

Public Affairs Program CONTACT

The program airs Sundays on the following stations:

7:30 A.M. WRQN  
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January 4, 2015

Guest: Chris Kozak, Spokesperson, Columbia Gas  
Topic: Human Services, Utilities  
Discussion: We discuss the many programs available to help households in financial difficulty to maintain their natural gas service.

January 11, 2015

Guest: Lee Conklin, Anchor, WTVG-TV  
Topic: Politics, Crime  
Discussion: This is an informal chat with the anchor of the 6:00 and 11:00 news on WTVG. We discuss what we consider could be the big stories locally in the coming year, why we think this, and the ramifications possible on the Toledo area. Primary among the stories is the new Promedica development in downtown Toledo, the efforts to prevent algae in Lake Erie, and the efforts of the new police chief to fight crime.

January 18, 2015

Guest: Toledo State Representative Teresa Fedor  
Topic: Crime, Human Services, Government  
Discussion: Excerpts from the annual Human Trafficking Awareness event at the Ohio Statehouse hosted by State Representative Teresa Fedor of Toledo. She opened the session by calling human trafficking the slavery of our time. The presentations included discussion on the severity of the issue and steps state and federal lawmakers are taking to address it.

January 25, 2015

Guest: Toledo City Councilwoman Sandy Spang

Topic: Municipal government

Discussion: Sandy Spang is a new member of the city council. We discuss her major issues. Also, time was spent discussing the city budgeting process and how citizens can offer input.

February 1, 2015

Guest: H.P. Dewquist, Director of the National Guitar Hall of Fame

Topic: Entertainment and culture

Discussion: Mr. Dewquist is organizing a major exhibit at the tax levy-supported Imagination Station. The exhibit is on the history of the guitar and its influence on music.

February 8, 2015

Guest: Dean Sparks, Executive Director of Lucas County Children Services

Topic: Child abuse prevention

Discussion: We discuss how to recognize child abuse/neglect and how to report it. Mr. Sparks spoke about the signs of a potential abuser young women should look for in selecting men who would be around their children.

February 15, 2015

Guest: Erin Thomas, Associate Director Upward Bound at the University of Toledo

Topic: Race relations

Discussion: February is Black History Month. We discuss why we celebrate Black History Month, how recognition of black history is changing perceptions, and the many activities being planned to commemorate the month.

February 20, 2015

Guest: State Representative Teresa Fedor

Topic: Child trafficking/prostitution

Discussion: This was a recording of the proceedings from the Ohio State House where Rep. Fedor hosted her annual conference on human trafficking. Much of the discussion was about pending legislation to address the issue.

March 1, 2015

Guest: James Momenee, Multiple Sclerosis Foundation

Topic: Medical issues; human services

Discussion: March is MS Awareness Month. We discuss what MS is, how to recognize the symptoms, and support groups that are available.

Guest: Lisa Comes, Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: Entries are being taken for the first CommUNITY Film Fest. The CommUNITY Film Festival's mission is to inspire audiences, promote inclusion, and celebrate the everyday lives of people with disabilities. This unique event focuses exclusively on amateur video. The event celebrates contributions made to the community, challenges assumptions, and enhances respect for individuals with disabilities.

March 8, 2015

Guest: Douglas Siebenaler and Chris Keran, Sunshine Children's Home

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. We discuss the nature of developmental disabilities, services offered, and the move to break down attitudinal barriers that stand in the way of full access to employment, housing and social activities for persons with developmental disabilities.

March 15, 2015

Guest: Tim Yenrick, Director, Greater Toledo Red Cross Chapter

Topic: Human Services; Disaster Preparedness

Discussion: March is Red Cross Awareness Month. We discuss the services offered by the Red Cross including disaster preparedness, support to military families, and first aid training. We also discussed how people can be trained as Red Cross volunteers.

March 22, 2015

Guest: Jeff Sailor, Director of the Toledo Zoo

Topic: Community resources, education

Discussion: The tax levy supported Zoo is opening its new Aquarium. We discuss the new features of the aquarium and its educational programs.

March 29, 2015

Guest: Karen Mathison, Executive Director of the United Way of Greater Toledo

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: The United Way has a master plan on how to use money that has been collected in the most recent fund-raising campaign. The United Way is focusing on education, health, and employment.

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April 5, 2015

Guests: Bill Gill and Lance Dasher, Toledo Area Metropolitan Council of Governments

Topic: Local transportation issues

Discussion: To call attention to the discussion about transportation issues, such as improving roads, utilizing the rails, and making more bike trails, several special events are planned in the coming weeks. One big issue to discuss is the importance of public transportation.

