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Issues & programs for the First Quarter 2017
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Issue: Scam Artists Sending Fake Tax Bills

Con artists are sending fake tax bills claiming to be from the IRS, demanding immediate payment from Arkansans and threatening to arrest people if the money is not sent. Consumers who receive this scam should forward it tot he IRS phishing@irs.gov and file a complaint

The program aired on January 6th, 2017 and was 3.0 minutes in length on KTBS Local News.

Issue: Open Enrollment Ends January 31

Open enrollment for the state's *My Arkansas Insurance* individual heath insurance markeplace is still underway. Arkansans who do not have health insurance may face substantial federally mandated penalties on 2017 tax returns.

The program aired January 8th, 2017, and was 2 minutes in length. The program aired at Noon and 5pm. The name of the program is KTBS News.

Issue: Events to Raise Awareness About School Choice

National School Choice week begins January 22nd. National School Choice Week provides families in Arkansas with the opportunity to research and evaluate the K-12 school choices available for their children and the importance of providing every child with effective education options.

The program aired January 14th, 2017, and was 2.5 minutes in length, on 7am, noon and 5pm news on KTBS News.

Issue: New Voting Equipment

Most Arkansas counties are in need of upgrades to voting equipment. Such upgrades would lessen the possibility of system failures in elections. Officials fear aging and potentially failing machines could get in the way of a successful electoral process. Most of Arkansas's counties have the older equipment.

The program was 1.5 minutes in length and aired on January 17, 2017 on 7am, noon and

5pm on KTHS News.

Issue: Erosion from Feral Hogs Posing Buffalo River Problems

The first meeting of the Governor Commissioned Beautiful Buffalo River Action Committee, will deal with the erosion problems along the banks of the Buffalo associated with feral hogs.

The program was 2 minutes in length and aired Jan 19th on 7am, noon and 5pm on KTHS News.

Issue: Earth's Warmest Year Since Records Kept

Last year was officially the Earth's warmest year since record-keeping began in the 1880's. That marks a global heat record for the third year in a row. Temps over the earth were 1.1 degree Celsius above pre-industrial average.

The program was 1 minute and aired January 21, 2017 at 7am, noon and 5pm on KTHS News.

Issue: Dept. of Corrections Paying Out Less to County Jails

The Arkansas Department of Corrections owed more than \$14 million to county jails last year in reimbursements for holding the state's backlogged inmates -- a more than 50% decrease from 2015.

The program was 2.5 minutes long and aired January 25, 2017, on 7am, noon and 5pm KTHS News.

Issue: AARP Program Provides Free Tax Preparation Services

The AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide Program will be available at 21 sites in Arkansas through the April 18 state and federal tax-filing deadline this year. The volunteer program offers no-cost services preparing federal and state tax returns for people who can't afford to go to a professional tax service.

The program was 2 minutes long and aired January 31, 2017 on 7am, noon and 5pm KTHS News.

Issue: America's Opioid Epidemic

America's opioid epidemic continues with the latest numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that one in four drug overdoses in 2015 was related to heroin. In 2015 overdoses involving opioids represented 73% of all overdose deaths, a significant jump from 57 percent in 2010.

The program aired February 3, 2017, on Noon and 5pm news and was 2.5 minutes in length.

Issue: Cases of Lyme Disease in Arkansas

ADH reveals two cases of Lyme Disease have been found in Arkansans. Arkansas is considered a low-incidence state for Lyme disease, however, a high number of other potentially fatal tick-borne illnesses including tularemia, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Ehrlichia.

The Program aired February 7, 2017, at 7am, noon and 5:00pm on KTHS news.

Issue: Bill Fails for Second Time Taxing Online Retailers

An effort to force online retailers to start collecting state sales taxes has failed for a second time before the Arkansas House panel. Amazon already announced it will begin collecting state sales taxes in March.

The program aired February 12, 2017 at 7am, noon and 5pm on KTHS News.

Issue: More than 900 Arkansas Non-profits to Participate in Arkansas Gives Online

More than 900 Arkansas non-profits signed up by the Feb. 14th deadline to participate in the one-day online giving event presented by Arkansas Community Foundation April 6th. In addition to matching bonus pool funds, non profits will compete for \$60,000 in prizes that earn the most dollars.

The program aired February 16th at 7am, noon and 5pm for 3 minutes on KTHS News.

Issue: Arkansas Boosts Participation in School Breakfast Program

Arkansas is among the top states in the country for public school participation in the national school breakfast program. The School Breakfast Scorecard shows Arkansas ranked seventh for the number of its schools providing breakfast to low-income students.

