

KHGG-AM, VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

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Politics	Housing	Minority Issues
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Education	Government (local)	Elderly
Environment	Pet Issues	

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The Covid 19 Pandemic continued to be the major thrust of our public service programming, with just about all of the "Issues" our listeners were facing related in some way with the spread of the illness and its effect on everyone in one way or another. We ran hundreds of announcements monthly supplied by CDC, the Arkansas Governor's Office and information from Gov. Kevin Stitt of Oklahoma. Our weekday 7a-9a-morning show, Arklahoma Today and much of this included direct segments from the daily press briefing by the governor as well as comments from local police officials, medical experts and the mayor of Fort Smith: George McGill. We also received a weekday, ten headline report on the major stories in Arklahoma which announcers used on 60-second breaks near the top of the hour from 6am to noon.

Here are some of the Coronavirus Series announcements we rotated in the quarter: "Check on Neighbors", "Do Unto others: Distance", "Four Reminders," "Social Distancing," "Salute Healthcare Workers," "Keep Your Head: Quarantine," "Be Kind to Healthcare Workers."

Then there came the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and Fort Smith Police Chief Danny Baker provided an emotional Facebook message saying that he and other local police were appalled at what happened and said his officers were accountable to ALL citizens here. He said the community outreach program that has been underway for some time here will continue. There are still issues to be resolved here in Arklahoma (a statue that may be taken down, racism and equal opportunity) and these topics are being included with Gov. Hutchinson, Sen. John Boozman, Congressman Steve Womack and attorney-general Leslie Rutledge.

Phone interviews were conducted with the Mayor of Fort Smith, George McGill each week.

SEGMENTS ON ARKLAHOMA TODAY, 7-9A-WEEKDAYS

MONDAY, APRIL 6, Gov. Asa Hutchinson announces the first state procured PPE has arrive for the state. He pointed out the competition of many states and nations of the world for PPE. (2:55).

Dr. Nate Smith, State Health Director, announces testing procurement has been successful for so far, but more supplies are needed. He also called for more testing. (5:00).

Dr. Dennis Patterson of UAMS, has a plea for transportation to the hospitals and test centers (1:39).

Gov. Hutchinson advises businesses to apply for all available loans, including the PPE loans and the SBA EIDL Loans (1:14)

7:40A-7:48A-Fort Smith City Administrator Carl Gefken was interviewed by Bill and Karen Pharis about the steps the city is taking to give utility customers a break on their bills and how the city is maintaining services during the pandemic. He told of some sanitation service plans were scaled back, but that the city water supply is safe.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 7:40A-7:50A—Dr. Rosilee Walker-Russell of the Community School of the Arts talked with Bill Pharis about the sign-ups at the youth arts program, which includes acting, singing, dancing, painting, band and more for young people in the area. She told of a new location for the School and plans to modify classes due to Covid 19,

7-15am to 7:20am--It was announced on the program that “Arkansas Public School Students will finish the rest of the school year at home.” State Education Secretary Johnny Key said schools will remain closed through the end of the school year with schoolwork to be completed under the state’s alternative methods of instruction.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 7:40am to 7:55am—Third District Congressman Steve Womack did a phone interview about how citizens can better protect themselves from the virus and what they can do apply for unemployment and businesses to apply for SBA and PPP loans.

7:15a-7:22a- Jesica Beaty interviews Jen’s Kitty Rehab officials about the “Almost Home Dog Shelter in Arklahoma. Jeremy Nash from the Fort Smith Retro Market was the guest, who talked about an Easter Egg giveaway with a bunny for the Kitty Rehab and Dog Shelter.

On our newscast, we announced that “Fort Smith-based Arkbest is cutting pay, implementing a hiring freeze and taking other “cash preservation” measures. Arkbest employs about 1,600 people in the Fort Smith area.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 7:35A-7:45A—Eddie Lee Herndon of the United Way was interviewed on Arklahoma today by the hosts concerning the Corona Crisis Committee, which provides help to the victims and the first responders in the medical field in our area.

7:15a-7:21---Bill Pitts of the UFO organization in the area, talked about the night in 1967 when UFO's were sighted over Fort Smith. Though they were sighted near the Fort Smith Airport, no explanation was ever given as to what they were.

Prison's in Arkansas are getting hit hard by the virus and we had comments on this from Arkansas Health director, Dr. Nate Smith.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 7:40A-7:50A-Fort Smith Mayor George McGill talks about steps he is taking to help educate citizens on the virus. He also announced locations where citizens could drive up and be tested for the virus. He also recalled the 500-year flood in the Fort Smith area on year ago.

