

KHGG-AM 2ndQuarter 2019 Issues

KHGG-AM 1580 and translator 101.1fm produce a daily one-hour news, sports, weather, traffic and current events information program. A list of guests and topics follows.

In addition, Fort Smith weather forecasts toward the end of the second week in May indicated a continuous rain pattern could cause the Arkansas River to overflow its banks. The week before Memorial Day weekend it was apparent still more rain was on the way and the river would reach dangerous flood levels. Beginning Friday, May 17, on our hourly weather updates, KHGG-AM included flood updates on what would become a devastating 500-year flood for Fort Smith and communities in Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma along the Arkansas River.

Monday, April 1 – Cody Faber with the Fort Smith National Historic Site talks with Karen Pharis about the April 13 Volunteer Fair. More than 25 area agencies which depend on volunteers to operate will be in attendance at the Fort Smith River front amphitheater from 9am-1pm. A free lunch will be available between 11am and 1pm. Mayor George McGill will address the group at noon. Six minutes. Katy Featherston, Choral Director at Fort Smith Northside High School talked with Karen Pharis about the upcoming production of “On This Island”, which is a retelling of the story of the “Little Mermaid” on a tropical island. For the first time in decades, the choral department and drama department are combining for a joint theatrical production, allowing music students to speak in a play and drama students the opportunity to sing. Six and a half minutes.

Tuesday, April 2 – Rosilee Walker Russell with the Community School of the Arts talks with Karen Pharis from 7:40am until 7:50am about events in April presented to the community by the CSA and the opportunity to register for Summer School. 10minutes

Wednesday, April 3 – Danielle Simmons and Chad Lowe with the Janet Huckabee Nature Center talk with Bill Pharis from 7:10am until 7:25 about April events that are free and open to the public. Beth Presley with Arvest Bank talks with Bill from 7:35am until 7:50am about the “Million Meals Campaign”. The campaign to end food insecurity has reached the half way point and ends June first.

Thursday, April 4 – Henry Moore with the Fort Smith Trolley Museum talks with Bill Pharis about the Rib Sale, Antique Tractor Show and Bunny Patch coming up April 13th at the Museum. Listeners can pre-order their ribs now. Visited from 7:35am until 7:45am.

Friday, April 5 - Darren Bobb from the channel 5 newsroom talks with Bill Pharis from 7:30am until 7:45am. Reviews the upcoming events for the weekend and the week's top news stories.

Monday, April 8 - Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau talks with Bill Pharis about events in the city in the coming week.

Tuesday, April 9 - Bill Pharis talks with Brandon Fisher with Arkansas Valley Electric between 7:40am and 7:50 am about the company offering high speed internet to its customers. The cooperative began during the '30's to bring electric to Arkansas' River Valley and continues to grow and seek ways to now offer modern technology to area's where internet is sparse.

Wednesday, April 10 – Karen Pharis talks with Paul Petite from KHBS Channels 40/29 about the producers from “Shark Tank” being in Bentonville April 13th. Local residents will have the opportunity to pitch their products/services to the producers in hopes of landing an audience with the “sharks”. 7:15am-7:25am. Then Amanda Yates, director of the River Valley Christian Life Corps visits with Karen about a Don Bailey concert April 25th to benefit their group. RVCLC offers Christian counseling to men and women needing help finding continuing education, work, or help eliminating a drug or alcohol problem. 7:40am-7:50am

Thursday, April 11 – Jim Koletis representing the Fort Smith Downtown Merchant's Association visits with Karen Pharis at 7:40am to talk about the organization's first, “First Thursday” of 2019. Merchants have a number of outdoor events planned in addition to special offers in stores along Garrison Avenue and food and drink discounts as well.

