

## KHGG-AM Third Quarter 2015 Issues Report

Fort Smith Mayor's Prayer Breakfast- On Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> Butch Edwards spoke with Karen Pharis regarding the July 17<sup>th</sup> Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. He invited listeners to attend the weekly breakfast bible study meetings and expressed the need for more individuals to attend. The guest speaker at the main event will be a former NFL player and businessman who will give his testimony to the crowd. Also discussed were the morning's news headlines pertaining to the ten commandments statue on state property in Little Rock, and the request by Buddhist and Satanic organizations to erect statues reflecting their beliefs.

Fort Smith business leaders are hoping for the completion of the I-49 North/South corridor which will link the southern portion of Fort Smith to the rest of I-49. On Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, director of the Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority, Ivy Owen, and Lorie Robertson spoke with Bill Pharis at 7:40am about the July 14<sup>th</sup> road opening, with Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson expected to dedicate the new section of road. To help celebrate, a block party will be held at Chaffee Crossing Saturday, July eleventh from three pm until 10pm with music and food all day.

Although it is the middle of July, schools are gearing up for the beginning of the next academic year. Mitzy Little with the United Way of Greater Fort Smith Region spoke with Karen Pharis at 7:40am on July 22<sup>nd</sup> about the upcoming "fill the bus" campaign. Wal Mart stores in the seven county United Way service area will be participating in the Friday through Sunday event July 24<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be posted outside the store with lists of the needed school supplies for children from kindergarten through high school. Shoppers can take the suggestions and purchase whatever they can afford and leave them at the bus. The items will then be organized and sorted and distributed to either the Fort Smith School District, Van Buren, Alma, and Ozark school districts. The Wal Marts in Sallisaw and Poteau will deliver the school goods to the service centers there for distribution to students.

Physicians will agree that prenatal care is imperative for the proper nutrition and development of newborns. Teresa Fedosky with the "Stork Bus" of Northwest Arkansas visited with Karen Pharis at 7:40am on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> regarding a fundraiser to help equip the bus with an ultrasound machine, physician and mini-laboratory. Supporters are asked to go to Lokomotion amusement park in

Fayetteville on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> where a portion of the day's proceeds will benefit the "Stork Bus"; which will also operate in the river valley.

The U.S.S. Batfish is a World War II submarine housed in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Chad Hunt with the Batfish Museum asked to address the "Arklahomavision" listeners inviting them to a "living history day" at the Batfish Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be dressed in Navy uniforms conducting "business" as tourists can interact with and ask questions of the soldiers. Music and food will be available at this all-day event. This is a free event but donations will be accepted to help maintain the display.

On Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, Karen Pharis spoke with Pastor Tom Todd from Tulsa. The pastor and his wife Brenda will be holding a revival in Fort Smith August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> entitled "All for One". With the recent troubles with police fighting racial tensions across America, the Todds were invited to Fort Smith by pastor Patricia Porter, who feels there is a need within the city of Fort Smith for everyone to come together and find a common cause and pray for the benefit of the city, and peace and understanding for children, young people and law enforcement personnel especially. The interview aired on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:10am, and again on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:40am.

Doctor Debbie Faubus-Kendrick; executive director of the Crawford County Adult Education Center spoke with Karen Pharis on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> about the upcoming school year. Registration is now underway at the Van Buren facility and classes start on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Faubus-Kendrick talked about the satellite program held in Alma at the Methodist Church which helps those further in the county a closer facility to attend. She also discussed the relationship with Vinsens University; currently there are some 200 individuals enrolled in this satellite program, which is the largest satellite in the state.

Gary Podgoski is a retired veteran who wants to help younger veterans who are seeking employment. Podgoski organized a job fair for Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the National Guard Armory Building in Van Buren. Twenty employers are on tap to attend, as well as various veteran's affairs offices and experts to help with resume updating. The interview aired at 8:10am on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> and again on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:40am during "Arklahoma Today."

In advance of "National Recovery Month" in September, Emily Starr with Harbor House spoke with Karen Pharis Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:40am about "Celebration in the Park" September 12<sup>th</sup> at Chaffee Crossing. The Harbor House is a residential facility dedicated to women facing a variety of addiction problems. They have a male counterpart facility called: "Gateway House". In order to raise awareness of the help opportunities they offer, the Harbor House is holding a 5k fun run to kick-off the Recovery Month festivities at Chaffee Crossing. Rusti Holwick with the Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center appeared on "Arklahoma Today" with Karen on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to talk about the events their organization will have during "Celebration in the Park." Although Harbor House is starting things off with the run, Harbor House will have inflatables for children, live music, a number of information booths, and food available during the event at Chaffee Crossing.

September is "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month." Dr. John Terrell with Sparks Regional Medical Center spoke with Karen Pharis on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> regarding the detection and treatment of prostate cancer. Dr. Terrell said men over 65, and African Americans tend to develop the disease more frequently than other demographics. The best way to detect is by yearly physical exams and blood tests. He said there are a number of treatments, all available at Sparks.

Flu Season is officially under way, and Dr. Amita Heaser from Cooper Clinic in Fort Smith spoke with Karen Pharis on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:40am about the need for flu shots. The two also discussed the strains of flu, how the virus changes from year to year, how people respond differently to the vaccination, whether or not it can make a person sick, and the various types of vaccinations available.

Pat Little is a woman who promotes local artists and art work. She talked with Karen Pharis on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:35am about the upcoming "Art in the Park" for October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Fort Smith River Front Park. She invited a number of artists and vendors and musicians to come to the River Front, and bring their wares so local residents could admire and purchase them. Entry to the Saturday event is free.