

Public Affairs Program CONTACT

The program airs Sundays on the following stations:

8 A.M. WMIM
7:00 A.M. WWWM
7:30 A.M. WRQN, WKKO
6:30 A.M. WXKR,
6:15 A.M. WLQR,
6 A.M. WRWK

January 8, 2012

Guest: Paula Ross and David Seeger, Toledo Choose Local

Topic: Economic Development

Discussion: Toledo Choose Local's Mission is to promote the growth and development of locally-owned, independent businesses in the Toledo area, as well as to educate the public about the benefits and economic impact of choosing local. Toledo Choose Local does not have a staff, and our activities are conducted entirely by our volunteer board and our Members.

January 15, 2012

Guest: Keith Burwell and Dean Monske from the Northwest Ohio Brand Council

Topic: Economic Development

Discussion: The Northwest Ohio Brand Council's vision is to make The Toledo Region the destination of choice for tomorrow's leaders in the New Manufacturing Economy. The mission is to raise awareness and preference for the region in support of its ongoing economic development, education, tourism and quality of life goals.

January 22, 2012

Guest: Lee Conklin, news reporter and anchor, WTVG-TV

Topic: Local politics

Discussion: A scandal has shaken the City of Toledo Department of Neighborhoods. The discussion centers on how the mayor and his administration is handling the situation. We also discussed the

redrawn 9th Congressional District and its ramifications on the upcoming election.

January 29, 2012

Guest: Al Purdie and Steve Miller, Huntington Center

Topic: Marketing Toledo

Discussion: Mr. Purdie and Mr. Miller represent the two largest venues for attracting shows and entertainment to Toledo. We discussed how Toledo is marketed and the success of the Huntington Center and the SeaGate Centre.

February 5, 2012

Guest: Julie Malkin, Lucas County Children Services

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: Training classes for new foster families are starting. The county is currently 100 families short of the number needed for the foster family system. The discussion revolved around the need for foster parents, who would qualify and the training required.

February 12, 2012

Guest: Melissa Miller, Political Science Professor, Bowling Green State University

Topic: Politics

Discussion: The discussion centers on the presidential race, especially the highly contested republican campaigns. Dr. Miller reviews the campaign rhetoric and makes astute observations.

February 19, 2012

Guest: Robin Isenberg and Lisa Canales from the National Alliance for Mental Illness

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board must trim \$2 million for its budget. Many agencies addressing the needs of persons with mental illness will lose funding. The discussion focused on what can be done. We also discussed the stigma surrounding mental illness.

February 26, 2012

- Guest: Pam Hays from the Arms Forces
- Topic: Human Services
- Discussion: The Arms Forces helps people who have traumatic brain injuries, especially returning soldiers. Ms. Hays, herself, has TBI and talks about the difficulty of recovery, misunderstandings of TBI, and the stigma.

March 4, 2012

- Guest: Scott Osterfeld, Chief Operating Officer, Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals
- Topic: Human Services
- Discussion: This is Mr. Osterfeld's speech from the Statehouse rally to kick-off March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Other comments came from John Martin, the Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. The theme was "Our Community is better together."

March 11, 2012

- Guest: Gus Mancy and Moussa Salloukh, Toledo area restaurant owners
- Topic: Charity events
- Discussion: The upcoming Taste of the Nation – Toledo will be charity event sponsored by local restaurant owners to raise money to help in the effort to end childhood hunger.

March 18, 2012

- Guest: Deanna Wadsworth, Maumee Valley Chapter, Romance Writers of America
- Topic: Charity events/professional support
- Discussion: Book lovers event is Saturday. This event helps new authors with technique, finding an agent, and publishing. This event is held in association with the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

March 25, 2012

Guest: Debi Beeman, Manager, Employment Connections, a services of the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Topic: Employment of persons with disabilities

Discussion: March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The discussion revolved around techniques and trainings used to find employment for persons with disabilities, including job coaching. The Governor has signed an executive order that makes employment the first consideration when employing persons with developmental disabilities.

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April 1, 2012

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

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: Child abuse, reporting and detection. Last year, Lucas County Children Services investigated 5100 allegations of abuse or neglect.

April 8, 2012

Guest: Kara Steele, Life Connections of Ohio

Topic: Human Services/Health

Discussion: Organ donation, myths and realities. The discussion also focused on the need and how an individual can become an organ donor.

April 15, 2012

Guest: Chad Bingman, Executive Director, Ronald McDonald House

Topic: Human Services/Health Care

Discussion: The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities and the impact on families with children that are hospitalized. The organization is launching a capital campaign to build a new House.

Guest: Elain Jensen, Director, United Way Women's Initiative

Topic: Education

Discussion: Author Stacey Bess will be the keynote speaker at the organization's Spring Event. This is the story of a teach that worked with homeless children.

