is referenced as a "last straw."

### **News 4 At 9pm, 10/21**

Elective Math Course – Education officials are encouraging families to take a closer look at a class that could end up saving them money. Officials say Oklahoma families spend an estimated \$22 million-a-year for remedial courses. The remedial classes are taken in college to help students build their skills before taking college-level courses. However, students do not receive college credit for those courses. Now, education officials are encouraging students to take a closer look at a fourth-year high school elective. College Career Math Ready is helping students raise their ACT scores and build their math skills before going to college.

### **News 4 At 9pm, 12/02**

Positive Tomorrow's New School – Local nonprofit, Positive Tomorrows welcomed students to its new, roughly 42,000-square-foot facility today to help more Oklahoma children experiencing homelessness get the education and support they need. "We are only able to take 74 kids at a time. The new building will allow us to go up to 210 children," President of Positive Tomorrows Susan Agel told News 4 back in February. The new facility features a gymnasium, open commons area, a library, spaces for art and music, a special education classroom, outdoor learning spaces, a new playground, a teaching kitchen for families, and a storm shelter.

### **News 4 At 9pm, 12/26**

Special Needs Holiday Production – It's a story that would make the heart of any Grinch grow. Recently, teachers at Washington Irving Elementary School in Edmond put on a production of 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' starring children with health and developmental challenges. "They love the routine and they love the music. They love the movement, and we make magic happen up here," said Emily Boyett, a speech-language pathologist. Robin Mills, a special education teacher, and her staff have poured their hearts and souls into the production.

## **KAUT-TV 4th Quarter 2019 – Crime and Drugs Issues**

Crime and drugs, including drugs, DUI, identity theft, auto theft, consumer fraud, gun control, sex crimes, murder, restraining orders, identity theft, crime prevention, white collar crime, methamphetamines, health care crimes.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 10/11**

Man Flees Scene in Fed Ex Truck – An Enid man is facing several charges after he allegedly tried to break into an apartment in Enid and ended up stealing a FedEx truck. Authorities say it began at the Cherokee Terrace Apartments when witnesses say 19-year-old Khalid Marquise Lee tried to force his way into one of the units and allegedly began choking a dog that was tied up outside. Darlene Phillips says she saw Lee yanking on the family dog's chain outside her window. Enid police say Lee then climbed through the window of a FedEx truck and drove it away as officers were arriving. Officers were able to catch up to him in traffic, which is when Lee drove forward and crashed into another vehicle. At that point, Lee was taken into custody.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 10/14**

Motel Shooting – Police have now identified the man who was shot and killed at a motel over the weekend. Officers were called to a motel near South I-35 Service Road and Grand Boulevard shortly before 9:30 Sunday night. When police arrived, they found Antonio Johnson suffering from at least one gunshot wound. According to investigators the shooter and victim got into an argument before the shooting. Johnson was rushed to an area hospital where he died of his injuries. So far, no arrests have been made in the case. If you have any information about the shooting, you're asked to give police a call.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 11/10**

Car Burglaries Crack-Down – Enid police are cracking down on car burglaries with 9 suspects were arrested in the last couple of days. Jazzmen Taylor and Mercedes Stowe are accused of stealing a purse from a car on Saturday night. And this morning shortly before 3 o'clock.... police arrested Damion Phares, and Shaun Prock...both were booked on 20 complaints of 3rd degree burglary. And these 5 suspects were arrested when police served a search warrant on a home, officers finding a large amount of stolen property inside. They're identified as Tyler Byrd, Robert Trekkel, Kaylind Stuart, Keith nelson, and Kellie Payne. All were booked on complaints of concealing stolen property. Trekkel and Stuart are also facing additional drug charges.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 12/25**

Pretend Security Officer – Oklahoma City police are searching for a woman who is accused of pretending to be a security officer to rip off a store customer. Oklahoma City police shared photos of the suspect on the Oklahoma City Police Department's Facebook page. The suspect told the woman and her grandson that she needed to search them to try and find the stolen items. During this search, the suspect took cash and a cell phone from one of the victims, then took off running through the parking lot," the post said.

