

# WGTH ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

## SECOND QUARTER 2023

### APRIL – JUNE

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Informing senior citizens and their caregivers of various opportunities for such things as: socialization, free medical assessments, useful product giveaways, and entertaining events designed with seniors in mind is an important function of the radio station. Another aspect of helping seniors is to remind them of healthy practices – whether physical, mental, or spiritual – that can improve the length and quality of their lives. Knowledge of available resources is life-changing for some seniors and their caregivers... especially those with limited finances.

Program: Recorded news segment regarding socialization and seniors

Dates: May 29, 2023 @ 8:42 am & May 30, 2023 @ 7:41 am

Duration: 1 minute 20 seconds

Guest: Caleb Perkins, Executive Assistant at the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens (AASC)

During an interview with Caleb Perkins, Executive Assistant at the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens (AASC), the question arose regarding the importance of socialization for senior citizens. Caleb's response as to the value of socialization was so compelling that it was used as a news segment in order to encourage seniors to get out and spend time with others. He cited several benefits – such as improved mental and emotional health – that, ultimately, lead to better physical health. AASC encourages the recipients of their meal programs, if possible, to eat with other seniors when meals are served at the AASC Senior Sites.

Program: Prerecorded infobits regarding AASC's Annual Spring Fling

Dates/Times: May 12 – 20, 2023, at various times throughout the day

Duration: 2 minutes/Aired 36 times

Guests: Brian Beck, CEO, and Caleb Perkins, Executive Assistant at AASC

Brian Beck, CEO at AASC, and Caleb Perkins, Executive Assistant at AASC, invited listeners to AASC's Annual Spring Fling. (Annual except for being interrupted by COVID in 2020 and 2021.) They announced that the 2023 event would be on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until 1 pm. The event location is the AASC Headquarters at 216 College Ridge Road, off Route 19, near Southwest Virginia Community College. Brian and Caleb shared additional specifics, including where visitors could park and information about scheduled transportation from the AASC Senior Sites.

Brian was pleased to announce that Clinch Valley Medical Center would be sending medical personnel to provide several free health screenings. He named the screenings that would be available and that fasting was preferred for a more accurate cholesterol assessment.

Since May 20<sup>th</sup> was Armed Services Day, it was appropriate to include a special salute to veterans and active duty personnel during the annual opening ceremonies conducted by Casey-Shortt VFW Post 9640.

#### PREVENTION AND RECOVERY FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Drug and alcohol abuse recovery is extremely challenging. Recovery almost always requires significant assistance over an extended period of time. Recovery is more likely to be effective when experienced counselors and/or people that have successfully recovered are involved in helping those in need.

Program: Interview during a live remote from M & E Antiques & Vendor Mall

Date/Time/Duration: May 13, 2023/Approximately 12:40 pm/5 minutes

Guest: Sharon Kitts with "Hearts and Horizons" and "Substance Abuse Taskforce in Rural Appalachia"

During a live remote from M & E Antiques & Vendor Mall, Sharon Kitts explained the purpose of the Hearts and Horizons booth and explained what the ministry is about. Hearts and Horizons, is a prevention and recovery resource center for women who want to recover from substance abuse. According to Sharon, she ministers to women... especially those with alcohol issues. Many of those she ministers to are fresh out of prison. The ministry is linked to Substance Abuse Taskforce in Rural Appalachia (SATIRA)... another nonprofit organization. The two join with other area substance abuse organizations to help with recovery.

Most of the resources provided for the women in recovery are paid for by fundraisers and by donations. The Hearts and Horizons booth at M & E Antiques & Vendor Mall serves several purposes. The booth promotes the presence of the ministry and its mission to help with prevention and recovery. The space in the mall has been given to them, rent free, by Earl Keene who owns the business. Therefore, all the profits from the sales of antique, vintage, and yard sale type merchandise goes to the ministry. Additionally, the booth provides a place where people can donate new and used items for the benefit of the ministry.

### ENCOURAGEMENT FOR FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION

Opening one's home to an unknown person or persons can be very intimidating... especially if there may be permanence involved. Becoming a foster parent, or a foster family, requires a strong determination and commitment to care for others regardless of the potential difficulties they may bring with them or cause after placement. Likewise, adoption is a huge commitment that is a lifelong ministry. Both demand love, time, and dedication. That being said, there is a tremendous need for loving families to share that love and their resources with neglected and/or abused children and teens.

Program: Interview during the live remote at the Second Annual Sam Whited Memorial Gospel Music Convention

Date/Time/Duration: June 3, 2023/approximately 12:45 pm/10 minutes

Guest: Shawn Porter, representing The Porter Family, Southern Gospel singers

During an interview with Shawn Porter of the Southern Gospel singing group, The Porter Family, he shared about his experiences growing up in a very special family. Will and Betty Porter, his parents and the other two members of The Porter Family, chose to be child care workers for the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina and have served at the home for more than thirty years where they care for abused and neglected boys. He is proud of his parents' work and the National Child Care Worker of the Year Award they, jointly, received in October 2019, at a special ceremony in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Although he and several brothers were biological children born to Will and Betty, they had a very large "family" and had to share their parents. He admitted that it had been a little frustrating to have his parents' attention divided among so many children, but he realized that the other boys needed a loving home with compassionate parents that could raise them to become fine, mannerly young men.

He, also, enjoyed the extra fun that came with “bonus” brothers. Now, Shawn realizes that, even though his parents work very hard in caring for these boys, they consider this to be their ministry and love “loving on” kids. To Will and Betty, it’s not a sacrifice, but it’s a calling... one they are happy to answer and fulfill.

