

WZSR-FM 105.5

Crystal Lake, Illinois

Quarterly Issues/Programming Report for January through March 2024

During this quarter, WZSR gave particular attention to the issues listed in the following report. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority of importance.

Issue: Blue Star Banner Program

Program Name: Northwest Spectrum

Air Date: 01/07/24

Duration: 15 minutes

Description: Interview with Donna McAnally, the Executive Director, and Jerry Shaffer, Vietnam veteran. We discussed the Blue Star Banner program in Crystal Lake that recognizes active and retired military members. Donna talked about the 6-foot tall banners that are placed on display on Hero's Row on Route 14 in Crystal Lake for a period of six months. Also discussed was the annual ceremony to distribute those banners to the service members or their families.

Issue: Jacob Keltner Blood Drive

Program Name: Mornings with Joe & Tina

Air Date: 01/08/24

Duration: 5 minutes

Description: McHenry County Sheriff's Deputy Keltner was slain in the line of duty in 2019. Since then his family has held a blood drive in his honor. Joe and Tina provided information about the drive which collected 215 units this year.

Issue: Child Advocacy Center

Program Name: Northwest Spectrum:

Air Date: 01/14/24

Duration: 16 minutes

Description: Kate Webster, the Community Outreach Coordinator for CAC of McHenry County, talked about how the CAC helps abused and neglected children find a safe environment to be interviewed in and discuss their legal proceedings against the offenders. They emphasized the importance of letting the victims be interviewed by trained personnel in a comfortable, non-threatening environment to solidify a case.

Issue: Our Little Story

Program Name: Northwest Spectrum

Air Date: 01/21/24

Duration: 16 minutes

Description: Interview with Lisa Laterza, Debbie Nobel and Maebelle Obispo about their non-profit organization that supports abused, neglected and at risk children and adolescents in the McHenry and Lake county area. We discussed the home based service that they provide and how to reach out to them if their services are needed

Issue: Live4Lali

Program Name: Northwest Spectrum

Air Date: 01/28/24

Duration: 18 minutes

Description: Chelsea Laliberte Barnes discussed the suicide crisis in our society and how you can recognize some of the signs of someone considering taking their own life. She talked about what can be done to help those contemplating suicide. Chelsea was the Keynote Speaker at the recent McHenry County Mental Health conference and talked about her family's own struggles after her brother took his own life. we discussed the formation of her organization Live4Lali and their mission to help with mental health, substance abuse and suicide.

Issue: Our Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

Program Name: Northwest Spectrum

Air Date: 02/04/24

Duration: 15 minutes

Description: Becky Morris, Executive Director of CASA of McHenry County, discussed what CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) offers to abused and neglected children that are in the foster care system. She talked about how the volunteers are the advocates for these children in the court system. Also, discussed was the Illinois legislation that mandates there be a CASA representative for all foster children facing a court case.

Issue: Independence Health & Therapy

Program Name: Northwest Spectrum

Air Date: 02/11/24

Duration: 15 minutes

Description: John Buckley, Executive Director of Independence Health & Therapy discussed the organization's mission to help the elderly in the community to gain access

to mental and physical health treatment. We discussed the therapies that they provide both in office and in home for patients. Also discussed were their day programs and the activities they provide to help keep the elderly active.

Issue: Brick of Hope

Program Name: Mornings with Joe & Tina

Air Date: 2/13/24

Duration: 10 Minutes

Description: Adam Petraglia, the founder of the charity, discussed its origin and the events in his life that inspired its development. Bricks of Hope is designed to bring some positivity to children going through health issues in the hospital by providing them with Legos.

Issue: McHenry County Underground Railroad

Program Name: Northwest Spectrum

Air Date: 02/18/24

Duration: 19 minutes

Description: Gloria Van Hof and Pamela Althoff talked about their involvement and research into the McHenry County area's participation in the Underground Railroad. Gloria talks about her many years of research of the people and places that were associated with the movement. Pamela discussed the formation of their partnership and the development of the virtual tour of many of the locations they found to have a part in the Underground Railroad in the McHenry county area.

