

COMMUNITY ISSUES PROGRAM LIST- WLRJ(FM)
Third Quarter 2023 (July-September)
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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WLRJ(FM), GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, for the period of July 1-September 30, 2023. 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 Daylight Time.

1. TEENS & VARIOUS ISSUES
2. SAFETY & SECURITY
3. FOOD NEEDS / HUNGER

Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
Disaster Relief	Closer Look	Jul 2	7:00 pm	26 minutes	<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> <p>[Educational Media Foundation - All Rights Reserved]</p>

Drugs / Teens	Closer Look	Jul 9	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Kids Fooled By Fentanyl, Rx Fakes 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." Bob Dittman reports.</p> <p>https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-kids-fooled-by-fentanyl-rx-fakes-4151</p>
Drugs Addictions	Closer Look	Jul 23	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p>Parents Of Addicted Loved Ones Turn To PAL Groups For Support One of your kids is on drugs. Getting in trouble. Calling you over and over bail them out. You don't know what to do. PAL Groups bring people together to swap stories and share strategies -- online or in-person. "<i>When we found PAL we're like okay, we're not alone, there's other people who've been down this road.</i>" Monika Kelly reports.</p>

Business Development	Closer Look	Jul 16	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Small-Business Mentors Offer Free Advice Through SCORE</p> <p>Your idea for a great small business needs a good plan. If you already opened your shop you may be stumped on how to grow. SCORE mentors offer free, one-on-one advice for turning a profit. “What we have seen is that when someone meets with a mentor for 3 hours or more, they are 5x more likely to increase their revenue and stay in business.” Billie Wright reports.</p> <p>[Educational Media Foundation - All Rights Reserved]</p>
Food Needs Hunger	Closer Look	Jul 30	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>“Share The Wealth Of Your Dirt” Through AmpleHarvest.org</p> <p>AmpleHarvest.org is nationally recognized for successfully recruiting backyard gardeners to fight food insecurity. The site lists 8,000 local pantries which accept donations of fresh fruits and veggies. The non-profit also works to involve pastors and churches nationwide through the Faith Fights Food Waste campaign and recently added a program to feed malnourished people on Native American reservations. Marya Morgan reports. [Educational Media Foundation - All Rights Reserved]</p>

Foster Care Teens	Closer Look	Aug 6	7:00 pm	16 minutes	<p>Free Brand-New 'Threads' For Teens In Foster Care</p> <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.'" Bob Dittman reports.</p> <p>https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/home-improvement/closer-look-free-brandnew-threads-for-teens-in-foster-care-4736</p>
Foster Care Teens	Closer Look	Aug 20	7:15 pm	14 minutes	<p>Closer Look: 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>

Mental Health Teens	Closer Look	Sep 10	7:00 pm	13 minutes	<p>Like CPR, Get Trained In Youth 'Mental First Aid'</p> <p>How do you approach a teen without getting a door slammed in your face? “A trusted adult is what a youth needs more than anything,” says Lori Butterworth of AIM, which strongly recommends all adults get certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid. She compares it to CPR. “What if we worked really hard to raise the probability that when a child or teen has a mental health crisis that there is someone there to help them and save their life?” Kindra Ponzio reports. https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/hot-topx/closer-look--like-cpr-get-trained-in-youth-mental-first-aid-6294</p>
Teens & Human Trafficking	Closer Look	Sep 10	7:14 pm	15 minutes	<p>Teens Chatting On Social Media Vulnerable To Human Traffickers</p> <p>“Just so you know, some kids that are trafficked actually aren’t taken from their home – they still live at their house.” How does this happen? Social media chats. Expert tricksters spend months -- or even years -- lying to build friendship. Your good and smart kid may believe their online friend is their age “by the time they went to meet this person, it wasn’t who they thought they were.” Once the youth is tricked into sexually explicit activities they may be too afraid to tell you. Felipe Aguilar reports. https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-teens-chatting-on-social-media-vulnerable-to-human-traffickers-6293</p>

Teens Unplanned Pregnancy	Closer Look	Sep 17	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Young Girls Pregnant And Scared Turn To StandUpGirl.com</p> <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 <i>first page</i> of their google search."</p> <p>[Educational Media Foundation - All Rights Reserved]</p>
Animal Care	Closer Look	Aug 6	7:17 pm	13 minutes	<p>Retired Racehorses Cool Hooves At Old Friends Farm, Kentucky</p> <p>Nearly 200 elderly horses get free hay and healthcare at Old Friends Farm in Georgetown. Residents have included 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." Jack Church reports.</p> <p>https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-retired-racehorses-cool-hooves-at-old-friends-farm-kentucky-4738</p>

Safety & Security	Closer Look	Aug 13	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Closer Look: 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.” Bob Dittman reports.</p>
Cyber Security	Closer Look	Aug 27	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Closer Look: Don't Click That Link! Be CyberSmart</p> <p>Spam on social media. Emails that shout ‘click here!’ from an inbox full of tricks. Modern cybercriminals commit considerable time and talent to hacking your life. “If you have a gut feeling, if you have an instinct that something isn’t right here – please listen to that.” Don't click! Monika Kelly talks with Gavina Avila of the Better Business Bureau and Darren Mott, retired FBI agent and expert on cybersecurity.</p>

Health Childhood Obesity	Closer Look	Aug 20	7:00 pm	15 minutes	<p>Closer Look: 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>
Economy Inflation	Closer Look	Sep 3	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p>Food Prices, Fight Inflation From Your Fridge</p> <p>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.</p> <p>[Educational Media Foundation – All Rights Reserved]</p>

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Library	Closer Look	Jul 9	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Bolivar County Library System</p> <p>Phil O'Bryan talks with Emily Bell, Director of the Bolivar County Library System, about the many services available through your local library. The system operates four libraries in Bolivar County. Bell talks about interlibrary loans, public access computers and more. Bell also addresses how the internet has affected libraries in this day and age and how people would obtain a library card.</p>
Poverty	Closer Look	Jul 16	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Delta Advantage Center</p> <p>Phil O'Bryan talks with Clara Crossland, Executive Director, Delta Advantage Center, about how they are addressing poverty in the Mississippi Delta. Crossland talks about food distribution, Assistance in obtaining a GED, financial literacy, Christian counseling as well as the construction of a recreational facility.</p>

Special Needs	Closer Look	Sep 10	7:30 pm	20 minutes	Goodwill Mississippi Phil O'Bryan talks with Brad Staeffani who is President and CEO of Goodwill Mississippi, about ways they train residents with handicaps to find employment. Staffani talks about his suces personal story with Goodwill as well as future plans to expand services in Mississippi.
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