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Quarterly Issues Program List

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Second Quarter 2023 (1 April to 30 June)

The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to WCDE, ELKINS, WV, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of 1 April to 30 June. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Pacific.

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Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
Veterans	Closer Look	4/2/23	7:00pm	18min	<p>Disabled Vets Skydive, Drive Racecars with Ranger Road “A lot of our veterans -- especially door kickers and guys that have been through a lot of stuff in the military -- we don’t want charity,” explains Mikhail Venikov, former MMA fighter, veteran of 2nd Ranger battalion and founder of Ranger Road. "We put together fun events that vets can partake in and not feel like a charity case." No arms? No legs? No problem! “Whether you’re an amputee, double amputee, triple amputee, you’re paralyzed, our skydiving, our scuba, our car races -- they are all adaptive capable.” In fact, the leaders and trainers at RR events are themselves disabled vets. “Our skydiving program manager, he’s an 82nd airborne guy, double amputee.” “Maybe it’s difficult for the average person to understand -- they’ve seen a lot been through a lot -- some of their friends and family members maybe, their brothers and sisters they served with never made it back -- and so there are underlying things that need to be addressed.” Ranger Road strives to provide a space and a place for hurting men and women to ask for help. “We try to assist and get with those veterans and address those disabilities and those needs the best we possibly can.”</p>
Sports – Special Needs	Closer Look	4/2/23	7:19pm	14min	<p>Iowa Mom Helps Kids with Special Needs Play Sports, Have Fun Melissa Clarke-Wharff wanted her son Jack who is disabled to have fun like other kids his age. So, Melissa began Can Play, an organization that lets kids with health and special needs issues play sports and have lots of fun. “These kids all deserve to play and be active just like anybody else.” Melissa says families are often told how their kids will not be able to do certain things. But with Can Play, they show kids they ‘can do it,’ no matter what. “You can do this, stay strong,” says Jack. He reminds others even he had bad days, but to keep working hard at what they do and to “never give up.”</p>

Public Safety	Closer Look	4/16/23	7:00pm	30min	<p>Be Safer at Work or Church, Thoughts on Security</p> <p>You see trouble, you hear it – now believe it. “Trust your intuition...you know when a situation is different,” says Hector Alvarez, an expert in workplace security with more than 25 years of experience in threat assessment. “One of your best bets for surviving these incidents is thinking about it before it happens.” Preparation is key says Mindi Russell, exec. dir. of the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy of Sacramento. “Instead of, ‘it will never happen here,’ have the mindset that if something happens, this is what we’ll do.” Mindi Russell advises asking yourself ‘what if?’ in advance of crisis to avoid a fearful freeze. She is the executive director of the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy of Sacramento and also trains the public in situational awareness. “When they walk into a room, walk into a concert, when they walk into a movie theatre, glance around. What looks out of place? What is the behavior you pick up?” People will ‘seem off’ if they intend harm. They will show their intentions in odd posture, by keeping their hand in their pockets, or adjusting their waistband, facing strongly to one side, not looking at you. “Stop looking for bad guys: start looking for bad behavior.” Russell specializes in helping churches develop effective security plans.</p>
Addiction	Closer Look	4/23/23	7:00pm	30min	<p>Kids Fooled by Fentanyl, Rx Fakes</p> <p>Kids are getting pills that look like Xanax or Percocet online or in the locker room. Often laced with fentanyl, these deadly drugs can be 100x stronger than morphine. “It’s terrifying,” says Pat Aussem of the Partnership to End Addiction. Ed Ternan, co-founder of Song for Charlie lost his college-aged son to one pill and now helps other parents warn their children. “We still say ‘just say no’ but we spell it K. N. O. W. because many of these young victims are dying from taking a substance they didn’t ask for.’</p>

