

ARKLAHOMA TODAY 2024

KHGG-FM, FORT SMITH,ar.FIRST QUARTER '24

ISSUES AND PROGRAMMING

KHGG-FM PROVIDES LISTENERS WITH NEWS, WEATHER AND TRAFFIC UPDATES THROUGHOUT THE DAY, WITH LOCAL, ON-AIR PERSONALITIES TALKING ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY AND REGION. A THREE HOUR WEEKDAY MORNING SHOW OFFERS LOCAL NEWS REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS. 5-MINUTE AND 60-SECOND NEWS UPDATES UPDATES EACH WEEKDAY MORNING KEEP OUR LISTENERS INFORMED. BILL PHARIS AND KAREN PHARIS HOST THE PROGRAM.

EACH OF OUR PERSONALITIES IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. KAREN PHARIS IS PRESIDENT OF THE DEGAN BOARD THAT DISTRIBUTES FUNDS TO AREA MEDICAL SCHOOLS, FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS, AS WELL AS BEING ON THE BOARD OF THE ARKANSAS COLLEGES OF HEALTH EDUCATION.

IMPORTANT ISSUES AND PROGRAMMING THIS FIRST QUARTER INCLUDE THE "RECORD OF DECISION" WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE U.S. AIR FORCE, ESTABLISHING EBBING FIELD HERE AS THE NEW HOME OF SINGAPORE PILOTS OF THE F-35. LOCKHEED MARTIN ANNOUNCED 150 PERSONS WOULD BE HIRED INITIALLY AS PART OF THE PLAN THAT WILL LEAD TO A \$2 BILLION ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE TWO-STATE REGION.

DR. ROSILEE RUSSELL ANNOUNCED THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS WOULD BEGIN ACCEPTING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT NO CHARGE. THIS WILL BE A FIRST OF IT'S KIND IN THE AREA. ADDITIONAL PARKS WERE PURCHASED TO GIVE CITIZENS MORE OPPORTUNITY TO BE OUTDOORS. FOOD PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WERE FEATURED IN DISTRIBUTING NOURISHMENT AND ALSO FUNDRAISING. THE FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS WERE FEATURED WITH INTERVIEWS WITH LEADING EDUCATORS SHOWCASING THE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS THEY HAVE PROVIDED STUDENTS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN INTERMODEL PORT ON THE ARKANSAS RIVER NEAR FORT SMITH-VAN BUREN WILL BE A MAJOR U.S. CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECT.

CITIZENS HERE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CRIME AND WITH TWO BANK ROBBERIES AND STORE HOLDUPS IT SEEMED THAT SUCH ACTIVITY WAS ON THE RISE. HOWEVER, IN CHECKING WITH POLICE AND ARIC MITCHELL OF THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE LEVEL WAS ABOUT THE SAME AS THE FIRST QUARTER LAST YEAR. WE ALSO NOTED THAT THE FORT SMITH POLICE FORCE NOW HAS A FULL COMPLEMENT OF EMPLOYEES. CHIEF DANNY BAKER POINTS OUT ON OUR AIR THAT THEY WASN'T TO BE COMMUNITY ORIENTED---COFFEE WITH A COP, SPECIAL EVENTS FOR AUSTISTIC PERSONS, AND SESSIONS THAT STRESS GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL CITIZENS.

WE ALSO COVERED THE ELECTIONS IN MARCH, FEATURING A NUMBER OF CANDIDATES, LETTING LISTENERS KNOW WHERE TO SEE THESE CANDIDATES AND HOW THEY COULD LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM.