Shawn’s attitude toward his parents’ ministry became more compassionate and understanding when he realized the options. Thinking about what the abused and neglected boys had suffered and what their lives would be like without parents like his made him want to be “on board” with their ministry. In fact, he and his siblings were a part of ministering to the other boys. He has great respect for child care workers which, also, includes foster parents and families and those who adopt.

## KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL PARENTING

There are no fail-safe methods of parenting that produce perfect children without any issues. However, there are many things a parent can do and ways in which a parent can live their life in order to best insure having a positive outcome with their child... both relationally and for eternity. Shaping a life that has to endure difficulties, hardships, criticism, and other adversity... while, at the same time, teaching them to respond with kindness, thoughtfulness, gentleness, and love is exceedingly challenging.

Program: Interview during the live remote at the Second Annual Sam Whited Memorial Gospel Music Convention

Date/Time/Duration: June 3, 2023/approximately 2:45 pm/12 minutes

Guest: Eddie Street, local evangelist and Gospel singer

Since Father’s Day was just a couple of weeks away, it seemed quite appropriate to ask questions regarding fatherhood and parenting of several of the singers that were interviewed during the Second Annual Sam Whited Memorial Gospel Music Convention at the Government Center in Lebanon, Virginia. There were many great comments and suggestions from various artists at the event. Evangelist Eddie Street had some, particularly, sound advice about parenting. Eddie’s advice came from Scripture, from personal experience as a child and as an adult, and from lifelong observations he has made.

Eddie has enjoyed a wonderful relationship with his daughter, Jessica, who used to sing with him when she lived at home with her parents. Now that she is

married and has children, Eddie has established great relationships with them, also. According to Eddie, time invested in children is important. Often, that time must be intentionally scheduled in order for it to happen. How that time is spent is important, too. Emphasizing Bible reading, prayer, and worship at church was a large part of what Eddie and his wife desired for Jessica and for their family time. More than simply establishing a routine, the reasons why these activities were important and life-changing were discussed and lived out in front of Jessica. Engaging in family activities of all kinds provides lifelong, treasured memories.

Children, also, must know that their parents, genuinely, care. Fathers must protect and provide for their families. Eddie emphasized discipline and respect. Although it's important for children to respect their parents and other adults, truly successful parents are, also, respectful in how they speak to and act toward their children. Most important of all to Eddie as a father and a grandfather, is the spiritual development of his family.

#### PROMOTION OF AREA FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Area festivals and other events serve the local communities in several ways. First of all, they provide opportunities to gather with family and friends in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere. A second benefit is the economic value of these events to the local economy. Thirdly, most of the local events include a variety of activities that provide something for everyone... usually including food and music. Though this description of benefits is by no means exhaustive, two additional benefits include the boon they provide to both community pride and unity.

Promoting area festivals and events is a privilege and responsibility of the local radio station. In most cases, audio invitations and promotional information are recorded with the voice of the person or persons most familiar with each event. Specific dates, times, locations, and other significant details are included in order to help both the event planners and the participants.

Program: Prerecorded infobits regarding the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Honaker Redbud Festival

Dates/Times: April 10 – 16, 2023/33 total at various times throughout the day – (most events taking place on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>)

Guests/Durations: Members of the Honaker Redbud Festival Committee

Josh Barrett – Concert on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> featuring Ralph Stanley II and the Clinch Mountain Boys/31 seconds

Suzette Mutter – Redbud Breakfast/29 seconds

Jim Baldwin – Redbud Festival Bird Walk/1 minute 30 seconds

Ann Taylor – Redbud Festival Arts & Crafts Show & Community Yard Sale/50 seconds

– Redbud Festival Car & Truck Show/40 seconds

Jeff Hess – Redbud Festival Family Fun Day (Games & Entertainment)/1 minute 4 seconds

Diane Fuller – Redbud Festival Pet Show/1 minute 15 seconds

– Redbud Jam Tent/20 seconds

C. H. Wallace – Redbud Poker Run Canoe Race on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> /60 seconds

Each aspect of the Redbud Festival was promoted by a Honaker Redbud Festival Committee member responsible for, or involved with, that activity.

Program: Interview during the live remote at the Second Annual Sam Whited Memorial Gospel Music Convention

Date/Time/Duration: June 3, 2023/2:11 pm/4 minutes

Guest: Mayor Tony Dodi of the Town of Lebanon, Virginia

During an interview with Mayor Tony Dodi of Lebanon, Virginia, he invited the radio listeners to come out to the Second Annual Sam Whited Memorial Gospel Music Convention and to the following weekend's special two-day music festival known as "Cedar Fest." Mayor Doty, also, talked about the upcoming Fourth of July festivities including the parade, the all-day celebration on the Lebanon Middle School grounds, and fireworks. Other summer events that he highlighted were the Big Rig Showdown on July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and the Beach Party on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Program: Prerecorded infobits promoting area Independence Day events

Times: Each event was promoted at various times throughout the day on the dates given.

\*Infobits for the Richlands Freedom Festival on June 30, 2023

Dates and Duration: June 19 – 24, 2023/1 minute 13 seconds/Aired 30 times

No Guest. In-house recorded information about associated activities and the fireworks display

\*Infobits for the celebration and fireworks display in the Town of Tazewell on July 1, 2023

Dates and Duration: June 27 – 30, 2023/30 seconds/Aired 25 times

Guest: Vanessa Rebentisch, Tazewell Today Executive Director

\*Infobits for the celebration and fireworks display in the Town of Honaker on July 3, 2023

Dates and Duration: June 27 – 30, 2023/29 seconds/Aired 25 times

Guest: Josh Barrett, representing the Honaker Lions' Club