Friday, April 12 – Darren Bob from the channel 5 newsroom talks with Bill Pharis about the upcoming weekend's special events including the Zonta club geranium sale at Sagely and Edwards Real Estate location on Rogers Avenue. The sale will be from 8am until 1pm. Eighteen plants to a flat for \$27. Proceeds benefit Girls Inc and the Crisis Center for Women. First United Methodist church will be having

an Easter Egg hunt at their downtown church, as will the Bonneville House and Clayton House. The 8th annual Volunteer Fair will be held at the Riverfront amphitheater events building from 9am until 1pm on Saturday. Thirty non-profit agencies will be looking for residents to express interest in volunteering with their group. Free lunch will be provided between eleven and one. Fort Smith Mayor George McGill will be on hand to greet residents at noon. Top News Stories discussed were the Arkansas Legislature in session that will recess on April 24th. The proposed "sanctuary city bill" proposed by State Senator Gary Stubblefield would cut off funds to cities claiming such a designation. Governor Hutchinson would like to see certain wording eliminated that could be interpreted as racial profiling. It awaits the governor's signature. This is the first year for cameras and microphones to be placed in every committee meeting. The state's 5.7 Billion dollar budget appears to be divided primarily between education, state police, and prisons. Oklahoma does not yet have an education budget even though there is a state statute dictating one must be in play by April first of each year. In the past 13 years legislators have only met the deadline twice. Darren and Bill also talked about the Fort Smith city bus accident and cng explosion. Fortunately the driver and eight passengers got out of the bus through the windows, safely. The two then talked about the recent increase of motorists running red lights and stop signs.

Monday, April 15 – Tyler Lymore with Harbor House talks with Karen Pharis from 7:35am to 7:45am about the facility's new counseling service. The eight week program is a group centered class to help participants deal with and conquer addiction.

Tuesday, April 16 – John Pope with "Keep Van Buren Beautiful" talks with Karen Pharis from 7:35am-7:45am about the city's recognition by the state for its efforts. Van Buren Police on Earth Day, the 22nd will be paying special attention to motorists littering. Pope encourages drivers to call the state's "keep Arkansas Beautiful" toll free number with a license plate number and call if they witness violations.

Thursday, April 18 – Tonya Baumgartner with the Paris Area Chamber of Commerce visits with Karen Pharis about the "Springtime in Paris Festival" and the new: "Paris Idol" contest May 11. The contest will have three age divisions

and will be held at the "Eiffle Tower Square" competing for a \$1,000. First place prize which will be awarded at the June finals. 7:35am-7:45am. Richard Meer with the Vietnam Veterans Association promoted their upcoming golf tournament to benefit the restoration of jeeps on display at the Military Museum at Chaffee Crossing.

Monday, April 22- Karen Pharis interviews John Pope, founder of Keep Van Buren Beautiful since today is "Earth Day". He talked about increased police patrols taking notice of those littering Monday 7:15am-7:21am. Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau then joined Bill Pharis to discuss upcoming events in the city.

Tuesday, April 23 – Amanda Yates with the River Valley Christian Life Corps talked with Karen Pharis by phone from 7:15am until 7:20am regarding the upcoming "Rhythm of Change" concert with Don Bailey April 25. Chad Causey with the Arkansas Aerospace convention spoke with Karen Pharis by phone from 7:35am until 7:45am about Wednesday's convention in Fort Smith. Causey says aerospace equipment is the number one export for Arkansas. Terry Burt then talked with Karen from 7:50 until 7:55am regarding the Center for Art and Education and their upcoming events at the Van Buren Steampunk Festival.

Wednesday, April 24 – Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin talked with Bill Pharis by phone (7:15am-7:30am) on his way to the Aerospace Convention in Fort Smith where he will be the keynote speaker. He talked about the importance of this industry to the state and Fort Smith. Leisa Gramlich with the Fort Smith museum of history talked with Bill about their events planned during the Steel Horse Rally from 7:40a until 7:50am. Karen talked with Richard Meer with the Vietnam Veterans Association about their upcoming golf tournament benefitting their "jeep corps" at the Chaffee Crossing military museum from 7:50-7:55am.

Thursday, April 25 – Alice Alt with the U.S. Marshal's Museum talked about the group's new Fund Me campaign to complete fundraising efforts with Karen Pharis from 7:35am until 7:45am.

Friday, April 26 – Daren Bobb with the channel 5 newsroom visits with Bill Pharis from 7:35am until 7:45am regarding upcoming activities for the weekend and the top news stories of the week.

Monday, April 29 – Allison Thompson, the new Miss UA Fort Smith talked with Karen Pharis from 7:35am until 7:45am regarding her selection to represent the University and her platform entitled: “We the People-Increasing Community and Government Involvement.” She will attend the state competition in June, and plans to teach elementary school, and eventually run for Governor of Arkansas.

