

# WGTH PROBLEMS & PROGRAMS LIST

## THIRD QUARTER 2013

### JULY - SEPTEMBER

#### CHANGING LIVES WRECKED BY DRUG ABUSE

Drug abuse is a common enemy to most communities in our nation. Marriages are ruined by it. Families are shattered. Careers are lost. The life of nearly every citizen is affected by drug abuse in some way - directly or indirectly. It is a wonderful occurrence when someone who uses and abuses drugs receives help and is able to overcome this devastating addiction.

Program: Interview regarding the upcoming "Invasion" event

Date: July 9, 2013 at 8:20 a.m.

Guest: Amy Lambert of Amy Lambert Global Ministries

Although Amy Lambert now has a global audience, she is originally from Richlands and grew up in the area. There are many in this part of Southwest Virginia that are familiar with Amy and her ministry. As a child, she grew up in the church. As a teenager, she became addicted to drugs and had numerous near death experiences. Through the grace of God and because of the perseverance of people of God in her life, Amy overcame drug addiction. She now ministers full-time to help others do likewise.

In a pre-recorded interview, Amy spoke of the "Invasion" that was about to take place in Richlands on July 15, 2013. Not only did she share her own testimony, she also shared information about the changed lives of the musicians and other performers. Amy explained that Jesus was more than able to renew and restore lives.

Program: Interview and Infobits regarding a special event called "A September to Remember"

Dates: September 10 - 14, 2013 (Infobits aired throughout the day)

September 14, 2013 (Pre-recorded interview aired at 12:05 p.m.)

Guest: Ryder Richardson, Director of Fisher House Ministries

Tazewell County and neighboring Russell County are both known for their high per capita rates of drug abuse. That is unfortunate, because both counties have small towns and communities with fine rural Appalachian warmth and hospitality. With the caring and compassionate people of

Southwest Virginia, also comes a concern for their residents and a desire to help those in need. Though many want to help, not many know how. Those most effective in intervention seem to be former addicts.

Ryder Richardson and his wife, Amanda, have an organization called "Fisher House Ministries." In addition to sharing their own story of Ryder's addiction and its affect on their family, they are involved in seeking rehabilitation for people desiring to be released from the bondage of drug addiction. They, also, offer free transportation to whatever rehabilitation facility has accepted the individual in need.

Ryder Richardson is a co-coordinator of the event, "A September to Remember." The purpose of the event is to draw people from the community to a family-oriented, entertaining activity where they will also discover there is help for those wishing to break away from the bondage of drug abuse. Ryder's organization, along with "We Care of Russell County" and other similar groups that want to help recovering drug addicts and their families and friends, have worked hard to put together a day of free food, motorcycles, music, and other popular entertainment.

One reason that Ryder is exuberant about the event is because it falls within one week of the first anniversary of his freedom from the bondage of drug abuse. He and others who are overcomers plan to share their testimonies with event-goers to give them hope. The event is scheduled to start in the early afternoon and go until 10 p.m.; however, Ryder says he will stay as long as people are wanting to hang out. He hopes that he, and others like him, can help renew lives.

In an interview that was aired midday on the day of the event, Ryder shared his testimony and details regarding the information above. Through the use of infobits and the interview, listeners were invited to join in the festivities that would take place at the Russell County Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia. The various activities and the scheduled time for each were given.

## RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AREA YOUTH

Southwest Virginia has more than its share of talented youth. Athleticism is abundant. When young people demonstrate outstanding work ethic and ability, it should be recognized. By positive recognition, other young people may be influenced and encouraged toward positive pursuits. They may find good role models, as well.

Program: Pre-recorded interview following the winning of the 15/16 year-old Girls' Little League Softball State Championship

Date: July 16, 2013 at 7:35 a.m. (during the local sports news)

Program: Live interview during halftime of the varsity football game between Honaker High School and Richlands High School

Date: August 23, 2013

Guest: Jody Shelton, head coach

The Honaker Girls' 15/16 year-old Little League softball team won the state title on July 15, 2013, on their home field in Honaker, Virginia. Coach Jody Shelton was interviewed following the win. The interview was aired the next morning during the local sports news. Jody commended his young ladies and spoke of their talent and dedication to the game.

