KTHS FM Berryville, AR Issues & Programs for the Fourth Quarter of 2014 Placed in the Public File on January 2, 2015

Issue: CDC Confirms First Case of Ebola in the U.S.

Program: KTHS FM aired a news story that The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has confirmed the first patient to accidentally carry Ebola to the United States has been diagnosed at a hospital in Dallas. Four other people with Ebola — all medical volunteers working in West Africa — have been evacuated to the U.S. for treatment but this is the first case in a traveler. The patient's at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. The CDC said it would release more details later Tuesday. Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas said in a statement late Monday that it had admitted a patient into strict isolation "based on the patient's symptoms and recent travel history." It did not release further details, citing patient confidentiality.

The program aired on October 2nd at 7am, Noon & 5PM. The program was 1 minute in length. The name of the program is KTHS Local News.

Issue: Last Day to Register to Vote

Program: KTHS FM aired a story about the political season being in full tilt, and local county officials are urging unregistered voters to sign up before local deadlines arrive. The deadline for Arkansans to register in the Nov. 4 general election is 30 days before the election date, or Monday, Oct. 6. There are numerous ways an unregistered voter 18 years of age or older may apply, including at the voter's respective county clerk's office, the state revenue Office, a public library, a public assistance agency, a disability agency, the Arkansas National Guard or a military recruitment office, or online at

www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/Pages/voterRegistration.aspx, according to the Arkansas Secretary of State's office. If voters are registered but have moved to another county within the state, they can transfer to another county within the state up to four days prior to the election. If voters have from another state and into Arkansas, they must be registered by Oct. 6. Early voting begins October 20th - November 3rd.

The Program was aired on October 6, 2014, at 7am, Noon and 5PM. The program was 1minute and 25 seconds in length. The name of the program is KTHS Local News.

Issue: The Arkansas Board of Education approves an A-F letter rating system to be applied to most of the state's public schools in much the same way students are graded.

Program: KTHS FM aired a story about the letter grades being required by Act 696 of 2013 and are meant to be easier for parents and other community members to understand. The letter grades will replace the older, little-noticed state practice of rating schools on a scale of 1-5. The grades do not carry any penalties or rewards for the schools. The school grades, which will be based in part on last spring's Benchmark and End-of-Course state test results, will be announced in late November or early December, Education Commissioner Tony Wood said after the board decision. The timing for the release of the school grades is tied to the state Department of Education completing its annual school achievement report that lists which schools met or failed to meet their annual achievement goals on the state tests.

The program aired on October 16, 2014 at 7am, Noon and 5pm. The program was 2 minutes and 5 Seconds in length. The name of the program is KTHS Local News.

Issue: Social Security Announces 1.7 Percent Benefit Increase for 2015

Program: KTHS FM aired a story about the Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 64 million Americans that will increase 1.7 percent in 2015. The 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits that more than 58 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2015. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2014. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The progam aired on October 23, 2014 at 7am, Noon and 5pm. The programs was 1 minute and 50 seconds in length. The name of the program is KTHS Local News.

Issue: State inmates lingering in county jails are draining county coffers, and sheriffs and county judges want more money from the state to cover the cost of housing them.

Program: KTHS FM aired a news story about The Association of Arkansas Counties, the County Judges Association of Arkansas and the Arkansas Sheriffs Association are calling on the state Legislature to appropriate more money to the Department of Correction so it can pay counties more than the current \$28 per day, per prisoner. The counties want the amount increased to \$45 and a 1,600 cap on the number of prisoners the state can keep in county jails.

The program aired on November 1st, 2014 at 7am, Noon and 5PM. The program was 2 minutes 25 seconds in length. The name of the program is KTHS Local News.

Issue: Sole Food Partnership Results in Thousands of Meals

Program: KTHS FM aired a news story about Anstaff bank and Berryville Middle School have partnered together in support of the Sole Food project. This year, 920 pounds of shoes were collected and donated to Sole Food; Sole Food works in conjunction with Friends Against Hunger in "shoeing away hunger". The shoes are sold and sent to countries where the need for shoes is great. The money from the sale of the 920 pounds of shoes will provide 3,036 meals. Sole Food, located in Springfield, MO, spent the weekend packaging over 1 million meals to be sent to local organizations and countries in dire need.

The program aired on November 22, 2014 at 7am, Noon and 5PM. The program was 2 minutes 15 seconds in length. The name of the4 program is KTHS Local News.