Tuesday, April 30 – Karen Pharis talked with Susan Randolph with the local Master Gardener’s Association at the Learning Fields at Chaffee Crossing regarding the group’s plant sale scheduled for May 4th on Hiway 22 from 7:35am until 7:40am. Then Jennifer Hobbs with the Fort Smith Letter Carriers Association talked with Karen from 7:45am until 7:52am about the upcoming Mother’s Day Weekend food drive. Post Card reminders will be sent to Fort Smith area postal patrons next week, and yellow plastic bags to provide canned goods will be placed in mailboxes the week before the event.

Wednesday, May 1 – Chad Lowe and Danielle Simmons with the Janet Huckabee Nature Center visit with Bill Pharis from 7:05am until 7:20am regarding events at the Nature Center in May. Executive Director of the Fort Smith Regional Art Museum, Louis Meluso talks with Karen Pharis about the upcoming exhibit of Arkansas porcelain from 7:40am until 7:50am.

Thursday, May 2 – Beth Presley with Arvest Bank visits with Bill Pharis regarding the Million Meals Campaign. More than halfway through the campaign, Beth reports they are well over the one-million mark and will continue to promote the campaign through June first. 7:40am until 7:50am.

Friday, May 3 – Daren Bobb with the Channel 5 Newsroom talks with Bill Pharis from 7:35am until 7:45am about the upcoming weekend events and the top news stories of the week.

Monday, May 6 - Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau visits with Bill Pharis from 7:35 until 7:50am about upcoming events in the city.

Tuesday, May 7 - Rosilee Walker Russell with the Community School of the Arts reviews the May events scheduled for CSA ranging from a Broadway baby production featuring

Friday, May 10 – Daren Bobb from Channel 5 and Bill Pharis discuss the success of the Steel Horse Rally even though Friday night's activities were rained out. Daren promoted the "Super Heroes for Autism" 5K, 10K and one mile run sponsored by Developmental Wings. Registration at 7am, race at 8am at the Fort Smith park downtown. Saturday also marks the 41st birthday of the Spiro Mounts and Archeology Day. Admission is free to the public. Daren recapped the collapse of a wall under construction at the 74th street Harp's Food Store in Fort Smith. A worker had two legs and one arm broken when re-bar and concrete fell on the man. The Logan County jail will soon open a new 100-bed facility following numerous fines by the state for housing more inmates than the old jail could hold. Staff is currently in the facility and inmates will be transferred between now and the end of the month. Community Services Clearinghouse celebrates its 40th anniversary with the "Backpack for Kids" weekend food distribution every Friday. The Clearinghouse also provided cancer patients with food at no cost. Daren reminded listeners Saturday marks the annual Mother's Day weekend letter carriers food drive. The United Way has supplied plastic bags to western Arkansas postal patrons for pickup on Saturday. Local Food Pantries get whatever food has been collected in their zip code. This food drive helps get pantries through the Summer months. The Community Services Clearinghouse receives donations collected in the Fort Smith zip code.

Monday, May 13 – Stacey Jones, Vice Chancellor for the University of Arkansas Fort Smith visited with Karen Pharis about the lineup for the 2019-2020 Season of Entertainment. 7:40am-7:50am

Saturday, May 18 – Bill Pharis began live coverage of severe thunderstorm warnings for the KHGG-AM listening area at 12:45pm. These continuous reports included cut-ins from KFSM-TV Meteorologist Garrett Lewis. Bill and Garrett broadcast non-stop through a tornado warning for Sebastian and Crawford counties, through sirens and hail, until 2:30pm. The live coverage was wired to be heard on all Pharis Broadcasting radio stations since the listening area of all stations were involved.

Friday, May 24 – Denise Messamore with "Females Rock the Fort" spoke with Karen Pharis from 7:20am until 7:27am about the live concert at "Harry's" on

Garrison Ave starting at 5:30pm May 24. The multi female lineup will benefit the "smiling Bob Lewis" cancer fund this year. The group was formed in 2001 by Beth Camp to help female cancer patients with expenses. Daren Bobb and Bill Pharis discussed the Arkansas River flood stage, now one and a half feet above the flood zone, and three feet away from a record. The river is expected to reach its peak on Sunday and area leaders are concerned because this degree of flooding has never been reached before and are unsure what areas of Fort Smith will be affected. Construction of the U.S. Marshal Museum was discussed since it is on the banks of the Arkansas River. Contractors are assuring museum officials the structure will be well above the anticipated 41-foot flood level. Memorial Day ceremonies will be held at the national Cemetery at 2pm Sunday.

