

## KHGG-AM and 101.1FM Second Quarter Issues 2016

In anticipation of Stroke Awareness month, Dr. Clint Wood with Sparks Regional Medical Center spoke with Karen Pharis at 7:40am on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> regarding strokes. He discussed the possible causes, (genetics, lifestyle), preventions, (diet, exercise, quit smoking) and treatments. Statistics show that the Fort Smith area is one of the top cities with the highest incidence of strokes. Sparks will be sponsoring their third annual Heart Expo from 9am-2pm at the Fort Smith Convention Center. In addition to free screenings for the first 200 attendees, tours will be offered in the MEGA Heart inflatable exhibit. It's the world's only portable, inflatable walk-through heart exhibit. Dr. Wood also emphasized the need for individuals to have a primary care physician that can become familiar with a patient and their health to catch potential problems before they soar out of control.

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:40am Alice Alt with the U.S. Marshal Museum discussed progress on the museum. The board is meeting with architects to finalize plans for the facility on the Arkansas River. CDI Contractors of Little Rock has been selected as construction consultant for the 50,000 square-foot facility. Alt also talked about the commemorative coin sales and ongoing sale of various shirts, hats and tote bags.

Beth Presley with Arvest Bank and the "One Million Meals in 100 Days" campaign spoke with Bill Pharis at 7:40am regarding the campaign to raise funds/canned goods to be distributed in the River Valley for one million meals.

Chuck Goux, Executive Director of the Community Services Clearinghouse spoke with Karen Pharis at 7:4am Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> about the need for food drives to be held by civic clubs or businesses. The Clearinghouse Guild is preparing for the annual "True Grit Bike Ride" and need volunteers, peanut butter, water and pickles to help energize and hydrate cyclists.

Cody Faber with the Fort Smith National Historic Site spoke with Karen Pharis during Arkklahoma today at 7:40am to discuss the upcoming Volunteer Fair scheduled at the historic site Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am until 2pm. Representatives for 23 non-profit agencies will be on site to discuss their need for help and the type skills and/or time required. There will be refreshments and an appearance by Mayor Sandy Sanders.

Pastors Tommy and Brenda Todd from Tulsa spoke with Karen Pharis on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> about their upcoming prayer meeting in Fort Smith at the Fort Smith Executive Hotel April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. They discussed the power of prayer and how communities could improve communication between all types of people if they would pray together. The pastors encouraged businessmen, city leaders and church representatives to all come to the meeting and learn more about the power of prayer.

Stacey Jones with the University of Arkansas Fort Smith talked with Karen Pharis Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> about the upcoming Patti LuPone Concert as part of the University's "Season of Entertainment". Tickets still available for LuPone's: "Could've Should've Would've Had that Part" one-woman show.

Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Bob Beams with "Forward Greenwood" talked with Karen and Bill Pharis about the upcoming Greenwood Car Show. The event, coming up on April 30<sup>th</sup>, covers all makes and models and types of cars.

Leisa Gramlich with the Fort Smith Museum of History spoke with Karen Pharis at 7:40am on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> about their part in the upcoming Steel Horse Rally. An official Bike Show starts at 9am in front of the Museum of History and wraps up at noon. Trophies and prizes will be awarded. Inside the museum is an exhibit covering the history of motorcycle clubs in Fort Smith over the years.

Henry Moore; special project manager with the Fort Smith Trolley Museum spoke with Karen Pharis at 7:40am Monday, May second about various May events at the Trolley Museum. In honor of Western Heritage Month, the Trolley Museum is getting the steam engine cleaned up with a special "train wash" scheduled for May 8. May 14<sup>th</sup> they will offer free trolley rides in honor of Amtrack trains. The group has a new web page, [fstm.org](http://fstm.org) for more information.

Karen Westcamp Johnson and Chad Lowe with the Arkansas River Valley Nature Center paid a visit to Arklahoma Today on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:10am. They talked about the free programs at the Nature Center, ranging from "snakes alive!" to boater safety classes, to River Barge Tours along the Arkansas River and "Owl Prowl" night tours, all free of charge.

Thursday, May fifth at 7:40am, Ashley Ahlert with the Children's Emergency Shelter discussed the upcoming fundraiser: "Havana Nights" with Karen Pharis.

The average stay per child at the Children's Emergency Shelter is 27 days. At a cost of \$32. Per day, \$100. Supports three children per day. The event will be held Friday, June third at the Fort Smith River Park and Amphitheater. Cuban cuisine, a salsa band, hand rolled cigars and auction will complete the event.

Letter Carrier Food Drive was discussed Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> with event coordinator at the Fort Smith Post office. The Community Services Clearinghouse paid for the bags which letter carriers are leaving with the mail this Wednesday in anticipation of this Saturday's collection. This is a nationwide event and all food collected will stay in the Fort Smith area.

J. J. Jacobs with the Choctaw Nation talked about the upcoming stickball demonstration Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Smith National Historic Site. The event is sponsored by the Hardwood Museum at Chaffee Crossing. Jacobs talked about the resurgence in this ancient game which at one time was used to settle disputes between tribes and would sometimes go on for days! In honor of Western Heritage Month.

Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, University of Arkansas chancellor Jo Steinmetz called "Arklahoma Today" by phone 7:30am to announce his five-day bus tour of the state. Fort Smith is his first stop as the chancellor travels the state to get to know its residents and diverse needs and interest of Arkansans. First stop: Hardscrabble Country Club. Steinmetz spent his first five months as chancellor meeting with all 75 academic departments and centers, hundreds of faculty, students and staff at the U of A, and he continues to visit with state leaders and alumni to sharpen his vision for the future of the state's flagship institution.

Montine McNulty with the Arkansas Hospitality Association talked with Karen Pharis by phone on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> about the upcoming Simmons Bank Big Bass Bonanza coming up June 24, 25 and 26 along five pools along 300 miles of the Arkansas River. More than \$100,000. Will be awarded in prize money and she wants to get the word out!

The head of the Fort Smith parks department, Doug Reinert appeared on "Arklahoma Today" at 7:40am and talked about how the parks department is preparing for summertime. The miniature golf course at Creekmore Park is being renovated and volunteers are cleaning and prepping for a new owner. He talked about the Creekmore steam engine and diesel train at the park.

Thursday, June second, Sebastian County Health Department Director Mike Cartwright talked with Karen Pharis at 7:40am about the recent food inspections at the Old Fort Days Rodeo. We may not realize it, but the local health department inspects all establishments dealing with food. They make sure the proper equipment is used to insure food is kept hot or cold, and that adequate measures are taken to prepare food in a sanitary environment.

Rosilee Walker-Russell, Director of the Academy of the Arts at UAFS spoke with Karen Pharis at 8:10am on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The summer session begins today but children can still be registered for art, music, and theater classes. Scholarships are available.

Kim Wolford with the Next Step Day Room Services spoke with Karen Pharis Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> about the upcoming "Duty and Honor" 5K Run. The event raises funds for the organization's "Buddy Smith" home, which offers housing to homeless veterans. Money raised from this will go for expenses for vets.

Aaron Roe with SlowLane Motorcycle Rally and Music Festival visited with Bill Pharis on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:40am. The group is bringing back old time camping at 200 acres at Chaffee Crossin on Friday and Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Local bands will help cool off participants in the heat.

The Volunteer Coordinator for the Fort Smith Chapter of the American Red Cross, Travis Cooper spoke with Karen Pharis at 7:40am on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> to drum up volunteers for training at the Fort Smith facility on Saturday, the eleventh. Cooper says although Fort Smith has the highest "need" for volunteers due to the high number of fires affecting people, we have a low number of people who can actually respond to help those who need it. The Training will be held from 9am-2pm on Saturday.

Mosquito and tick protection and the heat was discussed with Mike Cartwright, Director of the Sebastian County Health Department at 7:40am June 13. Cartwright discussed ways to help decrease the mosquito population in light of the zika virus plaguing South America, causing concern here at home. He also talked about a variety of tick that was actually found at Fort Chaffee a number of years ago that affected a group of reserve military training.

Wednesday, June 15, Dennis Petersen at 7:40am talked with Karen Pharis about the upcoming Summer Solstice Walks at the Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center. Petersen will talk about this unique prehistoric American Indian mound site, the types of mounds, why they were created and why some of the mounds are lined up for the sunsets of the solstices and equinoxes. On Sunday June 19 and Monday, June 20, there will be three walks beginning at 11am, 2pm and led by Center Manager Dennis Petersen.

The United Way of Greater Fort Smith Director, Eddie Lee Herndon came on "Arklahoma Today" Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:40am to talk about the Van Buren event: Touch a Truck. The event will be held the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Van Buren High School. Fire and police, as well as EMS and big rigs and construction cranes will be on site for children to "touch". The event is scheduled as a summer break fun event!

Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Sue Robison talked with Karen Pharis at 7:40 regarding "Friends of the Fort". Sue and her husband Floyd frequently dress as "The Judge Isaac C., and Mrs. Parker". The "Friends" are a newly formed group dedicated to helping the park rangers at the park fund various educational, fun events for children. For the upcoming Mayor's Fourth of July Fireworks in downtown Fort Smith, the Friends are inviting residents to bring a blanket or lawn chair and their children, and enjoy music before the fireworks on the historic site's parade grounds. Friends will be selling water and small souvenirs which will go toward funding future park service events.

Fort Smith Mayor Sandy Sanders stopped by "Arklahoma Today" to invite listeners to attend the annual "Mayor's Fourth of July" Celebration July 4<sup>th</sup> along the Arkansas River at Harry E. Kelly Park. Music, food and drink vendors, and fireworks around 9:30 will make up the free celebration.

Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:10am Director of the Fort Smith Adult Education Center, Gary Udouj spoke with Karen Pharis about classes at the Adult Ed Center. Summer classes are under way, and registration for Fall classes is August 15<sup>th</sup>, when "regular" school begins. Udouj reminded listeners that students can join a class whenever it's convenient for them, and although the state charges for the GED testing, the Fort Smith Adult Ed center has secured funding to pay for the tests so it is free to the student.

Sgt. Daniel Grubbs with the Fort Smith Police Department appeared with Bill Pharis at 7:50am on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. He reviewed the fact that it is illegal to shoot off fireworks within the city limits of Fort Smith, and encouraged listeners to attend the city's fireworks display on the fourth. He also reminded us that there will be extra officers on patrol starting Friday the first of July and to not get pulled over.....stay sober! ,,keeping the independence day holiday a safe one. He and bill reviewed tips to keep homes safe when residents go on Summer vacation, and how to stay safe while traveling.