Fourth Quarter Issues 2017 KHGG-AM

The following individuals were interviewed during "Arklahoma Today" airing on KHGG-AM and translator 101.1FM 7am-8am.

Monday, October 2 LouAnn Weir visits in studio with Karen about the Altrusa Club's "Taste of Fort Smith on October 24. Commander of the American Legion in Fort Smith, John Hendrick talks by phone with Karen and Bill about this upcoming weekend's golf tournament.

Tuesday, October 3 Rosilee Walker with the Community School of the Arts talks about upcoming theatrical performances and holiday concerts by students.

Wednesday, October 4 Chad Lowe and Karen Westcamp Johnson visit with Bill Pharis about October events at the Janet Huckabee Nature Center. Amanda Orendorf, President of the Western Arkansas Bee Keepers Association visits later about the upcoming bee keeper convention in Fort Smith and the importance of the pollinators.

Thursday, October 5 Courtney Terry with the Fort Smith Area United Way visits with Karen Pharis about next week's "Power of the Purse" luncheon to raise money for the Dolly Parton "Imagination Library". Approximately 2,300 area youth are signed up for this program, which is free for families in the Fort Smith United Way service area.

Tuesday, October 10 Congressman Steve Womack calls-in to station at 7:40 and discusses topics affecting constituents in the third Congressional District.

Wednesday, October 11 Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau visits with Bill Pharis about upcoming events for the next two weeks in October.

Thursday, October 12 Jerry Glidewell and Kim Bercher with the Fort Smith Boys and Girls Clubs visit about the November benefit for the club's music program. Free guitar and piano lessons are given to children. The club is also seeking used instruments to be donated for the program. The Fort Smith Radio Group donated two sets of tickets to Branson Shows for the silent auction associated with the November 4th Concert.

Friday, October 13 Daren Bobb from the channel five newsroom joins Bill and Karen in studio for a review of the week's top stories and upcoming weekend events.

Tuesday, October 17 Teresa Slaybach with the Alma Performing Arts Center talks about the upcoming production of The Wizard of Oz at the Alma PAC. Patrons are invited to dress as their favorite character since the event is October 24.

Wednesday, October 18 Mila Maseur with the Clayton House talks about the upcoming "Girls Night Out" shopping event to benefit the upkeep of the home of Judge Parker's prosecuting attorney.

Thursday, October 19 Kim Snipes with Fort Smith Altrusa gives the final details of the Taste of Fort Smith to benefit literacy agencies in the River Valley.

Friday, October 20 Daren Bobb with Five News joins us to discuss the week's top stories and upcoming weekend events.

Monday, October 23 Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau outlines upcoming events.

Tuesday, October 24 Congressman Steve Womack calls-in to talk about current events on Capitol Hill and how they relate to Arkansas.

Wednesday, October 25 Matt Hiller with the Castle of Muskogee talks about the Castle's Halloween Fest, including the economic impact on the community. Also, Lindsay Wight calls-in and invites listeners to a fundraiser for the Sebastian county Humane Society.

Thursday, October 26 Chuck Goux and Susan Ross with the Community Services Clearinghouse discuss the upcoming holiday season and how listeners can help purchase Thanksgiving meals for Clearinghouse clients.

Friday, October 27 Daren Bobb with Channel Five News joins Bill Pharis to discuss the week's top stories and upcoming weekend events.

Monday, October 30 Tasha Cole; local businesswoman talks about the "Christmas in the City" event she organized at the Ben Geren community building. Since smaller businesses often can't afford to attend larger holiday market event costs,

she put together a smaller venue that is more affordable to small business. Many of the merchants will also represent non-profits.

Tuesday, October 31 Margie Westphal visits with Daren Bobb about the November 5th Huntington's Disease "Walk of Hope" at Creekmore Park. Funds generated will be donated to a research facility in Kansas City which specializes in Huntington's Disease research. The Fort Smith Radio Group donated a clock for the event's silent auction.

Wednesday, November 1 Chad Lowe with the Janet Huckabee Nature Center visited with Bill Pharis in studio about the events scheduled for November at the Nature Center. Leslie Higgins with the U.S. Marshal Museum also talked by phone with Karen Pharis about the upcoming "Night of History-a visit with Alexander Hamilton" to benefit the museum.