Tuesday, May 28 – Congressman Steve Womack talks with Bill Pharis about his tour of Crawford and Sebastian counties and floodwaters which continue to rise. He and Senator John Boozman arrived in Fort Smith this weekend anticipating the approaching threat from the Arkansas River and were at hand with Sebastian and Crawford county leaders as well as Fort Smith and Van Buren officials to help coordinate relief centers and work on getting a national emergency declaration. 20min.

Wednesday, May 29 – Ashley Fitzhugh with the Children's Emergency Shelter talks with Karen Pharis about moving the benefit "Havana Nights" to the Fort Smith Convention Center. 500-year flood has submerged the Harry E. Kelly Park where the fundraiser was scheduled to have been held. The group has made arrangements to work with the Fort Smith Convention Center to hold the event there; 5min. Jeff Hillar with the Castle of Muskogee also spoke with Karen Pharis about the Renaissance Fair at the castle. There have been some roads in Oklahoma flooded due to the heavy rains but the Castle is high and dry and open for business.

Thursday, May 30 - An emotional Crawford County Judge Dennis Gillstrap talks with Karen and Bill by phone outlining the efforts taken by emergency personnel in the county to make sure the levy system would hold strong during the approaching flood waters. He told listeners how the Arkansas National Guard airlifted 18 three-ton sandbags to one section of the levy which showed signs of a possible breach. Fire, emergency management and other county and Van Buren

officials did not celebrate Memorial Day—they were making sure the community was safe. 15min. Eddie Lee Herndon with the United Way calls in to inform listeners that Fort Smith agencies are working closely together to aid those affected by the flood. 5min.

Friday, May 31 - Darren Bobb with the channel 5 newsroom talks with Bill Pharis about the number of events that had to be cancelled or relocated for the weekend because of the heavy rains which continue to plague Fort Smith. Discussions covered the closing of bridges, city water pumps and sewer systems being affected, and how to stay safe during the historic 500-year flood. 15min

Monday, June 3 - Claude Legris with the Fort Smith visitor and convention bureau discusses how Fort Smith area hotels are offering special rates for local residents being affected by the 2019 Fort Smith Flood, how the rains are affecting scheduled tour groups for the next few weeks, and how area entertainment venues are working together to help area organizations. 15min.

Tuesday, June 4 - Dr. Rosilee Russell with the Community School of the Arts talks with Karen Pharis about the upcoming events for children this summer at the school. The organization received a grant to write, produce, and execute a play created by and starring children in junior high to tenth grade about how to cope with bullying; how it starts, how it continues, and how to stop it. 8min.

Wednesday, June 5 – Chad Lowe and Danielle Simmons with the Janet Huckabee Nature Center visit with Bill Pharis about upcoming events in June for kids and families during the summer break month. 15min. Sharon Chapman with the Next Step Homeless Services visits with Karen Pharis about the Duty and Honor Run and 5K to benefit the Buddy Smith home for veterans in Fort Smith 5min.

Thursday, June 6 – Eddie Lee Herndon with the United Way of Fort Smith visits with Bill and Karen about “the Hub”; a one stop location for flood victims to get cleaning supplies and food to help them get back on their feet. 12min.

Friday, June 7 – Leslie Rutledge, Arkansas Attorney General talks with Karen and Bill by phone regarding scams following the devastating 500-year flood in the Fort Smith area. She reminded listeners to never pay upfront for services, and to check references. Her website can be used as a reference for recovery efforts. She warned scam artists her department will not act kindly toward those trying to

take advantage of flood victims 10min. Bill Pharis talked also with Darren Bobb from the channel 5 newsroom about flood recovery efforts and the devastation in Moffett, OK which flooded the entire town. 12min.

Monday, June 10 - Senator John Boozman talks with Karen Pharis about his ascertainment of flood conditions in Crawford and Sebastian counties and working on a national flood declaration for much of the state as central Arkansas is now also affected by weakening levees 10min.

