

KHGG-AM Issues Report 4th Quarter 2020

KHGG-AM is a local sports talk radio station in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Every weekday morning from 7am until 8am we produce “Arklahoma Today”: an hour-long live program featuring local newscasts with interviews with newsmakers, and feature interviews with public service officials. Current weather and traffic broadcasts are reported during the broadcast as well as the latest statewide news from the Arkansas Radio Network. The morning stock market report is provided along with sports discussions of local and state teams. The following is a summary of the guests and topics discussed. .

Thursday, October 1 - Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge reviews her department’s efforts at stopping a scheme to defraud families who have lost loved ones. The family receives a phone call allegedly from the funeral home requesting social security and other vital information of the deceased which resulted in funds lost by the family. 7:40am-7:50am.

Friday, October 2 - Fort Smith Mayor George McGill gives his weekly report to the people of the River Valley during “Arklahoma Today” from 7:40-7:50am. Dave Kennedy, Curator of the US Marshal’s Museum discusses the topic for his “Facebook Live” presentation. 7:53-7:56am.

Monday, October 5 – Dr. Teresa Brown, Dean of the new School of Physical Therapy at the Arkansas Colleges of Health Education talks about the interview process beginning for the first class of PT students and the beginning classes in June of 2021. She reviews the attributes of the new College of Health Sciences building on the ACHE campus, and the clinic which will be available to the public. 7:40-7:50am

Tuesday, October 6 - Dr. Rosilee Russell with the Community School of the Arts reviews the extraordinary steps the school of arts goes through to make sure students and staff are safe on campus during the covid-pandemic.7:40a-7:50am

Wednesday, October 7 – Chad Lowe with the Huckabee River Valley Nature Center talks about upcoming hunter education classes on zoom, plus archery

and dutch oven cooking classes. 7:40am-7:45am. Caroline Spier with the Fort Smith Museum of History reminds listeners this year's "haunted trolley" ride will run fewer nights in 2020 and have fewer seats available due to covid. 7:45am-7:50am.

Thursday, October 8 - Dr. Jennifer Moore is the founding Dean of the school of Occupational Therapy at the Arkansas Colleges of Health Education. She talked about her accreditation process for the school, and the first class accommodations at the new Arkansas College of Health Sciences building on the ACHE campus and how the community will benefit. She also discussed how "Nibs", the therapy dog works in the community.

Friday, October 9 – Fort Smith Mayor George McGill calls in for his weekly update to listeners in the River Valley 7:35am-7:45am. Curator of the US Marshal's Museum in Fort smith, Dave Kennedy talks about his "Facebook Live" presentation at 2:00 Friday afternoon 7:45am-7:50am.

Monday, October 12 - Matt Hiller with the Castle of Muskogee visits about limited feature presentations during this year's HalloweenFest at the Castle due to the covid-19 pandemic, and the guidelines guests must follow to enter. 7:40am-7:50am.

Tuesday, October 13 - Mike Sulina with the US Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" campaign talks about this year's project. Because of the pandemic, they will be at limited Wal-Mart parking lots on weekends during limited times. He reviewed the requirements for receiving a gift for a child, ages newborn to 14. 7:40am-7:50am.

Wednesday, October 14 – U.S. Senator John Boozman gives an update on the Covid-19 pandemic from the government's perspective, how vaccine progress is being made, and when economic relief will be on the way for Arkansans. 7:40am-7:55am.

Thursdy, October 15 – Congressman Steve Womack calls to review election security questions/assurances/discrepancies, and voter turnout. 7:40am-7:50am.

Friday, October 16 – Lorie Robertson with Chaffee Crossing promotes the painting of the historic water tower on the East side of Fort Smith as part of the

“unexpected” art tour in Fort Smith. She encourages listeners to call her and sign up to help the artists (socially distancing and masked) by carrying paint buckets, or getting food or beverages for artists, as well as telling people they are welcome to bring a lawn chair and just sit and watch! 7:40am-7:45am. Mayor George McGill also talked about the Unexpected project throughout the city the week of October 19, from 7:45am-7:50am.

