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# Issues and Programs Report

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3rd 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 3rd Quarter of 2019.

## KAUT-TV 3rd 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 3rd 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, 07/23**

Virtual Public School – An online virtual public school continues to be provided by Putnam City Schools, school officials say. According to school officials, Putnam City Schools manages an established online virtual public school that has been operating since 2011 under public school guidelines. Virtual education classes are free, available, and accessible to students in the school district. The courses receive funding just as classes that meet on the school sites. Through virtual education, qualifying students are also eligible for all Putnam City extra-curricular activities offered. Students can be involved in athletics, theatre, band, and any other activity Putnam City offers while enrolled in virtual education.

### **News 4 At 9pm, 07 /25**

Veterans Transition to College – A nonprofit organization is working to help Oklahoma military veterans' transition to college. The Warrior-Scholar Project hosts immersive academic boot camps for enlisted military veterans who are transitioning from active duty military service to college. The nonprofit organization is currently hosting a boot camp at the University of Oklahoma for a dozen students. Organizers say this is the fourth year the program has been hosted at OU. "Our veterans bravely serve and OU is committed to providing resources that give them every chance of success to achieve their higher education goals. The Warrior-Scholar Project makes it possible for us to fulfill that promise," said University of Oklahoma Interim President Joseph Harroz Jr.

### **News 4 At 9pm, 07/26**

Epic Charter Schools Accreditation – Amid calls for an investigative audit, the state's largest virtual charter school has been accredited by the Oklahoma State Board of Education. Earlier this week, officials announced that Epic Charter Schools was under investigation for allegedly embezzling millions in state funding by illegally inflating enrollment numbers. Officials are accused of retaining "ghost students," or students enrolled with Epic Charter Schools but received little or no instruction from their teachers. Investigators believe the students were recruited from home-schooled families and private and sectarian schools.

### **News 4 At 9pm, 09/14**

Higher Ed Chancellor to Retire – Oklahoma Chancellor Glen Johnson, a former Democratic speaker of the Oklahoma House who led the state's higher education system for the past 12 years, says he plans to retire at the end of next year. Johnson made the announcement Friday in a news release. Oklahoma's new Republican governor, Kevin Stitt, has been critical of Johnson and called for his ouster, although the decision to retain the chancellor lies with the State Regents for Higher Education. Nearly all nine members of the panel were appointed by Stitt's predecessor. Johnson served in the Oklahoma House for 14 years, the last six as Speaker.

## **KAUT-TV 3rd 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, 07/30**

NE OKC Shooting – The victim of a shooting in northeast Oklahoma City has died, police say. Shortly after 9 p.m. Monday, police responded to the Relax Inn near NE 23rd St. and MLK in reference to a shooting. When police arrived, they found one person shot outside of the hotel. He was taken to the hospital in critical condition, but later died. He has not yet been identified pending notification for next of kin. No arrests have been made and the incident remains under investigation.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 08/14**

Hamilton Ticket Scam – They're one of the most sought-after tickets this year, so Heather Guy was ecstatic when she was able to purchase tickets to 'Hamilton.' When it was announced that 'Hamilton' would be coming to the Civic Center Music Hall, Guy immediately worked to purchase two tickets. The tickets didn't officially go on sale until late May, but Guy says she thought she was able to purchase seats through a website in February. The site told her that she would receive the tickets 72 hours before the show. Three weeks before the performance, she became concerned when she hadn't received so much as a confirmation. "I started to panic, I've called them numerous times. I've tried to email them," she said. As it turns out, her \$1,000 is gone and she was left without the seats.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 08/21**

OKC City Council Member Plea Deal –A former Oklahoma City councilman received a deferred sentence after accepting a plea deal. In May of 2018, John Pettis was charged with embezzlement and not filing taxes. At the time, prosecutors alleged that Pettis stole tens of thousands of dollars from charitable organizations under his control and used the funds for personal use. Pettis was also accused of tax fraud by failing to file taxes between 2009 and 2017. Court records show that Pettis pleaded guilty to one count of failure to file state tax returns in time on Wednesday. He received a five-year deferred sentence and was ordered to pay \$5,000 in fines. Pettis served as a Ward 7 councilman from 2013 to 2018.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 09/16**

