

1ST QUARTER 2013

Community Issues on WWWJ-AM

Every Wednesday from 9:15 am to 9:30 am

2/13/13 – Galax Soup Kitchen, Becky McClenden

-ISSUE: There are many people in our community that are struggling to provide meals for their families and put food on the table. The struggles stem from a downturn in the economy and unemployment. There are many poor families living in and around our community and poverty is continuing to be on the rise, with many who are homeless.

-HOW IT WAS DEALT WITH: Becky McClenden was live, on-air to talk about the Galax Soup Kitchen. The Soup Kitchen is there to assist families in need and help provide meals and food for children and those who have gone without food for days. The Soup Kitchen is also there to provide love and friendship, because some of the people that attend don't have a family of their own to look out for them. McClenden knows that unemployment is high and people are not able to pay their bills and afford groceries. She encouraged families to go to the Galax Soup Kitchen every Monday and Thursday evening from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Rooftop on North Main Street in downtown Galax. They are there to assist and provide meals for families that are severely in need and no questions would be asked.

2/20/13 – Lions Club – Recycled Eyeglass Collection, Kent Cox & Richard Vaughan

-ISSUE: There are many people in and around our community that are not able to afford eyeglasses due to a downturn in the economy, unemployment and not being able to afford insurance. Many of these folks need prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses due to poor sight and various eye problems and conditions. There is a growing need for eyeglasses, especially for children.

-HOW IT WAS DEALT WITH: Kent Cox and Richard Vaughan were live, on-air to talk about the Lion's Club "Lion's Recycle for Sight Program." Eyeglasses are collected and delivered to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers to be distributed to those in need. Kent and Richard challenged and encouraged everyone to get involved, that anyone can participate. You can donate the eyeglasses of a deceased loved one or you might even have a pair of eyeglasses or sunglasses lying around at home that you don't want anymore. The glasses are cleaned, sorted by prescription strength and packaged. All types of glasses are accepted, including prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and plastic and metal frames. This helps provide glasses to those who desperately need them and can change their life.

2/27/13 – Wellness Center, Carrie Ayers & Cindy B.

-ISSUE: There are many individuals in our community who do not live or maintain a healthy lifestyle, struggle with obesity or certain health conditions. Most are in need of exercise or healthy diet that they can control and maintain.

-HOW IT WAS DEALT WITH: Carrie and Cindy were live, on-air to talk about Twin County Wellness Center and some of the things that they offer, especially some of the upcoming programs. They talked about overweight exercises, as well as, programs and exercises for the elderly and senior citizens that can help keep them active. Carrie and Cindy also talked about upcoming running and walking events, such as 5K's that the community can get involved in to stay healthy and active. They explained that the Wellness Center is there to help you reach and maintain your optimal level of health and fitness by adopting an effective and enjoyable workout program in a safe and secure atmosphere.

3/6/13 – Twin County Hospice, Julie Rippey

-ISSUE: There are many people in our community that are dealing with the loss of a loved one. Most do not even know how to cope with the situation or have someone to counsel them or be there for them to help them through the process, especially young children. There are also many individuals in our community who cannot afford hospice care in a time of need, and these individuals include the sick, elderly and disabled. Many family members are also affected by the inability to pay for a loved one to receive the proper needs that they deserve in the most difficult of circumstances.

-HOW IT WAS DEALT WITH: Julie Rippey was live, on-air to talk about Twin County Hospice. She explained that Twin County Hospice is there to provide support and take care of families during the difficult time of losing a loved one. Rippey said that they are there to provide the necessary comfort and care to their patients at all times and they have made themselves available for everyone when you need them. They believe that quality of life is as important as the length of life. She said that Twin County Hospice provides a very special application of healthcare services at home for terminally ill patients and their families and that every situation is different, but their quality of our care is constant.

3/27/13 – Twin County Arts Council – Empty Bowls to Feed the Hungry Fundraiser, Laura Romanoski

-ISSUE: There are many people in our community that are struggling to provide meals for their families and put food on the table. The struggles stem from a downturn in the economy and unemployment. There are many poor families living in and around our community and poverty is continuing to be on the rise, with many who are homeless.

