

COMMUNITY ISSUES PROGRAM LIST- WFMA  
First Quarter 2024 (January-April)  
Prepared by: Renata Kiss, FCC Compliance Assistant

The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WFMA, MARION, AL for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup>-April 10th. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Pacific Daylight Time.

1. Makeover
2. Addiction
3. Inflation
4. Childhood Obesity
5. Kids Creativity
6. Parents of Addicted children

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Description of Program</b>
Makeover	Closer Look	1/14/2024	7:00pm	29:07	<b>Closer Look:</b> Old Schools Get Free Makeovers Through Heart Of America Visit public schools across the U.S. and you travel back in time. “This country created the majority of its schools during the 1940s, 50s and 60s,” says Jill Hardy-Heath, President and CEO of <a href="#">Heart of America</a> . Disrepair deeply affects learning. “If you walk into a school where you have peeling paint and ceiling tiles that are falling, and things have not been updated – think about how that would make you feel.” HOA is committed to raising the spirits of those students and teachers. Fresh coats of paint are only the beginning. “We transform spaces,” she smiles. “Think about Extreme Home Makeover, but School Edition.”
Addiction	Closer Look	1/21/2024	7:00pm	12:55	<b>Closer Look: Gambling, Suicide Risk and Addiction Recovery</b> Gambling addiction is a leading cause of suicide in the United States. The thrill of the bet buries vulnerable gamblers deep in debts matched only by their secret shame. But stats prove you can win recovery, as 2 out of 3 people who seek treatment are able to stop. Rafael Sierra talks with Derek Longmeier of Problem Gambling Network of Ohio and Keith Whyte of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Need to talk? Call the National Problem Gambling Helpline: (800) 522-4700. <a href="https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/dollars-and-sense/closer-look-gambling-suicide-risk-and-addiction-recovery-3518">https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/dollars-and-sense/closer-look-gambling-suicide-risk-and-addiction-recovery-3518</a>
Inflation	Closer Look	2/4/2024	7:00pm	28:38	<b>Closer Look: Food Prices, Fight Inflation From Your Fridge</b> Food costs more these days. COVID-19 shutdowns drove up the price of labor, fertilizer and fuel needed to move crops from farms to factories to stores and eventually to your kitchen. What can you do? Should you panic buy? Comparison shop? Billie Wright checks in with Assoc Prof. Joe Balagtas at Purdue University and Jordan Page, lifestyle blogger and mom of 8 for proven tips on cutting your grocery bill.

Childhood Obesity	Closer Look	2/18/2024	7:00pm	14:46	<p><b>Closer Look: Tackle Childhood Obesity At Home, Church And School</b></p> <p>Millions of American kids suffer words like chubby or chunky – or fat – to describe their young bodies. The COVID-19 lockdowns only worsened already alarming levels of childhood obesity, as the CDC found the BMI (body mass index) in children ages 2-19 years old increase <a href="#">nearly doubled during the pandemic</a>. Excess weight weakens growing muscles and joints and can lead to juvenile diabetes or even trigger life-threatening asthma “Prevention is what we really want, right?” says Geri Henchy, Director of Nutrition Policy at the Food Research and Action Center (<a href="#">FRAC</a>). “We want kids to be in environments that are not obesogenic; where they’re gonna get healthy meals, where there isn’t a lot of junk food, where they have activities -- that’s really gonna make a difference for kids.”</p>
Kids creativity	Closer Look	3/3/2024	7:00pm	16:11	<p><b>Closer Look: Young Storytellers Outreach Brings Kid-Scripts To Stage</b></p> <p>Children feel the thrill of seeing their scripts come to life with the help of creative-writing mentors and local actors who volunteer to perform. Though based primarily in Los Angeles, the arts program Young Storytellers works to scale its success to other cities by providing free online videos educators can use to help students shape stories. Monika Kelly reports.</p>
Parents of Addicted Children	Closer Look	3/24/2024	7:00pm	28:41	<p><b>Closer Look: Parents Of Addicted Loved Ones Turn To PAL Groups For Support</b></p> <p>One of your kids is on drugs. Getting in trouble. Calling you over and over bail them out. You don’t know what to do. PAL Groups bring people together to swap stories and share strategies -- online or in-person. “<i>When we found PAL we’re like okay, we’re not alone, there’s other people who’ve been down this road.</i>” Monika Kelly reports.</p>

Jasper Walker County Community Foundation	Local News	2/4/2024	7:30pm	n/a	Jack Church talks with Paul Kennedy, President of the Walker Area Community Foundation in Jasper, Alabama. Kennedy talked about the positive impact the Foundation has had on the community since being established almost 25 years ago. The Foundation is a nonprofit, grantmaking organization building the permanent capital needed in the area to daily facilitate community conversations, inspire action, and empower partners. Since the Foundation's inception it has grown from \$6 million to \$81 million, all the while giving away \$26 million to more than 490 nonprofit organizations throughout Alabama.
Tuscaloosa Schoolyard Roots	Local News	3/3/2024	7:30pm	n/a	Jack Church talks with Nicole Gelb Dugat, Executive Director for Schoolyard Roots in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Dugat said Schoolyard Roots partners with a dozen Tuscaloosa-area elementary schools to bring learning to life through hands-on teaching gardens. Through their core program, Gardens 2 Schools, Schoolyard Roots bring project-based learning, outdoor exploration, and nutrition education to over 4,700 students in grade K-5. Dugat said the students learn both how to grow but also cook the vegetables they grow and any extra is set up and sold by the students.