Conspiracy Charges Against Stillwater Restaurateur – A criminal complaint affidavit was filed in federal court accusing the assistant manager of El Vaquero of Conspiracy to Harbor Certain Aliens, and Conspiracy to Possess False Documents. In the affidavit it says Hector Flores-Contreras told federal agents in the day of the raids he "hired illegal aliens because they are hard workers." Flores is the only person mentioned by name in the affidavit, but it also mentions a known co-conspirator.

## **KFOR-TV 3rd Quarter 2019 – Community Issues**

Community including event promotion.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 07/04**

Buckled Roads Cause Headaches – People who live in and near Cleveland, Oklahoma dealing with a few extra minutes on their drive. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation says recent heavy floods mixed with Oklahoma summer heat, forced part of U.S. 64 to buckle. Now it's down to one lane. Temporary traffic lights stand over where crews are working to repair the road. Although it's dangerous, it's not totally uncommon for this to happen during Oklahoma's summer temperatures. ODOT says it should be fixed in the next couple of weeks.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 07/11**

Family Justice Center –A packed city council chambers, full of supporters in purple shirts, all hoping that money from the MAPS 4 project goes toward Palomar, Oklahoma City's Family Justice Center. The proposed 80-thousand square foot facility would include medical services, robust childcare, a trauma and healing center, a chapel, and much more. "A building for Palomar, the building that they're currently in was always anticipated to be a short-term solution," said Oklahoma City Mayor David Holt. Survivors bravely speaking, emphasizing the importance of what this new facility could bring. There are a total of 16 presentations. City staff tells us voting should be sometime in December.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 08/05**

Phone Bill Increase – - "It's quite frankly an emergency situation, because people are not going to stand for these increases," said Corporation Commissioner Bob Anthony. Oklahomans' phone bills are going up. Anthony said telephone, landline or mobile are starting to notice a 400 percent to 500 percent increase on a section of their bill labeled 'The Oklahoma Universal Service Fund.' The commissioner said the federal government is cutting back on the fund, supporting more things like internet and broadband services. A state law said, if there are cut backs, the consumer picks up the slack. One week ago, officials learned the fund has been completely depleted, leaving everyone with a phone forced to make up the difference. "The sad things is, with this huge increase, that's going to cost families 40 or 50 dollars a year," Anthony said.

### **News 4 at 9pm, 09/04**

Funeral for WW II Veteran – Oklahoma lawmakers are encouraging Oklahomans to honor the life of a World War II veteran who recently passed away. Herman White was born on Dec. 1, 1921. When he was just 23 years old, he joined the Navy and served on the USS Muliphen in the Pacific Campaign. Earlier this month, White passed away at the age of 97. White's wife and child preceded him in death, and he was left with no surviving family members. After learning about his story, the Brown-Duggar Funeral Home announced that they would provide his funeral service free of charge. Organizers asked fellow veterans and Oklahomans to attend. Lawmakers are encouraging the public to attend. "It's heartbreaking to think that this American hero so selflessly and bravely served his country in World War II and now has no family to honor and remember him at his funeral," said Sen. Paul Rosino, R-Oklahoma City.

## **KAUT-TV 3rd 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.

### **Players Trust Action Team – Major League Baseball Players Association**

Through the Action Team national youth volunteer program, Major League baseball players, Volunteers of America and high school students everywhere are training and inspiring the next generation of volunteers.

### **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.

### **RebuildingTogetherOKC.org – Repairing Homes, Revitalizing communities, Rebuilding lives.**

Rebuilding Together OKC's vision is to bring volunteers and communities together, improving the homes and lives of low-income, senior homeowners in the Oklahoma City metro area. Since 1992, Rebuilding OKC has repaired over 3,100 homes, 35 non-profit facilities, and 8 public school buildings with the help of 70,000 volunteers. These repairs represent a value to the community of more than \$20 million.

### **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.