Guest: John Mangus, Toledo Board of Realtors
Topic: Economy/Housing Market
Discussion: Status of the housing market, how to know if you can afford the home you want, how to prepare to ask for a loan. The Board of Realtors has its open house weekend next weekend.

April 22, 2012

Guest: Barb Yavorcik, Assistant Director, Autism Society of Ohio
Topic: Human Services/Education
Discussion: April is Autism Awareness Month. The discussion focused on defining the autism spectrum, needs of families, and pending legislation.

April 29, 2012

Guest: Kim Reno, Cystic Fibrosis Care Center
Topic: Human Service/Health Care
Discussion: What is CF and what are the current treatments.

May 6, 2012

Guest: Pam Hayes, Director of the Arms Forces
Topic: Health Care
Discussion: This organization helps returning veterans who have a traumatic brain injury. The discussion focused on their needs and how difficult it is for them to deal with this condition.

May 13, 2012

Guest: Tom Palmer, Lucas County Government Reform Committee
Topic: Government
Discussion: For the last couple years, Lucas County has explored the idea of changing its form of government. After study by a special group investigating the idea, a plan and petitions are being circulated.

May 20, 2012

Guest: Lori Young, President, Wood County Humane Society
Topic: Animal rescue; government
Discussion: The discussion included suggestions on the best treatment of pets, why neuter our cats and dogs, and the upcoming wine and cheese benefit.

May 27, 2012

Guest: State Representative Teresa Fedor of Toledo
Topic: Crime
Discussion: The state legislature has passed her bill increasing penalties for human trafficking. Toledo is the most active area in the country for human trafficking. The legislation also provides a safe haven for young women who have been kidnapped into human trafficking/prostitution.

June 3, 2012

Guest: Scott Carpenter, Public Information Manager, Toledo MetroParks
Topic: Recreation
Discussion: A review of the summer activities planned for the MetroParks and the plans for the new MetroPark that will be built in downtown Toledo along the waterfront.

June 10, 2012

Guest: Melinda Miller, nurse
Topic: Charity fundraiser
Discussion: Melinda Miller, shares her story of her family's battle with lung cancer and the upcoming Free to Breathe 5K Run/Walk that is taking strides to defeat this awful disease.
Guest: Jill Borkowski, Humane Ohio
Topic: Feral animal problem
Discussion: Humane Ohio has a lot going on – we're spaying and neutering cats for just \$20 (normally \$45) for the entire month of June thanks

to our “NO Father’s Day (male cats) and “Beat the Heat” (female cats) promotions, and we’re fixing and microchipping Lucas County pit bulls for \$5! It’s breeding season so we want to remind people that there’s a low-cost spay/neuter clinic in town and make sure they know about our current specials before they find themselves with an accidental litter of puppies or kittens that are expensive to care for and contribute to pet overpopulation.

June 17, 2012

Rebroadcast of previous week’s program

June 24, 2012

Guest: Jeff Sailer, the new Director of the Toledo Zoo

Topic: Community event/resource

Discussion: Jeff Sailer will assume responsibilities at the Toledo Zoo on August 1. The discussion revolved around his background and his vision of the future for the Zoo, which is a community resource supported primarily with property tax levies.

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July 1, 2012

Guest: Rick Brown, Maritime Academy

Topic: Education

Discussion: Using a recent graduate as the example, we discussed the success of this charter school, how charter schools, and the future of charter schools.

July 8, 2012

Guest: Jeff Sailor, Director, the Toledo Zoo

Topic: Public Service, Tax dollars at work

Discussion: Sailor is the new director of the Toledo Zoo. We discussed his background, new programs to expect at the Zoo, and the controversy of extending the Zoo levy into Wood County.

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Guest: Keith Burwell and Dean Monske from the Northwest Ohio Brand Council

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preference for the region in support of its ongoing economic development, education, tourism and quality of life goals.

July 22, 2012

Guest: Reed Steele, Flight Director, Challenger Learning Center
Topic: Education
Discussion: Challenger Learning Center teaches children and adults about the space program. Topics included what visitors expect at the Center and what programs are planned for the future.

July 29, 2012

Guest: Lynne Carroll, Make-A-Wish
Topic: Charitable Activities
Discussion: What is Make-A-Wish, how does it work, and how can citizens support it.

August 5, 2012

Guest: Jeff Alt, author and outdoorsman
Topic: Charitable Activities
Discussion: Jeff hiked the Appalachian Trail to raise money for Sunshine Children's Home, a residential facility for individuals with developmental disabilities. He then wrote a book about the adventure, with proceeds being donated to Sunshine. The discussion also highlighted the work that Sunshine does in areas of residential services and employment for persons with developmental disabilities.

