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Quarterly Report of Local Issues

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July 7th - Guest Kelly Elkins PR Director for Tamarack. Tamarack is the state run marketplace for West Virginia Artisans. She gave us a complete rundown of this summer's events. She talked about the regular events as well as the special events they put on.

July 14th- Guest Lee Leftwich, CEO of "The Muster Project" in Raleigh County. The "Muster Project" is 30 years old and is aimed at troubled teens in Beckley. Mr. Leftwich talked about their "Teen Court" program. Teen Court helps an offender (etc. shoplifting) to keep his name off the juvenile offender crime records. The Teen Court has been going on for 10 years now.

July 21st – Guest Laura Lilly, Coordinator of the WV Water Festival in Hinton, WV. This year the festival goes from July 26th thru August 4th. Ms. Lilly talked about all of the events including bass fishing tourney, Little Miss Mermaid Contest, Dog Show, Concerts, Queen Coronation, Quilt Show, Parade and nightly fireworks.

July 28th – Dr. Lintala to discuss Autism. Dr. Lintala is a private doctor in practice that practice treating autism patients and their families who have to deal with Autistic Children. Dr. Lintala is also the head of a non-profit foundation called "Un-Prescription" which educates people about autism.

August 4th – Guest Mark Lilly, President of the Raleigh County Beekeepers Association. Mr. Lilly is now doing demonstrations at the Boy's Scout World Jamboree going on here in Fayette County. Mr. Lilly talked about the Raleigh County Bee Festival on August 11th at the Youth Museum Park.

August 11th - Guest Jill Moorefield of the Beckley Renaissance Committee for Downtown Beckley. She talked about all of the summer events in Beckley starting with Friday's in the Park, Kid's Classic, Taste of Appalachia, Car Shows, The Appalachian Festival up through Chili Night in late October. She also talked about the Youth Museum Summer Events.

August 18th – Guest Jim Campbell, Coordinator for Festivals. Mr. Campbell talked about “Bridge Jam”, which will take place on August 24th and 25th. It is running the same time that the Spartan Race will be held at the Boy Scout Complex. Mr. Campbell also talked about the Boy's Scout World Jamboree that he was involved in. Also, the North American Spartan Race which will bring 14,000 people into the area on August 23rd- 25th.

August 25th – Guest Michelle Rotgelliny, Executive Director of the United Way of Southern WV. They are starting off their fall fundraiser campaign. The goal this year is \$900,000 which will be raised by their upcoming “Dancing with the Stars” shows, Sept 20th. Ms. Rotgelliny talked about their 211 hotline. This is a 24 hour informational and referral line to help people that need social services.

September 1st – Guest Lori McKinney, Director of Princeton Downtown Renaissance. Ms. McKinney also organized the 16th Annual Cultural Festival. A four day weekend to celebrate the arts. It takes place every year on the weekend after Labor Day starting on Thursday. She also talked about their special downtown Princeton New Year’s Celebration.

September 8th – Guest Jon Paul Kessinger, Assistant General Manager for Theater WV. Mr. Kessinger talked about this summer’s successful season for theater WV mostly because of very few rainouts. He also talked about the haunted coal mine (4th year) coming up on the weekend of Halloween. He also talked about the “Rocket Boy’s” Festival coming up on October 26th thru October 28th. This is a three-day festival connected to the movie October Sky.

September 15th – Guest Jo Ann Miller, Coordinator for Reach located in Hinton WV. This is an umbrella agency that covers many other agencies in Summers County. They operate a food pantry, summer program for young people, after school programs and swimming lessons. They also have program thru the local Department of Health and Human Resources called Starting Points to help the local young people to get started.

September 22nd – Guest Jill Moorefield, Director of Beckley Events. Ms. Moorefield comes over at this time every year to give WOAY a rundown of all the summer thru the fall events that are going on in Beckley, WV. Ms. Moorefield started out with the Rhododendron Festival the first weekend in May, also Friday’s in the Park, Sweet Treats and all the way thru Chili Night on October 5th from 5pm to 8:30pm.

September 29th – Guest Mark Allen, Campus Vice President and Clinical Director for Burlington United Methodist Family Services. This a private provider of family services in West Virginia. They mainly deal with troubled young boys to try to get them with foster parents. Mr. Allen also promoted their big fundraiser on October 5th and 6th called the Pumpkin Festival which is on their 14th year.

