

WGTH PROBLEMS & PROGRAMS LIST

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JULY – SEPTEMBER

PROMOTION OF AREA FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

One of the major responsibilities of a local radio station is to promote events that bring recognition and economic benefit to the area while creating a source of community pride and identity. Making people aware of particular activities and opportunities available within an event generates interest and allows listeners to better see and do what they enjoy most.

Program: Infobits regarding the area's Fourth of July celebrations

Dates, Locations, and Guests:

July 1 – 2, 2016, aired throughout the day

Honaker – C. H. Wallace, Mayor of the Town of Honaker

July 1 – 4, 2016, aired throughout the day

Tazewell – Susan Reeves and Sharon Davis

Jewell Ridge – Kay Horn

Lebanon – Jason Lockard

Historic Crab Orchard Museum – Charlotte Whitted, executive director

Program: Infobits regarding the Main Street Moments Summerfest

Dates: July 19 – 23, 2016, aired throughout the day

Guest: Pam Meade, executive director for the Tazewell Area Chamber of Commerce

Program: Infobits regarding Tazewell County Airport's Fly-In and Open House

Dates: August 18 – 27, 2016, aired throughout the day

Guests: Jim French, Tazewell County Airport Authority (TCAA) board member and Fly-In and Open House coordinator and Jerry McReynolds, TCAA airport manager

Program: Infobits regarding the Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival

Dates: September 13 – 17, 2016, aired throughout the day

Guest: Linda Singleton, chairperson of the festival committee and of the Cedar Bluff Business and Professional Association

Program: Infobits regarding the Burkes Garden Festival

Dates: September 20 -24, 2016, aired throughout the day

Guest: Mike Bell, festival spokesperson

Program: Tazewell County Fair remote

Date: August 2, 2016, from 5:10 pm – 7:40 pm

Guest: Jerry Foster, member of the fair committee

Each guest gave detailed information regarding the most important facts about their particular event. Many, also, mentioned various unique aspects of the celebration at their respective location. Listeners were welcomed to participate.

The various locales have expressed appreciation to the station for the airtime to promote their events. Generating interest and dispersing information help the event organizers and sponsors to produce revenue to cover expenses and the participants to be knowledgeable about the things they enjoy.

PROMOTING GOSPEL MUSIC ARTISTS AND THEIR MINISTRIES

Being a radio station with a gospel music format, it is appropriate to promote the artists that provide music for the station and its listeners. However, the gospel music artists that have had connections with the radio station and have participated in interviews do much more than entertain. The lyrics in the songs they sing and the words they use when they speak in-between songs are carefully chosen to minister to the needs of the individuals in their audiences.

Gathering together to enjoy gospel music is a favorite activity for many listeners and others. Beyond the pure enjoyment of the music that so many of the audience listen to the most and love the best, there is the aspect of receiving the blessings from the lyrics and the testimonies given by the singers. Gospel music lyrics contain messages of hope, encouragement, love from God, love from others, assurance of worth, assurance of forgiveness, etc.

Program: Tazewell County Fair remote

Date: August 2, 2016, from 5:10 – 7:40 pm

Guests: Stan Wikle, gospel music promoter; Larry Riddle, singer with the Primitive Quartet; Josh Oldaker, regional singer; and Jimmy Dickens, locally-based evangelist and singer

The Gospel Music Night at the Tazewell County Fair is a much anticipated event for many area residents. During the interviews at the fair, listeners received updates on several gospel music artists and where and when they will be singing and releasing new music. Other personal information of interest was, also, shared.

Stan Wikle, a professional Southern gospel music promoter, spoke about the Primitive Quartet that was headlining the singing that night at the fair. He discussed the Southern gospel music industry and upcoming

concerts that were scheduled to take place within a reasonable distance for listeners.

Larry Riddle, singer and spokesperson for the Primitive Quartet, talked about the group and the fairly recent loss of one of their beloved members. Other interview topics included: the group's most recent releases, fan favorites, group history, and memorable moments.

Josh Oldaker is a young singer from the state of West Virginia that has been introduced to the Tazewell County area fairly recently. Topics discussed in his interview included: personal background information about him and his family, how long music has been a major part of his life, and contact information for anyone wishing to invite Josh to sing at their church.

Jimmy Dickens is a well-known and well-respected citizen in the area. He and his wife, Michelle, and their daughters have ministered in numerous churches in the area and at fair and festival type venues in the past. He spoke about his current evangelistic and music ministry with his wife and the distant places where they have gone to minister.

