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**Issues & Programs for Fourth Quarter**

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Issue: Several Medical Marijuana Applicants Suing Medical Marijuana Commission for Rejecting Bids

A group of applicants seeking to open medical marijuana businesses filed lawsuits against the Commission for wrongly assessing hundreds of applications last month when it rejected bids for failing to meet minimum requirements. Lawsuits seek temporary restraining order that would force the commission to include the applications when commissioners begin their final scoring review. Commission says such an order would force the commission to "shut down" its work.

The program was 1.5 minutes in length and aired on October 5th, 2017 on Noon and 5pm News

Issue: Huntsville School District Facing Funding Cuts Next Year

The Huntsville School District is bracing for cuts in funding due to a lower enrollment and a drop in applications turned in for free and reduced lunches. The school district enrollment has also dropped and that comes at a cost. The district could also face an additional \$100,000 cut in Title IIA funding.

The program was 2.0 minutes and aired October 7, 2017 on 7am, noon and 5pm news.

Issue: ARDOT Accepting Comments on Raising Speed Limits

A study by ARDOT recommends increasing the speed limit on interstates in rural areas to 75 miles per hour. The study broke Arkansas' highways and freeways down into four

categories and looked at the impact of increasing the speed limit of each category. In 2017, the Legislature passed ACT 1097, authorizing a speed limit increase on certain highways following a road study.

The program aired October 16, 2017 on 7am, Noon and 5pm news and was 2.0 minutes in length.

Issue: Monsanto Suing Arkansas Plant Board Over Herbicide

Monsanto is suing Arkansas regulators over their decision to ban its version of Dicamba weed killer from April 15 through September 15 each year. Farmers say the weed killer drifts onto their crops and cause widespread damage.

The program aired October 22, 2017 on 7am, noon and 5pm news and was 1.0 in length.

Issue: Economic, Educational Gaps in Arkansas for Children of Color

The 2017 "Race for Results" report looks at disparities in public policies for children of color in Arkansas, as well as nationwide. Advocates say alleviating poverty and making education more accessible can level the playing field for all kids.

The program aired October 25, 2017 on 7am, noon and 5pm news, and was 2.5 minutes in length.

Issue: ADH and EPA Making Public Aware of Radon Exposure

The Arkansas Department of Health, Radiation Control Section, is working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in a nationwide campaign to educate Americans about the dangers of radon exposure and to encourage them to take action to protect their homes and families. ADH urging residents to take action by testing their homes for radon.

The program aired on Noon and 5pm News, October 28, 2017 and was 1.5 minutes in length.

Issue: Enrollment Begins Today for Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace

The open enrollment period for 2018 health-care coverage under the Affordable Care Act

begins today. Advocates with the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace say there are significant change to the program tat people looking to enroll in a plan should know.

The program aired November 1st on 7am, Noon and 5pm news and was 2.5 minutes in length.

Issue: FCC Chairman Unveils Controversial Repeal of Net Neutrality

The Chairman of the FCC unveiled his plan to repeal Obama-era protections intended to keep the internet open and fair. The repeal would represent a fundamental shift to how the internet is regulated. The new proposal would do away with rules that prohibit internet providers from blocking or slowing down access to online content and services.

The program aired at 7am, noon and 5pm news November 5, 2017 and was 2.0 minutes in length.

Issue: Commercial Truck Drivers to Begin Electronic Logging

Effective December 18th, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administraiton will now require all commercial drives to add electronic logging devices to their vehicles. Before this, Arkansas State Police could check drivers' logs at anytime. Beginning December 18th, truck drivers won't be able to start their trip until they turn on the logging device.

The program aired November 14th at 7am, Noon and 5pm on KTHS News and was 1.0 minute in length.

Issue: FCC to Begin Scaling Back on Low-Income Internet Program

The FCC voted to begin scaling back a program designed to help low-income Americans access the internet. The federal *Lifeline* program provides discounted phone and internet service in poorer communities. The FCC expanded the program to include broadband last year and has given participating households a \$9.25 subsidy already offered by the program.

The program aired November 18th at Noon and 5pm News and was 1.5 minutes in length.

Issue: Federal Grant Approved to Help Fight Opioid Epidemic in Rural Arkansas

The project is being funded through NIFA's Rural Health and Safety Education Competitive Grant Program. The Arkansas Ag Extension Service is being awarded a grant of \$321,912 that will allow it to partner with a network of health providers and volunteers to develop complementary and alternative pain management interventions with the goal of preventing opioid abuse in rural communities.

The program aired November 24th at 7am, noon and 5pm news and was 2.0 minutes in length.

Issue: Walmart on the Way to Hiring a Quarter Million Veterans

Walmart has hired 188,000 veterans since 2013, when it first pledged to hire thousands of ex-military service members. Of those, more than 26,000 have been promoted.

The program aired November 26th at 7am, noon and 5pm news and was 1.5 minutes in length.

Senior Life Solutions Partners with Mercy Berryville Hospital

This intensive outpatient group therapy program is designed to meet the unique needs of adults over the age of 65 who struggle with depression, anxiety, PTSD, etc. Team members include a board-certified psychiatrist, registered nurse and licensed therapist.

The program aired November 30th at 7am, noon and 5pm news and was 2.0 minutes in length.

Issue: Arkansas' Winter Weather Awareness Week Dec. 3rd-8th

To help Arkansans prepare for these conditions, a special week has been set to review safety rules and to better understand the hazards of winter. KTHS News will air one feature per day on News.

The program aired December 2nd 7am, Noon and 5pm News and was 2.0 minutes in length.

Issue: Laser Toys Can Cause Dangers

The Food and Drug Administration is hoping that parents know the dangers of lasers if Santa brings one for Christmas. Permanent damage can be caused by lasers. When shopping parents should look for a Class 1 sticker, which proves that the toy has been deemed safe for use under the proper supervision.

The program aired December 6th at Noon and 5pm News and was 1.5 minutes in length.

Issue: Child Social Media Concerns Surface

The Berryville School District contacted parents regarding explicit photos and messages being sent to their child. These were sent Instagram and Snap Chat by unidentified male. The School District stresses parents monitor their child's online communications on a regular basis.

The program aired December 10th at 7am, noon and 5pm news and was 2.0 minutes in length.

Issue: Medicare Recipients to Get New Cards in 2018

Medicare cards are getting a makeover to fight identity theft. The first batch of new cards will be issued in April, 2018. Experts believe crooks will have a really tough time tracking your new number to your private information. This has nothing to do with benefits but security.

The program aired December 14th at 7am, noon and 5pm news and was 1.5 minutes in length.

Issue: Upcoming Blood Drive with CBCO

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks is holding a blood drive and making appeal for All negative blood types . CBCO provides blood for 40 area hospitals in SW Mo and NW AR.

The program aired December 18th at 7am, Noon and 5pm news and was 1.0 in length.

Issue: CHIP Funding Still in Limbo

Many states have sent out letters to families saying their kids will no longer have health insurance next month. Congress failed to act in time to fund the Children's Health Insurance Program. Nine million kids depend on CHIP. Sixteen states will be out of money for CHIP by January unless Congress acts.

The program aired December 21st on 7am, Noon and 5pm News and was 1.5 minutes in length.

Issue: DACA Negotiations Look Slim for Agreement by Lawmakers

As lawmakers reach the final week to decide year-end government funding, negotiations on saving the DACA program are reaching a fever pitch despite long odds. Chances remain slim that lawmakers will reach agreement before the end of the year. Trump has decided to end the program but talks are underway in both chambers hoping for an agreement.

The program aired December 22nd on 7am, Noon and 5pm news.

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