

KHGG-AM Q4 2019 Issues Report

KHGG-AM broadcasts a live, one-hour daily news program called "Arklahoma Today" which covers news, current events, public service, weather, traffic, and sports information Monday through Friday 7am until 8am. Guests appear in-studio, by phone, and in pre-recorded interviews as is convenient for the guest. Top news stories from the Fort Smith and River Valley are reported each day, as well as news from around the state from the Arkansas Radio Network. The end of 2019 saw near recovery from the 500-Year Flood, several long-time City of Fort Smith department heads resigning, the Hope Humane Society closing its doors, the U.S. Marshal Museum opening for special events only as fundraising continues, and efforts to create a new Community School of the Arts along the Arkansas River and a new Center for Arts and Education in Van Buren. KHGG-AM reported in-depth on these and other issues and events to benefit the many non-profit organizations in our area as well as our listeners. Information on the following topics was reported in addition to daily local newscasts on our program. KHGG-AM also produces and broadcasts live Van Buren Pointer Football September through November and broadcast the Van Buren High School girls and boys basketball games in various basketball tournaments in December 2019. KHGG-AM also produced and broadcast University of Arkansas men's and women's basketball games in pre-season action in November and December.

October 1 - Dr. Rosilee Russell, founder of the Community school of the Arts talks about the importance of instrumental and mixed media art to growing children. The final season of theatrical presentations for high school students in addition to orchestral concerts will be showcased this month. Steve Maddox with the Haunted Prison visits and explains the effort that goes into such a fundraising project. (7:40a-7:50am)

October 2 – Chad Lowe and Danielle Simmons with the Janet Huckabee River Valley Nature Center talk about hunting classes, and activities during the month of October at the Nature Center. Testing for chronic waste disease was discussed. Test sites are available in each county for hunters to submit their kills for testing.(7:05a-7:25am) Dr. Kevin Jones and Maggie Jones with the "Old

Time Radio Hour” fundraiser for the Fort Smith Museum of History talked about their upcoming show at the King Opera House.(7:40a-7:50am)

October 3 – Mila Maseur Executive Director of the Clayton House talks about efforts to have at least one monthly fund raising event to help costs of the historic home where the prosecuting attorney for Judge Isaac Parker lived. (7:50-7:55am) Debbie Bogner with Christ the King church also visited about the church’s annual Fall Carnival and how the proceeds benefit the parochial school. (7:35a-7:40am)

October 4 – Teresa Schlabach with the Alma Performing Arts Center talks about upcoming presentations at the Center, and how students learn and work along with professionals that set up shows/perform. Proceeds benefit scholarships for Alma High School students.(7:40a-7:50am) Steve Maddox returns to “haunt” the studio and promote the Haunted Prison and Trail in Van Buren.(7:20a-7:25am)

October 7 - Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau outlines coming events for the next two week period. (7:40a-7:50am)

October 8 - U.S. Senator Tom Cotton discusses the Impeachment proceedings against president Trump and the Pullout of Syria by American troops. (7:10a-7:15am) Bill Pharis then interviews musician John McEuen about his musical career history and his concert at the Alma Performing Arts Center. (7:40a-7:50am)

October 9 - Lorie Robertson with Chaffee Crossing visits about upcoming events including a call for entries for the November Veteran’s Day Parade and changes in parade procedures. (7:40a-7:50am)

October 10 - Melissa Conry with the Fort Smith Regional Art Museum talks about the need for adults to help with the special children’s classes at the museum. Classes are free and volunteers are needed.(7:40a-7:45am)

October 11 - Matt Hiller with the Castle of Muskogee talks about the economic impact of the Halloween Fest and the various activities available for all ages. (7:40a-7:50am)

October 14 – Kim Bercher promoted the November fundraiser for the Fort Smith Boys and Girls Clubs, “TJ’s Music Program”. The Boys and Girls clubs offer free guitar, and now, drum lessons for club members. Money raised is used to purchase instruments and pay for instruction. Listeners were asked to donate instruments no longer used that are in good repair, as well as items for the benefit’s silent auction. (7:40a-7:50am)

October 15 - Teresa Schlabach with the Alma Performing Arts Center talks about the upcoming biopic, “Beautiful” about Carole King coming to the Center. (7:40a-7:46am)

