

KHGG-AM 1580 and Translator 101.1FM Issues First Quarter 2018

“Arklahoma Today” is a Live, one-hour daily local news, traffic, weather, sports, and community events program which airs from 7am-8am Monday through Friday. KHGG-AM 1580 and Translator 101.1FM simulcasts this KFPW-AM production. This report chronicles guests and topics discussed.

Wednesday, Jan 3 – Congressman Steve Womack calls-in at 7:40am to “Arklahoma Today” and gives an outline of how legislative action in 2018 will impact Western Arkansas.

Thursday, Jan 4 – Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Convention and Visitor’s Bureau give a wrap of events in 2017 in the city of Fort Smith. 7:35am-7:55am.

Friday, Jan 5 – Newsman Daren Bobb from Channel 5 News visits in-studio with Bill Pharis from 7:35a-7:50am discussing the top stories of the week. 6pm-10pm Van Buren High School boys and girls basketball broadcasts.

Monday, Jan 8 – Phillip Merry visits live with Bill Pharis about Christmas Honors and the need for volunteers to help remove 15,000 wreaths from the headstones at the Fort Smith national cemetery, and recaps how local efforts reached beyond Fort Smith to other national cemeteries to honor veterans.

Tuesday, Jan 9 – Dr. Rosilee Russell visits with Bill Pharis about the Community School of the Arts and plans for the new year; how the arts benefit youth. 6pm-10pm Van Buren High School boys and girls basketball game live broadcasts.

Wednesday, Jan 10 – Chad Lowe with the Huckabee River Valley Nature Center visits at 7:10am-7:30am with Bill Pharis about winter activities at the center.

Thursday, Jan 11 – Leisa Gramlich and Karen Pharis visit from 7:40am-7:50am about Fort Smith’s best “party” ...pardi gras: the museum’s biggest fundraiser for upkeep of the Fort Smith Museum of History.

Friday, Jan 12 – 7:15am Recorded interview with Alice Alt of the U.S. Marshal Museum and Karen Pharis; they talk about upcoming series of lectures and progress of the construction of the museum. Later, Daren Bobb from the Channel 5 Newsroom joins Bill Pharis to discuss weekend community events and the

wee'ks top news stories. 6pm-10pm Van Buren High School boys and girls basketball game live broadcasts.

Tuesday, Jan 16 – Claude Legris visits in-studio with Bill Pharis at 7:35-7:55 about upcoming conventions and community events surrounding the 200th birthday celebration of Fort Smith. 6pm-10pm Van Buren High School boys and girls basketball game live broadcasts.

Wednesday, Jan 17 – Congressman Steve Womack visits with Bill Pharis from 7:40am-7:55am on current topics in Washington and Arkansas.

Thursday, Jan 18 – Karen Pharis and Floyd Robison talk by phone regarding the upcoming Sunday, 1/21 meeting of "Friends of the Fort". The support group was formed to help rangers at the Fort Smith national Historic site since federal funding was cut back. The volunteer organization helps with a number of Park events.

Friday, Jan 19 – Daren Bobb and Bill Pharis visit about weekend events and the top news stories of the week 7:30am-7:50am. 6pm-10pm Van Buren high school boys and girls live basketball game broadcasts.

Monday, Jan 22 – Chuck Goux and Susan Ross with the Community Services Clearinghouse visit with Karen Pharis from 7:30-7:45a about first of the year needs of the organization which provides 2,300 weekend meals for children every Friday in a seven county area.

Tuesday, Jan 23 - Director of Hannah House, Cindy Crawford, visits with Karen Pharis by phone at 7:35am about the home which provides shelter and guidance to young women who are without support and pregnant. 6pm-10pm Van Buren high school live broadcast of boys and girls basketball games.

Wednesday, Jan 24 – Eddie Lee Herndon with the United Way of Fort Smith visits in studio with Bill Pharis at 7:35am about upcoming events.

Thursday, Jan 25 – Karen Pharis visits with Joy Holman by phone about "Step Up to Wellness" coming to Van Buren February third. The free community event will have health screenings all day at the King Opera House, and 717 Main will host health care vendors. At 7:45am, Captain Danny Baker with the Fort Smith Police

Department talked in studio with Bill Pharis about the Polar Bear Plunge to benefit the Western Arkansas Special Olympics.

Friday, Jan 26 - Darren Bobb and Bill Pharis discuss upcoming events for the weekend and the top news stories of the week. 6pm-10pm Van Buren High School boys and girls basketball broadcasts.