PLEASE SEE BELOW OUR TODAY IN FORT SMITH (ARKLAHOMA TODAY) PROGRAMMING EACH SUNDAY MORNING AND THE TOPICS AND GUESTS OF INTEREST. (THERE WERE MANY MORE GUESTS AND TOPICS, BUT THESE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

FORT SMITH MAYOR GEORGE MCGILL IS ON THE AIR TALKING WITH BILL AND KAREN ABOUT HIS HOPES FOR 2024. (9 MINUTES)

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS-FORT SMITH BASKETBALL COACHES RYAN MCADAMS (WOMEN) AND ZANE GIBSON (MEN) DISCUSS THE UPCOMING LONE STAR CONFERENCE GAMES AND THE CHRISTMAS TOY TOSS THAT BROUGHT CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO MANY LOCAL KIDS. 5 MIN-4 MIN.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, CHAD LOWE, EDUCATION SPECIALIST OF THE JANET HUCKABEE ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY NATURE CENTER TALKS ABOUT THE SQUIRREL AND DUCK DINNER AS WELL AS UPCOMING NATURE EVENTS. (8 MINUTES).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, PHILLIP MERRY OF THE CHRISTMAS HONORS PROGRAM AT U.S. NATIONAL CEMETARY IN FORT SMITH GIVES DETAILS ON THE WREATH PICKUP COMING UP THIS WEEKEND. 7000 WREATHS WERE GATHERED AND BOXED FOR NEXT CHRISTMAS. (7 MIN)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, KAREN INTERVIEWS DAVE KENNEDY OF THE U.S. MARSHAL'S MUSEUM ABOUT THIS WEEK'S FACEBOOK LIVE. HE ALSO DISCUSSES THE SUCCESS OF THE FACILITY NOW THAT IS FULLY OPENED. (5:30)

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, PHIL SKLAR TALKS WITH KAREN ABOUT THE NEW BOBBLEHEAD DOLLS FEATURING RAZORBACK HEAD COACH ERIK MUSSELMAN. (6:15)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, DANIEL MOORE TALKS WITH THE HOSTS ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RIB SALE PROVIDED BY THE FORT SMITH BARBECUE SOCIETY. (5 MIN) AND ZENA FEATHERSTON MARSHALL TALKS ABOUT PARTNERS IN EDUCATION IN THE FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS. SHE EXPLAINS HOW BUSINESSES AND STUDENTS WORK TOGETHER (4:45)

Wednesday, January 10, Gabrielle Gore area songstress updates listeners on her college career, 2025 after graduation plans for Broadway tryouts, and her involvement with Christmas Honors. Gore presented the Christmas Honors committee a check for \$2500 from her holidays for heroes fundraiser at the King Opera House. 3:00

Senior VP of Transformational change at the ACHE Health & Wellness Center update. Dr Lavona Traywick discusses upcoming classes. 7:52

Friday, January 12, Zena Featherston Marshall is Exec Dir of Fort Smith Public Schools Partners in Education and talks about how schools and businesses work together to help students. Segment#1- Lunch with the Pros. 7:52

Zena Featherston Marshall goes beyond PIE and seeks volunteers to help elementary school kids read. 7:43

WEEK OF JAN 14, 2024

Monday, January 15, Southside HS Graduate US Air Force Academy graduate and Miss Colorado Madison Marsh previews the Miss American Competition this weekend. 7:15

Mayor George McGill reports on city directors trip to Little Rock and municipal league convention where Fort Smith was awarded trophies for economic development and tourism culture. Discussed purchase of ACME brick property and how development will alleviate flooding in north Fort Smith. 6:42

Wednesday, January 17, Julie Moncrieff Development Director with the Fort Smith Regional Art Museum recaps events in 2023 celebrating the organizations 75th anniversary and items included in the time capsule buried on their own property. 4:21

Director of the new Charter High School the institute for Creative Arts Dr Rosalie Russell previews what the school will offer. 6:39

Wednesday, January 24, Daniel Moore with the Fort Smith Knights of Columbus promote their Rib sale for the Jan 28 AFC-NFC Championship game. Proceeds benefit K of C projects throughout FS 3:25

WEEK OF JAN 21, 2024

Wednesday, January 24, Daniel Moore with additional information on the Knights of Columbus Rib Sale.

