

WDSN THIRD QUARTER 2023 ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

CONTACT

7/9 and 16/23 5:05 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Youth Boxing/Kastle Turnabout

Michael Clement interviewed Greg and Avianna Gillaugh of DuBois. Avianna is the #1 ranked Junior female boxer in the U.S. at 110-pounds. She is 16-years old and has recently been invited to attend the U.S. Olympic Training Center in California. Avianna spoke about her introduction into boxing at age 9, her current training regimen, her involvement with Kastle Turnabout, her recent participation in the Junior Olympics in Texas where she won the silver medal, and her upcoming participation in an International Women's Tournament in Toledo, Ohio. Greg spoke about the Kastle Turnabout program and facility in DuBois, his own history and experience with boxing, and what it is like being his daughter's coach and trainer.

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7/23/23 5:05 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Youth Athletics and Mental Health

Michael Clement interviewed Albert Varacallo and Trey Moses. Albert provided details about the DuBois Dream basketball program, its history, the upcoming TBT national tournament on ESPN, and upcoming events and camps. Trey is a member of the DuBois Dream, a former Ball State player and Eastern Louisville H.S. standout. Trey told his personal story of struggling with depression and anxiety through college, and his experience of finding his close college friend, Zach, dead after taking his own life. Trey shared encouragement to those who struggle with mental health to realize "it's okay to not be okay," and to seek help and counseling.

CONTACT

7/30/23 5:05 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Drug Enforcement in DuBois

Michael Clement interviewed DuBois City Police Chief Blaine Clark and two officers serving on the city's Vice Unit. Chief Clark and the officers spoke about the drug problem in DuBois, steps that have been taken so far in addressing the problem, the first phase of the vice unit's enforcement effort, and the start of implementation of phase two of the effort – stepped-up communication with the police, and a new email address for anonymous tips.

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8/5/23 5:05 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Clearfield County Charitable Foundation

Michael Clement interviewed Mark McCracken, the Executive Director of the Clearfield County Charitable Foundation. Mark provided a history of the Foundation and its current status (value of endowments, scholarships, etc). Details were provided about how organizations can apply for grants from the Foundation, and the online portal which will become available August 7. Mark also gave details about various scholarships available in the DuBois area.

CONTACT

8/12/23

5:05 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Paranormal Investigation in the DuBois area

Michael Clement interviewed Dave and Carrie Rupert of Paranormal Griddler. Topics discussed included the history of Paranormal Griddler, beliefs regarding the existence of a Bigfoot creature(s), the team's various experiences in the woods while investigating, talking with witnesses in the area, sightings on Rockton Mountain, in the Black Moshannon Forest, and near Bennezette.

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8/19/23

5:05 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Back-to-School for DuBois Area School District

Michael Clement interviewed Chuck Pasternak, Principal of DuBois Area High School; Jeff Wilson, School Police Officer at DuBois Area High School; and Deidre Smith, Student Counselor at DuBois Area High School. Pasternak spoke about the preparations for back-to-school in the DuBois district and how parents and students alike can be prepared for the new school year. Wilson spoke about safety in the schools. Smith spoke about the importance of education, various activities and clubs available for students, and mental health awareness.

CONTACT

9/3 and 10/23 5:05 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: City of DuBois/Herm Suplizio Legal Situation

Michael Clement interviewed two journalists with Spotlight PA – Angela Columbus and Min Xiang. Both Columbus and Xiang spoke about their experience as journalists, and the type of reporting they do with Spotlight PA. Both talked about the Herm Suplizio/City of DuBois story, and elements of the story that stand out to them.

CONTACT

9/17/23 5:05 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Michael interviewed Stacey Risinger, a Prevention Specialist with the Clearfield-Jefferson Drug and Alcohol Commission. Topics discussed included: FASD awareness, the cause of FASD, how it is prevented, and ways to combat the stigma which causes many women to avoid speaking about with their doctor about FASD.

CONTACT

9/24 5:05 AM, 25:00 minutes

Issue: Development in Downtown DuBois

Michael interviewed Julie Stewart and Shirley Dahrouge regarding the non-profit organization, Downtown DuBois Inc. Stewart is the outgoing, interim executive director ... and Dahrouge is coming in as the new executive director. The details, history and description of the Downtown DuBois Inc organizaion and what it does was provided. Details were given about recent and upcoming events, plus the recent parking study which was provided for the City of DuBois.