Thursday, November 2 Stacey Jones with the University of Arkansas Fort Smith talks with Bill Pharis talked about upcoming Season of Entertainment events: Pedal Punk and the Martina McBride Christmas Show. Lisa Woodard with the community Dental Clinic spoke with Karen Pharis by phone regarding free dental work available to individuals at the Community Dental Clinic.

Friday, November 3 Ricky Young with "Mr. CabbageHead and the Screaming Radishes" spoke with Karen Pharis by phone and invited listeners to the concert Saturday night to benefit the Fort Smith Boys and Girls Club music program. Later, Daren Bobb from the Channel Five News Room discussed the week's top stories and upcoming weekend events.

Monday, November 6 Claude Legris from the Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau talked about the upcoming events in the River Valley.

Tuesday, November 7 Dr. Rosilee Russell with the Community School of the Arts talked about tryouts for string orchestra and wrapping up the year.

Wednesday, November 8 Steven Rowley, VP of COX Business talked by phone with Bill and Karen about holiday shopping trends and the things that make customers return to a business to shop. Later, Morgan Rhodes with the Children's Emergency Shelter visited with Bill Pharis in studio about the upcoming celebration of 20 years of serving children in the Arkansas River Valley. A big

Celebration will be held Friday at the center with U.S. Senators Tom Cotton and John Boozeman in attendance.

Thursday, November 9 Brian McMahen; President of the Fort Smith Optimist Club visits in studio with Karen Pharis about a new fundraiser for the club which benefits youth organizations in the Fort Smith Area. The Festival of Trees gets under way the day after Thanksgiving and is being supported by a number of businesses and non-profits. The Fort Smith Radio Group also aired PSA's promoting the fundraiser for two weeks before the event to raise awareness. Elaina Dematae later visits with Daren Bobb in a pre-recorded interview about special events at the Alma Boys and Girls Club.

Friday, November 10 Daren Bobb with Channel 5 joins Bill Pharis to talk about the big news stories of the week and upcoming weekend events.

Monday, November 13 Chuck Goux with the Community Services Clearinghouse visits with Karen Pharis to talk about the progress of Thanksgiving meals and opportunites to provide Christmas dinners with presents for children in December.

Tuesday, November 14 Amy Adams with the Bonneville House visits with Karen Pharis by phone and invites listeners to the Bonneville House Holiday Market. Bill Boyd with Abilities Unlimited later visits by phone inviting listeners to check out the newly renovated store in Van Buren.

Wednesday, November 15 Daren Bobb interviews Zack Johnson with Focus on Greenwood. They talk about the Greenwood Trail of Lights and the Greenwood Christmas parade. Later, Daren Visits with Tonya Rogers with the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce about the "Shop Local" campaign for the holidays.

Thursday, November 16 Eddie Lee Herndon Executive Director of the Greater Fort Smith Area United Way visits with Bill Pharis about Holiday Gift Giving and how various United Way agencies benefit from extra revenue.

Friday, November 17 Daren Bobb from Channel Five visits with Bill Pharis about the week's top stories and upcoming weekend events.

Monday, November 20 Karen Pharis visits with Bob Shell; district president of the Civitan Club. Civitan Club is a new service club in the Fort Smith area.

Tuesday, November 21 Brian McMahen visits with Karen Pharis about the Fort Smith Optimist club Christmas Tree lot at Hunts Park. All monies raised benefit the Fort Smith boys and girls club. Bill Pharis later visits by phone with Steven Rowley, VP of COX business about 2017 holiday shopping trends.

Wednesday, November 22 Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau talks about upcoming holiday events.

Monday, November 27 Phillip Merry, Chairman of the "Christmas Honors" at the Fort Smith national cemetery outlines the schedule of events and help that is needed to lay wreaths at the national cemetery on December 16.

Tuesday, November 28 Eddie Lee Herndon with the United Way comes back to discuss the United Way "Holiday Gift Guide"; a list of special items United Way agencies would like to receive for Christmas.