The girls went to regionals at Fort Myers, Florida. They won handily there. That title advanced them to the World Series which was held in Delaware. Although they did not win, they learned a lot and had some memory-making experiences.

Coach Shelton's second interview summarized the Florida and Delaware trips. All the players were mentioned by name and their contributions were noted.

## TAX PREPARATION INSTRUCTION

Tax preparation is intimidating to many people. There is the fear of oversight or just not properly understanding the forms and the instructions. For those that want to do their own tax preparation but have complicated or unusual circumstances, knowledge of special additional forms that may be required and deductions that may be available to them would be critical. Others may enjoy preparing taxes and may want to make a career of it.

Program: Live remote broadcast from the Tazewell County Fair

Date: August 8, 2013

Guest: Freda Conley, professional tax preparation expert with H & R Block

Every fall, H & R Block offers tax preparation classes for those who would like to learn how to prepare their own and/or others' taxes. Freda gave specifics about the classes and discussed how they might be helpful to those who would like to know how to prepare returns and ways to save money through allowable deductions. She, also, stated that these classes frequently led to employment as a tax preparer.

## ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ARTS

The Appalachian region has within its mountains some amazing artisans and masterful musicians. At times, the contributions of these talented individuals is overlooked in the hustle and bustle of life. It is good to have opportunities to take time to enjoy the gathering of gifted artisans and musicians where their abilities are demonstrated.

Program: Live remote broadcast from the "Celebration of the Arts" in Tazewell, Virginia

Date: September 13, 2013

Guest: Vickie Boothe, coordinator of the event and owner/operator of Between Friends Gifts, a co-sponsor of the event

The second annual "Celebration of the Arts" was held on Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14, 2013, in Tazewell, Virginia. The specific location was the sizable parking lot adjacent to Between Friends Gifts in the Ben Bolt section of Tazewell. Between Friends Gifts, the Tazewell Music Club, and the Jeffersonville Artisans League sponsored the celebration that provides an opportunity for some of the area's finest artists and craftsmen to display and sell their marvelous handiwork. Wonderful musicians and vocalists add to the flavor of the celebration as they perform in an arts friendly setting.

Vickie Boothe described the unique and lovely handiwork of the various artisans that were participating in the event. Additionally, she gave a schedule of the musicians and other special activities that would be taking place at some time during the celebration.

A very special aspect of the celebration, as Vickie explained, is the fact that a percentage of all sales made during the event will be donated to the Tazewell Music Club and used toward scholarships for worthy music and art students.

## PROMOTING AREA EVENTS

One of the most widely used public services of the radio station is the promotion of celebrations and festivals that occur in the immediate area and in surrounding communities. Most often, the individuals most

knowledgeable about the events give specific, as well as, general information using interesting infobits. Their information may draw listeners to attend or be of benefit to assist those already planning to come.

Program: Infobits promoting the Fourth of July celebrations

Dates: July 1 - 4, 2013

Guest: Charlotte Whitted, Executive Director of the Historic Crab Orchard Museum in Tazewell

Dates: July 1 - 5, 2013

Guest: Barbara Layne, Executive Director of the Tazewell Area Chamber of Commerce

Dates: July 1 - 6, 2013

Guest: Cathy Ray, spokesperson for the Town of Honaker

The Fourth of July celebrations were staggered and varied in their accompanying activities which allowed many listeners to attend more than one event this year. Therefore, making known the specifics for the various communities was even more important for the listeners. Hopefully, the infobits helped them to avoid confusion and get the best experience possible at each one they were able to attend.

Program: Infobits promoting "Main Street Heritage"

Dates: July 23 - 27, 2013

Guest: Barbara Layne, Executive Director of the Tazewell Area Chamber of Commerce

"Main Street Heritage" is a special festival that takes place annually in the Town of Tazewell during the latter part of July. Its success helps the financial status of the town and the participating vendors.

Program: Infobits promoting the "Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival"

Dates: September 16 - 21, 2013

Guest: Linda Singleton, Chairperson for the Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival Committee

The "Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival" takes place on the third Saturday in September annually. Linda informed the listeners of new and old activities, public transportation opportunities, additional stage locations, entertainment lineups, etc.

Program: Infobits promoting the "Burkes Garden Festival"

Dates: September 24 - 28, 2013

Guest: Mike Bell, spokesperson for the "Burkes Garden Festival" Committee

Mike Bell related the highlights of this year's festival and informed the listeners of some changes. He warmly welcomed guests and gave plenty of location information.