Program: Tazewell County Airport's Fly-In and Open House remote

Date: August 27, 2016, from 10 am – 12:30 pm

Guests: The Jubalaires Quartet, including Jim Ray, Darrell Cole, Benny McGhee, and Tony Horn

Probably the most popular and polished local Southern gospel quartet, the Jubalaires, is frequently asked to sing at area events. The quartet blends inspirational testimonies and humor into their engagements about as smoothly as their voices blend in harmony. The group, also, displays a strong sense of patriotism. In addition to speaking about their group's music, they talked about their upcoming schedule... especially emphasizing a very special recognition that would be honoring veterans. Those killed in action from Tazewell, Russell, and

Buchanan counties were to be honored on a wall and with a motorcycle honor guard in conjunction with the Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival in September.

Programs: Live interviews

Date: July 7, 2016, at 11:30 am

Guest: Pauline Patterson, vocal artist

Date: September 29, 2016, at 1:06 pm

Guests: Nathan Stanley, Bluegrass and Country Christian musician, and Jeff McCracken, Nathan's manager

Oftentimes, before concerts are to take place in or near the listening area, the artist or artists agree to do a live interview. The interviews serve several purposes. First of all, they allow the listeners to become more familiar with the artist(s). Secondly, they stir up a desire for listeners to attend. Thirdly, they provide the dispersal of specific information about the upcoming concerts.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF YOUTH

The contributions of youth to the community make it a better place. The ways in which youth give of themselves to benefit the community may vary greatly, but their efforts should be appreciated and their accomplishments acknowledged. In doing so, young people will be encouraged to continue on the path toward outstanding citizenship.

Program: Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival remote

Date: September 17, 2016, from 9:10 am – 9:30 am

Guest: Melonie Gilbert, president of the Richlands High School Band Boosters

Melonie Gilbert, president of the Richlands High School Band Boosters, participated in an interview as the band played for the opening ceremonies of the Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival. Having played late the night before at the high school football game, the early morning start had to be difficult for the band. Melonie emphasized the hard work required of the band students and the commitment they displayed. She, also, discussed the upcoming competition season and other band activities.

THE BENEFITS OF HUMOR TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND POSITIVE ATTITUDES

Laughter and a good sense of humor have long been associated with relieving stress and improving, or at least maintaining, health. Although the benefits seem to favor mental and emotional health, physical health may be a beneficiary, too. Scientists have indicated that laughter releases endorphins that act to make us feel better.

Program: Tazewell County Fair remote

Date: August 2, 2016, from 5:10 pm – 7:40 pm

Guest: David Browning, “Mayberry Deputy,” comedian

David Browning learned at an early age that he could make people laugh. Also realizing that good doses of laughter made folks feel better, Browning decided that family friendly comedy that was presented in good taste was a worthy calling. Because Browning bears some resemblance to Don Knotts and can imitate his “Barney Fife” voice incredibly well, he took on the role of the popular deputy from Mayberry years ago. Browning has been a fair favorite for many years.

In an interview, Browning stepped out of character after a lively exchange in which several “tickets” were issued. During a somewhat serious interview, he talked about the blessing he receives from being able to bring joy and laughter into the lives of others. There was a

discussion about the importance of laughter, stress relief, and a positive attitude. It is obvious that Browning enjoys life and models – in everyday life – the kind of fun-loving character he depicts.

PRESERVATION OF LOCAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE

The pride of a community lies within its heritage... especially if that heritage is full of rich traditions, positive beliefs, and interesting historical accounts. Historical preservation is extremely important in order for future generations to appreciate and identify with their past and the heritage upon which their lives have been established. Although it can be tedious and time-consuming, the preservation of history can be very rewarding and is certainly worth the effort.

Program: Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival remote

Date: September 17, 2016, 9:10 – 9:30 am & 11:10 am – 12:10 pm

The Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival provides educational opportunities and entertainment for so many people and in so many ways. The festival has been highly ranked among regional events of its kind because of such things as the number of attendees, the quality of available activities, and the satisfaction of both attendees and vendors with the setup and operation of the event. Yearlong planning and great care go into the preparations for the festival. Adding more and different activities and attractions, subtracting activities or procedures that have not proven popular, and tweaking various aspects of the festival have maintained – if not increased – the popularity of the festival.

Since its inception, the Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival has had the preservation of local history and the heritage of the area as one of its chief goals. The inclusion of such things as the coverlet displays from the mill that had a key economic role in the town's growth and development, a "War Between the States" encampment, the annual

presence of the Appalachian Highlanders Pipes and Drums, apple butter making demonstrations, and guided history tours in horse and buggy carriages have demonstrated the emphasis the committee has placed on heritage and history.