The program was 2 minutes and aired February 18th, 2017 at 7am, noon and 5pm KTHS News.

Issue: Regulating the Business of Medical Marijuana

Arkansas lawmakers worked through several bills regulating the business of medical marijuana in Arkansas. One bill requires a person, not a corporation, be issued licenses to operate cultivation centers and dispensaries. Another concern is length of residency in the state. Initial investment would likely be \$5-\$6 million dollars.

The program was 3 minutes and aired February 20th on 7am, noon and 5pm news.

Issue: New Arkansas Anti-Abortion Law to Face Legal challenge

A newly-passed anti-abortion law in Arkansas isn't expected to survive a potential legal challenge from women's health advocates and the ACLU. Identical measures, which ban a specific medical procedure and allow family members to go to court to block it, have been overturned in other states.

The program aired February 23, 2017 on 7am, noon and 5pm news and was 2 minutes in length.

Issue: Severe Weather Awareness Week

The NWS, in cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, has proclaimed the week of February 26th through March 4th as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Arkansas. All topics of severe weather will be discussed.

The program was 3.5 minutes long and aired February 25th, 2017 on 7am, noon and 5pm news on KTHS News.

Issue: Support for Federally Funded Wastewater Improvements

The Ex. Dir. of the Arkansas Rural Water Association, urged members of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee to support the proposed Small and Rural Community Clean Water Technical Assistance Act., to help communities with the operation of their wastewater utilities and compliance with the federal regulations under the Clean Water Act.

The program was 2 minutes and aired March 4, 2017 on 7am, noon and 5pm KTHS News.

Issue: U.S. House Kills Internet Privacy Rules

US House voted to kill a set of internet privacy rules, paving the way for service providers to share and sell their customers' sensitive information-including everything from browsing histories and financial records to information on children.

The program was 1.5 minutes and aired March 10th, 2017 on 7am, noon and 5pm KTHS News.

Issue: National Agriculture Week - Future of Ag Belongs to Students Now

Two strong programs for Arkansas youth are the Arkansas 4-H program and the Arkansas FFA Association. Ag programs are working to prepare youth for future careers in agriculture.

The program was 4 minutes and aired March 12, 2017 at 7am, noon and 5pm news on KTHS News.

Issue: Bill to Expand Internet Broadband Service in Arkansas Advances

A House committee advanced a bill to subsidize the expansion of Internet broadband service in the state even though several broadband providers oppose the bill. The bill would establish a new incentive program to be run by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

The program aired March 17, 2017 on 7am, noon and 5pm KTHS News for 2 minutes.

Issue: Death-Penalty Opponents Criticize Arkansas Execution Plans

After more than a decade without capital punishment, the state plans to execute eight men in 11 days in April. Prison officials say they must complete the executions before their supply of the controversial drug midazolam expires, and they might not be able to acquire any more.

The program aired March 20, 2017 on noon and 5pm KTHS news. It was 2 minutes in length.

Issue: Some School Boards Ceasing Prayer Before Meeting

Two north Arkansas school boards have temporarily ceased prayer before meeting after receiving a letter from the Freedom From Religion Foundation. The group monitors separation of church and state.

The program 1.5 minutes aired March 21, 2017, on 7am, noon and 5pm KTHS News.

Issue: Second Tennessee Farm Tests Positive for Avian Influenza

Another Tennessee chicken farm that has a contract with Tyson Foods has tested positive for avian influenza. Tyson is working with various departments to contain the flu and will euthanize the flock of 55,000 chickens.

The 1 minute program aired March 23, 2017, on 7am, noon and 5pm KTHS News.

Issue: Arkansas Lawmakers Approve Photo I.D. to Vote

Lawmakers approved a measure requiring voters to show photo identification before casting a ballot sending to the governor desk a requirement that was struck down as unconstitutional more than two years ago. The ACLU opposes the measure.

The 2 minute program aired March 25, 2017, on 7am, noon and 5pm KTHS News.

Issue: Arkansas Lawmakers Seek to Freeze Medicaid Enrollments

The number of people who signed up for Arkansas's Medicaid program has exceeded expectations by tens of thousands, and now the state Legislature is considering putting a cap on enrollments. Health-care advocates believe lawmakers should wait and see what Congress does with the Affordable Care Act.

The program was aired March 27, 2017 at 7am, noon and 5pm KTHS News.

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