April 12, 2015

Guest: Ronnie Bachman

Topic: Disability issues

Discussion: Ronnie is a double amputee – no legs. Yet he has become a successful motivational speaker. People with disabilities have abilities and should be recognized for them.

April 19, 2015

Guest: Vicki Obee, Director of Bittersweet Farms

Topic: Disabilities issues

Discussion: April is Autism Awareness Month. Vicki's program focuses on improving the lives of individuals with autism. We discuss what autism is and how our understanding of how to help individuals with autism is growing.

April 26, 2015

Guest: Deborah Ference

Topic: Bullying

Discussion: Deborah Ference is known as “Amazing Debi.” We talk about her epilepsy, childhood bullies, the brain surgery that changed her life, and her new book.

May 3, 2015

Guest: Lee Conklin, local television news anchor

Topic: Current events; what makes the news

Discussion: We discuss the big stories of the day locally and their potential ramifications. We also discuss what makes the newscasts and what events are ignored, and why.

May 10, 2015

Guest: Roy Cherry, Director, Epilepsy Center

Topic: Disabilities issues

Discussion: We discuss the myths surrounding epilepsy, what might cause epilepsy, and what can be done for persons with epilepsy.

May 17, 2015

Guest: Ken Leslie, founder of Veterans Matter

Topic: Veterans Issues

Discussion: We discuss the issues many veterans are facing trying to find appropriate housing. Ken’s group is working to maximize available dollars to solve this problem.

May 24, 2015

Guest: Sandra Drabik Collins, the widow of the recently deceased mayor of Toledo

Topic: Local politics

Discussion: Sandy has decided to seek election to the unexpired term of her late husband. She discusses how she would implement the remaining planks of his platform.

May 31, 2015

Guest: Douglas Siebenaler, Sunshine

Topic: Disabilities issues

Discussion: We discuss a major fundraising event for persons with developmental disabilities, The Black Swamp Fair. We also discuss efforts to assist people with developmental disabilities become more fully integrated into community life.

June 7, 2015

Guest: Karen Mathison, President, United Way of Greater Toledo

Topic: Social Services

Discussion: What are the major issues the United Way will address with the funds raised from its latest campaign? What has been the success rate so far?

June 14, 2015

Guest: Gary Corrigan, Partners in Education

Topic: Education

Discussion: Partners In Education is a non-profit organization which develops and fosters partnerships between area schools and northwest Ohio businesses, government agencies, organizations and churches.

June 21, 2015

Guest: Deborah Ference

Topic: Bullying

Discussion: A repeat of an earlier program. Deborah Ference is known as “Amazing Debi.” We talk about her epilepsy, childhood bullies, the brain surgery that changed her life, and her new book.

June 28, 2015

Guest: Andi Norman, Toledo Zoo

Topic: Tax dollars, programs for youth

Discussion: We talk about how the tax dollars from the recent levy campaign are being spent and the summer programs at the Zoo for children.



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July 5, 2015

Guests: Shelly Pappenfuse, Ability Center of Greater Toledo

Topic: Transportation options for people with disabilities

Discussion: We discuss the importance of public transportation for persons with disabilities and efforts to maintain TARTA services in the suburbs.

July 12, 2015

Guest: Andi Norman, spokesman for the Toledo Zoo

Topic: Toledo area recreation

Discussion: We discuss the summer activities schedule of the Toledo Zoo, a facility supported by local property taxes.

July 19, 2015

Guest: Professor Tony Jenkins, University of Toledo

Topic: Humanitarian efforts

Discussion: We discuss the World Peace Initiative at the University of Toledo and the expectations for the upcoming world conference on the campus.

July 26, 2015

Guest: John Martin, Director, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: Director Martin explains the Governor's new Employment First Initiative, which is working to increase community employment opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities.

August 2, 2015

Guest: Erin Thompson, spokesperson for Social Security Administration

Topic: Retirement planning

Discussion: Erin discusses ways to make Social Security planning easier.

August 9, 2015

Guest: Ronnie Bachman

Topic: Social Services

Discussion: Ronnie is a double amputee – no legs. Yet he has become a successful motivational speaker. People with disabilities have abilities and should be recognized for them

August 16, 2015

Guest: Theresa Pollock, Ohio Department of Transportation

Topic: Transportation

Discussion: We discuss transportation issues in the greater Toledo area, including planning and current highway maintenance.

August 23, 2015

Guest: Sarah Otis, YMCA

Topic: Parenting

Discussion: We discuss how a parent should shop for a good day care facility, what to look for, questions to ask.

August 30, 2015

Guest: Donna Seed, Lucas County Children Services

Topic: Social Services

Discussion: There is a need for foster parents in our community. We discuss who should consider foster parenting and the training that is offered.