Technology	Closer Look	4/30/23	7:00pm	29min	<p>Don't Click That Link! Be CyberSmart</p> <p>You scroll social media and spot spam. Emails shout ‘click here!’ from an inbox full of tricks. Modern cybercriminals commit considerable time and talent to hacking your life. “Every person, every business has something a cyber bad guy would want,” says Darren Mott, cybersecurity expert and host of The CyburGuy podcast. As a retired FBI agent, Mott warns that believing that is the first step to avoiding scams. “They are looking to gain from our naivete online, human error and things like that.” The answer? Be cybersmart. A full “90% of the cases I worked at the FBI were due to this kind of social engineering or phishing,” says Mott, adding that senior citizens are their favorite targets. Callers, texters or emailers will pose as a grandchild who needs money fast. Another favorite phish is the ‘tech support’ email claiming your credit card was charged for something like Norton anti-virus software or an Amazon package. Multi-factor authentication and strong passwords – meaning 13 characters or more – will eliminate a lot of this problem,” Mott explains. Avila advises even the smallest mom n’pop businesses to invest in cybersecurity like the insurance they buy for company vehicles.”</p>
Healthcare – Childhood Issues	Closer Look	5/7/23	7:00pm	15min	<p>Tackle Childhood Obesity at Home, Church and School</p> <p>Millions of American kids suffer words like chubby or chunky – or fat – to describe their young bodies. The COVID-19 lockdowns only worsened already alarming levels of childhood obesity, as the CDC found the BMI (body mass index) in children ages 2-19 years old increase nearly doubled during the pandemic. Excess weight weakens growing muscles and joints and can lead to juvenile diabetes or even trigger life-threatening asthma. “Prevention is what we really want, right?” says Geri Henchy, Director of Nutrition Policy at the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC). “We want kids to be in environments that are not obesogenic; where they’re gonna get healthy meals, where there isn’t a lot of junk food, where they have activities -- that’s really gonna make a difference for kids.”</p>

Family Issues	Closer Look	5/7/23	7:15pm	15min	<p>Teens Aged Out of Foster Care Get Help From ‘Dream Makers’</p> <p>Without family and often lacking lifeskills, former foster kids become homeless adults by the thousands, turning to drugs and crime on the streets just to survive. “Every statistic you hear that is going bad in the United States, a lot of them link back to the foster care system and those kids just not being taken care of.” Dream Makers steps in to link aged-out foster kids with practical assistance by connecting them with the generosity of strangers. “It totally up to the community to fulfill the dream.” The young adult with a need fills out an application to ask for things that teens with families could easily get from a mom or dad: like money for work clothes, or a laptop for school, or maybe a used car – but Melton says the most common dream request from these youth by far is – food.</p>
Childhood Issues	Closer Look	5/14/23	7:00pm	15min	<p>Children in foster care often arrive at a new placement with just the clothes on their backs. Cathy Hamilton founded San Antonio Threads to give brand-new clothes to older youth(12yrs-21yrs) who have no family to take them shopping. “I’ve had kids say things like ‘old clothes have bad memories; new clothes have good memories -- thank you for the fresh start.”</p>
Animal Safety	Closer Look	5/14/23	7:15pm	15min	<p>Nearly 200 elderly horses get free hay and healthcare at Old Friends Farm in Georgetown. Current residents include famous thoroughbreds Silver Charm and Touch Gold, but also others, not famous, but whose owners could no longer care for them. “We owe it to them,” says farm founder and caretaker Michael Blowen. “These horses are to Kentucky what the automobile is to Detroit.”</p>
Natural Disaster	Closer Look	5/21/23	7:00pm	27min	<p>Convoy of Hope Springs into Action: 2023 Update</p> <p>Convoy has been very busy so far this year. Devastating tornado outbreaks slammed several U.S. states. “Convoy is now working long-term to get people what they need -- appliances, furniture, roofs -- whatever it is.” The ministry sent aid and comfort when twin earthquakes in Turkey and Syria drove 2.6 million people into tents near the rubble of their homes. Convoy continues to care for war refugees in Ukraine and those who have fled to neighboring countries. Convoy is also committed to an ongoing effort to feed children in global famine. The Children's Feeding program provides meals in 33 countries for more than 500k+ hungry kids.</p>
Veterans	Closer Look	5/28/23	7:00pm	18min	<p>Disabled Vets Skydive, Drive Racecars with Ranger Road</p> <p>No arms? No legs? No problem! “Whether you’re an amputee, double amputee, triple amputee, you’re paralyzed, our skydiving, our scuba, our car races -- they are all adaptive capable.” In fact, the leaders and trainers at RR events are themselves disabled vets. “Our skydiving program manager, he’s an 82nd airborne guy, double amputee.” Participation in these events can bring a soldier camaraderie and a renewed sense of purpose towards mental health and healing.</p>