Monday, Jan 29 – Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Convention and Visitor’s Bureau discusses upcoming events within the city.

Tuesday, Jan 30 – Jeanne Hill with Bost, Inc. talks with Darren Bobb about the upcoming Grape Escapes to benefit Bost at 7:40am. The March 2 event celebrates the organization which has been helping educate and job train individuals with mental and physical disabilities. 6p-10pm Van Buren High School boys and girls basketball broadcasts.

Wednesday, Jan 31 Karen Pharis and Leslie Higgins talk by phone about the Marshal Museum upcoming Spring Camps at 7:40am. The Museum is offering businesses and individuals the opportunity to sponsor an elementary or junior high camper for \$60. Per day. They discussed the various topics to be covered each day of the three day camping event. Held to educate young people on the history of the U.S. Marshal Museum.

Thursday, Feb 1 – 7:35am-7:50am Leisa Gramlich with the Fort Smith Museum of History talk about “Communities and Cultures in Fort Smith: Exploring Identities of the Region: as part of the city’s bicentennial celebration. The speaker series will be a monthly Thursday evening event. The first event will feature Captain Gerald Schaefer and Sergeant Wendall Sampson of the Fort Smith Police Department. The officers will discuss accomplishments within the department , race relations from an officer’s perspective, and building relationships, both internal and external, in the community. Police artifacts will be exhibited during the program. Also discussed: the upcoming Pardi Gras to benefit the museum. This event is the biggest fundraiser of the year to help support upkeep and improvements for the museum building.

Friday, Feb 2 – 7:40am Daren Bob visits with Bill Pharis about the biggest news stories of the week and upcoming community weekend events. 6p-10pm Van Buren High School boys and girls basketball broadcasts.

Monday, Feb 5 – Gary Udouj with the Fort Smith Adult Education Center visits in studio with Karen Pharis at 7:35am about new community outreach programs at the Adult Education Center. The Center is making an effort to try to reach more parents whose main spoken language at home is not English.

Tuesday, Feb 6 – Rosilee Russell talks about Spring enrollment at the Community School of the Arts. 6p-10pm Van Buren High School boys and girls basketball broadcasts.

Wednesday, Feb 7 – 7:35am Karen Pharis in recorded interview with Zach Cronin, new manager of Parrot Island Waterpark on new features and events for this year. Reminder for listeners portion of Leisa Gramlich interview from last week airs to remind listeners of Pardi Gras Saturday the tenth.

Thursday, Feb 8 – Leslie Higgins from the U.S. Marshal Museum visits with Bill Pharis in studio about lecture series and further plans on the three day U.S. Marshal Spring Break Camp for elementary and junior high children and the need for sponsors. These one-day camps will give students in grades 1-6 the opportunity to learn about the history of law enforcement through STEM, and a variety of other hands on activities.

Friday, Feb 9 – Daren Bobb with 5 News talks with Bill Pharis at 7:30am-7:50am about the week's top stories and upcoming events. Van Buren High School boys and girls game broadcasts 6p-10pm

Monday, Feb 12 – Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Convention and Visitor's Bureau talks about upcoming community events with Bill Pharis from 7:31am-7:55am.

Tuesday, February 13 - Cindy Crawford visits with Karen Pharis by phone at 7:35am regarding a special matching grant which will double contributions to Hannah House when received by February 28. At 7:45am Eddie Lee Herndon with Fort Smith United Way talks with Bill Pharis in studio about the upcoming Day of Caring. 6pm-10pm Van Buren High School boys and girls basketball broadcasts.

Wednesday, February 14 – Congressman Steve Womack calls-in at 7:40 to discuss current topics at the U.S. Capitol.

Thursday, February 15 – Ricky Young with the Disabled American Veterans talks with Karen Pharis by phone at 7:35am regarding phone solicitors requesting funds for various veterans organizations. He points out that some of the organizations may be generating funds that are not actually going toward the purpose the donor thinks they are, and to make sure contributions are given to valid organizations with a good reputation. Becky Dayberry then spoke with Karen by phone at 7:45am until 7:55am about “A Night in the Caribbean” to benefit the Gregory Kistler Foundation. The gala is to provide financial aid to the center which provides support and learning opportunities in the community for children and adults with developmental disabilities and to provide all individuals an opportunity for a productive life through therapy services.