-HOW IT WAS DEALT WITH: Laura Romanoski was live, on-air to talk about the Empty Bowls to Feed the Hungry Fundraiser put on by the Arts Council of the Twin Counties that took place on March 22nd at First United Methodist Church in Hillsville, Virginia. The fundraiser was able to raise \$1,900 to go to the Carroll County Ministerial Association Food Pantry to help feed the hungry in our community. Romanoski said that for \$10, each patron received a meal consisting of made-from-scratch soup from Shoney's, bread and water, as well as a handcrafted bowl. The simple meal helped signify the millions of people who go hungry in the world each. Romanoski said that the fundraiser was a success and that 173 people were served. They also had take-out orders, with some people even donating extra to help serve those starving in our community.

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Community Issue: There are many people in and around our community that are in need of being taken care of from an outside source because they are not able to support and take care of themselves. This may be due to a struggle with tragedies, addictions, depression, and a loss of a loved one or a job.

How WWWJ dealt with this Community Issue: We had two public service announcements read by our DJ's at various times through the entire month of January until February 9th, 2013. The PSA's announced to our listening audience about P.U.S.H. Ministries of Galax. They are a faith based, non-profit organization putting on a donation and clothing giveaway to help those who are in need in our community or dealing with a tragedy. P.U.S.H. Ministries are in need of food and items such as peanut butter, canned spaghetti/ravioli, baby diapers, blankets, and heavy comforters. The PSA also mentioned that anything is greatly appreciated. A separate PSA explained the clothing giveaway being Saturday, February 9th from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The giveaway is for all of those who are in need and that clothing of all sizes and for all occasions will be available. The PSA's gave an address to where the donations could be dropped off, which is Rooftop of Virginia on 206 N. Main Street in Galax, Virginia. A phone number and website for P.U.S.H. Ministries was also provided.

P.U.S.H. Ministries in Galax

In need of peanut butter, canned spaghetti/ravioli,
and baby diapers especially larger sizes.

Also, any extra blankets or heavy comforters

Of course anything is greatly appreciated!

Donations can be brought to P.U.S.H. Ministries,
Rooftop of Va. bldg, 206 N. Main St. Galax, Va.

276 236 7131 ext 224.

Clothing Giveaway

Saturday February 9th
Sponsored by P.U.S.H. Ministries

At Rooftop of Virginia in Galax

8 AM - 2 PM

This giveaway is for all who are in need

Clothing of all sizes and for all occasions will be available

For more info call

276-236-7131

Or on line at pushministries.org

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Community Issue: There are many individuals and families in our community that are not able to receive adequate health care treatments and be seen by a doctor in a timely manner. This is from an inability to pay and being uninsured with no Medicaid, Medicare, or Veteran's benefits.

How WWWJ dealt with this Community Issue: We had a public service announcement read by our DJ's from February 4th through the end of the month (February 28th, 2013). The PSA talked about the Free Clinic of the Twin Counties now being open three days each week, with a doctor available on Tuesday and Wednesday, and a nurse practitioner available 1 or 2 half days each month. This way more patients could be served if more providers were available. The PSA also mentioned a need for more volunteers willing to serve in any amount of time. There is a need for doctor's, nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, nurses, or dentist's. An email address was given for any of those willing to serve (director@galaxfreeclinic.org). The Free Clinic of the Twin Counties is a Christ-centered, vital health care provider that is community supported, fully equipped with caring and competent employees and volunteers delivering quality service to the Twin County area. They aim to provide health care, health education, and hope to the medically underserved in the Spirit of Jesus, the Great Physician.

Free Clinic of the Twin Counties

Now open three days each week, with a doctor there on Tuesday and Wednesday, and a nurse practitioner available 1 or 2 half days each month.

More patients could be served if more providers were available.

Any doctor, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, nurse, or dentist who is willing to volunteer any amount of time at the Free Clinic, please contact director@galaxfreeclinic.org.

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Community Issue: The American Red Cross has lost 1500 units of blood to weather related events. Also many people have been busy with the holiday season and have been unable to give blood, which has caused a shortage in the blood inventory available to assist those in need. All blood types are urgent and O positive and O negative blood types are critical.