Guest: Sharon Lowe, member of the festival committee, gave an overview of the day with an emphasis on history related opportunities.

Guest: Mike Henningsen, spokesperson for the Appalachian Highlanders Pipes and Drums, explained the integral part of the bagpipes and drums in the Scots-Irish heritage of the area.

Guest: Mike Abel, member of the Tazewell County Historical Society, spoke of the group's activities, meeting times, and interest in promoting local history and books featuring local history. He invited history buffs to join the society and welcomed groups to use their speakers' bureau.

Guest: Sam Sanders, Richlands High School student and member of the RHS History Club, spoke on behalf of the club and its activities. The History Club's sponsor is Rod Cury, a history teacher at Richlands High. Brandon Harrison, also, provided additional information about the club.

MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE COMMUNITY

These days, the media is full of accounts of citizens being shot, often fatally, by law enforcement and the senseless shootings of law enforcement personnel by citizens. Maintaining a positive, healthy attitude toward local law enforcement - and vice versa - is crucial to the well-being of any community. Even though there does not appear to be a problem locally, communicating the positive ways local law enforcement is working to help area citizens is always beneficial. Having law enforcement officers speak to the public maintains familiarity with them as individuals and promotes good communication.

Program: Tazewell County Airport's Fly-In and Open House remote

Date: August 27, 2016, from 10 am – 12:30 pm

Guests: Brian Hieatt, Sheriff of Tazewell County, along with Deputy Pat Belcher, and Deputy Glen Keen

Sheriff Brian Hieatt, Deputy Pat Belcher, and Deputy Glen Keen spoke on behalf of the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office. They answered questions regarding a variety of topics. One emphasis was senior safety. The officers expressed concern for the physical well-being of seniors, but they were, also, concerned that so many senior citizens had become victims of scam artists. Another topic was the use of cuddly dogs by law enforcement personnel. Deputy Belcher explained that a dog might be used in order to establish a foundation for trust between them and a child, or even an adult. After establishing that trust, a reluctant child or adult might feel more comfortable and willing to converse about a sensitive situation.

The main topic of discussion was the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. Deputy Keen had recently been awarded the honor of being named D.A.R.E. Instructor of the Year. Interestingly, Sheriff Hieatt had been Keen's D.A.R.E. instructor when Keen was in elementary school. It was Hieatt that had inspired Keen to make a career of law enforcement and to excel at his current position as D.A.R.E. instructor. The program and the award were discussed in detail.

MUCH DESERVED SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN COMBAT

A well-known, yet sobering saying is: "All gave some. Some gave all." Those killed in action, known as KIA's, are real heroes and should be recognized and esteemed as such. Each individual should be honored and remembered, to ensure their lives were not sacrificed in vain.

Program: Special Dedication of The Fallen Warriors' Wall aired live

Date: September 17, 2016, from 10:00 am – 10:50 am

Guests: VFW Post 9640 gave the 21-gun salute. The Jubalaires sang. The Fallen Warriors Motorcycle Honor Guard displayed flags representing each branch of the military. The featured speaker was Jim Boyd, a community leader and retired Marine.

A beautiful and solemn dedication to The Fallen Warriors' Wall was held in the parking area and on the sprawling front lawn of Richlands High School. The Wall was constructed with donations and was fashioned similarly to the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall that was displayed in the same location last year... also, in conjunction with the Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival. The Fallen Warriors' Wall has the names of all those KIA's from World War I to the present from Tazewell, Russell, and Buchanan counties. Families and friends were invited to leave messages, pictures, and other memorabilia on the back of the Wall. The front lawn featured displays of military flags and gear.

There was a 21-gun salute by VFW Post 9640. The Fallen Warriors' Motorcycle Honor Guard, respectfully, rode in displaying flags from each branch of the military. The Jubalaires sang "The National Anthem" and other patriotic songs. Retired Marine, Jim Boyd, gave a stirring speech in honor of the KIA's from Tazewell, Russell, and Buchanan counties.

NAVIGATING THE "AFFORDABLE CARE ACT"

Many Americans have had difficulties understanding the workings of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). From eligibility to how and when to sign up and what coverage is available, there has been much confusion about the requirements and the process involved. Having someone who

is familiar with the ACA to answer questions and lead customers through the process would be most helpful.