## **KFOR-TV 4th Quarter 2019 – Community Issues**

Community including event promotion.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 10/03**

Airport Road Construction – - The Will Rogers World Airport announced a major roadway construction project Wednesday that will slow you down for about eight months. It will begin Monday, October 14th, and airport officials recommend you plan for an extra 15-20 minutes between the time you leave your home and park your car. "We're going to see some backups, we're going to have some detours," said Will Rogers World Airport spokesperson Karen Carney. Perhaps the biggest impact will be the narrowing of Terminal Drive from four lanes to one in both directions. Carney says this construction is necessary - because Terminal Drive has been deteriorating over the last few years due to age and an increase in traffic.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 11/13**

High School Football Player Ruled Ineligible –On Friday, a Garfield County judge ruled a Chisholm High School senior was ineligible to play for the rest of the season. Damien Rieman played at Enid last season while living with his grandmother. After his grandmother could no longer care for him, Rieman moved in with his cousin, who lives in Chisholm, ahead of his senior year. Rieman applied for a hardship waiver with the OSSAA to be eligible to play right away, but the OSSAA said he didn't qualify, making him ineligible to play for one year. Rieman and the team challenged the ruling and was granted a temporary injunction in early October. On Friday, the judge agreed with the OSSAA, ruling Rieman ineligible for the rest of the season.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 11/14**

Tribal Gaming Impasse – Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt came out swinging at a news conference to discuss negotiations for the state's tribal gaming compacts. Currently, Native American tribes pay the state more than \$140 million a year in gaming exclusivity fees from casinos. However, some state leaders say it is time for that to change. Oklahoma tribes earn \$4.5 billion each year thanks to casino-style gaming. Of that money, anywhere from 4 to 10 percent goes back to the state in exclusivity fees. Since the 15-year deal between the state and the tribes is set to expire in January, Stitt recently sent a letter to 35 tribal leaders saying it is time to renegotiate the terms of the agreement. On Thursday, Gov. Stitt held a news conference to discuss a stalemate in the ongoing negotiations.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 12/30**

Restore OKC – An Oklahoma organization is changing many aspects of life in northeast Oklahoma City. Restore OKC is working to improve the lives of residents in northeast Oklahoma City through various projects to help repair homes, support local schools, bring job training to the community and help families in need. The Flourish Awards for 2020 will be celebrated at the end of March next year. The focus of that ceremony will be on restorative justice, and those winners will be announced soon.

## **KAUT-TV 4th Quarter 2019 - PSAs**

Below is a list of a selection of public service announcements that aired on KAUT during this quarter

### **Community Literacy Centers – To Encourage and Support Adult Literacy**

Change lives by increasing awareness of the benefits of a more literate community and providing a welcoming environment where every adult who wants to read has an opportunity to learn.

### **STOPTEXTSSTOPWRECKS.ORG – Don't Text and Drive**

Drivers in their 20s are 24 percent of drivers in all fatal crashes but are 27 percent of the distracted drivers and 33 percent of the distracted drives that were using cell phones in fatal crashes.

### **United Voice Oklahoma – Providing a Voice to the Issues**

UNITED VOICE OKLAHOMA is Oklahoma's Media response to addressing problems facing individuals outside of our realms of security. This is a collaborative effort among the local media (Television, Radio and Newspaper) and community leaders in Oklahoma. The goal is to create a state of better understanding between all people in Oklahoma. This will be accomplished by engaging our viewers, listeners and readers with compelling stories which reveal the equality of our neighbors and humanize their experiences.

### **Allied Arts OKC – Art Matters to All**

With one gift to Allied Arts, you can support multiple nonprofit arts organizations all at once. By giving to Allied Arts, you help our agencies reach over 1 million people each year with world-renowned exhibits, riveting harmonies and captivating dance and theatrical performances.

### **Salvation Army – Angel Tree**

When you pick an angel from the Salvation Army's Angel Tree, you're bringing a little joy to the world. Make Christmas a little brighter, support the Salvation Army's Angel Tree.

### **Salvation Army of Central Oklahoma – Warmth 4 Winter**

It is that time of year when the time change happens, the foliage turns, and cold weather arrives. You can help keep fellow Oklahomans warm this winter by donating to the annual KFOR Warmth 4 Winter Coat Drive. This coat drive was started years ago by the late Brad Edwards who worked tirelessly as a consumer advocate at KFOR and founded the In Your Corner Team. We keep this tradition alive all with your help. If you know anyone, adult or child, in need of a winter coat, contact that Salvation Army at (405) 246-1100.