

KHGG-AM 1580 and FM101.1 First Quarter 2017 Issues

Tuesday, January 10 Chuck Goux with the Community Services Clearinghouse reviewed with Karen Pharis at 7:40am how the center fared over the Christmas Holidays and stressed the need to continue to receive canned goods and finances for the organizations backpack for kids program.

Wednesday, January 11 Donna Kilmer with the Special Olympics talked with Karen Pharis by phone about the February Polar Bear Plunge . The event is being organized by the Fort Smith police department in the River Valley, and there are similar events being held at different dates and locations throughout the the state to raise money for children with special physical and developmental needs.

Tuesday, January 17 Congressman Steve Womack called in to Arkklahoma Today at 7:15 and talked about the upcoming year in Congress. At 7:40am, Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau chief Claude Legris visited in studio with Bill Pharis about upcoming events

Wednesday, January 18 Chad Kauffman with Junior Achievement Arkansas spoke with Karen Pharis by phone at 7:40am asking listeners who participated in Junior Achievement as teenagers to contact the state organization. The state group is looking to reintroduce Junior Achievement in Fort Smith area schools and is looking for volunteers to help mentor students. Dolores Chitwood with the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors also called in and talked about NAIFA's rib sale coming up for the football playoffs.

Thursday, January 19 Leisa Gramlich with the Fort Smith Museum of History visited in studio at 7:40 about the upcoming "Pardi Gras". The new event is replacing the traditional museum's "Mardi Gras" party and will be held in the old Shipley Baking Company bakery in downtown Fort Smith. The organization is looking to put a new spin on the capital improvement campaign fundraiser which supplies the bulk of the museum's operating money.

Monday, January 23 Jeff O'Neill with Cabela's in Rogers talks about the upcoming Big Game cooking classes on Saturday for customers. While some may be preparing for the big football game, Cabela's will be holding classes on how hunters can grill, smoke and fry game that they harvest.

Wednesday, January 25 At 7:35am Dr. Delilah Easom with the Mercy Wound Healing Center in Fort Smith talks by phone with Karen Pharis about the need for their new expanded diabetic hyperbaric chamber and treatment facility. The center currently serves about 30 patients a week and they will be able to double their patient load with the new center. Increased area residents suffering from the effects of diabetes has created the need for the additional equipment and medical personnel. At 7:45am, Kim Phelps with the First Tee of Fort Smith promoted the organization's upcoming Super Bowl party fundraiser.

Wednesday, February 1, at 7:10am Chad Lowe with the Huckabee Nature Center visited in studio with Bill Pharis about upcoming events at the Nature Center.

Thursday, February 2 Leisa Gramlich came by and visited with Karen Pharis about the upcoming Pardi Gras on Saturday the 4th as well as reviewed upcoming events at the Fort Smith Museum of History.

Monday, February 6 Teresa Slaybach with the Alma Performing Arts Center visited with Karen Pharis at 7:40am and talked about "Asleep at the Wheel" performing.

Tuesday, February 7 Rosilee Russell talked with Karen Pharis about the Community School of the Arts.

Wednesday, February 8 Marketing and Gallery Manager for the Center for Art and Education in Van Buren, Kimberly Wells talked by phone with Karen Pharis at 7:40am about the upcoming River Valley Student Art Competition. Students from as far away as Ozark and Paris have entered works in the competition, which will feature all artistic media.

Thursday, February 9 Eddie Lee Herndon with the Greater Fort Smith United Way visited in studio with Karen Pharis about "One Billion and Rising". There will be a march around the University of Arkansas Fort Smith and speeches at the bell tower on the campus green on domestic and sexual violence. The movement has been created to draw awareness to abuse and how to make it stop.

Wednesday, February 15 Aurora Pollard with the Department of Human Services talked with Karen Pharis at 7:40 about the need for Foster Parents in the

Sebastian and Crawford County areas. She said Sebastian County has more children needing foster homes than any other county in Arkansas

Monday, February 21 Dr. Gary Udouj, Director of the Fort Smith Adult Education Center talked about enrollment for 2017 at the center and how immigration services is working with non English speaking students.

Tuesday, February 22 Chairman of "Grape Escapes" fundraiser for Bost talked with Karen Pharis by phone at 7:40am about the upcoming event which raises operating expenses for Bost Services for children in 17 Western Arkansas. Bost serves children with physical and mental developmental challenges.

Friday, February 24 Emi Sunshine performed live in studio at 7:40am during Arklahoma Today with Karen Pharis. Emi is in down to perform Saturday the 25th during the final week of Fort Smith's month-long Mardi Gras Celebration to benefit a number of child advocacy programs. Emi will be at the Sound Room Saturday at 1pm performing for a \$10. Donation.

Tuesday, February 28 Congressman Steve Womack talked about the immigration and travel bans being institution by the president, and the work Congress is planning on health care 7:40am.

Wednesday, March 1 Dr. Debbie Faubus Kendrick with the Crawford County Adult Education Center spoke with Karen Pharis at 7:40am about a new power tool class that will give basic knowledge needed for entry level construction workers, as well as individuals who want to gain the knowledge for their own personal use.

Thursday, March 2 Alice Alt and Leslie Higgins with the U.S. Marshals Museum visit in studio with Karen Pharis at 7:30am about the educational Lecture Series as well as the Day Camps scheduled during Spring Break for elementary and Junior high kids to study the Marshals of the Old West and Modern Day marshals and current crime fighting techniques.

Monday, March 6, Stacey Jones with the University of Arkansas Fort Smith visits in studio with Karen Pharis at 7:40am about the upcoming Miss UAFS pageant, the scholarships awarded, and his participation in the Miss Arkansas pageant which he produces; this year, instead of in Hot Springs, in Little Rock.

Thursday, March 9 Teresa Slaybach returns at 7:40am to talk about the St. Patrick's Day performance of the "Women of Ireland" at the Alma Performing Arts Center.

Tuesday, March 14 Henry Moore talks by phone with Karen Pharis at 7:40am about the Fort Smith Trolley Museum and it's new fundraiser: "Sunset in the Ozarks" ...a dinner train from Fort Smith to Chester and Back. Dinner will be prepared on board the train by AETN chef Steven Brooks.

Monday, March 20 Jean Kolljeski joins Karen Pharis in studio at 7:40am to talk about the relocation of the St. John's Episcopal church Lunch Sack Program which is also part of the Next Step Dayroom. Dozens of area churches support the program. Jean is promoting the "Raquet to Sack It" tennis tournament sponsored by the Western Arkansas Tennis Association to raise the last of the funds needed for the renovation of a facility to better accommodate the program.

Tuesday, March 28 John Thurston, State Land Commissioner for Arkansas talked with Bill and Karen Pharis by phone at 7:15. He will be in Fort Smith and Van Buren to present tax checks to Sebastian and Crawford County judges. In addition, he reminded listeners of the upcoming sale of various parcels of land for sale in our area whose owners have been delinquent for three years or more. Congressman Steve Womack called in at 7:40am to talk about national events and concerns he has heard from his Arkansas constituents.

Thursday, March 30 Abbey Cox with the Steps organization spoke with Karen Pharis at 7:40am in a recorded interview about the upcoming Steps Ball to be held at the Fort Smith Civic Center to raise money for the group which supervises Department of Human Services visits between estranged parents and their children.