

WQTT QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT 3rd QUARTER 2019

Union County Matters is a 30 minute program hosted by news director Michelle Gatchell and revolves around current and future issues for Union County.

July 7: Union County Fair Manager Jennifer Hinderer told us what was happening at this years fair, new attractions and shows, prices and times. She also touched on the dinner to honor veterans, contests and more.

July 14: Mike Schnell from Delmar communications, talked about upcoming fair happenings. Invited all to stop by the WQTT stage for contests, live music and more.

July 21: Olivia Rositz form Pelatonia spoke about Pelatonia, explained what Pelatonia is and how you and your group can get involved, who it helps, and new things for this years event.

July 28: Marysville High School Principal Thomas Cochran gave us an update about the coming school year for Marysville. There are a lot of new things for the High school. He also touched on the upcoming Monarchs football schedule, new parent teacher relationships and expectations of the new grading system.

Aug 4: Marysville Schools Transportation Superintendent Tina Sherock told us what to expect for the new school year. She gave us insight into how they keep the buses up to date and safe, checking the roadways that the buses will use to make sure they're safe. She also told how the decide to call off school during bad weather and more.

Aug 11: Jennifer Thrush, Public Information Officer for the Union County Health Department gave us an update on health hazards for the new school year. She told us about the importance of immunizations for school children, for theis safety and the safety of others.

Aug 18: Union County Convention and Visitors Bureau chief Karen Eylon gave us updates on several topics. She told us what to expect at the upcoming hot air balloon fest and concert, how the music machine trails were doing throughout the county, and she talked about the upcoming Bicentennial celebration planned for Marysville.

Aug 25: Carmen Irving, Youth System Care Director of the Mental Health Board visited with us and talked about Pax Tools and how they are helping parents and those who work with children how to identify issues that might be causing them distress and how to deal with it.

Sept 1: Marysville Mayor J.R. Rausch, told us about Blackies Gang, a group of WWII airmen who never returned from the war, have been found. There is a grassroots movement to bring them back home to Union County. He told us how we can help and get involved.

Sept 8: Clayton Kuhles is the man who discovered Blackies gang. He told his story of finding the plane, verifying their dog tags, and the on going work to bring them home!

Sept 15: Navin Elementary School Principal Lynette Lewis, talked about the new school year. They are implementing new special programs for the students, as well as, how the new grading system will effect the students grades. She also talked about the changes that the parents should expect to see on the grade cards.

Sept 22: Donna Dickman, Ohio Certified Specialist, shared about events during September which is suicide prevention month. She told us what to watch out for, and who to contact if we knew someone who needed help or if we needed help ourselves.

Sept 29: Mill Valley Elementary Principal Amy McGlenn, talked about the new school year. She also told us why she loves working with children, and works to make sure that the teachers are ready to teach. She also talked about new programs like Tech are being introduced this year and what to expect.

OUR OHIO RADIO:

This is a 30 minute program that addresses Agriculture and other topics throughout Ohio hosted by Ty Higgins from the Ohio Farm Bureau.

7/6/19 - Cyber Security - cyber security expert Mike Moran Joined Ty and discussed the issues facing all of us today with regards to cyber security and how to protect your personal and business accounts.

7/13/19 - Denial Ohio - Jennifer Martinez, director of clinical services with the Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Board, otherwise known as ADAMH in Franklin County and Chad Jester is the Vice President of Corporate Citizenship and President of the Nationwide Foundation. Talked about the new campaign to combat the opioid crises in Ohio

7/20/19 - Ohio's Amish Community - Susan Trollinger, an English Professor at the University of Dayton, talked about the impact the Amish community has on economics in rural Ohio, farming techniques, and how they stay in community within our modern culture.

7/27/19 - OSU Engineering College - Dr. David Williams, Dean of Ohio State's College of Engineering and Dr. Scott Shearer is Chairman of the Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering with the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. They joined Ty and talked about the future of farming in Ohio. From small to large scale improvements, equipment autonomy and more.

8/3/19 - Energy - Awesome Hok from Ohio's Public Utilities Commission and Sam Randahzo with the Industrial Energy Users of Ohio. They had answers for questions like, How much energy do we as consumers use on a daily basis? What energy sources are best for the future, and what can we do to use consume less energy today!

8/10/19 - Global Food Issues - Dr. Hughes is emeritus professor of food and marketing at Imperial College London. He talked with Ty about fast food deliveries and Grocery deliveries to your door and how those trends are developing here and around the world.

8/17/19 - OSU Athletics - Gene Smith, Athletic Director at The Ohio State University talked about the importance of sports throughout Ohio and how we can continue to have great student athletes and sports programs in rural areas. He also spoke about all the changes happening at The Ohio State University and excitement about the future!

8/24/19 - Ohio's Food System - Amy Rolling Magee, president of the Health Policy Institute. From farm to table, she told Ty just what it takes, and how we accomplish this in Ohio. Almost everything we consume is thanks to a farmer!

8/31/19 - Career Tech - Kristine Gardner, executive director of the Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education and Tim Harmon, director of customized workforce recruitment and training for economic development organization Columbus 2020. They joined Ty to talk about the need for skilled workers today, and the fact that a college education doesn't have to be the only path to good high paying jobs in today's economy.

09/07/19 - administrator of Ohio's Bureau of Worker's Compensation, Stephanie McCloud. Nearly a quarter of a million Ohioans are covered by Workers Comp. Ohio workers, families, businesses and communities are all effected by how well and how efficiently the Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp does its job. Stephanie educated us on just how the bureau gets it all done.

9/14/19 - Jeff Newman, who owns and operates multiple Columbus area McDonald's franchises. He talk with Ty about how such a large company impacts the ag industry, from farm to restaurant consumer, McDonalds affects us all on a global scale to local farmers as well.

9/21/19 - Chairman of Ohio State's Department of Animal Sciences is Dr. John Foltz. Animal farming in Ohio is big business. From Dairy to beef, hog farmers and horse breeding, the impact on Ohio's economy is staggering. John talked about where the history, where we are today, and how we will get to the future!

9/28/19 - Matt McClairin from Tourism Ohio. Tourism in Ohio is worth billions of dollars. Matt talked with Ty about all that Ohio has to offer it's residents and visitors alike, how we advertise our great state and upcoming events for the fall and winter in Ohio.