October 16 - Carrie Terry with the United Way talks about the “Power of the Purse” fundraiser for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. (7:40a-7:50am)

October 17 - Congressman Steve Womack visits with Bill Pharis about the image of Washington and the relationship between Nancy Pelosi and the president, in addition to finalizing flood relief efforts in Fort Smith. (7:40am-7:55am)

October 18 - Amy Adams with the Bonneville House talks about the upcoming murder mystery dinner to benefit the historic home. She hopes to have several dinner type events and teas for children in the coming year to raise money to go toward the upkeep of the home. (7:40a-7:50am)

October 21 - Bryan Lewis with Intellcheck tells listeners Arkansas ranks #1 in the country for the most teens with dangerous drinking and driving habits. He discusses how fake IDs are fueling underage access to alcohol and how an app called “Age ID”, can save lives. (7:15a-7:25am) Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau also talks about upcoming events in the city. 7:35a-7:50am

October 22 – Dean Pendergrass with the Fort Smith Downtown Business Association is chairman of the Masquerade Ball at Temple Live November 2. Dean outlined the events for the dress-up evening. Funds raised will benefit the Community School of the Arts. (7:40a-7:50am)

October 23 - Congressman Steve Womack discusses items of interest to the constituents of the third congressional district. (7:40a-7:50am)

October 24 - U.S. Senator Tom Cotton gives his views on impeachment (7:10-7:13am) Tammie Kuhns Executive Director of the Community Services Clearinghouse talks about Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for clearinghouse cancer patients and their families. (7:35a-7:47am)

October 25 - Pat Valley talks about the upcoming walk at Creekmore Park to raise money for Huntington's Disease research, how the support group has grown over the years and those who have died locally battling the neurological disease. (7:40a-7:48am)

October 28 - Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Visitor and convention Bureau mentions that the live action stage play of "Trolls" for toddlers will be coming to the city in March and gives a special code to listeners who want to purchase tickets for holiday gift giving. 7:35a-7:38am) Fort Smith mayor George McGill updates listeners on flood relief efforts, water bills which were incorrect, and the U.S. Census coming up in 2020 and the necessity for city residents to make sure they are counted. 7:40a-7:50am)

October 29 - Phillip Merry with Christmas Honors talks about the future need of the National Cemetery to expand, and to remind listeners of the wreath workshop Friday, December 6. (7:35a-7:45am) Lorie Robertson visits to invite listeners to the weekend's "Berry Festival in Lavaca". (7:50a-7:55am)

October 30 - Congressman Steve Womack calls in to give constituents a report from Washington. (7:40a-7:55am)

October 31 - Kim Bercher with the Fort Smith Boys and Girls clubs reminds everyone of the "TJ's Music" fundraiser coming up and how the program is increasing confidence in young people. (7:35a-7:40am) Steve Maddox with the Haunted Prison and Trail comes by as Steve the scary clown for a fun visit. 7:45a-7:50am).

November 1 - Lorie Robertson with Chaffee Crossing comes by to talk about the Veteran's Day Parade at noon on November 9. Festivities get under way at 10am with the recognition of four Arkansas soldiers. More than 2,500 entries have registered to participate in the parade. (7:40a-7:50am)

November 4 - Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau discusses events scheduled and also gives a report on the hospitality business in Fort Smith for 2019. 7:40a-7:50am.

November 5 - Dr. Rosilee Russell with the Community School of the Arts gives a rundown of special events planned for November and encourages listeners to get tickets for the performance of "Frozen" if they plan on attending since tickets are going fast. 7:40a-7:50am).

November 6 - Chad Lowe and Danielle Simmons with the Janet Huckabee River Valley Nature Center talk about upcoming special events during the month of November, including edible plant identification, snakes of Arkansas, and cooking what you kill. (7:10a-7:25am) Alice Alt with the U.S. Marshal Museum talked about the dedication of the Samuel Sicard Hall of Honor, the December "Evening with President Lincoln", and presentation of "The Western District". (7:40am-7:45am) Dr. Brandon Goldsmith, author of the play and talked about it's presentation at "The Rialto" and a special dinner theater experience Saturday and Sunday.(7:45a-7:55am)