MONDAY, APRIL 13, On Arklahoma Today, Arkansas Commerce Secretary Mike Preston talked about unemployment (5:10). He told how to file for unemployment due to layoffs during the pandemic.

Dr. Nate Smith, Arkansas Department of Health Director, clarifies terms about the virus and when to take steps regarding Covid 19. (4:37)

Dr. Rick Smith-University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Psychiatry director, offers help to cope with stress and depression (3:00)

Dr. Paula Stone, Deputy Director of the Arkansas Department of Human Services---How Arkansans can seek help (2:03)

Stephanie Medford of the Ronald McDons House was interviews by Karen Pharis for 5:47 minutes about how the facility is being used for families in the ear of Carona virus.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 7:15AM-7:20A---Karen Pharis interviews Suzie Meluso of the Fort Smith Regional Art Museum (RAM)---The subject is "Your Artistic Take" on the RAM and all it has to offer Arklahoma.

7:20a-7:25a---Bob Collins of Step Carefully talked with Bill and Karen about the step-parenting needs of the regions, with the Fort Smith area having a large number of children in foster homes. Step Carefully is a support group for step families. Bob is also a family mediator.

7:35am to 7:43am---Eddie Lee Herndon of the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce talks about 8 microgrants to help groups in the area. The Covid 19 response committee was also discussed during Arklahoma Today.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 7:15A-7:18AM---Northside High School Star Basketball player Jaylin Williams talks about the state basketball championship as he signs a national letter of intent to play for the Arkansas Razorbacks.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, on Arklahoma Today Gov. Hutchinson talks about message boards on highways letting out of state travelers that no lodging is available to them except for essential services. (2:13)

Dr. Nate Smith of the State Health Department talks about summer camps requirements this year (2:03).

Emily Treadway talks about the need for Foster Parents amid the Covid 19 crisis. She points out that child abuse problems are cropping up more frequently in a quarantine situation. (5:44).

Suzie Meluso, Fort Smith Regional Art Museum director, talks about engaging the community in an art contest that can be done at home (6 min)

Kristi Jones talks with our Jessica Beaty about the “Million Mask Challenge” (6:10)

7:40a-&750am—Fort Smith Mayor George McGill gives an update on city business and restaurant re-openings with social distancing and masks.

7:50a-7:55am-Dave Kennedy, curator of the U.S. Marshal’s Museum talks with Karen about hosting a Facebook Live tour the facility

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 7:15AM TO 7:21AM—Jessica Beaty interviews Kristi Jones with the Million Mask Challenge to fight Covid 19. (6:07)

7:32-7:50am—Claude Legris, head of the Visitor’s and Convention Bureau lists the events that a still planned in the area and also the one’s that have been cancelled by the virus.

7:50a-7:53-Gov. Hutchinson talked about money for rural hospitals.

7:15a-7:16—Terri Burt of the Center for Art and Education in Van Buren talked with Karen about making their student exhibitions available for online viewing in the pandemic.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 7:40-7:49AM—Arkansas Attorney-General Leslie Rutledge calls in the alert listeners that her office is going after price gouging during the pandemic. She asked listeners to inform her office of any fraud of bad actors who are trying to take advantage of people during the crisis.

7:32am-7:36am—Fort Smith Regional Chamber Manager Eddie Lee Herndon checks in about citizens making contributions by credit card or mail to help the chamber. He said that since many of the Chamber agencies were unable to hold fund-raising events due to the virus, the revenue would be very helpful. He also talked about a virtual meeting to be held this afternoon.

:7:15-7:19am-Dr. Nate Smith, director of the Arkansas Health Department, said that up close and personal visits with grandparents are still a ways off because of the virus attacking older people and those with health issues.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 7:40-7:52AM—Arkansas Congressman Steve Womack talked of the leading stories in the state and ways people can receive financial help. He also talked of the medical supplies arriving for first responders in the medical field.

7:15am-7:20am—The 27th annual United Way Day of Caring was discussed by leader Eddie Lee Herndon with Bill and Karen. He said great things are to come and he asked volunteers to celebrate “social distancing style.”

7:10am to 7:15am-Gov. Hutchinson announced an executive order creating a working group of experts on virus testing capacity in Arkansas. The new

Economic Recovery Committee met for the first time. It's chaired by Stuart Walton of Walmart.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 7:40-7:50AM—Mayor George McGill of Fort Smith gives a report on the challenges facing Fort Smith. He said citizens have a “yellow light”, not a red stoplight or a green “Go” sign. He says citizens should social distance and use masks where appropriate.

