

WLVL-AM Public File 2024 Q1

Interviews on "Wake-Up Niagara" 6am – 9am Monday through Fridays – each interview is 8 – 10 minutes long.

1/3 – LUCA QUAGLIANO – Lockport Fire Chief gave a rundown of the previous year's statistics regarding the number of calls, fires, and the activities of the recently enlisted ambulance service for the city.

1/5 – BEN STUCKEY, DANI KELKENBERG, AND RUTH VERRATTI from Lockport C.A.R.E.S. gave details about the upcoming fundraiser, "Coldest Night of the Year" that will benefit the homeless shelter in Lockport that does not receive government funding.

1/8 – MIKE LANDERS – President of Howell Motors Ford also serves on the board for the Lockport Salvation Army explained the need for volunteers especially during the cold winter months when the shelter is open on code blue nights.

1/10 – C.J. URLAUB – Vice President of Catholic Health in Niagara County gave a quarterly report since the new Lockport Memorial Hospital opened in the fall.

1/12 – RICK ABBOTT – Niagara County Legislator for District 13 gave us an update on the Legislatures activities and explained the upgrades to the county owned golf course which have proven to be beneficial.

1/17 – DAVE KINYON – President of the Lockport Locks Heritage District reported on the success of last season and the dedication of the lock tenders' memorial tribute which is part of the tourist attractions in Lockport.

1/25 – JOHN SYRACUSE – Newfane Town Supervisor shared the details of the year-long bicentennial celebration for the town including the kick-off dinner scheduled for March.

1/26 – CLAUDIA TENNEY – US Congresswoman for NY 24 spoke of the worsening conditions at our northern borders including Niagara County.

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2/5 – JOHN COOPER JR. – E/D of the Niagara Gospel Mission in Niagara Falls spoke about the ever increasing need to house homeless men in the area. He described the process the mission approaches the residents with and its effectiveness.

2/8 – BEN FRESCH – Coordinator for “Every Child” a foster care and adoption ministry that helps families in crisis in Niagara County.

2/8 – PAUL GURNETT – Scoutmaster with Lockport Scout Troop 82 shared some of the community projects that his scouts are involved in as they work for their Eagle Scout designation.

2/12 – RAY WIGLE – Director of the Discovery Center in Lockport gave a listing of upcoming activities that will be offered at the center and how visitors and tourists can learn about the history of the locks along the Erie Canal.

2/16 – STEVE ABBOTT – Lockport Police Chief addressed the issues of the crime rate in Lockport and the importance of recruiting and retaining qualified police officers.

2/19 – DAN COLPYS – E/D of the Mental Health Association in Niagara County listed the various services offered to county residents to help them deal with mental health issues as this is continuing to be a major concern in the county.

2/23 – BECKY WYDYSH – Niagara County Legislative Chairman talked about several topics including the importance of fighting downstates’ attempt last year to bring in illegal aliens to the county. The concern was the cost as Niagara County is not able to take on the additional expenses.

2/28 – BILL CLARK – President of the Olcott Lions Club sharing the details of the upcoming “Polar Bear Swim for Sight” at Olcott Beach in Lake Ontario. This will be the 55th annual swim raising funds to help the blind and handicapped in our area.

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3/4 – BILL WHITMORE – Chaplain at the Niagara County Jail explaining the importance of offering the inmates times of counseling and Bible study because of the impact on them as well as their families.

3/6 – CATHERINE SHICK – Public Relations Manager for FeedMore WNY talking about the ever-increasing need for food pantries in WNY and how they are helping to address the hunger issue. Also, volunteers are needed.

3/7 – JOE JASTRZEMSKI – Niagara County Clerk spoke about the services offered in Niagara County for our war veterans. Details about the “Thank-A-Vet” program were explained in detail.

3/18 – DEACON STEVE SCHUMER – President and CEO of Catholic Charities in WNY gave details about the current fund drive and the goal of reaching \$9.5 million by June 30th.

3/20 – MIKA MAKELAINEN – News reporter for the Finnish Broadcasting Company in Finland spoke with us from his office to explain his hobby of DXing – listening to far away radio stations. He captured the WLVL signal on 1/19/24 nearly 4000 miles away and shared the recording with us.

3/21 – MAJOR TOM DUPERREE – Commander at the Lockport Salvation Army told us the 140th anniversary of the Lockport Citadel will be celebrated in May during the National Salvation Army month. Many services being offered were also talked about.

3/27 – ANGELO MORINELLO – NYS Assemblyman and former judge spoke from Albany about the ongoing state budget process and suggested it will not be on time again this year. He said many of the problems exist because of the dividedness between upstate and downstate lawmakers. A situation that has existed for a long time in New York State because of the one-party ruling. Illegal alien migration was also discussed.