November 7 - Robin Fowler, German teacher at Southside High School invites the community to see the wall students built at the school representing the Berlin Wall and then witness the destruction of it on the 30th anniversary of its demise. (7:15a-7:20am) Stacey Jones with the University of Arkansas Fort Smith talks about the upcoming Season of Entertainment events (7:45a-7:50am)

November 8 – Claude Legris with the Fort smith Visitor and Convention Bureau announced the arrival of "zagster" bike rental program near the riverfront trails. Now those wishing to ride on the trails can drive there and rent a bike rather than haul it on a car. (7:15a-7:18am) Dean Pendergrass with the Fort Smith Downtown Merchants Association recaps the Masquerade Ball, and outlines holiday events in downtown Fort smith including Small Business Saturday November 30, Tree lighting ceremony, and the Santa House open Saturdays in December at Pendergraft Park, as well as the New Year's Eve Ball Drop and party on Garrison Ave.(7:35a-7:45am) Mary Ann Tate with Tate's Flowers in Van Buren announced a host of November events geared to collect money and food and blankets for the "Almost Home" Kitties and Canines Animal shelter.(7:50s-7:55am)

November 12 - Dr. Brandon Goldsmith, UAFS professor, visits about the research conducted for his play: "The Western District", and how he is now working toward creating a motion picture of the same name detailing events in Fort Smith's history which sparked the federal government to send Judge Isaac Parker to Fort Smith. (7:40a-7:50am)

November 13 – Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau chief, Claude Legris outlines the winners of the 2019 GRIT Awards – Giving Recognition in Tourism. (7:15a-7:22am) Congressman Steve Womack talks about the appointment of third district high school seniors to military academies, and the requirements necessary of those students to qualify. (7:40am-7:50am)

November 14 - Marion Conrad is Executive Director of Project Compassion, which is a volunteer organization which visits nursing homes in the six county area. She asked listeners to help their holiday "hearts of gold" campaign to collect t-shirts, pajamas, sweat pants and slippers to be distributed to nursing home residents at Christmas. Items can be dropped off at Project Compassion headquarters, any Simmons Bank, or the Hampton Inn in Van Buren. (7:40a-7:50am)

November 15 - Eddie Lee Herndon, Executive Director of the Greater Fort Smith United Way goes over the "wish list" that the 32 United Way agencies have compiled. (7:40a-7:50am).

November 18 - Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau goes over holiday events in the coming weeks.

November 19 - Henry Moore with the Fort Smith Trolley Museum talks about the free "Polar Express" readings at the museum along with free cocoa and cookie, and free trolley rides coming soon! (7:40a-7:48am)

November 20 - Congressman Steve Womack discusses items of interest to constituents in the third congressional district.

November 21 - Michael Coulter, Outreach Health Insurance Specialist for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in the Dallas Regional Office visits with Arklahoma Today to raise awareness for the Medicare Open Enrollment Period. He encouraged listeners to review their Medicare plan before enrollment ends December 7. (7:15a-7:25am) Phillip Merry with Christmas

Honors details the plans for the wreath workshop December 4, and laying of the wreaths at national Cemetery December 7. (7:40a-7:50am)

November 22 - Brian McMahan with the Fort Smith Optimist Club explains there will be no Christmas Tree Lot at Hunts Park this year due to the baseball field renovations underway there. Instead, the Christmas Trees at Central Mall will allow river valley residents to vote for their favorite decorated tree presented by area clubs and businesses, with a chance to win one of the trees. Funds generated from this event will still benefit the Fort Smith Boys and Girls Clubs. (7:40a-7:45am)

November 25 - Fort Smith Mayor George McGill recaps flood relief efforts, water bill computer problems, and the search for qualified replacements to fill the shoes of a number of city department heads who left their positions this fall. He also discussed the thankfulness the city has for the ability to come together and work to overcome its challenges.

November 26 - Tammie Kuhns, Executive Director of the Community Services Clearinghouse related the great turnout over the weekend to box up around 250 Thanksgiving meals for cancer patients and their families. (7:40a-7:47am) Mike Sulina with the Marine Corps toys for tots program gave an update on where there will be special collection sites at selected Wal-Mart's Thanksgiving weekend to help parents having financial difficulty purchasing toys for their children. (7:50a-7:55am)

November 27 - Leslie Higgins, Education Director at the U.S. Marshal Museum discussed the December "Evening in the Past with Abe Lincoln". Funds generated will go toward completion of the museum. She also discussed the Winter Camp for fifth through eighth graders on January third, exploring the many ways to tell a story. (7:40a-7:50am)

December 2 - Claude Legris with the Visitor and Convention Bureau in Fort Smith promotes the Creekmore Park Express Train open through December 21, as well as the Fort Smith Christmas parade December 14.

