

COMMUNITY ISSUES PROGRAM LIST- WYXA
First Quarter 2021 (January-April)
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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WYXA, CLARKSBURG, WV for the period of January 1st-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. School-at-home
2. Canines for Christ
3. Veterans
4. Kids' mental health
5. Covid-19 Impact
6. Domestic Abuse
7. Solo Parent Society

Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
School-at-home	Closer Look	1/11/2021 - 1/17/2021	7pm	28:56	CLOSER LOOK: SCHOOL-AT-HOME: Advice For Distance Learning, Homeschooling Socially-distanced schooling in the age of COVID-19 has been bumpy for parents who feel inadequate as teachers. For some families, the shutdown drove disillusionment with public school curriculum, prompting a leap to homeschooling. Whether you homeschool or embrace distance learning, experts insist that school-at-home can indeed work for you. K-LOVE's Billie Branham reports. Related Links: https://www.accessmore.com/
Canines for Christ	Closer Look	1/18/2021 - 1/24/2021	7pm	15:09	CLOSER LOOK: Tails Wag For People In Need: Canines For Christ Dogs...just get us. They have this innate ability to sense when we are in pain, to share in our joy, to cuddle up when we need it most. A dog ministry, Canines for Christ, reaches into people's lives when they need that comfort. Related Links: https://k9forchrist.org/
Arts & Crafts Ease PTSD In Veterans	Closer Look	2/1/2021 - 2/7/2021	7pm	16:46	CLOSER LOOK: Arts & Crafts Ease PTSD In Veterans Help Heal Vets has distributed more than 30-million arts and crafts kits – model cars, leather work, jewelry, needlepoint, clock-making – provided to veterans free of charge. But does art therapy work? “Yes,” assures CEO Captain Joe McClain. "Got it's start in WWI and has been used by clinicians in every conflict throughout." K-LOVE's Bob Dittman reports.

Kids' Mental Health	Closer Look	2/8/2021 - 2/14/2021	7pm	27:44	<p>CLOSER LOOK: Help For Kids Suffering Sadness, Anxiety In Pandemic</p> <p>The digital age exposes modern kids to bad news and bitter opinions their parents never knew. "Social media, media, news, political unrest, all these things that once kids were mostly sheltered from – now they're seeing them 24 hours a day," notes Julie Lowe, licensed counselor and author of Childproof and Building Bridges: Biblical Counseling for Children and Teens</p> <p>Related Links: https://www.ccef.org/building-bridges/</p>
Covid-19 Impact	Closer Look	2/28/2021	7pm	28:07	<p>CLOSER LOOK: Families Living On One-Income, Possible? (K-LOVE Closer Look) – Families with two working parents sometimes wonder – could we make it if one of us lost our job? COVID-19 layoffs forced the question on thousands of households, and for others the pandemic reignited serious table talk about money. "We live in a culture that I would call a 'two-income world,'" says budgeting expert Mary Hunt. She readily admits the challenges of living on one income. "But here's the good news – yes! yes you can do this."</p> <p>Related Links: https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/dollars-and-sense/closer-look-families-living-on-one-income-possible-1248</p> <p>https://www.air1.com/news/closer-look/dollars-and-sense/families-living-on-one-income-possible-1249</p>
Domestic Abuse	Closer Look	3/7/2021	7pm	28:34	<p>CLOSER LOOK: Quarantine Drives Spike In Domestic Abuse</p> <p>Pastor Paul Cole, president of the Christian Men's Network, has been deeply concerned by the quarantine effect on families already stuffed in a pressure cooker of unhealthy reactions.</p> <p>"A lot of times, we as men act out of anger, rage, disappointment – and we lash out at people," he says, and urges men in this trap to reach out for help. K-LOVE's Billie Branham reports.</p> <p>RELATED LINKS:</p> <p>The National Domestic Abuse Hotline 1-800-799-7233 https://www.thehotline.org/ The MEND Project - Educate. Equip. Restore Christian Men's Network</p>

Solo Parent Society	Closer Look	3/21/2021	7pm	29:15	<p>CLOSER LOOK: 'Solo' Parent Society Hosts Free Online Support Groups</p> <p>After 13 years of marriage, Robert Beeson suddenly found himself single. "My wife left me -- and left me with our three daughters who were 9, 7 and 4 at the time. It was the darkest season."</p> <p>Grappling with this new solo responsibility, the divorced dad turned to his church for comfort and support. He was saddened to find very few Christian resources address the deep loneliness and doubt that many single parents endure. Out of his own need to be part of a welcoming faith community, Beeson founded the Solo Parent Society.</p> <p>Related Links: https://www.accessmore.com/pd/Solo-Parent-Society</p>
Human Trafficking	Closer Look	3/28/21	7pm	13:21	<p>CLOSER LOOK: 'Without Permission' Educates Parents And Police On Human Trafficking</p> <p>Your teen meets a nice stranger at the mall. Or a guy she doesn't know likes all her posts on Instagram. What begins as flattery and flirtation has led thousands of kids -- kids just like yours -- down the dark and demeaning path to human trafficking. Groups like Without Permission urge parents to warn their teens about the tricks child predators use to trap victims. K-LOVE's Kindra Ponzio talks with CEO Debbie Johnson, CEO of Without Permission. 1509 K St, Modesto, CA 95354 209.622.0156</p>