Wednesday, November 29 Brooke Jackson with the Junior League of Fort Smith visits with Karen Pharis by phone about the upcoming Holiday Home Tour to raise money for the Children's Emergency Shelter. The Fort Smith Radio Group aired :30 psa's to promote the Tour. Melinday Sayers also talks about the upcoming theatrical production at the Greenwood Performing Arts Center: "Mooseltoe" December 9.

Thursday, November 30 Optimist Club President Brian McMahen reminds listners that the "Christmas in the City" Christmas Tree display at Central Mall runs through December third. Patrons can "vote" for their favorite tree and perhaps win it on December fourth. All money raised goes to the Fort Smith Boys and Girls Club. Henry Moore visits with Karen Pharis by phone about the "Positive People of Fort Smith" joining with the Fort Smith Trolley Museum for the presentation of the "Polar Express" at the Trolley Museum December 9th. The Fort Smith Radio Group also aired two weeks of PSA's promoting the event.

Friday, December 1 Darren Bobb from the channel Five Newsroom joins Bill Pharis for a discussion on the week's top stories and upcoming events for the weekend.

Monday, December 4 Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau visits with Bill Pharis about upcoming holiday events.

Tuesday, December 5 Rosilee Russell talks about the Academy of the Arts with Bill Pharis and regristration for the Spring semester.

Wednesday, December 6 Chad Lowe and Karen Westcamp Johnson are in studio to talk about December events at the Janet Huckabee Nature Center. Eddie Lee Herndon with the United Way stops in to remind listeners about end of year giving to United Way agencies.

Thursday, December 7 Leisa Gramlich with the Fort Smith Museum wraps up the year's activities at the museum and gives a sneak peak into "Pardi Gras" scheduled for February 10th-the biggest fundraiser of the year for the museum.

Friday, December 8 Daren Bobb stops in from the Channel Five newsroom to talk about the week's top stories and upcoming weekend events.

Monday, December 11 Phillip Merry with Christmas Honors stops by to ask for listeners with pickup trucks and trailers to help Friday morning prepare the wreaths for Saturday morning's event at the Fort Smith National Cemetery. Part of the "Wreaths Across America" program.

Tuesday, December 12 Floyd Robison, President of "Friends of the Fort" outlines the Christmas Day program scheduled for the National Historic Site. There will be a dramatization of the army officers sailing the Arkansas River and landing at the original Fort location to found "Fort Smith". A short presentation and Christmas Carols will be sung. Floyd invited listeners to attend this Christmas Day event. The Fort Smith Radio Group aired PSA's inviting the public to attend this special celebration honoring the 200th anniversary of the founding of Fort Smith.

Wednesday, December 13 Morgan Rhodes with the Children's Emergency Shelter makes an appeal by phone for funding for Christmas gifts for the 20 children at the shelter.

Thursday, December 14 Susan Ross with the Community Services Clearinghouse talks about the need for Christmas food drives.

Friday, December 15 Daren Bobb from Channel Five News talks with Bill Pharis about the top news stories of the week and upcoming events.

Monday, December 18 Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Visitor and Convention Bureau talks about the year in review and the few remaining events of 2017.

Tuesday, December 19 Marian Conrad, executive director of Project Compassion reminds listeners today is the final day to turn-in items to be distributed to nursing home residents for Christmas. Items such as socks, slippers, t-shirts and robes have been gathered to give residents who have no family. The Crawford-Sebastian County Community Development Council in conjunction with the Van Buren Housing Authority are inviting children of housing authority residents to meet the "Tooth fairy" at the Housing Authority Recreation Building Tuesday at 11:00. "She" will instruct kids how to care for their teeth, then give out boxed holiday meals.

Wednesday, December 20 Congressman Steve Womack gives a year in review report to his constituents by phone with Bill Pharis

Thursday, December 21 Floyd Robison re-issues the invitation to listeners to join the "Friends of the Fort" on Christmas Day when a keel boat with army soldier reinactors will dramatize the founding of Fort Smith 200 years ago. The community is encouraged to attend this brief, monumental event.

Friday, December 22 Darren Bob from Channel Five joins Bill Pharis to talk about the biggest news stories of 2017.