Issue: Bricks of Hope

Program Name: Northwest Spectrum

Air Date: 02/25/24

Duration: 15 minutes

Description: Adam Petraglia, Founder and Executive Director of Bricks of Hope, returned to discuss how through his own childhood illness he decided to create the organization. We talked about how Bricks of Hope collects and distributes Lego toys to children undergoing medical care in hospitals throughout Lake, McHenry, Kane and Cook County. The mission is to help distract children from the complexity and pain of their treatment through play. We also talked about how people can donate and volunteer to the organization.

Issue: On Angel's Wings Pet Rescue & Resale Store

Program Name: Northwest Spectrum

Air Date: 03/03/24

Duration: 14 minutes

Description: Vanessa Candoe, a volunteer, talked about the rescue and adoption program at On Angel's Wings located in Crystal Lake. She also stressed the need for funding and volunteers. Vanessa talked about the Resale Store at the Crystal Lake site that sells a variety of items including home décor, furniture and clothing. All proceeds help fund the organization which incurs the cost of rescuing different animals and nursing them back to health before an adoption can be done.

Issue: Holy Apostles Church Food Program

Program Name: Northwest Spectrum

Air Date: 03/10/24

Duration: 16 minutes

Description: Interview with Rick Pizarick, the organizer of the church's free food distribution program. We talked about how the program began and grew since its inception at the beginning of the pandemic. We also discussed the need for food for many families in the Lake and McHenry county area, how the program acquires the different food donations and how it is distributed weekly.

Issue: Child Advocacy Center

Program Name: Northwest Spectrum

Air Date: 03/17/24

Duration: 16 minutes

Description: Kate Webster, the Community Outreach Coordinator for CAC of McHenry County, returned to share more about how the CAC can help abused and neglected children with their legal proceedings against their offenders. We also discussed their upcoming fundraiser, Bags, Bourbon and Bingo, which is a fun night to create awareness of the program and raise money for its operation.

Issue: Charity Texas Hold 'Em Tourney

Program Name: Mornings with Joe & Tina

Air Date: 03/23/24

Duration: 8 minutes

Description: Benefit for the Steve Gavers Foundation. We talked with Gary Castaldo who executed the tournament for the Steve Gavers foundation. The event included area celebrities and raised money to fight cancer.

Issue: Habitat for Humanity

Program Name: Northwest Spectrum

Air Date: 03/24/24

Duration: 14 minutes

Description: Dorian Hare, Events and Marketing Manager for Habitat for Humanity, discussed the different events and builds currently in process. We talked about their involvement in the building of the McHenry Riverwalk Shops, the start of the construction of new homes in Harvard and the importance of the Restore Resale Shop in McHenry to help fund the organization. Also discussed was the upcoming fundraiser "Sip & Shop" happening at the resale shop and the need for volunteers and funding.

Issue: BRIDGES

Program Name: Mornings with Joe & Tina

Air Date: 03/27/24

Duration: 6 minutes

We talked about the opening of the Bridge in Crystal Lake. Their mission is to provide clothes, toys, and more to children and families across the area through Kids in Need of McHenry County. Joe also went to the opening and ribbon-cutting for the facility.

Issue: BRIDGES

Program Name: Northwest Spectrum

Air Date: 03/31/24

Duration: 15 minutes

Description: Robert Ridley, Program Director of the BRIDGES from District 156 High School, discussed the importance of the educational transitions program for 18-22 year old students with disabilities. He discussed the program's goal to provide an authentic learning experience in which students make products, sell them and manage a storefront location in McHenry. The program teaches them important life skills as they transition into adulthood. Alice and Patty, two current participants, talked about what their day to day activities are within the program and what it has taught them.