

WGTH PROBLEMS & PROGRAMS LIST

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ENCOURAGING LOCAL YOUTH

Allowing young people to speak on the radio creates excitement about broadcasting. In addition, it makes the community aware of some beneficial youth programs that are positively influencing the children involved. Thirdly, the children's involvement with the station allows them to feel connected with their community in a new and unique way. Hopefully, they will be encouraged to be and remain good citizens.

Program: Special recording of the Cub Scout Pledge
Date (aired): February 11, 2013 at 7:55 a.m.
Guests: Cub Scouts from nearby Russell County

WGTH frequently gets requests for tours of the radio station from area Cub Scout dens. (The tours help them to complete one of their badges.) After showing them the production studio, we like to have them to record a brief greeting and scout-related message in which they identify themselves by name at the beginning. This visit was from a den in Russell County. Their leader was John Watson.

The boys visited WGTH on February 7, 2013. During a tour of the entire station, the scouts were told age-appropriate information about broadcasting, sales, music, production, etc. They asked many questions and recorded the pledge after identifying themselves by name. Their recording was aired on February 11, 2013.

COUNTY PROTECTED BY DEPUTY DOGS

Their keen sense of smell, speed, strong teeth, and other helpful attributes make canines tremendous assets in assisting law enforcement officials in the capture of criminals and in search and rescue. Trained dogs are often more intimidating to criminals than their human law enforcement partners, and their participation can save time and manpower.

Program: Interview (prerecorded and aired during the morning news)

Date (aired): March 23, 2013 at 8:40 a.m.

Guest: Tazewell County Sheriff's Deputy Jonathan Caldwell

The Tazewell County Sheriff's Department held a press conference to inform the residents of Tazewell County about two new "deputy dogs" that they recently acquired. The press conference was held during a special program for students. The two new canine deputies each have a human partner. The partners trained with the dogs. The dogs have been trained to sniff out certain types of drugs, to chase or search for criminals, and to look for people who may be lost. Prior to the addition of "Deputy Evo" and "Deputy Storm," the Tazewell County Sheriff's Department had only one canine member of the department, "Deputy Nitro." "Deputy Nitro" is trained to sniff out explosives.

The interview with Deputy Caldwell was recorded following a demonstration and informative program for a group of SATIRA students and local media at North Tazewell Elementary School. (SATIRA stands for Substance Abuse Task Force in Rural Appalachia.) Deputy Caldwell is the partner of Deputy Evo. He answered questions about training with the dogs, the dogs' tough work ethic, and how they differ from pets. During the news, additional information was given regarding the acquisition of the dogs and the demonstration of the dogs' abilities to identify the location of select drugs that are commonly abused.

GAS SAVING TIPS

One of the largest expenses of individuals, families, and businesses is fuel costs. Since many people are already struggling with personal and/or business finances, saving money is extremely important. Suggestions for saving gas will not only help people cut fuel costs, but will preserve more of one of our fossil fuels.

Program: Gas Saving Tips

Date: March 30, 2013 at 9:07 a.m.

A public service prerecorded program was aired in order to provide listeners with helpful ideas for saving gas and money.

BROADCASTING PROGRAMS OF INTEREST TO SHUT-INS AND OTHERS UNABLE TO ATTEND

Many of our listeners are infirmed or disabled and are unable to attend popular community events. For others, schedule conflicts and time restraints keep them from being able to go. By broadcasting many of these events, the listeners are able to enjoy the experience almost as if they were in attendance. Many have expressed gratitude for the opportunity to stay connected with the community by means of radio.

Program: Easter Sunrise Service

Date: March 31, 2013

Guests: Members and friends of the Richlands Area Ministerial Association (RAMA), including pastors: Tony Shrader, Carl Howell, Annette Warren, Vince Carroll, Larry Ramey, and Dennis Hoffman

For many Richlands area residents, it is traditional to begin Easter morning with a sunrise service at one of two local cemeteries. In fact, this has been a tradition for generations in some families. Usually, a family will worship at the cemetery where a loved or loved ones are buried.

This year, WGTH broadcast live from Greenhills Memory Gardens with several pastors in the Richlands Area Ministerial Association (RAMA) participating. Since Easter came early this year and the weather was unseasonably cold, a large number of regular attendees were not able to attend even though the service was held in the mausoleum. Therefore, the listeners were able to be a part of the service through the broadcast.

ADVICE FOR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS IN THE HOME

There are so many obstacles to healthy marriages and parent-child relationships. Husbands, wives, parents, and children need someone to encourage them to "stay the course" and to give them sound advice in how best to handle their various relationships with other family members.

Program: "Family Talk with Dr. James Dobson"

Dates: Weekdays at 5:05 p.m.

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

Dr. James Dobson, founder of the popular Christian ministry known as "Focus on the Family" and best-selling author, now has a different radio ministry. He produces a ninety second weekday program that packs a lot of punch into a small amount of time. "Family Talk with Dr. James Dobson" allows Dr. Dobson to share great wisdom from his decades of experience in studying dynamics in the home and helping to improve marriages and families. He covers such topics as teenage rebellion, single parenting, adoption, marital fidelity, etc.

PROMOTING LOCAL MUSIC ARTISTS

One way WGTH is able to serve our community is by promoting local artists' music on the radio. The rural Appalachian musical style that is characteristic of most of the local artists is quite popular regionally. However, few of the artists have the means to have their music promoted outside the area.

Program: "The Hometown Gospel Hour"

Dates: Sunday mornings from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Guests: Individuals and groups from around the listening area

Every Sunday morning, local artists are featured on "The Hometown Gospel Hour" from 7 a.m. till 8 a.m. In addition, quite a few of the artisits' selections are played at various times throughout the week. Because many of the artists are preachers or individuals and/or groups that sing in area churches, they are very popular with most of the listeners and quite well received.