September 6, 2015

Guest: Wendy Gramza, President, Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce

Topic: Business

Discussion: We discuss why the Chamber is opposed to Issue 3, which would legalize recreational marijuana in Ohio.

September 13, 2015

Guest: Karen Mathison, President, United Way of Greater Toledo

Topic: Social Services

Discussion: What are the major issues the United Way will address with the funds raised from its latest campaign? What has been the success rate so far?

September 20, 2015

Guest: Bill Gill, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments

Topic: Transportation

Discussion: We discuss future plans for rail transportation service through the Toledo area and upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Central Union Terminal.

Guest: Aaron Weisbod,

Topic: Education

Discussion: We discuss the upcoming Regional Transition Expo, which is designed to link families of children with special needs with available services in the community.

September 27, 2015

Guest: Wendy Granza, President, Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce

Topic: Business/Economic Development

Discussion: We discuss efforts by the Chamber of Commerce to market the Toledo area to not only prospective businesses but also to young career-minded people.

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### October 11, 2015

Guest: Jeff Sailor, Director, Toledo Zoo

Topic: Elections

Discussion: We discuss the upcoming Issue 11 to support the Toledo Zoo.

Guest: Todd Crandall, Director, Racing for Recovery

Topic: Substance Abuse

Discussion: We discuss efforts to prevent substance abuse and that recovery is possible.

### October 18, 2015

Guest: Sandy Bolen, Executive Director, Alzheimer's Association

Topic: Health and Welfare

Discussion: We discuss diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease and the importance of support groups.

Guest: Bob Huber, Executive Director, Goodwill Industries

Topic: Services for people with disabilities

Discussion: We talk about how Goodwill Industries provides vocational training, who would qualify, and how donations are used to fund services.

### October 25, 2015

Guest: Pam Hayes, Director and Founder, The Arms Forces

Topic: Services for veterans

Discussion: We discuss the issues for veterans who have traumatic brain injuries and the services provided.

November 8, 2015

Guest: Dan Rodgers, Director, Cherry Street Mission

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: We discuss ways to help provide Thanksgiving dinners for persons who are homeless.

Guest: Aaron Weisbod,

Topic: Education

Discussion: We discuss the upcoming Regional Transition Expo, which is designed to link families of children with special needs with available services in the community.

Guest: Tracy Edwards, Executive Director, National Exchange Club

Topic: Veterans Benefits

Discussion: The Exchange Club is taking a lead in activities that recognize Veterans Day

November 15, 2015

Guest: Zach Stewart and Joe Okos, founders of Feet on the Street

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: Feet on the Street is once again working with the Toledo Police Department and area retailers to provide Christmas gifts to impoverished children in Toledo.

November 22, 2015

Guest: Patty Powers, Easter Seals

Topic: Human Services, Charities

Discussion: We discuss the year round work of Easter Seals to prevent birth defects and the support groups it offers to parents of children who have been born with disability.

Guest: Sister Suzette Fischer, Double ARC

Topic: Health and Welfare

Discussion: Double ARC runs a clinic to diagnose children born with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. The message to young pregnant women is that FAS is 100 percent preventable—don't drink alcoholic beverages while pregnant.

#### November 29, 2015

Guest: Ronnie Bachman

Topic: Social Services

Discussion: Ronnie is a double amputee – no legs. Yet he has become a successful motivational speaker. People with disabilities have abilities and should be recognized for them.

#### December 6, 2015

Guest: Jill Borkowski, Maumee Valley Save-a-Pet

Topic: Pet Care

Discussion: What are the steps we can take to reduce the growing problem of feral animals? We discuss the importance of spaying and neutering.

Guest: State Representative Teresa Fedor

Topic: Government

Discussion: The Toledo State Representative is a leader in sponsoring legislation to reduce human trafficking.

#### December 13, 2015

Guest: Brad Toft, Director, Greater Toledo YMCA

Topic: Human Services; Children's Services

Discussion: The Y has a new membership program that makes memberships more affordable

Guest: Julie Malkin, Lucas County Children Services

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: There is a need for more foster parents. Training for prospective foster parents is provided at no cost and new classes will begin soon.

December 20, 2015

Guest: Toledo City Councilman Rob Ludeman

Topic: Local government

Discussion: We discuss several issues that are facing the City of Toledo, including economic development, street repairs, and the renewal of the income tax.

December 27, 2015

Guest: Steve Madewell, Executive Director, Metroparks of Greater Toledo

Topic: Recreation, safety

Discussion: We discuss the recreational opportunities available in the tax-supported metroparks. We also address the upcoming hunt in the parks to cull the deer population and safety precautions that will be taken.