

WOAY-TV
REPORT OF LOCAL ISSUES

1ST Quarter 2017

January-February-March

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

FLOOD DISASTER RECOVERY
WV HEALTHCARE
GRANTS FOR WV SCHOOLS
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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JANUARY

January 1, 11:30 am – Guest Dr. Bob Henry Baber, Mayor of Richmond and Mark Romand, Author. They discussed how Richmond, “The Town That Wouldn’t Die”. They are recovering from a devastating 1000 year flood. They also talked about the new things happening in Richmond to build Richmond back up. They also talked about how 2 schools were destroyed by the flood and how they have conflicted interest with the Board of Education about rebuilding the schools.

January 8, 11:30 am – Guest Melanie Terry of “One Voice”. This is a Faith based organization on the campus of WVU Tech in Beckley for Drug Addiction Treatment. They are on the drug court treatment program for young addicts in the county. They also help with “I Serve” which encourages WVU Tech students to volunteer for community service.

January 15, 11:30 am – Guest Karen Bowling, Director of the West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources. Ms. Bowling explained all of the services that the DHHR handles especially children’s services. She explained they also deal with the substance abuse problem that is on the rise in WV. The DHHR also has a big role in helping during the recent massive floods of 2016.

January 22, 11:30 am – Guest Beth Powers of the New River Human Society. Ms. Powers basically promoted their big yearly fundraiser for the shelter. The event is “The Fur Ball” which will be January 28th, 2017 (Saturday). The function is for dinner, dancing, and silent auction along with a live auction. The goal is to raise as much money as possible to help the shelter throughout the year for expenses.

January 29, 11:30 am – Guest Dr. Amelia Courts of the Education Alliance. This is a non-profit support group by Business Leaders to help our local school system. One of the programs is called “Born Learning” that was started by Toyota and it gives grants to school systems to help kids in their developmental years.

FEBRUARY

February 5, 11:30 am – Guest Twana Warner, Sexual Assault & Victim’s Advocate for the Woman’s Resource Center. Dee Sizemore, Director of the center. The Woman’s Resource Center is a place for battered woman to go to get help and shelter. The center is primarily funded by the United Way. They discussed their biggest fundraiser of the year “Hunks in Heels”. It is a fundraiser where local male members of the business community dress up in high heels for a fashion show to compete who can raise the most money.

February 12, 11:30 am – This Forum was divided into two segments. Guest – Beth Lewis, Public Relations for the “Derby Dames”, a local roller derby organization. She wanted to let the viewers know that the “Derby Dames” was doing a series of charity events around town for 5 different groups.

Guest – Kelly Elkins, PR Mountain State Center for Independent Living. Ms. Elkins wanted to discuss how this organization is available in Southern WV to help disabled people to live independently. That the Center offers many different types of help for the disabled.

February 19, 11:30 am – Guest Lee Leftwich of “The Muster Project”. This is an organization to help troubled teens in Raleigh County. They deal with the teens and the police in misdemeanor cases (shoplifting, etc.). The Project’s most successful program is “Teen Court” where they deal with teens in an actual court setting to keep delinquency in check. They deal with teens on tobacco, drugs and any other illegal activities.

February 26, 11:30 am – Guest Dr. Janet Lintala, Director of “The Autism Spectrum”. Ms. Lintala deals with parents who are dealing with Autism. She herself has raised an autistic son and knows the struggles that families face. Ms. Lintala also has wrote a book on Autism to help people and families who are struggling with Autism. She tries to use natural cures rather than just prescribed drugs.

MARCH

March 5th, 11:30am – Guest Jim Campbell, Public Relations for the Boy’s Scout Reserve. This is a large tract of land where the National Boy’s Scouts have their Jamboree every four years. Mr. Campbell talked about the National Jamboree this year (2017) and the World Jamboree coming in 2019. The Boy Scout site has everything that the Scouts can use, such as zip lines, rock climbing, boating, a stadium, and other outside activities.

March 3rd, 11:30am – Guest Sarah Rinker, School of Harmony Director and Teacher 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.

March 19th, 11:30 am – Guest Bob Henry Baber, Mayor of Richwood, WV. Mr. Baber talked about how the town is coming back together from the floods. On June 23rd, 2016 the flood being called “Thousand Year Flood” hit the town with devastating results. The town received a check for \$750,000 to help rebuild around 40 homes in the community. The High School was severely damaged and the Educational Community is wanting to consolidate the high schools.

March 26th, 11:30 am – Guest Homer Hickman, Author of “The Rocket Boys”, which was made into the movie “October Sky”. Mr. Hickman came into WV to speak in Charleston to the Governor and Legislature about funding for “Theater WV” and the expanding funding for Arts in WV. Also on the show was Scott Hill, The Executive Director of “Theater of WV”. Mr. Hill talked about this summer’s theater schedule and the Rocket Boys Festival in September. Mr. Hill also touched on the 20K run this summer.