Issue: Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department - Project Name: U.S. Highway 62 Widening (Berryville – Green Forest)

Program: KTHS FM aired a news story regarding notice being given that the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department has requested authorization for the placement of dredged and fill material in waters of the United States associated with widening U.S. Highway 62 between Berryville and Green Forest. The proposed project begins approximately one mile east of Berryville and ends approximately one mile west of Green Forest. Total length of the project is approximately 3.7 miles. The basic purpose of the project is to provide safe and efficient movement of traffic within the region. The overall purpose of the project is to upgrade the U.S. Highway 412/62 corridor across the northern segment of the state. The project is not water dependent, and an extensive alternative analysis was completed as part of the environmental impact statement (EIS).

The program aired on November 24th, 2014, at 7am, Noon & 5pm. The program was 1 minute 45 seconds in length. The name of the program is KTHS Local News.

Issue: Arkansas Flu Report: Cases Total 550 Since September

Program: KTHS FM aired a news story about 550 positive influenza cases reported to the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) since September 28. The ADH released the numbers as part of its flu report for the week ending Nov. 29. The agency says the numbers are about the same as at this time last year. There have been no deaths from flu in Arkansas so far this year. The report states that the cases from healthcare providers show that 71 percent of the cases were flu strain A and 29 percent were strain B. About 7.3 percent of patients visiting emergency rooms last week were there for treatment for the flu, the ADH says.

The program aired on November 30th, 2014 at 7am, Noon & 5pm. The program was 1 minute 22 seconds in length. The name of the program is KTHS Local News.

Issue: Free GED Class Offered

Program: KTHS FM aired a story on The North Arkansas College and the Carnegie Library partnering to host free GED classes in two locations. In Eureka Springs, classes are held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to noon at the Carnegie Library Annex. In Berryville classes are held Monday through Thursday from 8am-1pm at Bobcat Plaza. There also are evening classes in Berryville on Monday and Wednesday from 4-8pm and Tuesday from 5:30 to 8pm. These classes will prepare you with individualized study and tutoring to take the GED test. The morning classes are open to 16 and 17 year olds who meet educational requirements. If you are 18-21 years old, the Arkansas Workforce Center is offering a chance for 40 hours' work per week for attending the classes 20 hours a week and working at an arranged job for 20 hours a week. For further information call the Caroll County Center at 870-423-4455.

The program aired on December 4, 2014 at 7am, Noon & 5pm. The program was 1 minute 20 seconds in length. The name of the program is KTHS Local News.

Issue: After 2 Years of Work, State Revises Child-Care Facilities' Licensing Rules

Program: KTHS FM aired a news story regarding the first comprehensive overhaul in 45 years of the state's regulations of child-care centers cleared its final hurdle Wednesday and will be implemented this spring. On Wednesday, with little discussion, the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council took only a few minutes to officially review the hundreds of pages of regulations that set minimum licensing requirements for child-care, home day-care and out-of-school-time facilities. The hundreds of changes -- which include educational requirements for center directors, stricter background checks for staff members, behavior-chart uses, and a prohibition on wading pools -- took nearly two years, three legislative reviews and six heavily attended public hearings that generated more than 600 public comments. The Child Care and Early Childhood Education Division will now provide a "final filing" to be kept on record with the Legislature, the State Library and the secretary of state's office.

The program aired on December 5, 2014 at 7am, Noon & 5pm. The program was 2 minutes 15 seconds in length. The name of the program is KTHS Local News.

Issue: Salvation Army Gears Up For Distribution Days

Program: KTHS FM aired a news story aboutThe Salvation Army of Northwest Arkansas getting ready to distribute Christmas gifts to families who otherwise wouldn't have presents for their children. Distribution will take three days starting Wednesday (Dec. 17) at its center for distribution on Turner Road in Springdale. The gifts come from its Angel Tree Program. "It appears that most of the angels are now going to be returned, something that hasn't happened in my memory," said Major N.J. Pope, area commander. Several companies are donating products and time. Tyson is giving 30,000 pounds of chicken, and Walmart is providing 800 associates to help organize the presents.

The program aired on December 15, 2014 at 7am, Noon & 5pm. The program was 2 minutes in length. The name of the program is KTHS Local News.

Issue: Higher sales tax revenue is another sign of an improved economy across Northwest Arkansas as the year winds to a close.

Program: KTHS FM aired a news story on the region's four largest cities reported cumulative revenue of \$4.663 million in the December report. That represents a gain of 9% over the \$4.277 million reported a year ago. Springdale led the December improvement posting a 17% jump in sales tax thanks largely to the new Walmart Supercenter and other retail development this past year. Springdale reported \$998,562 in revenue for December. Mayor Doug Sprouse expects that number will increase as the city continues to announce more development into 2015 and early 2016. The reports from the cities reflect sales in October.

The program aired on December 22, 2014 at 7AM, Noon & 5pm. The program was 1 minute 50 seconds in length. The name of the program is KTHS Local News.

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