Tami Kuhns with community service clearinghouse talks about meals for kids feeding program and the True Grit bike ride that funds the program. 7:16

Tami Kuhns announces location change for True Grit bike ride. 6:19

Rosilee Russell discusses need for the new Charter High school, the Institute of Creative Arts 6:39

Ashleigh Bachert with FS convention and visitors bureau outlines events for the next 2 weeks. 5:19

Fort Smith Knights of Columbus representative Daniel Moore invites listeners to their Feb 10 Mardi Gras. 5:45

WEEK OF JAN 28, 2024

Clay Reeves—GREENWOOD COACH WHOSE BASKETBALL TEAM WON ANOTHER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP. HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY OUR TIM TERRY. 7 MIN

Tami Kuhns---THE COMMUNITY SERVICES CLEARINGHOUSE LEADER TALKS OF FOOD PROVIDED AT LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR MANY STUDENTS. 6:30

Danny Servantes—DIRECTOR OF UNITED BLOOD SERVICES HELD A SPECIAL EVENT AND WE BROADCAST LIVE FROM THERE. IT WAS FORT SMITH HARLEY-DAVIDSON WHERE “OUR BLOOD SERVICES” CONDUCTED A DRIVE FOR MUCH-NEEDED SUPPLIES. EARLY IN THE YEAR, THE SUPPLY WAS EXTREMELY, SO WE ENCOURAGED OUR LISTENERS TO COME OUT AND HELP. DANNY TALKED WITH OUR DENNIS SNOW ABOUT IT. 6:45.

Congressman Steve Womack---WE TALKED WITH HIM ABOUT THE CONTROVERIES IN THE NATION’S CAPITAL. HE ALSO TALKED ABOUT FORT SMITH’S MADISON MARSH, WHO GRADUATED FROM THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY AND THEN WON THE TITLE OF MISS AMERICA. 12 MIN

WEEK OF FEB 4, 2024

Vice Mayor talks about “text for Change” to help raise funds for agencies helping the homeless signs erected to raise funds for Community Rescue Mission, Salvation Army Next Step homeless services. Feb 24 Daughter-Father Dance, and rescheduling of Martin Luther King celebrations due to Arctic Freeze. 6:18

Felicia Lyons and Tyler Armstrong discuss March 6 event to help reintegrating those who have had troubles in justice system back into society. Sponsored by Chance for Change. 7:00

Bradley Bergin invites listeners to a meet and greet at the Bakery District Tues, Feb 6 at the Bakery District. Clint Penzo for Congress and Cindy Crawford will be on hand to visit with guests 5-7pm. 2:11

Brandon Bolin with FSLT promotes “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” the 1st production of 2024. 7:06

Daniel Moore with Knights of Columbus promotes Feb 10 Mardi Gras fundraiser at Columbus acres and Lenten fish dinners thru Good Friday. 5:45

WEEK OF FEB 11, 2024

Ashleigh BACHERT-THE VISITORS AND CONVENTION BUREAU CHIEF—SHE TALKED ABOUT THE MANY EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND. 6:34

Dr. Amy Manley of the Fort Smith Public School about excellence in education-4:03

Judy Pennington-of the Fort Smith Public Schools talked with Karen Pharis about Trending Now –a special show that features education in the area’s largest teaching facility. 3:04

Beth Presley-president of the Fort Smith Boys and Girls Club, tells us about a renovation at the Jeffrey Club that will honor longtime club director Jerry Glidewell. 5:11

Rosilee Russell-She talks with Karen and gets an update on the new Community School of the Arts. -7:21

WEEK OF FEB 18, 2024

Fort Smith Mayor George McGill recaps his State of the City address. Salutes new naturalized citizens during a swearing in ceremony and his plans to recognize 4th & 5th grade leaders at Howard Elementary. 6:27

Sebastian County Sheriff Hobe Runion discusses the Feb 23 Sebastian County opioid summit to be held at the ACHE Research institute health and wellness center. 7:42