December 3 - Dr. Rosilee Russell with the Community School of the Arts reviewed their presentation of "Frozen". The school added two performances

and were sold out as she predicted, for each program. She promoted registration for Spring classes.

**December 4 - Phillip Merry called-in from the wreath workshop at the Fort Smith convention center. He put out a request for individuals to help, as well as locate volunteers who had pickup trucks or trailers to help transport the wreaths on Saturday morning to the National Cemetery. (7:30-7:33am)
Congressman Steve Womack visits about issues of interest to his third congressional district constituents. (7:40a-7:50am)**

December 5 - Mila Maseur with the Clayton House invites listeners to their Christmas Open House and talks about the Teddy Bear Tea later this month (7:40a-7:46am) Tim Garrett with the Fort Smith Gun and Knife Show talks about this weekend's event, current gun law discussions, and concealed carry. (7:50a-7:55am)

December 6 - Henry Moore with the Fort Smith Trolley Museum reminds everyone that the "Polar Express" book readings, free trolley rides, and refreshments are this weekend at the Trolley Museum. (7:40a-7:46am)

December 9 - Dean Pendergrass with the Fort Smith Downtown Business Association outlines the events planned for the city's New Year's Eve celebration on Garrison Ave. (7:40a-7:48am)

December 10 - Tonya Sarlls, Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce, discusses the city's "Shop Local" campaign for the holiday season (7:40a-7:50am)

**December 11 - Chad Lowe with the Huckabee River Valley Nature Center outlines the year's final events at the Nature Center. (7:10a-7:20am)
Congressman Steve Womack gives his thoughts on the presidential race and the many candidates jockeying for position. (7:40a-7:45am)**

December 12 - Teresa Schlabach with the Alma Performing Arts Center visits about the holiday program at the center (7:40a-7:45am)

December 13 - Matt Hiller with the Castle of Muskogee invites listeners to take a drive to Muskogee and the Castle to view the hundreds of whimsical holiday blow ups on the Castle Grounds. In addition, there are hayrides, a train, poney and camel rides, as well as holiday activities inside. (7:40a-7:45am)

December 16 - Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Visitor and convention bureau wraps up the highlights of 2019 activities in the river valley. (7:40a-7:50am)

December 17 - Aric Mitchell, public information spokesperson for the Fort Smith Police Department offers tips for holiday shopping, and keeping homes safe from illegal entry at this busy time of year. He also said "Operation Porch Pirate" was now ongoing to keep home deliveries safe. (7:40-7:48am)

December 18 - Mila Maseur with the Clayton Hosue talks about the upcoming Teddy Bear Tea on the 21st. (7:40a-7:45am)

December 19 - Claude Legris with the Convention Center reminds listeners of the Christmas Honors wreath pickup scheduled for January 7, what is needed, and what will take place to get the thousands of wreaths prepared for their year-long storage. (7:40a-7:46am)

December 20 - Dean Pendergrass with the downtown Fort Smith Business Association outlines activities for the downtown New Year's Eve Celebration. (7:40a-7:48am)

December 23 - Leslie Higgins, director of education at the U.S. Marshal Museum encourages parents and grandparents with fifth through eighth graders to consider attending the winter camp at the museum January 3rd. (7:40a-7:47am)

December 24 - Claude Legris announces the Fort Smith Symphony received a rating with a "top track" with the production of a symphony written by an African American woman from Fort Smith. (7:40a-7:43am) Tammie Kuhns with the Community Services Clearinghouse talked about the Christmas dinner and gifts for children of individuals with cancer, and the difficult times these families go through. (7:50a-7:57am)

December 30 - Claude Legris talked-up the city's New Year's Eve Celebration (7:40a-7:50am)

December 31 - Fort Smith Mayor George McGill invited listeners to attend the city's New Year's Eve Celebration in downtown Fort Smith. (7:40a-7:50am)