

## **KHGG-AM 3Q Issues Report 2012**

Pursuant to the disclosure requirements in 47 C.F. R. 73.3526(11)(i), and during the quarter referenced above, this station provided information to its listeners regarding the following significant issues. Including:

Education  
Children/Youth  
Politics  
Health/Healthcare  
Legal Matters  
Government (National)  
Education  
Environment

Consumer Issues  
Economy  
Housing  
Transportation  
Business  
Cultural  
Government (local)  
Pet Issues

Religion  
Technology  
Minority Issues  
Women's Issues  
Employment  
Industry  
Elderly

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**KHGG-AM broadcasts "Arklahoma Today" Monday through Friday 7am-9am repeating KFPW-AM. The program covers local news, weather, traffic and sports with community leaders and special report features.**

**DROUGHT CONDITIONS THREATEN ARKLAHOMA**—The hot dry summer saw rainfall amounts drop to a drastic low and **KHGG-AM** brought on a number of speakers to offer ideas to help citizens weather the drought. Dustin Blakey of the Sebastian County Extension Service office, visited twice for 10 to 15 minutes to talk about how to deal with the drought conditions and report what help was available for agriculturalists in the area. Fort Smith Fire Chief Mike Richards was featured also, as he gave out tips on how to avoid fires in the tinder-dry period. Paul VanLare of Grow Fresh also spoke about how to have healthy home gardens if you do the right things. When county judges and others issued Burn Bans, our station passed them along to listeners.

These are some of the other key issues that came to the forefront during the quarter and were discussed in detail:

**EACH FRIDAY WE INTERVIEW DAREN BOBB, NEWS ANCHOR**—Daren talked with Tommy Street of **KHGG-AM** | Included are top issues facing local citizens as well as providing information on events and entertainment occurring over the upcoming weekend. These interviews are usually from four to eight minutes in length.

**FORT SMITH PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE SUMMER MONTHS**—Parks and Recreation director Jenifer Oberte spoke for eight minutes July 13, about the upcoming Movies in the Park series. Films are projected on portable screens in city parks. After inviting listeners to attend, huge crowds turned out.

**THE MAYOR'S FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION**—July 1-- Mayor Sandy Sanders and Downtown Development Director Jayne Hughes were on for approximately 15 minutes to discuss the fireworks show along the River Front. Parking, event schedule, etc., were all discussed. Fireworks displays were held, but Firemen were strategically placed because of the drought. Other cities postponed or cancelled their fireworks shows because of the danger. Shari Gard also discussed early city elections and registrations. Each of these interviews as from 5 to 15 minutes.

**BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**—Captain Marjan discussed the efforts made by the motorcycle group in behalf of youngsters. A special fundraising motorcycle run was scheduled.

### JUDGE PARKER'S U.S. NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE AND FORT SMITH MUSEUM OF HISTORY---

Attendance at the National Historic Site in Fort Smith has been good, despite high fuel prices. Jeremy Lynch, Park Ranger, and Programs Coordinator, spoke about re-enactments scheduled in Judge Parker's courtroom. He also encouraged local citizens to tour the facilities as they are also being improved. He also gave details on the July 27th Historical Re-enactment of United States vs. Charles Bullard. Bullard was accused of killing a fellow railroad worker, Walker Bean. In addition, the Fort Smith Museum of History's Director, Leisa Gramlich spoke on the station July 26 about the Battle of Massard Prairie. It was one of the few Confederate victories in the Civil War in Arkansas.

THE FORT SMITH ACADEMY OF THE ARTS—The University of Arkansas-Fort Smith has established The Academy of the Arts to give young people of all ages an opportunity to express their talents in art, music, acting and presentation. Dr. Rosilee Walker-Russell came on ArkLahoma Today and explained upcoming events. The Academy of the Arts includes the Preschool Musikgarden program, musical theater for teenagers, and the Youth Honor Symphony Orchestra.

### FORT SMITH CONVENTION CENTER---

State financing for the convention center of some \$900,000 per year has been eliminated and Mayor Sandy Sanders and Clerk Shari Gard were featured with interviews on how the city had turned over operation of the convention center to the Visitors and Tourism Department. Claud LeGris of that group also appeared to discuss the new developments. He pointed out that the Convention Center has doubled its rentals this year.

TRANSIT IN FORT SMITH: A MUCH-NEEDED SERVICE—With fuel prices placing hardship on local citizens, the Fort Smith Transit Department has increased its bus service and bus stops. Ken Savage, Transit Director, and Sue Ruth, Drive Supervisor, were out guests Thursday, August 2. They discussed how the bus routes are scheduled and revised to serve the interests of all passengers. They also discussed how drivers are selected to make sure that they are prepared to handle all eventualities. Included in the route are doctor's offices and shopping.

### NEED TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN A CHALLENGED ECONOMY--

Arkansas Sen. David Pryor's Mobile Office was in Fort Smith in September and Karen Pharis interviewed Michael Teague of the Senator's staff about how citizens could take advantage of the facility. **KHGG-AM** also attended several phone news conferences with Sen. Pryor during the period, recording portions to play on the air. Topics included putting area residents back to work, as well as the Veterans Administration, Medicare and Social Security.

THE 188TH ARKANSAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE and its future use was discussed by elected leaders and local citizens in August. The meeting was called "Defend the Defenders" and segments were carried on KHGG, including a rousing speech by Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe. We also promoted attendance at the event to get a large turnout as it was broadcast on the internet to the servicemen and women in the Mideast.

FIRST TEE OF FORT SMITH—Chris Murphy of this golf group for young people spoke on KHGG on Friday, August 1st about a scheduled meeting that dinner that night. He also discussed the importance of the organization and its numerous successes.

AUTOMATED TRASH COLLECTION IN THE CITY OF FORT SMITH—The city recently began shifting to an all-automated trash collection process but a small segment of the community protested and called for manual collection in their area. Both sides were discussed on Arkklahoma today and after a few weeks, the City Board voted to continue the move to all-automated collection.

ARKANSAS LOTTERY BEGINS USING VENDING MACHINES—The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has begun using vending machines and our station reported that Arkklahoma had one of the busiest locations: the S and S Superstop in Van Buren (basically tied for the number one location in the state. There was a discussion on the drop in overall lottery revenues as gasoline prices went up. Some of our listeners and guests pointed to this as proving the poorest are often the ones who may be gambling the most.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES—A major fundraiser for the Community Services Clearinghouse was held during the period and Director Rick Foti came to the station to announce it. Known for its "backpacks for kids" program, the organization struggled this summer to keep stocked up. Using our airwaves helped get support. It was much the sale for Captain Carlisle Gargis of the local Salvation Army headquarters. There was a growing need as the economy lagged and the Captain appeared on the station several times to request giving and volunteerism. These interviews were from 5 to 15 minutes in length.