

STATION: WBGZ, Alton, IL

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ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LIST

Let's Talk – Mon-Fri – 10am-noon

Oct. 2, 2023

-Guests from Vintage Voices share details on the 2023 version of the tours at the Alton City Cemetery Oct. 7-8 and 14-15.

-We hear about new offerings with Alton Odyssey Tours including brick buildings, old haunts, local history, and craft beer.

Oct. 3, 2023

-Dr. Shelby Markel talks about her practice with kids and offers tips on keeping your family healthy this coming fall and winter.

Oct. 4, 2023

-Local Country Financial agent Jeff Lauritzen stops by and talks about his business and invites us to his ribbon cutting/open house on Oct. 6 for his "newer" office in Godfrey.

-Local 4-H Youth Development Educator Emily Reece

Oct. 5, 2023

-From the Legendary Mustang Sanctuary, founder Kathy Lewis takes time to fill us in on the group and invite us to take part in their music trivia night on Oct. 27.

-Local life coach, businesswoman and author Tara Hurst talks about the launch of a new book called "Perfectly Imperfect" and an upcoming conference for women on Nov. 4.

-The 16th annual Oktoberfest is back at St. Mary's Church in Alton Oct. 6-8 and event spokesperson Carolyn Simansky fills us in with all the details.

Oct. 9, 2023

-Guests Francella Jackson and Cedric Mitchell share how they support the society, the United Way, and about the upcoming Divine 9 Campaign Challenge.

Oct. 10, 2023

-We visited with local attorney Pat King from the Miller King Law firm to find out the best way to deal with wills, powers of attorneys, and more.

Oct. 11, 2023

-Club president Rodney Durr shares information about the club which is just 2 years old, and invites all to the chili dinner before the Roxana vs East Alton Wood River football game this Friday night.

-Marcy Jacobs of the Oasis Women's Center talks about the services they provide.

-Don O'Brien from the Better Business Bureau talks about how to avoid scams heading into the holiday shopping season.

Oct. 16, 2023

-Guests from the Alton Salvation Army on their upcoming Red Kettle campaign and other fall activities.

-Rev. Lisa Guilliams of the TWIGS kids summer lunch & school year pack-a-sack program on Let's Talk to discuss October 21st Jigsaw Puzzle Competition fundraiser and TWIGS outreach

Oct. 17, 2023

-Jennifer Kampwerth of the Madison County CAC talks about her career, the 20th anniversary open house and what's in store for the future of the organization.

-Hugh Halter from the Post Commons talks about starting the business, coffee, and being the Living Room of Alton.

Oct. 18, 2023

-Alton Police Chief Jarrett Ford talks about law enforcement topics in the city.

Oct. 19, 2023

-Melissa Erker from the Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery talks about the job opportunities available at the refinery and the importance of young people having a plan after high school.

-Tammy Iskarous and Rachael Craddick from Riverbend Family Ministries talks about their mission and invites you to their annual banquet on Nov. 2

Oct. 20, 2023

-Local musician talks about his contributions to a new book on the meaning of life.

Oct. 25, 2023

-Brandon Sheppard, Jade Avedasian, and Danny Smith talk about the local auto racing scene.

-Frances Young, PT, Manager of Rehab & Sleep Services at OSF St. Anthony's

Oct. 26, 2023

-We hear from Lee Cox and Brant McCance about the upcoming musical comedy A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder opening Nov. 10.

-Three AHS students share details about the fall play, Night Watch, on stage at Alton High Oct. 26-28 at 7pm. Tickets at the door are just \$8

Oct. 31, 2023

-Pastor Brandon Metcalf invites listeners to attend "Surviving the Holidays" if they are dealing with grief during this time of year. The event is Nov. 12 from 3-4:30pm at the church in Bethalto.

-Scott Isringhausen is back to talk about the final fishing and owl program of the year on Nov. 3 and there's still time to catch the last of the fall colors which are at their peak this week.

Nov. 1, 2023

-Claywell Asset Management is once again spearheading the event coming up on November 11 in Alton and open to all veterans and their immediate families.

Nov. 7, 2023

-Alton native Jenny Gaume talks about her contribution to the book "Perfectly Imperfect"

-Guests from the local New Horizons Band invite listeners to their USO show this weekend at the Godfrey K of C Hall

Nov. 9, 2023

-We chat with Alton High School Sophomore Student Karson Elkins and his father Ron about their experiences. You can follow them on Instagram, Facebook, & TikTok at K Gene Racing.

Nov. 13, 2023

-Our local Salvation Army captains share the good news about the work being done in Madison County and the need for bell ringers this holiday season.

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-Karen Lintz and Margaret Freer ask for your help in supporting the United Way Community Christmas campaign.

Nov. 14, 2023

-Frank Miles from Alton Works shares news on plans for an updated hotel feasibility study for downtown Alton.