Friday, February 16 – Daren Bobb with 5 News visited in studio with Bill Pharis about the top news stories of the week and upcoming community events for the weekend. 6pm-10pm Van Buren High School boys and girls basketball broadcasts.

Tuesday, February 20 - Ashley Ahlert with the Children’s Emergency Shelter spoke with Karen Pharis by phone at 7:35am regarding the “Community Strikes Back” bowling tournament to raise funds for the Emergency shelter. The shelter serves area children age 6 to 17 who have been removed from their home by the Department of Human Services due to neglect and/or abuse. The event will be held Saturday, March 10 and she asked for clubs, businesses and friends to form a team and participate. From 7:45am to 7:50am Daren Bob interviewed Melissa Schoenfield in a pre-recorded interview from Western Arkansas Ballet about “Snow White and Other Dances” coming up March 3rd. Audiences will get to enjoy the tale of Snow White, as told through ballet, but will also get to experience new choreographic works by guest choreographer, Joanne Whitehill and Western Arkansas Ballet faculty. 6pm-10pm Van Buren HS boys and girls basketball broadcasts.

Wednesday, February 21 – Karen Pharis speaks by phone with Mila Maseur, executive director of the Clayton House about the 2018 “Clayton Conversations” from 7:35am-7:40am. The monthly talks are geared to connect Fort Smith history and events to today. Filmmaker Phillip Person will be hosting the February 25

presentation. At 7:45am-7:50am a pre-recorded interview with Daren Bobb and Chris Hedrick with Bost, Inc. focused on the Grape Escapes fundraiser.

Thursday, February 22 – Karen Pharis and Joy Holmam with Van Buren Original discussed by phone “Step Up to Wellness” scheduled for March 3rd in downtown Van Buren. (7:40am-7:50am) The free indoor and outdoor event is being held to inspire attendees to make healthier lifestyle choices. Vendors will be set up in Main Attraction from 10-5 and seminars will be all day in the King Opera House.

Friday, February 23 – Daren Bobb with Channel 5 News was live in studio with Bill Pharis talking about the top news stories of the week and weekend events. 6pm-10pm Van Buren HS boys and girls basketball broadcasts.

Monday, February 26 – Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Convention and Visitor’s Bureau talked with Bill Pharis about upcoming events in the city.

Tuesday, February 27 – Congressman Steve Womack called-in at 7:40am and spoke with Bill Pharis about current issues in Washington. Van Buren High School boys and girls basketball broadcasts.

Wednesday, February 28 – Fort Smith Mayor Sandy Sanders came in studio at 7:35am -7:55am to talk with Bill Pharis about the Fort Smith Bi-centennial and special events slated. He invited Arklaoma Today listeners to attend the Five Civilized Tribes Culture Festival at the Fort Smith convention Center March 3rd. The event is free and will include dances, songs, storytelling and lectures, and examples of traditional art, weaving, pottery, basketry. This is the first time the five tribes have been together in the same building!

Thursday, March 1 – 7:35am-7:50am Teresa Slaybach with the Alma Performing Arts Center promoted the upcoming national touring theatrical production of “Driving Miss Daisy” featuring Sheree Wilson and Clarence Gilyard. Funds raised are used for scholarships for Alma high school seniors.

Friday, March 2 – Daren Bobb with Channel 5 News visited with Bill Pharis from 7:33am-7:44am discussing the top news stories of the week and weekend events. At 7:45am – 7:55am Congressman Bruce Westerman called in by phone to discuss his “coffee with the congressman” held in Waldron and Mena last week, as well as talk about the effects of the new tax bill. 6pm-10pm Van Buren HS boys and girls basketball broadcasts.

Monday, March 5 – 7:40am-7:50am Executive Director of the United Way Fort Smith, Eddie Lee Herndon visits with Karen Pharis about the upcoming Day of Caring; the type of help that is needed at the various agencies, locations of the work projects, and how listeners can become involved.

Tuesday, March 6 – 7:35am-7:45am Rosilee Russell with the community school of the arts talks by phone with Karen Pharis about the upcoming production of “Beauty and the Beast.” The theatrical production will feature the high school age CSA students.

Wednesday, March 7 – Chad Lowe with the Huckabee River Valley Nature Center talks from 7:10am-7:25am with Bill Pharis about special events scheduled for Spring Break.