Program: Tazewell County Airport's Fly-In and Open House remote

Date: August 27, 2016, from 10 am – 12:30 pm

Guest: Marcie Barnes, government expert regarding the ACA

Marcie Barnes, a government employee designated to assist people in any way necessary regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA), had a table at the Tazewell County Airport's Fly-In and Open House. She was available to attendees to answer questions and to provide any other type of assistance they might need. She, graciously, explained that she understood that many people were confused and she was very willing to help them. Ms. Barnes had received extensive training and had studied the ACA in order to be able to answer – or quickly find an answer to – any questions that may arise.

VOTER REGISTRATION MADE EASY

One of the chief privileges of being an American citizen is the right to vote to elect government officials. In addition to going to the courthouse or the Division of Motor Vehicles, potential voters are given online and other off-site opportunities to register. Registering to vote is made easy for our citizens.

Program: Tazewell County Airport's Fly-In and Open House remote

Date: August 27, 2016, from 10 am – 12:30 pm

Guests: Mr. Bill Chamberlain and Mr. Kinder, Democratic Party representatives

Although Mr. Bill Chamberlain and Mr. Kinder were representing the Democratic Party, they were supplying any interested attendees with the official mail-in forms used to register to vote in Virginia. After

filling out the form, those applying had the options of allowing Chamberlain and Kinder to mail the form, or they could mail the form themselves. When mailed, the forms would go directly to Richmond. The process is quick and easy. It is especially easy when people can fill out the form at a convenient location where they can have any questions answered, and they do not have to go out of their way or make a special trip.

EXPANDING AVIATION AWARENESS AND ENJOYMENT

Tazewell County's rural location does not afford the opportunity for many of the area residents to fly. Most of the commonly sighted aircraft would fall into one of three categories: a medflight helicopter, a supersonic fighter jet doing a flyover, or a very distant commercial airliner. However, an occasional light plane may be seen going in or out of our local airport.

There are some avid aviation enthusiasts in Tazewell County and the surrounding area. They love anything having to do with flight and love to share their knowledge and enthusiasm. Whether flying a full scale plane or a remote control model, these "aviators" especially enjoy gathering at air shows.

Program: Tazewell County Airport's Fly-In and Open House remote

Date: August 27, 2016, from 10 am – 12:30 pm

Guests: Jerry McReynolds, airport manager; Jim French, assistant manager and Fly-In and Open House coordinator; and "Buzz" the parachutist/skydiver

The Tazewell County Airport's Fly-In and Open House provides a family friendly event for area residents and a gathering place for aviation enthusiasts. The three gentlemen that were interviewed enthusiastically shared information about the airport, the event, and their experiences

with flying. The interview with Jim French, assistant manager of the Tazewell County Airport and event coordinator, was early in the remote broadcast and afforded listeners the opportunity to be aware of the upcoming activities of the day, including the various scheduled entertainment attractions. Jerry McReynolds, airport manager, was interviewed at the end of the remote. He summarized what had already taken place and what was still to occur in the afternoon. Both Jim and Jerry spoke on behalf of the airport and shared about their personal interest in flying. Buzz, a skydiver, talked about the thrill of skydiving. Listeners were warmly welcomed to the event and encouraged to engage in aviation-related activities.

TUTORIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR STRUGGLING STUDENTS

Virginia teachers are under a lot of pressure to teach/coach their students in order to produce passing Standards of Learning (SOL) scores. Students, likewise, feel pressured to pass the SOL's. Because so much emphasis is placed upon the SOL scores, teachers are often forced to spend an inordinate amount of time on "teaching to the test" and are distracted from instructing their students in other important subject matter. Although many teachers offer before and/or after school tutorial opportunities, students that need the tutoring may not be able to attend these sessions for various reasons... transportation issues being the chief factor.

Program: Tazewell County Airport's Fly-In and Open House remote

Date: August 27, 2016, from 10 am – 12:30 pm

Guest: Janis Humphrey, retired Tazewell County teacher, representing Humphrey's Learning Center

Many students struggle in one or more academic areas. Additionally, the pressure to pass Standards of Learning (SOL's) is overwhelming to some students and even affects their ability to do their best on the tests. Some of these students are not able to take advantage of tutorial services offered at school... at least not to the degree that the students obtain proficiency.

Janis Humphrey, a retired Tazewell County math teacher who is also certified in reading, has opened a tutorial service named Humphrey's Learning Center. Along with a couple of other qualified tutors, she is now assisting students who need extra one-on-one instruction. Not only do they have instructors to cover any subject material that Tazewell County students would be offered, but they are able to prepare students to take the SOL tests and they can administer them at the center.