

2Q2022 Issues and Programs

Issue: Public Safety & Mental Health

Discussion of issue: A child died of malnourishment while under the care of his parents. But the child had been removed from the parents and placed into the custody of the grandmother, for the child's protection, prior to his death. How was it then, that the child was returned to the parents? Furthermore, the grandmother's repeated calls to the authorities for her to get the child back went unheeded. And at some point, this child was in school. So the discussion is about who failed, the school, police, DCFS, or some other agency? For some reason, the parents were not capable of caring for this child. Nevertheless, they ended up with the child and when the authorities were notified, they did nothing. And now, the entire story has gone into a black hole. Not even the media is talking about this tragedy.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends 4/12/2022 7:30am – 8:00am
Guest: Clinical Professional Counselor Mary Beth Cunningham of Caim Counseling

Issue: Legal Matters: Constitutional Rights: Due Process

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan explained the purpose and procedures of bail/bond. He also helped to clarify the term “person of interest”. “Ghost guns” also discussed.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends 4/13/2022 7:30am – 8:00am
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

Issue: Public Safety

Discussion of issue: Davey D hosts a round-table discussion about causes and possible solutions to the problem of violence. Gangsta rap, violent movies and video games discussed. Solutions are working, but take time, there is no “quick fix”. A current outreach program engaging young people and building long term relationships is having success. The purpose is to mentor them before they “get to the streets”. Police and youth athletic programs are needed.

Program: Hard Knock Radio

4/20/2022

4:00am – 5:00am

Guest: Shawn Granberry, Chuck Johnson and JR Rider

Issue: Mental Health

Discussion of issue: Over the past few years the positions of life coach/interventionist have been gradually eliminated. Interventionists work on behalf of the student who may need some special attention because they are having emotional issues or are either too far ahead or too far behind of the class. The life coach/interventionist is an advocate for the student and seeks reasonable accommodation be made on behalf of the student. The concern is that these positions are slowly, silently going away, allowing some students to fall into a “gap”.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends

4/26/2022

7:30am – 8:00am

Guest: Clinical Professional Counselor Mary Beth Cunningham of Caim Counseling

Issue: Legal Matters: Constitutional Rights: Due Process

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan explained what a “gag order” is and how it works. He also described the legal process for a felony charged offense. It involves first, either a grand jury, or a preliminary hearing to determine if there is enough evidence to proceed with a trial. “Welfare check” process explained.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

4/27/2022

7:30am – 8:00am

Issue: Mental Health

Discussion of issue: Red flags to be on the look out for someone contemplating suicide: Talking about feeling hopeless or having no purpose, death of a loved one or pet, divorce or break-up of a relationship, diagnosis of a major illness, loss of a job, or serious financial problems, talking about feeling trapped or being in unbearable pain, increasing the use of alcohol or drugs, withdrawing or feeling isolated, talking about wanting to die or to kill oneself, loss of interest or pleasure in activities the person previously enjoyed, giving away personal possessions, making a will, and cleaning up his or her room or home.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends

5/10/2022

7:30am – 8:00am

Guest: Clinical Professional Counselor Mary Beth Cunningham of Caim Counseling

Issue: Legal Matters: Constitutional Rights: Due Process & Guns

Discussion of issue: A 15 year old infant death case which was ruled by natural causes, is suddenly back in the news due to another death of his sibling. Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan explained the statute of limitations for homicide. Discussion was made of the Coroner's authority and powers as well as a Coroner's inquest which determines the manner and method of death. Capabilities of a forensic pathologist was also discussed.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends 5/11/2022 7:30am – 8:00am
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan explained the gun rights and restrictions in the state of Illinois. But many guns used in the commission of a crime are stolen or brought in from neighboring states. He suggested laws could be crafted against irresponsible parents who don't secure their weapons or those who allow children to have guns. A lack of mental health interventions was discussed.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends 5/25/2022 7:30am – 8:00am
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

Issue: Health: COVID-19

Discussion of issue: Infectious disease expert, Dr. Michael Olsterholm, joins Ralph for an update on the very latest in Covid related transmission rates, hospitalizations, boosters, therapeutics, testing, masks and more.

Program: The Ralph Nader Radio Hour 6/5/2022 6:00am – 7:00am
Guest: Dr. Michael Olsterholm

Issue: Public Safety: Gun Violence

Discussion of issue: Peoria City Council Representative Chuck Grayeb discussed a controversial gun violence proposal called “Cure Violence”. Unfortunately the proponents did a rather poor job of making the case for a program that seemed very similar to another program that was a notable failure. He pointed out the redundancy when the city already has programs and agencies to assist people with various needs. The councilman opined the “catch and release only to re-offend” situation that is a result of the legal system.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends 6/17/2022 7:30am – 8:00am
Guest: Chuck Grayeb Peoria City Council Rep.

Issue: Economy

Discussion of Issue: The Fed's interest rate hike and its impact on the stock markets and economy. The rate hike is intended to lower inflation in the long run, however, in the short run it will raise interest rates for home loan borrowers. That would create two pressures, one would make financing a new home more expensive, and or two, make home sellers lower their prices in order to attract any buyers at all. Also, if the impact on the housing market is too great, the housing market could slow down to the point of laying off loan officers and home construction workers.

Program: Background Briefing with Ian Masters 6/20/2022 5:00 am – 6:00 am
Guest: Robert Hockett

Issue: Legal Matters

Discussion of issue: Defense attorney Kevin Sullivan explained the statute of limitations, deadlocked juries, and jury instructions. Liabilities and small claims court limitations discussed.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends 6/22/2022 7:30am – 8:00am
Guest: Kevin Sullivan, Attorney

Issue: Public Health: Corona Virus Update

Discussion of issue: Status of where masks are required, latest recommendations for boosters and young children. Monitoring of new mutations and possible rise of new infections.

Program: Breakfast with Roger & Friends 6/28/2022 7:15am – 7:30am
Guest: Dr. Gene Siddler