Thursday, March 8 – Sue Ross with the Community Services Clearinghouse talks about upcoming food drives and the need for additional food to meet the needs of children over the Spring Break when many may not have access to a routine meal. 7:35am-7:45am

Friday, March 9 – Daren Bobb from Channel 5 News visits from 7:35am-7:55am with Bill Pharis about the top news stories of the week and community events taking place over the weekend.

Monday, March 12 - Claude Legris with the Convention and Visitor’s Bureau calls from West Memphis and the Governor’s conference on tourism. From 7:40am-7:50am, Claude outlined events in Fort Smith for the upcoming two weeks, and also mentioned that Fort Smith residents Floyd and Sue Robinson, who portray Judge and Mrs. Parker, were finalists for a special governor’s award, and the local: Giving Recognition in Tourism, or GRIT award was also up for a governor’s award.

Tuesday, March 13 - Sheree Wilson, actress and star of “Driving Miss Daisy” talks by phone from 7:45am-7:55am with Bill Pharis about her acting career, how she got the roll, and her ties to Arkansas.

Wednesday, March 14 – In a pre-recorded interview, Daren Bobb spoke with Sherry Barnes with the Hartford school/Sugarloaf Valley Academy charter school being organized in South Sebastian County. 7:40-7:45am.

Thursday, March 15 – Special Flashback Thursday edition: KFPW-AM archived audio of Fort Smith granting the Federal Government the Deed to the Fort Smith Historic Site. President John F. Kennedy speaks to a crowd of 30,000 in Fort Smith and his comments upon receiving. 7:35am-7:45am.

Friday, March 16 – Daren Bobb with Channel 5 discusses the top news stories of the week with Bill Pharis 7:35am-7:50am.

Monday, March 19 – Sara Morehouse with the National Angus Association speaks with Karen Pharis by phone from 7:40am-7:50am about painting the Angus Beef logo on the McMahan farm barn at Lavaca. To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the angus brand, the organization is painting 40 barns across the United States. The McMahan family is a long-time angus breeder.

Tuesday, March 20 – Karen Pharis spoke with Burt Ward of the “Batman” television series fame (7:40-7:55am)about his giant rescue dog business he and his wife run and how it led him to develop “Gentle Giants” dog food. He and his wife have fifty dogs, many 20 years old and older! He gave listeners tips on how to care for pets to extend their lives. He also talked about visiting Fort Smith years ago and his yearly visit to Bentonville and Walmart, which carries his dog food.

Wednesday, March 21 – 7:35am-7:38am Karen Pharis spoke by phone with Mila Maseur of the Clayton House about the Sunday Clayton Conversation. Lorie Robertson with the Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority visited with Bill Pharis in studio from 7:40am-7:7:55am about the upcoming “Elvis Haircut Day” at Fort Chaffee and the haircut that was heard around the world. A number of events are scheduled for the March 24 celebration and Lorie wanted to make sure our listeners know they are invited to attend!

Thursday, March 22 – Karen Pharis spoke with Hilda Ross by phone 7:35am-7:45am with the Fort Smith Master Gardeners about the weekend’s Fort Smith Lawn and Garden Show at the Fort Smith Convention Center. The three day event will feature hourly seminars on how to prepare gardens, how to plant and tend vegetation and offer ideas on how to easily maintain a garden.

Friday, March 23 – Daren Bobb with the channel 5 Newsroom discussed the top stories of the week with Bill Pharis and the upcoming community events for the weekend.

Monday, March 26 – Claude Legris with the Fort Smith Convention and visitor's Bureau outlines the upcoming events in the city for the next two weeks. 7:35am-7:55am

Tuesday, March 27 – Karen Pharis talks with Cody Faber of the Fort Smith National Historic Site (7:35am-7:45am) about the April 14th Volunteer Fair. He outlined the types of volunteers that are needed and the organizations that will be on hand.

Wednesday, March 28 – Bill Pharis talks by phone with Arkansas State Land commissioner John Thurston about land auctions upcoming in Crawford and Sebastian counties. He explained what makes property eligible to go to auction, and the pros and cons of bidding.

Thursday, March 29 - Leisa Gramlich with the Fort Smith Museum of History talked about the upcoming "Living History Dance" in April with Karen Pharis 7:35am-7:35am and how listeners can participate. She also brought listeners up to date regarding the theft and return of Judge Parker's golden lizard lapel pin that had been stolen from the museum. All Fort Smith Radio Group stations reported immediately after published police reports detailed the circumstances of the theft and within 24 hours the pin was returned to the museum!