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July August September

Issue: It became obvious that a number of Military Veterans were in need of legal assistance and at the same time some local attorneys also pointed out that others on low income were unable to afford legal help.

Program: Station has a monthly half hour program with Liberty County Bar Association and its Bar Association Radio Committee Chair is Walter Fontenot. As this issue became more apparent Mr. Fontenot pointed out he had championed offering free legal service to Veterans and others in need but had not found the financial support locally to make it a reality. Mr. Fontenot, who himself is a Viet Nam veteran, announced on the program one day that since he now had the resources and space he would donate part of his office building and then with that much of the cost covered challenge local lawyers to donate some time to represent those in need and those who are veterans. The response was excellent and turnout of local citizens and veterans was very gratifying. On another program Mr. Fontenot promised he would continue to help assure that the Free Legal Aid would continue to be offered.

Issue Local County Attorney Wes Hinch announced he would run for the office of State Representative. That generally calls for County Attorney., also an elected office, to step down but County commissioners ask Mr. Hinch to continue to serve until a replacement was known. He agreed. His election attempt was not successful and he continued to serve until a new county attorney was elected. That required both the primary and run off elections When Matthew Poston was elected he was already an assistant district attorney. It was decided by Commissioner's Court that they would appoint Mr. Poston to serve until such time as he was sworn in as the elected County Attorney in January 2017.

Program: After that was approved by Commissioner's Court we invited the newly appointed County Attorney appeared on KSHN interview program to explain the law on that subject and how it affected him. Then we discussed the manner in which he intended to get the County Attorney's office caught up. He also discussed at great length the function of the County Attorney, the office's constitutional purpose and how it is to perform.

Issue: Texas and other parts of the nation has been struggling mightily with the issue of Registered Voter ID. Various court decisions had interpreted how a registered voter must Identify his or her voter registration. It was clear there was a great deal of confusion not just in Texas but across the nation with several states. .

Program: With the help of state attorney general opinions, the county voter registrar and county clerk's office KSHN Radio staff was able to do several interviews, news reports and public service announcements to try to help voters understand precisely what they must do to prove they are an eligible voter. It was not easy but with we had a great deal of help and were told later that our public service announcements and news reports assisted to clarify that issue greatly.

Issue: Local businessman came up with idea to have large concrete Liberty Bell's all around the city and surrounding area to build community pride and emphasize the city emblem of the Liberty Bell. Liberty has an exact replica Liberty Bell made at the White Chapel bell foundry in London. The idea was proposed to the Liberty Rotary Club as a fund raiser. Charging \$300 half profits going to Polio Plus eradicating polio around the world and the other half to the fund a bell tower from which to hang Liberty's exact replica.

Program; KSHN did extensive promotion and advertising on that project with help from other local media and so far the effort has been a rousing success. The number of concrete bells is growing steadily.

Issue: Health Fair for women. Local Hospital the Liberty Dayton Regional Medical Center ask radio station to be involved in a health fair and blood drive for women. All services will be free. We had instigated the start of a men's health fair in 1998 to showcase a prostate screening clinic that is still very successful. We agreed and they were so satisfied with the first one in 2015 the second was set for this year.

Program: Did two half hour programs about hospital services with expert medical advice on importance of five different free tests and what it can mean to women's health. Station also did large number of public service announcements and reports on turn out as the event progressed. . The 19<sup>th</sup> men health clinic, also free, will be held in January.

### **ISSUES AND PROGRAMS:**

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