Monday, October 19 - Terry Ridenour, Vice President of Operations for the Arkansas Blood Institute reviews the need for convalescent blood from those who have recovered from Covid-19, 7:40am-7:50am.

Tuesday, October 20, - Rosilee Russell, Executive Director of the Community School of the Arts talks about special classes teaching students how to audition. Kids will be able to use the skills coming up in November when they will have the chance to audition for specific parts in Shrek, which will be presented in the Spring of 2021. 7:40am-7:45am.

Wednesday, October 21 - Leslie Higgins, Education Director for the US Marshal’s Museum in Fort Smith talks about the contest held at area high schools encouraging students to write and record a :30 radio ad encouraging Fort Smith Radio Group station listeners to “Vote” in the November election. 7:40am-7:45am.

Thursday, October 22 – Niesha Smith with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Arkoma talks about the upcoming “Red Shoe Shindig” coming up to benefit the construction of the new “Ronald McDonald house” on the campus of Mercy Hospital in Fort Smith. 7:40am-7:50am.

Friday, October 23 - Fort Smith Mayor George McGill talks about sales tax revenues being up despite covid-19 restrictions, and the need to remain vigilant regarding social distancing, masking, and hand washing. 7:40am-7:45am Dave Kennedy, Curator of the US Marshal’s Museum visits regarding “Facebook Live” presentation this afternoon 7:45am-7:50am.

Monday, October 26 - U.S. Senator John Boozman discusses the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to the US Supreme court her expected confirmation, her qualifications, and the Senator’s respect for her as a nominee and prospective new Justice. 7:40am-7:50am.

Tuesday, October 27 – Steve Maddox with the “Haunted Prison” and “Haunted Trail” in Van Buren shares what it takes to create a walk through attraction, and the measures taken to keep performers and patrons safe through masks and social distancing. 7:40am-7:50am.

Wednesday, October 28 – Congressman Steve Womack talks the confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett to the US Supreme Court, and the upcoming election 7:40am-7:55am.

Thursday, October 29 – Tammie Kuhns with the Community Services Clearinghouse talks about the upcoming drive to raise money for Thanksgiving food boxes for 300 families. 7:40am-7:50am.

Friday, October 30 – Fort Smith Mayor George McGill gives his suggestions on how to safely celebrate Halloween 7:40am-7:50am. Curator of the US Marshal’s Museum, Dave Kennedy gives a preview of this afternoon’s “Facebook Live”.

Monday, November 2 – Suzie Meluso with the Fort Smith Regional Art Museum talks about the call for entries for two special competitions: one for adults, the other for Veterans. 7:40am-7:47am

Tuesday, November 3 – Carolyn Joyce with the Fort Smith Visitor’s and Convention bureau announces her retirement after 29 years as “Miss Laura” 7:40am-7:50am.

Wednesday November 4 – Chad Lowe with the Huckabee River Valley nature Center reviews special events during the month of November. 7:40am-7:45am

Thursday, November 5 – Melissa Shoenfeld with Western Arkansas Ballet talks about their upcoming “Sugar Plum Fairy Tea” before the annual presentation of “The Nutcracker”. The tea will be at their studio this year and there will be limited seating because of covid-19. 7:40am-7:50am.

Friday, November 6 – Fort Smith Mayor George McGill reviews election results 7:40am-7:45am. Dave Kennedy with the US Marshal’s Museum previews “Facebook Live”. 7:45am-7:50am.

Monday, November 9 - Alice Alt, President of the US Marshal’s Museum Foundation talks about the many ways to contribute to their end of year giving campaign. 7:40am -7:45am.

Tuesday, November 10 – Doug Reinert with the city of Fort Smith parks and recreation department talks about putting up the Christmas lights throughout the city. No holiday express train or nightly caroling at Creekmore park due to covid-19. 7:40am-7:50am.

