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Newsmakers 10-02-2022

Organizers of Ratoberfest, an event at Beacon Dragway in Paducah, join the Greg Dunker Show to discuss their event which benefits The Merryman House. Kayla Myers of The Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center talks about the services they provide to women, men, and children in western Kentucky. Myers also talks about another of their fundraisers the Paducky Derby(0:00-8:48). Coy Elliott joined the Greg Dunker Show to talk about Amaizing Farms in Mayfield, a business destroyed by the 2021 tornado. Elliott spoke about working for nearly a year to build back(8:48-15:00).

Newsmakers 10-09-2022

Ryan Quarles joined The Greg Dunker Show to talk about his bid for the GOP nomination for Kentucky Governor. (0:00-5:36) Tracy Lawrence of Sunrise Childrens Services appeared with Greg Dunker to bring awareness to the number of children in Kentucky in foster care, needing permanent homes. They talked about raising money for Sunrise through a booth at Barbeque on the River in Paducah(5:36-11:14). Then Eric Grogan from West Kentucky Fellowship of Christian Athletes joined to promote their Gamechanger Banquet to celebrate what God is doing in local sports and raise funds to continue the mission(11:14-15:00).

Newsmakers 10-16-2022

Dr. Jeff spoke with Tyler Bell from Paducah International Raceway and Tracy Lawrence from Sunrise Children's Services promoting an event at the track where funds will be raised for Sunrise, an organization that provides safe housing for foster children. PIR and Sunrise are bring awareness that there are 9,000 children in Kentucky in foster care. Then, Coy Elliott was back with the Greg Dunker Show to talk about Amaizing Farms in Mayfield, a business destroyed by the 2021 tornado. Elliott spoke about working for nearly a year to build back. Eric Grogan returns with West Kentucky Fellowship of Christian Athletes to promote their Gamechanger Banquet to celebrate what God is doing in local sports and raise funds to continue the mission.

Newsmakers 10-23-2022

Richard Nelson from the Commonwealth Policy Center spoke with the Greg Dunker Show about Amendment 2, an amendment to the Kentucky Constitution which spells out Kentucky's role in facilitating abortion. Nelson and Dunker detailed specifically what the amendment says and doesn't say. They also discussed misinformation in a series of political action commercials

against the amendment. The conversation gave listeners both sides of the issue so they could make their own decision at the ballot box. Lt. Brittany Donigan joined the Greg Dunker show to highlight the Salvation Army Angel Tree. The Angel Tree is a program to provide children in need with coats, shoes, clothes, toys, and other necessities for Christmas.

Newsmakers 10-30-2022

This week's show was a repeat of the 10-23-2022 episode.

Newsmakers 11-06-2022

Kevin O'Neil, Shulorn Hollowell Jeter, and Kenneth Hurt joined J.W. Cleary and the First Friday Show to discuss the Minority Business Summit in Paducah. The event was designed to provide training, networking, and more to help minority-owned businesses succeed. West Kentucky Community and Technical College helped facilitate the summit, partially with a grant from philanthropist Mackenzie Scott.

Newsmakers 11-13-2022

Delaney Nizzey and Katie Hickman from Murray State University discussing the MSU Rodeo and the rodeo program at the school. The proceeds from the rodeo help fund scholarships for the riders to pursue academic success. Then, Alan Watts of Travelin' the Bluegrass spoke with Kentucky Venues President David Beck about the Kentucky Exposition Center and the Kentucky International Convention Center and the need for long-term facilities improvements. Watts also spoke with Tyler Gay about the Kentucky Ag Leadership Program and the classes tour through western Kentucky. The program instills a sense of community and ways to improve it. Finally, Watts was joined by Henderson County Extension Agent Ella Furquin to discuss partnering with Murray State to help high school students show livestock and the importance of agriculture in Kentucky.

Newsmakers 11-20-2022

Greg Dunker was joined by Gayreon Ferguson of the Hugs Project of Western Kentucky. The Hugs Project sends boxes of toiletries, snacks, and personal items to soldiers deployed overseas who wouldn't get mail from home otherwise. They send a box a month to the soldiers for the length of the deployment. Ferguson talked about sending over 57,000 boxes to troops in support of our armed forces. Then Alan Watts of Travelin' the Bluegrass spoke to UK Extension agent David Furquin talking about the swine show at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville. Students from all over the country came to show livestock. Then, Watts spoke with Jace Dunn about the dairy show at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville.

Newsmakers 11-27-2022

Alan Watts of Travelin' the Bluegrass sat down with Kentucky Ag Commissioner Ryan Quarles to discuss his priorities headed into the January General Assembly session. He also spoke about keeping Kentucky in a leadership position when it comes to promoting agriculture through

events like the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville. Quarles also brought attention to his work combatting food insecurity in Kentucky. Their conversation continued with a preview of Quarles' final year as Ag Commissioner. Watts then spoke with farm broadcaster Max Armstrong about a filming shows for RFD-TV in western Kentucky. Finally, Watts discussed the retirement of Murray State Dean of the Hutson School of Agriculture Dr. Tony Brandon and his impact on ag education and MSU.

Newsmakers 12-04-2022

Tracy Lawrence from Sunrise Children's Services joined Greg Dunker to promote a fundraising 5k road race at Beacon Dragway on New Year's Eve. Sunrise continues to support kids and bring awareness to the large numbers of Kentucky kids in foster care. Brad Munson spoke with Jennifer Gish of Embracing the Aged. The non-profit group serves as a clearing house for information for individuals and families of older adults as they try to find navigate long-term care, specialized care, and even basic service needs like finding an apartment, movers, electricians, and more. Their trusted network of local businesses is a way to avoid a rising number of senior scams. Then, Alan Watts spoke with National Agriculture Statistics Service Eastern Mountain Region Director David Knoff about the importance of farmers responding to the Census of Agriculture.

Newsmakers 12-11-2022

Greg Dunker and Dr. Jeff spoke with the Bear on the Air, Shane Parker, about his appearance as SantaBear helping to collect toys for kids in need in Massac County. Then, J.W. Cleary from the First Friday Show was joined by Paducah City Commissioners Reynarldo Henderson and Sandra Wilson discussing their service to the community. Henderson has served as pastor for the Washington Street Baptist Church and that led to his service to the city. Wilson is the Mayor Pro-Tem and the Executive Director of the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce after a number of years serving in different capacities. The two also spoke about the need for Paducah and McCracken County to work together.

Newsmakers 12-18-2022

Alan Watts of Travelin' the Bluegrass covered remarks from Kentucky Senator and Republican Leader Mitch McConnell speaking to the Kentucky Farm Bureau. McConnell discussed inflation, the war in Ukraine, funding of the government, infrastructure, and how these and other issues directly affect family farms in Kentucky. McConnell talked about the Farm Bill to be introduced to Congress in January 2023.

Newsmakers 12-25-2022

Alan Watts of Travelin' the Bluegrass caught up with Mrs. Santa Claus at the North Pole about Christmas. Watts talked to Mrs. Claus about how children are this year, and what are some of the items on their Christmas wish list. Then, Murray State University Breathitt Veterinary Center Director Dr. Debbie Reed said that her staff was proud to test samples from Santa's Reindeer again this year. Dr. Reed provides some insight into

the test results, but says some things still remain a mystery when it comes to Santa's magic. Then, Watts had more remarks from McConnell's address to the Kentucky Farm Bureau.