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 7:40AM TO 7:46A, (6:48) Terry Burt of the Van Buren Center for Arts and Education.

Officers of the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) announced on today's program that they are distributing 100,000 masks to commercial truck drivers at weigh stations and rest areas across the state.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 7:40am to 7:46am (5:36) Ken Savage of the Fort Smith Transit Department was on the air to talk about the improvements that have been made with transit, even in the light of the virus.

Gov. Asa Hutchinson announced that Arkansas residents will soon be able to stay overnight in state parks under the phase one of the opening up of the state. Secretary of Arkansas Parks and Tourism Stacey Hurst says they'll be closely monitoring for any out of state requests which will have to be denied.

Mayor George McGill announces a new drive-thru Covid 19 testing site at Fort Smith Park between 9am and 4pm. The Mayor said police will help direct traffic at the location between the Corps of Engineers Park and Harry E. Kelley Park.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 7:40AM-7:47AM (6:43)—Jesica Beaty interviewed officials about the two new canine officers who have joined the Fort Smith Police Department. They join a pet cat who works with the police, Pawficer Fuzz.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 7:40-7:50-Mayor George McGill. He pointed out that the Landfill will be re-opening and to prepare for longer waits as they get everything working again.

MONDAY, MAY 4, 7:32-7:50AM—Claude Legris of the Visitors and Convention Bureau talks about some special events that are being held and others that have been cancelled. He told Bill and Karen that just before the pandemic hit, Fort Smith and the area was having one of it's biggest tourism year's ever.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 7:06-7:15AM, Chad Lowe of the Janet Huckabee River Valley Nature Center was called and he spoke about the latest developments at the nature center and natural wildlife in the area in general. Hunting and fishing continues with success, despite the virus.

Gov. Hutchinson announced that he is extending his emergency declaration for another 45 days (3:30)—Including Dr. Nate Smith and Parks and Tourism chief Staci Hurst.

MONDAY, MAY 11, ON ARKLAHOMA TODAY--

. Asa Hutchinson announces guidelines so houses of worship can re-open (1:50). Indoor venues May 18 (:48). Outdoor venues (1:35).

Gov. Hutchinson said Covid 19 continues to threaten, so he is extending his Emergency Declaration for Arkansas for 45 days (:55).

The chairman of the state covid 19 Economic Development task force committee, Stuart Walton, addressed the media and businesses in the state, emphasizing that "Arkansas Open for Business" can only work as long as businesses follow state health department guidelines (3:35).

Jesica Beaty interviewed Nic Long on how he can help small businesses use social media to increase their success. (6 min).

Mayor George McGill from 7:40 to 7:50am.

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 7:40AM TO 7:45AM—City Clerk Sherri Gard talks about the applications for the City Director's election.

7:40-7:53am—Rosilee Russell of the Community School of the Arts lists all of the events they can do with virtual gatherings—virtual summer camps, fall theater presentations and more.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 7:40AM TO 7:43AM-Kim Woldford talks with Karen on ArklaHoma Today about the Duty and Honor 5K Run to benefit the Buddy Smith Home for Veterans.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 7:40am-7:50am-Eddie Lee Herndon United Way.

FRIDAY, May 15, Gov. Asa Hutchinson outlines his plan to test 2 per cent of Arkansas's population for Covid 19 by the end of May, 60,000 residents (2:27).

Arkansas Ready for Business website-Stuart Walton, chairman of the Economic Recovery Committee (3:04). They provide a resource for Arkansas businesses and guidelines they must follow to safely re-open. (3:04).

Fort Smith Mayor George McGill talks with Bill and Karen about the Covid testing center moving from the River Front Drive to the Kelley Highway Walmart and also the opening of restaurants in Fort Smith and the area. He also discussed a reprieve from the Federal Government for repair of the city's outdated sewer system. (7:03).

Greater United Way Director Eddie Lee Herndon discusses efforts of multiple United Way agencies to feed area school children and benefits of calling 211 for covid 19 and mental health assistance (7:34).

ARKLAHOMA TODAY FRIDAY, MAY 22. Gov. Asa Hutchinson announces team community and K-12 and non-contact sports can resume in Arkansas May 31 (3:29)

Dr. Nate Smith of the State Health Department talks of the need for blood donations and discussed the directive for complicated summer camp requirements. Dr. Jose Romero reviewed the multi-system inflammation syndrome in children having covid 19 (4:18). Then he discusses the increase in Covid 19 numbers and increased testing (4:03).

