

# WGTH PROBLEMS & PROGRAMS LIST

## FIRST QUARTER 2017

### JANUARY – MARCH

#### PROVISION OF A SAFE AND WHOLESOME PLACE FOR TEENS

Ideally, every community should have a place where teens can go to “hang out” and get to do some really “cool stuff.” There should be a fun haven where kids who might not be part of the mainstream can find things to do that interest or inspire them. Finding acceptance and knowing that they can call this place their own would make the location very appealing to young people – especially if they do not have safe and loving home environments.

Program: Pre-recorded interview about Teen Venture

Dates: January 21, 2017 at 3:05 pm and January 23, 2017 at 11:05 am

Guest: Laura Brown, Teen Venture’s executive director

Teen Venture is a local teen center where teens can go after school and stay for several hours. There is an agreement that parents can sign that gives students the ability to ride the Tazewell County school bus that serves that section of town in order to get to Teen Venture safely and conveniently. There is always adult supervision and those participating sign up to be Teen Venture members with permission from their parents or guardians.

The center was funded and built for the purpose of providing a safe, clean, fun, and inviting place for teens to enjoy while finding some direction and developing their particular areas of interest. Unlike the school and the rec park, the activities available are not the normal sports activities. Although there is a very nice indoor skating (not ice) facility

and other physical activities are available, there are many activities that could lead to career choices. These would include: a room set up as a radio station that can be heard throughout the building when in use, a nice arts and crafts area that includes pottery-making, and a very attractive music “jam” room where music can be sent throughout the building or mixed and recorded by the teens themselves (to name a few).

Other provisions include a snack room with snacks provided by donations from individuals and area churches and a homework/study room where students can work independently or receive assistance from tutors. Once students have chosen their favorite activity, they form a working partnership with others having the same interest. For example, they might work together to produce a CD of their music. Many of the related activities give them real life experiences including some in the business world.

Laura Brown is the executive director of Teen Venture. In a pre-recorded interview, Laura explained what Teen Venture is and spoke about its mission. She further explained what is required of the members and talked about each available activity and how the center is funded. Funding to keep the center up and running comes from individuals and churches. Therefore, Laura made an appeal for donations of money, snacks, and/or cleaning supplies. Because volunteers are so important to Teen Venture, she explained the requirements and sent out a plea to listeners to consider offering some of their time and talents to help the members at the center.

Another aspect of the Teen Venture offerings includes the spiritual influence that community pastors and church members have during their Friday Movie Nights. There is a movie shown to the members at no cost to them. They, also, are fed pizza and a local pastor delivers a brief message to the group. Laura spoke of the benefits that have come to the members through these special nights and how they have been positively impacted.

Seven different news byte segments were aired during various local news broadcasts in the same time frame. Each one contained condensed portions of information that were included in the interview.

## RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY LOCAL YOUTH

Many hours of practice and effort are put into most of the activities in which our youth participate. When the culmination of all the work comes to fruition, it is most appropriate to reward the youth with recognition of their accomplishments and to promote the event(s) in which the talent will be demonstrated. Young people, generally, respond well to sincere encouragement.

Program: Interview regarding the All-District Junior Chorus

Date: March 3, 2017 at 7:40 am, 8:40 am, and 11:32 am

Guest: Terry Hall, director of various vocal groups at Richlands Middle School and Richlands High School

The All-District Junior Chorus was scheduled to meet and perform locally this year. After practicing on Friday and on Saturday morning, they are scheduled to perform at 3 pm on Saturday, March 4, 2017, at Southwest Virginia Community College. A portion of the interview with Terry Hall was intended to promote the event and welcome all area residents to this free concert.

Terry Hall talked about what a great honor it is to be chosen for All-District Junior Chorus and the process by which students are selected. He was pleased that a significant number of students from Richlands were chosen this year. He spoke highly of his students' abilities and his joy in the fact that they had a couple of very prestigious musical directors participating in this year's choral concert.