Nov. 15, 2023

-Melissa Erker from the Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery talks about company giving for the holiday season.

Nov. 16, 2023

-Pride Fitness owner Todd Laux invites you to the Thunderdome for a special workout on Thanksgiving Day to support Patches and Badges for Kids.

-Local resident and Alton High grad Jude Runyon talks about joining the Army this year and continuing his career serving the country.

Nov. 20, 2023

-Elisabeth and Tiffany from Theodora Farms in Godfrey talk about the retail store, their commercial kitchen, and the Holiday Market on Dec. 9

Nov. 21, 2023

-Tina Rowe from Dan's Garage Door Service joins the show to talk about the business as part of the Small Business of the Month award.

-Gene from Riverbend Head Starts stops by as the featured non-profit guest during Let's Talk with the Riverbend Growth Association.

Nov. 22, 2023

-Local Folds of Honor member Frank Kuchnicki talks about the group, who they support and how you can help the families of fallen service members and first responders.

-From Freezin' For Funds - Trisha Perks, and Cami Jo Giertz, Craig Lombardi talk about the upcoming fundraiser for the community.

-Joshua Young, Josh Perkins, Keith Gilchrest, and Crystal Wilson share information about the Alton Community Boxing Club.

-Pat Stewart from Pride Inc., stops by to invite us to attend the fundraiser for the area beautification organization. This year, the roastee is Karen Wilson.

Nov. 28, 2023

-Guests from the Alton High School band program and ABOB talk about the musicians and the upcoming BIG craft fair at Alton High Dec. 2-3

Nov. 29, 2023

-Gary and Jane Ashsay join the show to share details about the Christmas Village in Central Park, their weekend events on Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 17 and how long you can see the lights.

-Chris Kamp visits the show from OSF Hospice at St. Anthony's Hospital

Nov. 30, 2023

-Raynard Brown and Paul Guccione from the GRCS invite us to hear the concerts on Dec 8-10 in Alton and Godfrey

Dec. 4, 2023

-Becky White from the United Way talks about how you can support their 100 Neediest Cases campaign.

-Crystal Officer from Beverly Farm and Kelley Brooks and Chantay White from the AKA Sorority UPO chapter talk about an upcoming service project on the Beverly Farm campus to fully reopen the Community Day Program.

Dec. 5, 2023

-Maestro Shane Williams joins the show and talks about the upcoming holiday concert on Dec. 9 at LCCC and the rest of the season in 2024.

-Hayner Executive Director Mary Cordes invites us to the Local Author Book Fair on Dec. 9, talks about the Library of Things, and we hear about the other free services offered through the library.

Dec. 6, 2023

-Brad Winn and Ben Pollard from the Lewis and Clark State Historic Site talk about the Arrival event this weekend

-Bud and Gail Schultz share an invitation to attend the next concert from the New Horizons Band on Dec. 10 at the Godfrey K of C Hall.

Dec. 7, 2023

-Organizer Margaret Hopkins reminds us about this year's event on Dec. 16 at the Alton National Cemetery and while there is construction at the site, all are welcome. Note: the stairs at the cemetery are under construction so access will only be by walking up a slight hill.

-Kris Juelfs from the U of I Extension Office talks about holiday food prep safety.

Dec. 11, 2023

-Local music man Eddie Hitchcock is back to talk about singing, music and a special Christmas concert at the Bridge Church Dec. 17 at 6pm open to anyone!

-Mandie Ernst from the ACS and Rob Schwartz from Busey Bank talk about the work of the American Cancer Society in the Metro East.

Dec. 12, 2023

-Guests from the Alton Salvation Army staff, board and volunteers as part of the annual Salvation Army Children's Day on The Big Z.

Dec. 13, 2023

-Don O'Brien with the Better Business Bureau looks at holiday season scams and how to avoid them.

Dec. 14, 2023

-Guests from the Alton Community Service League share details about their annual fundraiser at Alton Square Mall through Dec. 24.

Dec. 19, 2023

-The Riverbend Growth Association monthly show featured the December Small Business of the Month, Jeff Lauritzen from Country Financial.

-Brianna Anderson from Big Brothers Big Sisters of SW Illinois talk about the mission of the group and how you can become a volunteer.

-Dr. Dan Berg and Nurse Practitioner Kristine Groppe from BJC Convenient Care in Godfrey talk about being healthy during the holiday season.

Dec. 20, 2023

-Psychotherapist Vanna Lenhardt and Stacey Knox from OSF Health Care St. Anthony's Hospital talk about the services offered to patient through OSF

Dec. 21, 2023

-We remember long time Big Z Outdoors Show host Larry Reid as this month marks two years since his passing. Thanks, Larry, for all you did for the Big Z and promoting the outdoors!