August 12, 2012

Guest: John Trunk, Superintendent, Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Topic: Human Services
Discussion: John discusses services through the County Board of DD for persons with developmental disabilities.

August 19, 2012

Guest: Celine Woods, Lucas County Children Services

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: There is a growing need for foster families in Lucas County. The Lucas County Children Services Board is recruiting foster families and offering training and support for prospects.

August 26, 2012

Guest: Sister Suzette Fisher, Double ARC

Topic: Health and Welfare

Discussion: September will be Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Month. FAS is the leading cause of mental retardation and is 100 percent preventable if pregnant women did not drink.

September 2, 2012

Guest: Karen Bade, Assistance Dogs of America

Topic: Human Services and Charitable Activities

Discussion: What are assistance dogs and how are they trained. Reference was made to the organization's big fundraiser, *Dealin' for Dogs*.

September 9, 2012

Guest: Christie Grandsko, Daughter Project

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: The Daughter Project will run shelters for young women who were caught in human trafficking operations and are trying to make a fresh start in life.

September 16, 2012

Guest: Jane Moore, Interim Executive Director, United Way of Greater Toledo

Topic: Human Services, Charitable Activities

Discussion: The United Way has announced its campaign goal for 2012. The discussion focused on how the United Way surveys the community to determine in which areas it will spend the money raised in the campaign.

September 23, 2012

Guest: Cathy Pratt, Professor of Communication, Owens Community College

Topic: Politics

Discussion: Political campaigning has changed because of the internet, all news cable stations, and social networking.

September 30, 2012

Guest: Peter Navarro, author and filmmaker

Topic: Economic Development

Discussion: Navarro confronts what he calls the most urgent problem facing America today – the economic trade relationship China. Since China began flooding U.S. markets with illegally subsidized products in 2001, over 50,000 American factories have disappeared. This week Toledo is hosting a delegation of investors from China.

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October 7, 2012

Guest: Lisa Kovacek, University of Toledo

Topic: Human Services, Bullying

Discussion: Dr. Kovacek is the author of the book "School Shootings and Suicide." She discusses concepts from the book and how parents can recognize bullying with their children.

October 14, 2012

Guest: Jim Gee, General Manager, Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority

Topic: Government, Human Services

Discussion: This is the first of a two-part program dealing with a ballot issue in two Toledo suburbs that if approved would end public transit. We discussed the economic impact and also the impact it would have on residents of those communities that rely on public transit, such as the elderly and people with disabilities.

October 21, 2012

Guest: Members of a special task force from the Ability Center of Greater Toledo (formerly the Society for the Handicapped)

Topic: Government, Human Services

Discussion: This is the second of a two-part program dealing with a ballot issue in two Toledo suburbs that if approved would end public transit. We discussed the economic impact and also the impact it would

have on residents of those communities that rely on public transit, such as the elderly and people with disabilities.

October 28, 2012

Guest: Steve Madewell, Director, Metroparks of Toledo

Topic: Government, Community Services

Discussion: Steve is the newly appointed director for the Metroparks system. We discuss his background and his goals for the park system. The discussion also addressed how money from a levy on the November ballot would be spent.

November 4, 2012

Guest: Roy Cherry, Executive Director of the Epilepsy Center

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: Topics included what is epilepsy, treatments, causes, and support groups.

November 11, 2012

This was a special program on Veterans Day, highlighting the commemoration of the event and its history.

November 18, 2012

Guest: Dean Sparks, Lucas County Children Services

Topic: Human Services

Discussion: How the community can address the need for more adoptive and foster parents. Discussion also considered why the agency is asking for voter approval for a levy on the November ballot.

November 25, 2012

Guest: Dick Eppstein, Director of the local Better Business Bureau

Topic: Crime prevention

Discussion: We discuss strategies for not being duped when shopping on the Internet.

December 2, 2012

Guest: Chris Koczak, spokesman for Columbia Gas

Topic: Community services

Discussion: If you cannot pay your winter heating bills, what steps can be taken to avoid have your gas service shut off. We discuss available programs through the government.

December 9, 2012

Guest: Paula Ross, Toledo Choose Local

Topic: Local economy

Discussion: How buying locally during the holiday season would be good for the local economy

December 16, 2012

Guest: Julie Lyle, Lucas County Dog Warden

Topic: Government

Discussion: The dog warden has started a new fundraising effort to fund emergency care and treatment for abused animals. Also, it is time to renew dog licenses.

December 23, 2012

A special program provided by ABC News on how to deal with several winter issues, including returning unwanted presents, what to do if you lose electricity during a winter storm, and safety on a winter vacation.

December 30, 2012

A special program provided by ABC News recapping the top news stories of the year.