Wednesday, November 11 – Congressman Steve Womack gives his take on the election. 7:40am-7:50am.

Thursday, November 12 – Suzie Meluso with the Fort Smith Regional Art Museum talks about the Billy Holiday photo exhibit at RAM 7:40am-7:45am

Friday, November 13 – Fort Smith Mayor George McGill reminds area residents to be mindful of state health department guidelines for family get togethers over the Thanksgiving holiday. 7:40am-7:45am. Dave Kennedy with the US Marshal's Museum talks "Facebook Live." 7:45am-7:50am.

Monday, November 16 - Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge talks election results and her joining forces with other attorneys general questioning the counting process of ballots in various states. 7:40am-7:47am.

Tuesday, November 17 – Van Buren filmmaker Michael Pharis talks about his recent success in several film festivals for his 1930's era film noir: "The Rock of Gibraltar" 7:40am-7:50am.

Wednesday, November 18 – Congressman Steve Womack talks more election results, as well as work on a stimulus package providing relief for Americans affected by the economic effects of Covid-19.

Thursday, November 19 - Ashley Forsgren, Director of Development for the Fort Smith Children's Shelter discusses plans for "Sip, Shop, and Support" the Children's Shelter. The holiday event will feature a morning and evening opportunity to socially distance and eat drink and be merry to benefit the children in foster care. 7:40am-7:50am.

Friday, November 20 – Fort Smith Mayor George McGill talks covid-numbers in Sebastian county 7:40am-7:45am. US Marshal's Museum Curator Dave Kennedy reviews "Facebook Live" presentation for the afternoon 7:45am-7:50am

Monday, November 23 – Alice Alt with the US Marshal's Museum reminds listeners of the "Evening in the Past" in December featuring Harriett Tubman

and reminds listeners of ways to give financially during the museum's end of year giving campaign. 7:40am-7:50am

Tuesday, November 24 - Tammie Kuhns with the Community Services Clearinghouse explains due to covid this year, distribution of the Thanksgiving food boxes began Saturday, and will continue through Wednesday of this week 7:40am-7:50am.

Wednesday, November 25 – Congressman Steve Womack talks about the need of Congress to do a better job of negotiating and getting along, in addition to a Thanksgiving message for listeners 7:40am-7:50am. Fort Smith Mayor George McGill says the city of Fort Smith has many things to be thankful for. 7:50am-7:55am

Monday, November 30 – Terry Ridenour, VP of Operations for the Arkansas Blood Institute talks about the severe shortage of blood plasma and the increased need by Arkansas hospitals 7:40am-7:50am

Tuesday, December 1 – Rosilee Russell with the Community School of the Arts talks about upcoming productions at the St. Boniface Auditorium, and how patrons will be kept socially distanced in the auditorium. 7:40am-7:50am.

Wednesday, December 2 - Congressman Steve Womack talks about his hope for a resolution to the covid-19 stimulus hold up. 7:40am-7:45am.

Thursday, December 3 - Chad Lowe with the Huckabee Nature Center promotes December events at the nature center. 7:40am-7:50am.

Friday, December 4 – Fort Smith Mayor George McGill reminds listeners parking is free in December in downtown Fort Smith; getting ready for the holidays. 7:40am-7:45am. Dave Kennedy with the US Marshal's museum talks about "Facebook Live." 7:45am-7:50am.

Monday, December 7 – Alice Alt reminds listeners of ways to contribute to the US Marshal's Museum. 7:40am-7:45am Phillip Merry, founder of Christmas Honors talks about a possible "Read and Ring" event at the National Cemetery to take place of the wreaths normally displayed. A team will read a name of a veteran buried at the National Cemetery, then a bell will ring . Readings will

continue until all 17,000 names of those in the cemetery are commemorated
7:45am-7:50am.

Tuesday, December 8 – Terry Ridenour, VP of Operations for Arkansas Blood Institute returns to ask listeners to donate blood. 7:35am-7:45am.