Stuart Walton, chair of the Economic Task Force, gives an update on businesses re-opening. (3:20)

MONDAY, MAY 25, Daniel Loyd tells how a hundred-year-old business now sells masks for the first time: Tankersley sells PPE. (5:59).

FRIDAY, MAY 29-ARKLAHOMA TODAY-, Gov. Asa Hutchinson outlines five areas the state needs to watch following a second peak of virus cases last week. (2:25).

The chairman of the Arkansas Economic Recovery Task Force, Stuart Walton, gives updates and recommendations. (6:14).

Gov. Hutchinson reviews county statistics and the increase of Covid 19 among Latinos in Northwest Arkansas. (3:49).

MONDAY, JUNE 1. 7:40AM-7:45AM-Henry Moore with the Fort Smith Trolley Museum talks about the Rib Sale June 6 and how to order. Funds benefit the museum. (4:19)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 7:40AM TO 7:52AM—Congressman Steve Womack calls in to Arkklahoma Today to talk about funds given out in his third district and the gridlock in the Senate and House. He also was concerned about lawlessness at some of the protests in the nation.

7:07AM-7:15AM-Chad Lowe of the Arkansas River Valley Nature Center talks about Hunting Licenses and a Free Fishing Weekend.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, Gov. Hutchinson explains the state wants to double testing of Arkansas residents in June to 120,000. (1:27). He says the increase in cases in the state is delaying implementation of Phase 2 openings of businesses, schools, restaurants, etc. (1:25).

Dr. Dillahay with the Arkansas Department of Health reviews how contact tracing works. (4:55).

Gov. Hutchinson and Dr. Smith review how 190 positive covid cases on Monday touched 412 people. (5:00).

Fort Smith Mayor George McGill gives his weekly report from 7:40am to 7:50am, talking about participation in the census. He says Fort Smith is doing a good job, but needs to register more..

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 7:40A-7:50AM-, Greater United Way President Eddie Lee Herndon explained the "Safer Way to Give" plan to help panhandlers in Fort Smith get help in another way with 3 phases. (7:23).

The Chairman of the Arkansas Recovery Task Force Stuart Walton gives an update on Phase One -Opening Progress and Challenges. (4:16).

Arkansas Attorney-General Leslie Rutledge discusses the variety of 30,000 complaints her office has received of covid-19 price-gouging. (4:53).

Fort Smith Mayor George McGill discusses the debate in the city regarding a statue of a Civil War soldier on the Sebastian County Courthouse Lawn owned by the Daughters of the Confederacy. The city is expected to receive a petition asking its removal. 4th of July plans are still pending (5:15).

Tim Garrett of the Fort Smith Gun and Knife Show talked about his show that weekend. (5:00).

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 7:32AM-7:50AM-The head of the Visitors and Convention Bureau, Claude Legris, spoke of plans for various events and some that had been cancelled. He talked about the re-opening of the Convention Center, after being closed due to the virus.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 7:40A-7:48AM—Danny Cervantes of the Arkansas Blood Institute told of working with the United Way and the City of Fort Smith.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, Gov. Hutchinson explains why he nixed a special session of the Arkansas Legislature. (2:28). Then he reviews three executive orders (1:41) and announces visitation to long term care facilities can begin July 1 under strict guidelines (4:45).

Hutchinson re-iterates the importance of masks (3:05pm).

Matt Hiller of the Castle of Muskogee Fireworks sale talks about this year's opportunity to celebrate America's Birthday. (6:50).

Leslie Higgins of the US Marshal's Museum talks about the lecture series, Talks on Tap "Civil Dscourse in times of Pandemic and Civil Unrest. (7:18).

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 7:40AM-7:48AM—Matt Hiller of the Castle of Muskogee Fourth of July Fireworks sale and display talked with Karen Pharis on Arklahoma Today about of the scheduled celebrations.

7:10am to 7:15am-Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson says the state's unemployment rate has taken a significant drop.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 7:40AM-7:50AM—MAYOR GEORGE MCGILL talks about the Mayors Fourth of July Celebration. It will be a travelling truck with a screen showing fireworks and it will visit 6 local parks.

MONDAY, JUNE 28, Fort Smith Mayor George McGill reminds listeners that Covid 19 numbers are up in the River Valley and that city residents need to maintain social distance and wear masks. (5:53). He also detailed the new way the city will celebrate the 4th of July. (4:44).

Dave Kennedy of the US Marshal's Museum discussed a live feed that week concerning Billy the Kid, who for a short time was a U. S. Marshal. (5:00).