

WCED FOURTH QUARTER 2023 ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

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10/5/23 8:35 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Clearfield County Board of Commissioners

Michael Clement interviewed John Sobel, Clearfield County Commissioner who is running for re-election. There was discussion about the biggest issues affecting the county: the drug epidemic and mental health; and what can be done to combat the problems. The issue of rare earth minerals, and the importance of developing the industry in Clearfield County. There was also discussion about Children Youth and Services ... it's current status and views on funding; and the county's infrastructure needs such as water, sewage, bridges, and broadband.

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10/12/23 8:35 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Clearfield County Board of Commissioners

Michael Clement interviewed Dennis Biancuzzo, Democratic candidate for Clearfield County Commissioner. There was discussion about the biggest issues affecting the county: economic development...especially into rural areas of the county. The issue of rare earth minerals, and the importance of developing the industry in Clearfield County. There was also discussion about Children Youth and Services ... and views on funding and how it operates; and the county's infrastructure needs such as water, sewage, and broadband. Biancuzzo also spoke to the issue of running for office as a Democrat in heavily-Republican county.

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10/19/23 8:35 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Clearfield County Board of Commissioners

Michael Clement interviewed Tim Winters, Republican candidate for Clearfield County Commissioner. There was discussion about the biggest issue affecting the county: workforce development and workforce retention. The issue of rare earth minerals, and the importance of developing the industry in Clearfield County was discussed. There was also discussion about Children Youth and Services ... how it's funded (80% from the state, and 20% county); and the county's infrastructure need of broadband broadband. Winters also spoke to the issue of running for office and wanting to eliminate the "Clearfield/DuBois divide."

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10/26/23 8:35 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Paranormal Activity (Halloween Special)

Michael Clement interviewed Carrie Rupert of Paranormal Gridders. Carrie spoke about a visit to Salem, Mass. last year as well as visits to “haunted houses” in New England. She also spoke about her experience of seeing a full body apparition in October 2020 ... a cloaked woman.; and a visit to Hillview Manor in News Castle for an experience with “Mary.” Michael and Carrie discussed their belief that these are spiritual experiences, and the existence of good/evil being in the spirit world.

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11/2/23 8:35 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Clearfield County Board of Commissioners

Michael Clement interviewed Dave Glass, current commissioner and Democrat candidate for Clearfield County Commissioner. There was discussion about the issue of rare earth minerals, and possibly developing the industry in Clearfield County. Glass said it is a great initiative, and would be a “win-win” situation in helping to clean the environment and move to energy independence. There was also discussion about Children Youth and Services ... how a new contract and raises was a priority for the commissioners. There was a lot of time talking about the county's infrastructure need of dependable broadband service. Glass said, “The importance of the broadband issue today is what electricity was 100 years ago.” Glass also spoke to the issue of finding common ground and ways to collaborate.

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11/9/23 8:35 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Veteran's Day

Michael Clement interviewed Paul Sprague, Chaplain of the DuBois VFW Post 813. Sprague served more than 20 years in the U.S. Army. He talked about the importance of celebrating Veteran's Day, and teaching others about why we have a Veteran's Day. Sprague gave details of his own history and experiences in the Army especially experiences during Basic Training, and active duty in Iraq in 2003. He also praised the efforts of local organizations and a young man, Levi Strong, in honoring veterans.

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Issue: Mental Health/Suicide

Michael Clement interviewed Dr. Ginavra Gibson, Columbia International University, Columbia, SC.

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Issues: Mental Health/Suicide

Michael Clement interviewed mental health advocate, Daniel Cable. Daniel share statistics of suicide in Clearfield County. He spoke about why he wanted to share his personal story following the recent suicide of a significant member of the DuBois community. Daniel talked about his childhood experiences with sexual abuse, getting into trouble with the law and his mental health struggles. It lead to two different suicide attempts due to the shame and guilt he experienced. Daniel also shared a personal message and advice to anyone who is having struggles with mental health or suicidal tendencies.

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12/7/23 8:35 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Arts and Culture in DuBois

Michael interviewed Perry Winkler and Brian Musser. Winkler is the co-founder of Winkler Gallery and Art Education Center in DuBois ... Musser is the President of the Board of the group. Winkler spoke of his personal history, how the art gallery began 22 years ago and how it has developed over the years. Musser spoke about the growth of the gallery, and how it became a non-profit organization. Both spoke about the upcoming Christmas open house celebration. They also provided an update on the "Paint the Town" Mural Project for DuBois.

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12/14/23 8:35 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Legacy of Fred Rogers

Michael interviewed John Pozza, author of "Conversations From the Neighborhood." John talked about why he wrote the book: He's an advocate for early learning, and a big fan of Fred Rogers and the common principles he taught. Pozza spoke about Mr. Rogers' legacy of being calm and deliberate, and how he made you want to listen ... he was authentic, and a great listener. The book is a series of interviews John had with several individuals who worked closely with Fred Rogers.

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12/21 and 28/23 8:35 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Christmas

Michael interviewed Anthony Caiola, Pastor of Awaken 514 Church in Clearfield. Caiola spoke about Christmas, and why it is a special time of year, even for those who may not consider themselves Christian. Caiola also spoke about why Christmas is such an important time for Christians, and how God, through His Son, Jesus, fulfills our expectations. Pastor Caiola also told the story of his calling to become a pastor. He also shared Bible verses regarding the Christmas message.