#### PROMOTING FAMILY FRIENDLY VENUES

It is a comfort to parents to be able to take their children to a place or an event and be quite sure that nothing inappropriate will be said or done. Making families aware of good quality entertainment in a safe and pleasant surrounding is a favorite service of the radio station.

Program: Live remote from the Tazewell County Fair

Date: August 8, 2013

Guests:

Stan Wikle, of Stan Wikle Gospel Music Promotions, booked Jeff and Sheri Easter for this year's fair. During several interview segments, Stan talked about various gospel concerts coming to the area. He was especially excited about the concert that night at the fair and invited listeners to come and hear Jeff and Sheri.

Jeff and Sheri Easter, Southern Gospel Music artists, promote love and respect for parents and between spouses in their music and by example. Family is very important in their ministry. Their whole family travels and performs together. In fact, both Jeff and Sheri come from legendary gospel singing families that also ministered together on the road. During separate interviews with Jeff and Sheri, the joy and fun of being together as a family shone through.

Garland Roberts, member of the Tazewell County Fair Committee, promoted the various upcoming events that would be taking place for the

remainder of the fair. In addition, he spoke of the importance of family, gospel music, and the need for parents to exercise spiritual oversight over their children.

State Senator Phillip Puckett, member of the State Senate of Virginia, issued an invitation to listeners to come to the fair.

The Tazewell County Fair is held in August, annually, and has a great variety of activities, food, carnival rides, musical styles, animals, produce, etc. The Gospel Music Night is especially family friendly. The singers and musicians are very family oriented and promote wholesome family relationships.

Program: Live remote from the Tazewell County Air Show

Date: August 17, 2013

Guests:

Curtis Gillespie, former board member, was interviewed regarding a plaque awarded to him in honor of his service to the Tazewell County Airport Authority.

State Senator Phillip Puckett and Western District Member of the Board of Supervisors, John Absher, gave updates from their perspectives regarding legislative actions and applauded the family friendly air show and its outstanding entertainment.

Steve Davis, Representative from the Western District on the Tazewell County School Board, talked about the start of the school year, the new superintendent, some changes that have been made, and others that will be taking place.

"The Jubulaires," a very popular local Southern Gospel quartet, talked about their ministry. Jim Ray, Darrell Cole, Bernard Cornwell, and Benny McGhee shared some of the precious experiences they have had as they have sung in churches and other venues around the area.

Rick Whitt, pastor of Cornerstone Tabernacle, invited folks to come to the air show and to enjoy the food there, as well. He updated listeners on what was happening at his church.

Dr. Joey Trivette represented the local community college, Southwest Virginia Community College (SWCC), where he is an instructor of music. He encouraged potential students to come and check it out. A representative from Old Dominion Distance Learning Education that is housed at SWCC, did likewise. Dr. Trivette, also, updated the listeners on the whereabouts of outstanding local musicians that were former students of his at SWCC.

Jerry McReynolds, airport manager; Wilma Sayers, longtime board member; Carolyn Barber and Cleo Sargent all spoke on behalf of the Tazewell County Airport Authority. They welcomed listeners to the air show and described the special entertainment that would be taking place. Jerry honored the memory of Charlie Schwenker. He was a thrilling aerobatic pilot who, along with a wing-walking performer, had died in an air show tragedy since the last Tazewell County Air Show. He had been scheduled to perform this year just as he had for many years.

Mike Vordo, skydiver, answered questions about his skydiving team. They have been a favorite of Tazewell County Air Show attendees for years. Initially, they are viewed as tiny specks in the sky. After free falling for a couple thousand feet, their chutes open and they glide through the air. Finally, they make pinpoint landings before everyone's eyes.

Roxanne Lyons and Cadet Tyson represented the Civil Air Patrol. They talked about their experiences, the requirements to join, and the benefits of involvement.

Brian Hieatt, Tazewell County's Sheriff, encouraged parents to have their children fingerprinted by the Sheriff's deputies while they visited the air show. Brian, also, shared news from his office and answered questions regarding a recent commendation received from the Drug Court Conference that met in the Tidewater area. Sheriff Hieatt and the sheriffs from Russell and Buchanan counties were asked to give a presentation about the success of a unique program in which one rehabilitation officer is shared between the three counties. They were commended by the law enforcement officials at the Drug Court for their well-functioning partnership.