Special Needs – Sports	Closer Look	5/28/23	7:18pm	14min	Melissa Clarke-Wharff wanted her son Jack who is disabled to have fun like other kids his age. So, Melissa began Can Play, an organization that lets kids with health and special needs issues play sports and have lots of fun. “These kids all deserve to play and be active just like anybody else.” Jack suffered six strokes when he was just 8 years old, which left his left him with cognitive delays, partial paralysis and ‘limited ability to play.’ Can Play gives kids like Jack “a place that they can come, be themselves, learn about their bodies and what their bodies can do.”
Economy	Closer Look	6/4/23	7:00pm	29min	Food Prices, Fight Inflation from Your Fridge Food costs more these days. COVID-19 shutdowns drove up the price of labor, fertilizer and fuel needed to move crops from farms to factories to stores and eventually to your kitchen. What can you do? Should you panic buy? Comparison shop? Billie Wright checks in with Assoc Prof. Joe Balagtas at Purdue University and Jordan Page, lifestyle blogger and mom of 8 for proven tips on cutting your grocery bill.
Mental Health – Ministry	Closer Look	6/11/23	7:00pm	30min	Pastor Burnout, Caring for Your Leader’s Soul Surveys in 2021 found a sharp rise in the number of church leaders who have seriously considered leaving full-time ministry, citing debilitating stress, anxiety, or depression. Rafael Sierra talks with Savannah Kimberlin of Barna Group and K-LOVE's Pastor Randy who says rest and other self-care should be a guilt-free part of your life as a spiritual leader.
Addiction	Closer Look	6/18/23	7:00pm	13min	Gambling, Suicide Risk and Addiction Recovery Gambling addiction is a leading cause of suicide in the United States. The thrill of the bet buries vulnerable gamblers deep in debts matched only by their secret shame. But stats prove you can win recovery, as 2 outta 3 people who seek treatment are able to stop. Rafael Sierra talks with Derek Longmeier of Problem Gambling Network of Ohio and Keith Whyte of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Need to talk? Call the National Problem Gambling Helpline: (800) 522-4700.
Faith	Closer Look	6/18/23	7:13pm	17min	Faith Of Her Father - Baby Jessica’s Dad The unlikely rescue of Baby Jessica from a well back in 1987 remains one of the world’s most watched news stories of all time. There were “multiple miracles,” says her father Chip McClure, “more than you can count...God’s hand was evident.” In the days and months after, the family received thousands of calls and truckloads of mail from all over the world, people in personal distress who were encouraged by the McClure’s faith and the good news of Jessica’s rescue. K-LOVE’s Jack Church talks to Chip.

Healthcare	Closer Look	6/25/23	7:00pm	30min	<p>Dawn-Marie Perez, executive director of StandUpGirl.com says their site stands ready to help. "Our mission is to have these girls be able to find life-affirming information through us -- and then we connect them with pregnancy centers in their neighborhood." Quick response is essential. "If you go google the word 'abortion' right now there are millions of websites that are gonna come up. Our goal is to have StandUpGirl show up on that first page of their google search." How? "We spend close to \$10K a month through advertising on internet search engines so that if a woman is out there looking for information -- even if she's searching for information about abortion -- she finds StandUpGirl." What does she find when she clicks the link? "We have thousands and thousands of stories from girls who have been in that situation [unplanned pregnancy] -- we have built this community of women to help and guide each other with light, hope and courage, that these young women would choose life for their baby." In partnership with Heartbeat International, CareNet and Birthright, StandUpGirl.com uses a geolocator to point web-visitors to one of 2,200 pro-life pregnancy centers closest to their home. Girls from as far away as Africa and Asia also get connected to local help.</p>
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