## PROMOTING GOSPEL MUSIC AT LOCAL VENUES

Gospel music is a part of local and regional culture and heritage. Because it is so important to area residents, it is included as the featured program at many local churches and in numerous local venues. The promotion of gospel music benefits both the artists and the listeners. The artists are fulltime or part-time gospel music performers and love to minister to others through song whenever possible. Those who listen often receive far more than a good concert. Benefits of gospel music include such things as: peace of mind and spirit, hope for the future, restored relationships, a way to battle depression, a joyful heart, etc.

Program: Live interview

Date: March 5, 2017 at 4:05 pm

Guest: Jerry Foster, local gospel music promoter and the Tazewell County Fair committee member in charge of the Gospel Music Night

Jerry Foster, a local gospel music promoter, discussed the upcoming concerts on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>, featuring Josh Oldaker at Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Springville, Virginia. Josh is an up and coming gospel music artist. He performed at the Gospel Music Night at the 2016 Tazewell County Fair and was very popular. Jerry gave the details about the concert.

Jerry, also, serves as the Tazewell County Fair's committee member in charge of Gospel Music Night. During the interview, he announced that Josh Oldaker will be the featured artist at the 2017 Tazewell County Fair Gospel Night and that Lulu Roman will open for Josh. According to Jerry, the date is set for Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

The inclusion of Gospel Music Night at the Tazewell County Fair is very important to Jerry and the fair committee has been very supportive over the years. The concerts have had fairly good attendance, on the average, with excellent attendance for the most popular groups.

## LATE CHANGES IN SCHOOL/WORK/CHURCH CLOSINGS

Although there are automated text messages and other means by which people are notified about school/work/church closings or other schedule adjustments, there were several times this winter and early spring when schedule changes were made at the very last minute or inconveniently late. When parents, students that drive, employees, patients, etc., are already on their way to their destinations, they would be most likely to hear of changes on the radio.

**Program:** With frequent repetition, there are announcements regarding late schedule changes on school mornings or church mornings or nights and, when necessary, for businesses.

**Dates:** As needed

Local radio stations receive calls from local public school systems and private schools and daycare facilities in order for them to get the word out quickly to their listeners. Stations, also, monitor informational websites in order to keep abreast of the most up-to-date information regarding school/work/church closings.

Inclement weather-related closings and schedule adjustments are very important to a large portion of radio listenership. Awareness of last minute changes is crucial – especially for school children and others that must wait out-of-doors for their transportation. Additionally, many churches rely on WGTH to make frequent announcements when services are called off due to inclement weather, power failures, flooding, or a death in the congregation.

## DEALING WITH STRESS, ADDICTIONS, RELATIONSHIP BREAKDOWNS AND OTHER LIFE ISSUES

In this incredibly busy American culture, a majority of even the most well-adjusted individuals are under a considerable amount of stress. Add in a marital breakup, the death of a loved one, a serious illness, an unwanted pregnancy, a major relocation, loss of employment, etc. – in any combination – and life can quickly become overwhelming for almost anyone. Many people are dealing with anxiety, depression, and even more severe forms of mental illness. If drug and/or alcohol abuse is a factor, there is bound to be serious trouble in dealing with relationships and handling life's basic responsibilities. Any of the aforementioned problems can turn into devastating family issues.

Program: "Family Talk"

Dates: Weekdays at approximately 5:05 pm

Guest: Dr. James Dobson, well-known Christian psychologist, author, and speaker

"Family Talk" is a 90-second program in which Dr. James Dobson succinctly offers advice about a wide variety of subjects that affect children, marriages and/or families. Dr. Dobson gives good, sound counsel. He includes many examples from his own counseling situations and family experience. From training rebellious toddlers to surviving as empty-nesters, each commentary attempts to encourage listeners to work at establishing and maintaining strong, stable families and marriages.