## RESTORING AND VALUING LOCAL HERITAGE

Coal mining was the primary industry in the region for decades. It still holds great importance and provides numerous employment opportunities in coal mining, directly, and in related industries.

A large number of communities began as "coal camps" that were almost totally self-sufficient. Everyone that worked for a particular coal company lived in small white homes that were very close to each other on both sides of a road located near the local mines. The "company store" stocked nearly everything anyone could need or want in those days. There was, usually, on-site entertainment (bowling alley, movie theater, library, etc.) and basic medical facilities. Amazingly efficient in their self-contained state, camps even used "scrip" as currency instead of paper money.



Of course, the means used to extract coal have advanced tremendously since the beginning of coal mining in the region. Likewise, the implements and apparel have developed over time. Youth in the area would not recognize many of the items used by their grandparents and great-grandparents.

It would be a shame not to preserve the heritage of "Coal Country." The coal history of the area should be recorded and examples of equipment used and pictures of miners displayed for the benefit of local youth and future generations.

Program: Pre-recorded interview just prior to an on-site gathering/fund raising event for the Old Raven Theater/Museum

Date: September 7, 2013 (aired at 5:21 p.m. - around the time of the start of the event)

Guests: Jack Ray, Chairman of the Committee for the Restoration of the Old Raven Theater and Coal Mining Museum

R. C. Baldwin and Dairrel Bobbitt, two of the local singers on hand for the event

A fund-raising event was held on the evening of September 7, 2013, on the site where the Old Raven Theater and Wilson's Ice Cream Parlor are being restored. The fund-raising event included singing by local individuals and groups, T-shirt sales, and concessions. An interview with Jack Ray, the organizer of the event, and two of the singers, R. C. Baldwin, and Dairrel Bobbitt, was pre-recorded and aired soon afterward in hopes of helping to arouse community awareness in the project and the event. Jack Ray spoke about the project and the financial needs. The guests talked fondly of memories from the theater and ice cream parlor several decades ago.

According to local seniors, these were the most popular places to go for entertainment, to go out on a date, and to spend time with friends. Along with the restoration of these cherished places, a museum is being created to honor coal mining and coal miners... especially those from the area. Although development has begun to take place, funding has been limited.

Preserving heritage and providing a family fun atmosphere, simultaneously, make learning about the past enjoyable. "Students" become willing participants. Watching demonstrations of the old time ways of life - apple butter making, molasses stirs, quilting, etc. - give observers a realistic sense of the hardships endured and the perseverance required to live

successfully in those days. Seeing and being able to ask questions at "living history" exhibits - actors portraying Presidents, Civil War encampments, Appalachian Pipes and Drums performances, etc. - heightens interest and enjoyment. Sometimes being allowed to participate in "hands on" activities, makes the learning even more special.

Program: Live remote broadcast from the Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival

Date: September 21, 2013

Guests:

Linda Singleton, key organizer and Chairperson of the Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival Committee, explained what was going to be happening that day on all three entertainment stages and all throughout the town. She welcomed listeners to come and be a part of a very special day in her hospitable manner and directed listeners to specific heritage oriented activities. Comments were made that, even though it was a rainy day, people were still having a wonderful time.

Lemoyne Hendrick, portraying President Abraham Lincoln, answered questions regarding the time of his presidency and the mood of the day. He expressed his heartfelt concern over issues that plagued the country.

Danny Culver, portraying General Ulysses S. Grant (later President Grant), shared wisdom of the times, also.

The Pleasant Hill Homemakers were making and selling apple butter. Several young people were participating in the making of the apple butter. One of the ladies talked about the need to continue to teach domestic skills to young people.

Dave Coleman, representing Freedom Ford, invited people to enjoy the Nascar simulator car at no charge. The person that had the fastest time by the end of the day was going to win tickets to a popular Nascar race.

Sarah was with a group that studied marine life and biology and was promoting the protection and preservation of a certain species of mussels that is found only in the Clinch River near Cedar Bluff.

Donnie Keene and his daughter, Caroline, commented about their experiences at the festival, including the great variety of foods that were available and the great diversity of vendors.