Wednesday, December 9 - Congressman Steve Womack updates third Congressional District constituents on what's going on in Washington 7:40am-7:50am.

Thursday, December 10 – Executive director of the United Way of the Greater Fort Smith Area, Eddie Lee Herndon, explains “Counting our Blessings”; a campaign to help make up for the loss in fundraising revenues in 2020. 7:40am-7:50am.

Friday, December 11 – Fort Smith Mayor George McGill makes note of the dramatic increase of Covid-19 numbers in Sebastian county following Thanksgiving and warns listeners to be more careful over the Christmas and Year Year's celebration 7:40am-7:50am Dave Kennedy with the US Marshal's museum talks about that afternoon's "Facebook Live." 7:50am-7:55am.

Monday, December 14 – Phillip Merry recaps the “Read and Ring” event held over the weekend at the National Cemetery and invited listeners to purchase a Christmas Honors yard sign and to visit the display at Chaffee Crossing 7:40am-7:45am. Tonay Sarlls, VP of Operations with the Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce talks about their “Shop Local” campaign 7:45am-7:55am.

Tuesday, December 15 – Drama Teacher at Van Buren High School, Jesica Fisher, talks about the production of “Charlotte's Webb”. The one act play is being produced in conjunction with the Center for Art and Education in Van Buren. 7:40am-7:46am.

Wednesday, December 16 – Matt Hiller with the Castle of Muskogee invites listeners to come to the Castle's drive-thru of holiday inflatables and tour the Castle grounds socially distanced on a train ride or by foot. 7:40am-7:46am.

Thursday, December 17 – Aric Mitchel, public information officer for the Fort Smith Police Department offers listeners safety tips for holiday shopping, how to keep purchases safe, when Christmas shopping. 7:40am-7:50am.

Friday, December 18 – Fort Smith Mayor George McGill talks about the importance of following state health department guidelines when celebrating this holiday season. 7:40am-7:46am Dave Kennedy with the US Marshal's museum talks about "Facebook Live". 7:47-7:53am.

Monday, December 21 – Eddie Lee Herndon talks about ways the United Way can help those living on the street. 7:40am-7:50am

Tuesday, December 22 – Tonya Sarlls VP of Operations for the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce explains how the Chamber made sure its members had all the support they needed to navigate the challenges of covid-19 during 2020. 7:40am-7:47am.

Wednesday, December 23 – Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson reviews the increase in covid cases and hospitalizations following the Thanksgiving Holiday. He emphasizes, along with health department secretary Dr. Jose' Romero, to celebrate with only immediate family this year. 7:40am-7:50am

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas message from Fort Smith mayor George McGill 7:40am-7:45am. Fort Smith Public information officer Aric Mitchell explains how to dispose of holiday boxes and packing after the Christmas holiday. 7:45am-7:50am.

Monday, December 28 – Save the 22: Part 1. An interview with Guidance Center's Dr. Bill Thornton on efforts to train veterans to identify signals in their "battle buddies" that could prevent suicide. 7:40am-7:50am

Tuesday, December 29 – Save the 22: Part 2. Continue the conversation on what happens once a veteran volunteers to learn the trouble signs and how the Guidance Center is working to eliminate veteran suicides. 7:40am-7:46am.

Wednesday, December 30 – Governor Asa Hutchinson has extended the health emergency in the state another 60 days. The governor discusses implementation of the second wave of vaccinations to those living in Long Term Assisted Living Centers. 7:40am-7:50am.

Thursday, December 31 – Melissa Curry and Bryant Dooley with Methodist Village Senior Living Center discuss the first of three vaccine clinics at their center in Fort Smith. They discussed the challenges in getting permission for

**many of the residents who have guardians, and how the turnout was huge
among staff to receive the first of the two-shot vaccination. 7:40am-7:47am
Congressman Steve Womack offers New Year's greetings 7:48am-7:51am**
