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It was announced today by Lockwood Broadcast Group that David Williams will succeed Anthony Maisel as KAKE's News Director effective June 1, 2021. Mr. Maisel announced his retirement early last month.

Mr. Williams is currently the News Director at Lockwood's WFXG in Augusta, Georgia, where he launched three weekday newscasts and one weekend newscast over the past two years. "We are so thrilled for David to get this opportunity to develop and advance his career while staying within the Lockwood family," said WFXG General Manager, Denise Vickers. "He's done amazing work here and he will be an incredible asset to KAKE."

After graduating from Auburn University he got his start in local broadcast news at WSFA in Montgomery, Alabama, working his way up to Executive Producer. His promotion to News Director of KPLC in 2004 took him to Lake Charles, Louisiana, where his successful 17 year career in news management began. "I look forward to connecting with the community and working with the great group of journalists at KAKE," said Mr. Williams. "We will collaborate to bring the best news, weather and sports information to Kansans on all our media platforms."

Prior to joining Lockwood Mr. Williams served as News Director of KCBD in Lubbock, Texas, and as Assistant News Director of WHNT in Huntsville, Alabama.

"I'm excited to welcome David and his family to Wichita," said KAKE General Manager, Mike Rajewski. "It's a great market, and KAKE is a special station. David is uniquely talented and brings with him a successful track record of running aggressive and thoughtfully balanced newsrooms. He's been trained by the best in the business and under his leadership KAKE will evolve and find new ways to continue its long tradition of serving the people of Kansas."

KAKE is the legacy ABC affiliate serving the Wichita+ market and broadcasts throughout most of Kansas through its network of seven transmitter sites throughout the state, the KAKEland Television Network.

Virginia-based Lockwood Broadcast Group owns and operates thirteen broadcast stations in eight markets throughout the American Midwest and Southeast.