Tuesday, June 11- Fort Smith Mayor George McGill visits with Bill Pharis about the progress of dealing with flood waters within the city. He has named the flood: "Noah", and told listeners that following the May tornado and floods, Fort Smith residents are ready for, and deserve a party! The Fort Smith Mayor annual Fourth of July celebration will continue to be held this year, but announced the location may have to be moved from Harry E. Kelly Park since the waters have not receded enough and electric is still out. Stay tuned. 15min.

Wednesday, June 12 – Arkansas Congressman Steve Womack visits with Bill Pharis about his visits with area judges and mayors concerning the safety of the levy system surrounding Sebastian and Crawford counties. There have been just a few instances of levy reinforcement being necessary with the help of the Arkansas National Guard. 15min

Thursday, June 13 – Eddie Lee Herndon with the Fort Smith United Way talks with Bill and Karen about the Hub at Central Mall and efforts under way there to help flood victims. FEMA is now also available at the Hub as a resource for those needing help. 12minutes.

Friday, June 14 – Henry Moore with the Fort Smith Trolley Museum visits with Karen and Bill about the upcoming Father's Day trolley rides in downtown Fort Smith. Dads can ride on the historic trolley with a paid admission with another family member. 5min. Congressman Steve Womack talks about a national declaration of emergency of affected flood counties will help make it easier for individuals to receive financial aid to recuperate from flood damage. 10min.

Monday, June 17 – Claude Legris with the Fort Smith visitor and convention bureau announces that the Fort Smith Mayor's annual Fourth of July celebration will now be held at the National Historic site's front lawn. Harry E. Kelly Park is

still unable to receive residents as electricity has not been restored and flood trash still not cleaned up yet. Additional entertainment has been tapped for the event: joining the Community Band and Mr. Cabbage Head and the Screaming Radishes, is Larry B. and the Cradle Rockers to headline the night. A caravan of food trucks will also be available. 15min.

Tuesday, June 18 – Beth Presley with Arvest Bank visits with Bill Pharis about the One-Million Meal Campaign. Non - perishable food and money collected total to more than 2.3million meals for the Arvest Service area. The Community Services Clearinghouse is one organization which will be a beneficiary of the funds donated. Presley talked about food insecurity in the listening area and the impact the campaign will have on those unsure when there next meal will be. 12min.

Wednesday, June 19 – With the Fourth of July approaching, Matt Hiller with the Castle of Muskogee talks about fireworks safety. His family “castle” business has sold fireworks for thirty years and also create fireworks packages for small community fireworks displays. He emphasized the importance of firing fireworks away from people and never relighting a display that fails to ignite. 10min

Thursday, June 20 – Eddie Lee Herndon with the United Way of Fort Smith talked with Karen and Bill about his team’s efforts to help communities in Central Arkansas since the United Way Fort Smith has really created an organized, efficient method of identifying and helping flood victims recover; they were sought out by those near Dardanelle . 10min

Friday, June 21 – Darren Bobb and Bill Pharis discussed the slow return to normalcy following the 500-year flood which has affected much of Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma. 15min.

Monday, June 24 – Tammie Kunz with the Community Services Clearinghouse visits with Karen Pharis about the True Grit Bike Ride and 5K held over the weekend. The group anticipates the event will have raised around \$30,000. which will be used for the kids backpack program serving 2300 students in a seven county area. 12min.

Tuesday, June 25 – Apostle Pat Porter talks with Bill Pharis about the “Kingdom Momentum” conference coming to Fort Smith in July. The event will gather

religious leaders from several denominations to confer on how to tackle the issue of lack of communication within families and communities. 8min.

Wednesday, June 26 – Fort Smith flashback: Since the upcoming Mayor's Fourth of July Celebration will be held at Judge Park's courthouse front lawn, ArkLahoma Today aired the speech by President John F. Kennedy when he received the deed of the National Historic Site. 8min.

Thursday, June 27 – Karen Pharis spoke with Floyd Robison about an upcoming "Friends of the Fort" fundraiser. The granddaughter of Hollywood legend John Wayne will be in Fort Smith in July. Wayne played the character: Rooster Cogburn in the movie True Grit which took place in Fort Smith. The event will take place July 13 at the Darby Junior High auditorium. It will include a screening of the movie, and she will talk about her grandfather and his affection for the movie. 9min.

Friday, June 28 – Darren Bobb from the channel 5 newsroom and Bill Pharis talk about the upcoming Mayor's Fourth of July Fireworks celebration and upcoming events for the weekend.