

WOAY-TV
REPORT OF LOCAL ISSUES

2nd Quarter 2017

April – May - June

WOAY-TV has identified these issues as critical to the communities it serves.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY

WV HEALTHCARE

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

THEATER & ARTS PROGRAMS

WOAY-TV has a commitment to the community and to addressing these and other problems and issues through Public Services and News Broadcasting. In accordance with FCC regulations, a list of issues and programming that address these issues have been compiled and this list covers issues on a quarterly basis.

WOAY-TV airs the following programs that fulfill FCC requirements. The enclosed list provides information about programming for the months of January, February and March 2016.

Forum-A locally produced talk show. This Public Affairs program addresses various topics of community concerns, both current and local issues and events. It is broadcast on Sundays and repeated with possible.

In addition, we air (3) hours live, local newscasts per day Monday thru Friday, and one (1) hour each on Saturday and Sunday.

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APRIL

April 2 – Guest Josh Jones of Hospice of Southern WV. Mr. Jones talked in general about what hospice has to offer patients and families. Mr. Jones also talked about fundraisers coming up for hospice, such as poker run and a sailing regatta. He mainly wanted to promote the “Auto Fair” fundraiser coming up in July. This is a big event held every year at the Raleigh County Airport on Friday July 14th and Saturday July 15th.

April 9 – Guest Ryan Snuffer, Director of Music for School of Harmony in Beaver, WV. School of Harmony is a school for anyone interested in any type of music. The school has started a program called “Budding Harmony” with two different classes for ages 1 to 4, and 4 to 6. And touched based about the four (4) new teachers that was brought on since the beginning of the year.

April 16 – Guest Margaret O’Neal, Director of the United Way of Southern West Virginia. They serve a 4 county area. Ms. O’Neal talked about their Biggest Fundraiser of the year, “Dancing with the Stars”. This is a local version of the ABC show that involves local leaders in the community in a Dancing Competition.

April 23 – Guest Sherri Brake, Author and Ghost Hunter. Ms. Brake has done 30 years of Ghost Investigations in West Virginia. Ms. Brake has written 8 books on Ghost in Coal Mines, Prisons etc. Ms. Brake also told of stories of paranormal activities in West Virginia including Mothman.

April 30 – Dee Sizemore, Executive Director of the Woman’s Resource Center. This is the organization to help battered woman in Southern WV. They have several big fundraisers each year but this one is usually their biggest, “Celebrity Night”. This year it on a Monday, May 8th from 5p-8p at various restaurants. That is when the “well-known celebrities” of the community work as waiters and waitresses at prominent restaurants around the area. Their tips and donations go to the Woman’s Resource Center as charity donations.

May

May 7 – Guest Jill Moorefield, Director of Events for the Beckley Parks & Recreations. Ms. Moorefield comes in once a year and gives us a rundown of events in Beckley during the summer months. She starts out with the Rhododendron Festival in the spring. The festival goes thru the Friday's in the Park performing bands in the summer. It ends with the fall event "Chili Nights" in October.

May 14 – Guest Leslie Baker, Director of Beckley Parks & Recreation and the Youth Museum. The Youth Museum is in its 40th year. She talked about improvements in the city pool, underground mine tours, and recreation areas for kids with disabilities. On May 22, they will have Founders Day at the Wildwood House (Founder of Beckley). Ms. Baker also ran down a list of activities all summer for the city parks.

May 21 – Guest John Wyatt, known as "The Appalachian". Mr. Wyatt does seminars on the Appalachian culture of the mountains. He talked about the upcoming anniversary of the massive floods in Rainelle. Mr. Wyatt was also a prison minister and talked about time he spent inside the prison walls with the prisoners. Mr. Wyatt also sung a few Appalachian songs that he use to do on a regular bases as a singer. He also talked about growing up in Johnson Country that was home of moonshine and Nascar.

May 28 – Guest Andy Davis of Active Southern WV. Mr. Davis was here to tell us about Active Southern WV is a non-profit organization to try to get people active and fit. They come up with many programs that are designed to get people of all ages active. They deal with school kids and senior groups, and everyone in between. They have started some trails activities and state park programs.

June

June 4 – Guest Melanie Terry of “One Voice” of West Virginia. This is a non-profit faith based organization to treat substance abuse in Raleigh and Wyoming County. The Raleigh County office is located on the campus of West Virginia Tech. One Voice helps substance abusers and also their families that are dealing with the problem. They have a training session for volunteers coming up next month.

June 11- Guest-Scott Hill of Theater West Virginia. Theater West Virginia is celebrating their 57th year of performance including their feature performance of “Hatfield’s and McCoy’s”. This takes place at an outside amphitheater in a state park. Mr. Scott also talked about the “Rocket Boys” festival that will be coming up in September.

June 18 – Guest Andy Austin of the New River Transit Authority. This is public transportation for the Raleigh County area. They operate 13 buses and he told us the routes that the buses offer on a daily basis. They partner with the local colleges to bus students and they operate a ticket window for the Greyhound Live.

June 25 – Guest Lee Leftwich, Director of the “Muster Project” in Raleigh County. This program has been around for 27 years and deals with troubled youth in the county. They have a teen court that deals with shoplifters etc. He travels around the state training them on how to deal with youth problems.