

## KHGG-AM 2nd Quarter 2014

### Issues Report

A Congressional Update was heard by KFPW-AM listeners during "Arklahoma Today" Tuesday, April first. Congressman Steve Womack called the station and conducted a live interview with Bill Pharis from 7:40am until 7:55am. Topics included job creation and the crisis on the southern border/immigration. At 8:10am Senator John Boozman joined in the conversation talking about the situation in the Middle East, and immigration here at home. Both congressmen reviewed the thoughts of their constituents on the topics as well.

On Thursday, April 9th at 7:40am, Courtney Christensen with the Fort Smith District of the United Way visited with Karen Pharis on "Arklahoma Today" about the upcoming Day of Caring. Twenty-six United Way Agencies have projects that they need volunteer's help to complete. The projects range in everything from planting flower beds, painting, constructing shelving, to cleaning, filing, and visiting with the elderly or playing a musical instrument for the elderly. Listeners can go to the United Way website and register to help with any of the projects. Volunteers are needed in the seven county KFPW-AM listening area.

Director of the Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau, Claude Legris and Director of Downtown Development for Fort Smith, Jayne Hughes appeared on "Arklahoma Today" at 7:40am Monday, April 14th. Claude reviewed the various charitable fundraisers going on this week and scheduled for the upcoming weekend. He also mentioned that the city's statue of Bass Reeves would be featured on the A&E series: "Monumental Mysteries." Jayne discussed new business developments in downtown Fort Smith, including progress on the 400 block of Garrison Avenue, which is being rennovated into business and living

space. Tax credits are available to building owners making the renos and interested persons can contact Jayne to learn more.

"Arklahoma Today" helped promote the "sell again on highway 10" event sponsored by the Booneville Chamber of Commerce. Karen Pharis interviewed Stacy McCollough with the chamber regarding the April 26th event which encourages people to travel highway ten and discover the countryside and encourage tourism. Businesses, civic clubs and individuals were encouraged to put their wares and treasures from the garage or attic, along side the road and visit with "passer-buyers"

Leadership 360 is a non-profit organization devoted to developing the leader in everyday people. The group appears monthly during "Arklahoma Today" on KFPW-AM. On Friday, May 2nd, Jimmy Poole, Kim Snipes and Faye Dancer appeared to promote their upcoming Leadercast on May 8th, featuring a slate of nationally recognized leaders appearing by way of telecast. The group discussed how business people can benefit from the leadership tips offered, including those just wanting to be able to deal with people better.

Gary Udouj with the Fort Smith Adult Education Center spoke with Karen Pharis during "Arklahoma Today" on Tuesday, May 13th. Graduation for the 2014 General Education Degree was held the night before on the 12th. Gary talked about the fact that testing for the GED had declined somewhat since the state started charging \$125. per test in 2014. The Adult Education Center is working on getting scholarships to pay for the testing fees since many of those taking the test cannot afford such a stiff amount. His staff is meeting with various businesses and civic clubs to find dolalrs that can be used for this charge.

Interventional cardiologist Dr. Nasser Adjei with Sparks

Hospital in Fort Smith discussed heart health with Karen Pharis on Friday, May 23rd at 7:40am. Adjei reported that Fort Smith is at the top of the list of "most unhealthy" cities when it comes to its residents; citing smoking, lack of exercise, and diet as contributing factors to high heart disease in the region. Dr. Adjei said it is his goal to create awareness, and bring down the totals of unhealthy Fort Smith area residents.

Sebastian County Health Department Director Mike Cartwright spoke with Karen Pharis Tuesday, May 27th at 7:40am about the high number of rabies cases in the county: ten so far this year. He encouraged residents to take their family pets to upcoming rabies vaccine clinics at reduced rates. He said the chances of a family pet developing rabies after being bitten by a rabid animal are slim to none if the vaccine has been administered. Skunks seem to be the culprit: wild animals seeking water find it in water bowls belonging to pets in their cages. While the pet is unable to escape, the skunks can get in, get the water, bite the pet and escape. So vaccinating pets is essential.

The Kistler Treatment Center for Children will extend a special service to people with disabilities as a certified Medicaid Waiver provider. Trish Hice and Sharon DeWitt visited with Karen Pharis on KFPW-AM Monday, June 2nd about the administration of the program. The services can mean after-school services to allow a parent to work, or 24/7 individualized care for someone with severe disabilities. The ladies encouraged any family believing to be able to qualify for this waiver to submit an application as soon as possible, since the waiting list is long.

KFPW-AM had Kim Pierson with the Young Actor's Guild production of "Cinderella" and Missy Gipson, Executive Director of the YAG to talk about the upcoming musical. Kim sang one of her songs from the

production. The group consistently wins national awards for its performances and KFPW-AM listeners had a special opportunity to hear this talented young lady.

KFPW-AM is airing public service announcements for the upcoming June 21st Blues Fest at Harry E. Kelly Park. On Thursday, June 5th Terry Buckalew with the local Blues Fest committee appeared during "Arklahoma Today" and spoke with Karen Pharis about the event. On June 11th Dwight Hopkins with the organization talked about the festival, which raises funds to create music diversity in area schools. Blues Fest Headliner Paul Thorn was interviewed by Karen Pharis Monday, June 16th talking about his upcoming performance at the Festival.

Dennis Petersen with the Sprio Mounds Archeological Center came on "Arklahoma Today" Thursday, June 19th at 8:10am and talked about the upcoming Summer Solstice Walks. The Archeological Center currently has University of Oklahoma archeology students on site digging in several areas searching for pottery after earlier discoveries led them to believe structures could be underground. The public is invited to watch the students dig and ask questions. The center had to recently start charging for admission since funding in Oklahoma is running out for such facilities.

Fort Smith Fire Chief Mike Richards spoke with Bill Pharis on Tuesday, June 24th about the upcoming Civil Service test which will qualify applicants seeking to work for the Fort Smith fire department. The two discussed the new fire station at Chaffee Crossing, as well as the construction of a new four-story fire training facility at the sanitation department.

The new training facility will give firemen real-life situations in battling blazes. The money to construct the facility comes from saved tax revenues from the city along with a matching federal grant.

In preparation of the Fourth of July, Thursday, June 26th saw Fort Smith Mayor Sandy Sanders visit with Bill and Karen on KFPW-AM about the upcoming Mayor's Fourth of July Celebration in Downtown Fort Smith. The mayor reviewed the bands scheduled to appear at Harry E. Kelly Park, transit routes for that night, and encouraged residents to attend the free event. Following at 8:10am, Randy Davis spoke with Karen Pharis about the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce "Freedomfest" 5K run which raises money for the chamber of commerce, and the fireworks display in Greenwood on the Fourth of July.