

## **ISSUES AND PROGRAM LIST - WDDH-FM**

### **4th Quarter - 2018**

**Issue - The need for pets to be adopted is a concern for the Elk County SPCA. The overpopulation of the facilities of the SPCA can cause issues with the pets and the workers.**

**Program - WDDH runs a daily show called the "Adoptable Pet" which features a pet weekly that is up for adoption at the Elk County SPCA. The feature is 60 seconds in length and runs at 1:35 Monday thru Friday.**

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**Issue - Many people can not make it to church on Sunday mornings due to illness, disability, or other problems.**

**Program - WDDH broadcasts 3 church services every Sunday. The Light On The Hill Program from the Mt. Jewett/Hazel Hurst United Methodist Churches - a 30 minute recorded program. Service from the Hallton Church Of Christ - a 30 minute recorded program, and also Mass from St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church, an hour long service.**

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**Issue- The use of the internet and cell phones has risen dramatically in recent years. With the increased usage by people of all ages, it is important for everyone to know the rules and laws that govern conduct and use.**

**Program - WDDH runs a weekly public interest program on Sundays called Talk of the Town. On Sunday October 7 and again on October 21, host Denny Heindl interviewed Elk County District Attorney, Sean McMahon. They discussed the Pride Program that directly concerns internet and cell phone usage. The "P" stands for Personal responsibility, making no excuses, and taking responsibility for your actions. The "R" is Respect yourself and others. "I" is for insight. Clearly understand your actions and their consequences. "D" is for Discipline. Exercise self-control and control your actions and words. "E" is for Expectations. What do you expect the consequences to be from what you do or say? Under Pennsylvania law it is a crime to engage in cyber harassment of a child, transmit inappropriate**

**explicit images, and possess, view, or transmit image of private part of a body of a child not clothed.**

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**Issue – In today’s society, it is apparent that everyone is only concerned with the present time and many people are unaware of the history of the area they reside in.**

**Program: WDDH runs a public interest program on Sundays called Talk of the Town. On Sunday, October 14 and October 28, Denny Heindl, interviewed local writer and murder buff, Jim Baumgratz of St. Marys who recently released “Elk County Murders and Mysterious Deaths.” Based solely on true crimes, the book is a compilation of 25 murders and mysterious deaths committed in Elk County in such locations as Ridgway, St.Marys, Kersey, and Wilcox. His research started in 2002 at the Elk County Court house. One of the greatest shocks to him was the number of people who were accidentally hit and run over by a train. A second volume about Elk County is in the works and Mr. Baumgratz hopes for it to be released by Christmas..**

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**Issue: The Boy Scouts of America have long served this country with projects to benefit the area they live in. Many young men try to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout. It takes a lot of dedication and hard work to attain that rank.**

**Program: On Sunday, November 4, Laurel Media Inc’s Talk of the Town Program host, Denny Heindl, interviewed Matt Berger of Johnsonburg on his project of building an altar at the Holy Rosary Cemetery in Johnsonburg to complete his rank of Eagle Scout. They talked of his experience in scouting, how it helped him to mature and take on responsibility to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. They also spoke about an upcoming Chicken Barbeque to benefit his project. It is hoped the community will come out and support this fine young man.**

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**Issue:** Many small rural areas have a growing problem with not only a shrinking population, but the problem of people moving out of the area and allowing their pets to run wild. It is very hard to keep the feral cat population from growing along with a large number of running dogs whose owners just let them go. People no longer see pets as family members and don't hesitate to drop them off on a rural road or set them in front of the Humane Society.

**Program:** On Sunday, November 11, and re-run on November 18, and 25th, WDDH's Talk of the Town host, Denny Heindl, interviewed Elk County Humane Society vice president and Operations Manager, Sara Evans. They discussed the animal shelter is dedicated to improve the life of homeless pets. Their goal is to find a forever home for every animal in their care. They have a very hardworking group of volunteers and are always looking for more! Help is needed walking the dogs in their care, kitty cuddling hours at the Shelter, doing laundry, mixing their foods, many other activities. They encouraged people to become "Fostering Heroes" and start by filling out an application on-line. They also urged people to buy memberships or make donations, or even lend a hand at their fundraising events.

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**Issue:** Christmas is a time of the year when people tend to be more caring and generous to others in need. .

**Program:** On Sunday, December 2 and December 9, WDDH's Talk of the Town Program host, Barry Morgan, interviewed Major Jerry Stinson of the Salvation Army in Ridgway. They talked about the need for people to be generous during this Christmas Season so they could help people who are less fortunate. One way of helping was to take part in the annual Red Kettle Campaign held at three different locations in Elk County. Major Stinson revealed that all monies raised go toward next year's budget. They modestly raised their goal for this year and hoped to attain it by Christmas. The Major

**also said that all monies raised in this campaign would stay in Elk County to help residents right here in our home towns. A special Kettle a thon will be held on Saturday, December 15, from 8 am to 4 pm in downtown Ridgway with volunteers ringing the bells and collecting as drivers come by the Church front. Free hot chocolate, donuts, and pizza are being provided by local businesses help promote the day of giving**

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**Issue: There are many people in this area who have no family or friends to be around this Christmas. There are also many volunteers who are just looking to help others.**

**Program: On Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and re-run on December 23, WDDH's Talk of the Town Program host, Barry Morgan, interviewed Karen Lundin who is the main organizer of the Christmas Happening in Ridgway. This year marks the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the program whose original formation was created by Lila Sprague. Since Lila's passing, Karen and her crew have carried on Lila's dream that no one should be alone on Christmas Day. The event is held at the Ridgway VFD Firehall and is open to anyone who wants to attend. Delicious, hearty meals are served to over 250 attendees and over 250 hot meals will be delivered to homes where people can not get out of the house, some as far as 30 miles from the firehall. This no cost event is courtesy of many caring individuals and business people in the surrounding communities. After the meal is served an afternoon of local music and entertainment along with good conversation is held**

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**Issue: Small towns and businesses have a hard time in the winter when tourism is slower than other times of the year, so many small communities look for ways to bring people to this area.**

**Program: On Sunday, December 30, WDDH FM Talk of the Town Host, JJ Michaels, interviewed Thomas T.O. Fitch from the Ridgway Elk County**

**Chamber of Commerce. They spoke about an upcoming event called Mountain Fest, to be held January 18th to the 20<sup>th</sup> at the old Motion Control Building in Ridgway. Mountain Fest is designed to show visitors and residents of this area exactly how many activities and different businesses are in the area and gives merchants the opportunity to display their wares in a common area that can hold many booths and activities. It is hoped that this can become an annual event.**

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