<p>CASA of Harrison County (Clarksburg) WV</p>	<p>Local News</p>	<p>11/2/21</p>	<p>7:30pm</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>The foster care system in West Virginia in general and Harrison County in particular is bursting at the seams. Ms. Madia explained what CASA is and how long it's been in Harrison County and the United States. She then explained what the children went through when CASA did not exist. The need in Harrison County is overwhelming as the foster care system is overwhelmed. She then talked about CASA's values, making sure the children are safe, their dignity is upheld, and their best interests and needs are met. It's hard to imagine what these children who are taken from their homes and go to live with strangers go through. That's part of the CASA volunteer's job – to help the child express their needs and be a constant in their life. It's important to help the child understand them being in foster care isn't their fault and that it's not bad. The CASA volunteer also helps the foster family understand what's going on with the child. She then related a special story about CASA and a family of children who had no family they could live with and no available foster family. CASA was able to find a teacher who had connected with the children and the teacher eventually adopted the children! CASA strives to make sure the children know they're loved and wanted. Ms. Madia then explained the difference between a guardian ad litem and CASA volunteers and told how the volunteer is matched with a child. There are never enough volunteers to serve all the children. There is no typical CASA volunteer – they're just people who want to make a difference in a child's life. Volunteers get training and there is annual in-service training as well and services are provided. She then described how the volunteer stays the constant presence as long as the child is in foster care, as caseworkers and foster parents might change. There has been a steady increase in neglect and abuse petitions in courts and the number one reason children enter the system is substance abuse and lately there has been more physical abuse. She said the volunteers love the work and helping the children, being present for them, and seeing the changes in them. Harrison County's judges are supportive of CASA. She then talked about CASA kids who have stayed in touch with their volunteers, including one of her own CASA kids. Ms. Madia said the need is here and if you're thinking about being a CASA volunteer there are kids who need you. She then gave contact information to get more information or to volunteer.</p>
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<p>Good News Mountaineer Garage provides vehicles state-wide</p>	<p>Local News</p>	<p>1/17/21</p>	<p>7:30pm</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Transportation for those trying to break out of poverty is a serious concern in mostly rural West Virginia. Mr. Wiles talked about Good News Mountaineer Garage's (GNMG) mission to provide vehicles to people who need them in West Virginia by fixing up donated vehicles. He then talked about GNMG's history and a new program they're starting to try to deal with predatory lenders charging high interest rates for very poor cars where GNMG will help the needy buyer get a good interest rate and then buy a vehicle that will outlast the loan, also helping build their credit score. West Virginia is a largely rural state with very limited public transportation, so having a vehicle is important in order to have a job, get to medical care, obtain food, etc. He then talked about the differences between the DHHR program and this new car purchase program. He then related two stories of cars that GNMG has given away recently. They gave away about 250 cars, 200 a year for DHHR and 50 for the Governor's Jobs and Hope program aimed at people in recovery from substance abuse disorder. They hope to increase that number in 2020. GNMG's leadership are Godly people who pray and ask God the lead. They have grown a lot in the last few years. Mr. Wiles then talked about the vehicle donation process and what happens to the vehicle after it's donated. GNMG doesn't make the decision on who gets the vehicle after it's ready to be given away. DHHR does that. Mr. Wiles takes a picture of the recipient with their "new" vehicle and a thank you note and gives it to the person who donated the vehicle. They will take almost any vehicle that's of value to sell and put the money back into their program. He then talked more in depth about the process of getting a vehicle and their new purchase program. GNMG goes over some basic car care details with the recipients before they leave with their vehicle and the new buyer's program will have more in-depth information. They've had former recipients come back and donate their own cars when their lives were better and also volunteer for the organization. They are blessed to have so many good board members and volunteers. They have one mechanic on staff in Charleston and the rest is handled by private mechanics. They do have volunteers and are always eager to have more. They have doubled their budget over the last few years and begun working with the Consumer Law Center to begin initiatives and perhaps take them nationwide. He hopes GNMG will have a positive effect on the entire state. Mr. Wiles then gave their contact information.</p>
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<p>Harrison County (Clarksburg, WV) 4H</p>	<p>Local News</p>	<p>1/24/21</p>	<p>7:30pm</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Youth programs help kids be active, learn, and become better citizens and leaders. Ms. Williams explained the 4Hs of 4H and what they mean, their motto and mission. 4Hers learn best when doing, She then described what 4H is today, and that's much more than farming. STEM is a large part of 4H, as well as health lifestyles, arts, and home arts. She talked about learning by doing, and there are 11 general clubs in Harrison clubs as well as two special interest clubs that meet throughout the 4H year. Cloverbud programming is for kids ages 5 to 8 and kids 9 to 19 are in 4H. COVID drove the county's 4H into a virtual format. They have a Cloverbud day camp and a sleep-away camp for older kids. Some community clubs do a club project and each member may do an individual project. Most clubs do some type of community service during the year. The new on-line enrollment system lets members sign up (a free program) and they then choose their project and each of those projects come with a book to help you learn about your project subject, and she gave examples of the projects. They're learning about more than just about their subject – they're learning leadership, planning, execution, research, and more. Projects are completed during the 4H year, which mirrors the school year. They then exhibit their project and they are judged. Harrison County doesn't have a fair so the projects are shown at a local mall. Winners go to a state competition at the West Virginia State Fair. Ms. Williams talked about how leadership and citizenships are explored in 4H clubs and the summer camp. Older members mentor younger members at the camps and have certain types of project books for them as well. Many 4Hers come back to help with clubs and camps even after they are older. Ms. Williams grew up on a farm and in 4H and she was in clubs from a young Cloverbud. Her favorite part of working at the Extension Service is working with youth all over the county and state, allowing them to explore their interests and seeing the great things members are doing. She then gave contact information for adults who want to become volunteers and kids who want to join.</p>
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