Exec Dir of Skokos Alma Performing Arts center Chuck King promotes Portrait of Aretha by Cece Tennile March 2 5:33

Judy Pennington Human Resources Director for FOS Fort Smith Public Schools discusses the support staff in the district. 3:06

WEEK OF FEB 25, 2024

FS Mayor talks black leaders in the history of Fort Smith, support for Marshals Baseball and parks improvements for the growing city. 6:18

Officer Bradley Williams FSPD reports accidents have increased due to motorists trying to beat the amber light. He reviews state traffic laws and consequences. 7:11

Julie Moncrief, Director of Development at FS RAM encourages entries in annual Invitational Art Competition. March 15 deadline. 6:35

Ashleigh Smith, nutritionist at ACHE-RIHWC invites parents with kids 5-10 yrs to Dr Seuss Birthday party & make “green eggs & ham” along with crafts, games and reading of the story March 2 at RIHWC \$5. 6:19

WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2024

Drums Alive exercise at ACHE RHIWC Dr LaVona Tracywick 2:17

Greg Kigar FS Marshals GM half team selected, season starts May 23. 7:28

Greg Kigar GM FS Marshals seeks host families for players. 5:19

Dr LaVona Traywick serve safe class coming up 3/7/24. 3:29

Julie Murray CEO/Pres VB Chamber discusses economic development in West Ark & chamber diversity. 4:58

Julie Moncrief FS RAM promotes April 27 Evening in Amsterdam Gala. 7:17

WEEK OF MARCH 10, 2024

Dr LaVona Traywick with ACHE-RIHWC promotes Serve Safe class & certification for area restaurant managers. 3:29

Josh Beufink city of FS public relations mgr gives an update of the city's free spay & neuter voucher program. 2:53

Chole McConnell community impact Mgr for community services clearinghouse talks changes in this years true grit bike ride. 6:20

Ashleigh Bachert FS CVB Exec Dir talks about ST Patrick's Day activities in downtown FS. 5:42

Tim Garrett FS Gun show talks about upcoming event. 6:33

WEEK OF MARCH 17

Tim Garrett invites listeners to this weekend gun and knife show. Talks about ammunition. 4:40

Greg Kigar GM of Fort Smith Marshals mid America baseball team discusses improvements the team will make to UAFS Crowder field. 6:08

Dr LaVona Traywick director of ACHE RIHWC promotes upcoming art therapy classes for area residents. 5:45

Shannon Stoddard with FS Junior League talks about the return of a day at the derby April 6. The group is working to avoid childhood poverty in Sebastian Co. 6:04

Jo Ann Peterson discusses the April 4 production of the lost boy the origin of Peter Pan. This is her 4th season show to direct. 5:45

WEEK OF MARCH 24

Brandy Williams—safety in the community. 4:55

Reagan Newell Raise your voice---The United Way held a meeting to help people who were subject to abuse by others. 5:06

Mayor George McGill—Mayor George McGill talked about the city now having a full staff of police officers and firemen and how they are working toward being ambassadors of good will in the community. This involves meeting with youngsters, Coffee with a Cop, and other ways of encouraging friendship in the community.

Joann Peterson—She is director the Fort Smith Little Theater's presentation of "Lost Boy," the story of the author of Peter Pan something that inspired him to write "Peter Pan." 7 min

WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2024

Senator John Boozman visits Fort Smith and discusses Ebbing Airfield Development Ark Agr & Farmers and the Peak Innovation Center. 7:57

Officer Bradley Williams discusses safety tips for the upcoming eclipse . 5:50

Jo Ann Peterson, Director of the Lost Boy at FSLT discusses the theme author and upcoming production. 6:30

Dr LaVona Traywick with ACHE RIHWC promotes April exercise, art & cooking classes for the community. 7:34

Reagan Newell Community Impact Coordinator with United way invites listeners to attend Raise your voice Tues April 2 at UAFS to create awareness of sexual assault and Domestic violence. 4:16

