

WOAY-TV
REPORT OF LOCAL ISSUES

1ST QUARTER 2016

January – February – March

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

JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

LOCAL TRANSIT SYSTEM

DRUG ADDICTION

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS

COMMUNITY WATCH 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.

Forum

1st Quarter 2016

January

January 3rd, 11:30 AM -Guest- Autumn Bess of AAA (American Automobile Association), talked about their roadside service during the winter months. They also offer a travel agency and they provide insurance for travelers.

January 10th, 11:30 AM -Guest- John Wyatt, Historian of a group called “The Appalachian Cultural History Alliance.” He goes to places and tells stories and sings songs of the early days in Appalachia. He is also a minister and talked about religion and our West Virginia heritage.

January 17th, 1:00 PM -Guest- Lauren Brandon, organ transplant recipient and cancer survivor. She had a heart transplant at Duke University and then the anti-rejection medication caused her to contract lymphoma. She talked about how her faith had brought her thru all of this. She has also started her own business, which is prospering.

January 24th, 11:30 AM -Guest- Lee Leftwich, coordinator for the Juvenile Justice System Program in West Virginia. He also has teen court and truancy court in the Beckley area. He heads up a program called “The Muster Project” for troubled teens in Raleigh County.

January 31st, 11:30 AM -Guest- Debbie Voloski of the VA in Beckley. She talked about their new temporary VA center in Greenbrier County and their new health facility in Princeton, West Virginia. She also talked about the additions at the VA Hospital in Beckley.

February

February 7th, 11:30 AM -Guest- Andy Austin of the New River Transit Authority. This is our local transit system for Raleigh and Fayette Counties. He talked about their routes and schedules. He also talked about funding: federal, County Commissions, and local businesses. He talked about expanding routes for the new WVU College attendees.

February 14th, 11:30 AM -Guest- Sara McDowell, Executive Director and Kenneth Booth, Case Manager of South Central West Virginia Big Brother/Big Sister. They serve 13 counties in West Virginia and their goal is to mentor troubled kids who want someone to care about them. They usually deal with kids that are in the welfare system.

February 21st, 11:30 AM -Guest- Melony Terry of “One Voice” of Beckley. This is a faith based organization to try to help people on drugs in the Beckley area. They are located on the WVU campus at Beckley and work with many churches in the area.

February 28th, 12:00 PM -Guest- Bill O’Brien, Mayor of Beckley, West Virginia. He leaves the office this June. He gave us a rundown of his accomplishments while in office. His first goal was to get the city out of red ink. He still is working on the homeless problem that’s based on drugs. They are going to try to change from a coal based town to a college town with WVU coming in.

March

March 6th, 11:30 AM -Guest- Dr. Janet Lintala of Autism Health Organization in Beckley. She talked about the signs to look for in diagnosing autism and how to manage it. She also educates that we do not need to use the word “cure” but “manage” autism. She also talked about the new book she has authored.

March 13th, 11:30 AM -Guest- Dee Sizemore, Director of The Women’s Resource Center for Battered Women and Jason Lowe, Local Pastor and contestant in the “Hunks for Heel’s event. The show is about the “Hunks (local male participants) in Heels” fundraiser to raise money for the women’s shelter. The fundraiser will be at the Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center on March 18th. This is the 3rd year for the very successful fundraiser for the Resource Center.

March 20th, 11:30 AM -Guest- Von Moyer of the Neighborhood Watch and Margaret Rader, President of Crimestoppers and E. Tanner, Raleigh County Sheriff Department. They talked about how Crimestoppers has combined with thirty neighborhood watch groups in the Beckley-Raleigh County area. Also, how Crimestoppers has expanded into social media websites that are secured with individual passwords to keep all info totally secret.

March 27th, 11:30 AM -Guest- Scott Hill, Director of Theater of West Virginia and also the Director of the Rocket Boy’s Festival. He talked about the summer events for the Theater of West Virginia including Hatfield’s and McCoy’s, Addam’s Family Musical and the Johnny Cash bio show, Ring of Fire. Scott also discussed the Rocket Boy’s Festival which this year will feature a short film festival.