How WWWJ dealt with this Community Issue: We had a public service announcement read by our DJ's from February 14th through February 22nd, 2013 at various times. The PSA mentioned that a blood drive scheduled for February 22nd, from 1-6 p.m. at the Galax Elks Lodge, has been moved to the First United Methodist Church on West Center Street in downtown Galax. It explained that donors could schedule an appointment at the church or online at www.redcrossblood.org and walk-ins are always welcome. The PSA explained the issue at hand and donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Donors would also need a picture ID or an American Red Cross donor card. Sandy Myers' phone number was given (540-330-3966) if you needed to find out more information.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross blood drive scheduled for February 22, from 1-6 p.m. at the Galax Elks Lodge, has been moved to the First United Methodist Church on West Center Street in downtown Galax. Donors can schedule appointments at the church or online at www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

The American Red Cross has lost 1500 units of blood to weather related events. All blood types are urgent and O positive and O negative blood types are critical.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Donors will need a picture ID or an American Red Cross donor card. All donors will be entered into the quarterly donor gift card giveaway valued at \$1,000.

For more information, please contact Sandy Myers at [540-330-3966](tel:540-330-3966).

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Community Issue: Cardiovascular (Heart) disease continues to be on the rise and has affected many individuals and families in and around our community. There is a great need for more doctors to be readily available to meet with patients on a daily basis to provide treatment and educate those who are or know someone affected with this life threatening disease.

How WWWJ dealt with this Community Issue: We had a public service announcement read by our DJ's at various times through the entire Month of March talking about Consulting Cardiology Services now being offered by Twin County Regional Hospital in collaboration with the Heart and Vascular Center of Galax. The PSA explained that six board certified cardiology providers will now begin rounding on patients at Twin County Regional Hospital. It also said that for additional information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Heart and Vascular Center located at 812 West Stuart Drive in Galax, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 276-238-3318.

CONSULTING CARDIOLOGY SERVICES

Twin County Regional Hospital is pleased to announce collaboration with the Heart and Vascular Center of Galax to offer consulting cardiology services.

Six board certified cardiology providers will begin rounding on patients at Twin County Regional Hospital.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Heart and Vascular Center located at 812 West Stuart Drive in Galax, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 276-238-3318



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Twin County Regional Hospital to Offer Consulting Cardiology Services

Twin County Regional Hospital (TCRH) is pleased to announce a collaboration with the Heart and Vascular Center of Galax to offer consulting cardiology services at the hospital beginning March 1, 2013.

The Heart and Vascular Center is renowned for its superior level of experience and care for cardiac patients. Beginning March 1st, six board certified cardiology providers will begin rounding on patients at Twin County Regional Hospital which include: Charles Harris, Jr., MD; Nizar Nouredine, MD; Saeed Payvar, MD; Kenneth Rhinehart, MD; Behzad Taghizadeh, MD and Paula Carter, PA-C.

Dr. Harris is a graduate of East Carolina University School of Medicine in Greenville, North Carolina. He completed his residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. He is board certified in Cardiovascular Disease. He is a Fellow of the American Board of Cardiology.

Dr. Nouredine is a graduate of Marshall University School of Medicine in Huntington, West Virginia. He completed his residency at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is board certified in Interventional Cardiology, Cardiology and Internal Medicine.

Dr. Payvar is a graduate of Tehran University of Medical Sciences in Tehran, Iran. He completed his residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. He is board certified in Interventional Cardiology, Nuclear Cardiology, Cardiology and Internal Medicine.

Dr. Rhinehart is a graduate of Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. He completed his residency at Howard University in Washington, DC. He is board in Cardiovascular Disease and Internal Medicine.

Dr. Taghizadeh is a graduate of Saint George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies. He completed his residency at Albany Medical Center in Albany, New York. He is board certified in Interventional Cardiology and Cardiovascular Disease.

Paula Carter is a graduate of the Jefferson College of Health Sciences in Roanoke, Virginia. She is a board certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Heart and Vascular Center located at 812 West Stuart Drive in Galax, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm at (276) 238-3318.

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Please see photo attachments:

Charles Harris, Jr., MD

Nizar Nouredine, MD

Saeed Payvar, MD

Kenneth Rhinehart, MD

Behzad Taghizadeh, MD

Paula Carter, PA-C

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Community Issue: There are many people in and around our community that have been fired, laid off or let go from their jobs. Those affected are not able to take care of and provide for their families and pay their bills. Unemployment continues to be a rising problem in not only our communities, but the entire nation as well.

How WWWJ dealt with this Community Issue: We had a public service announcement read by our DJ's at various times from March 1st through March 13th, 2013 talking about a Career Fair being held at the Wytheville Meeting Center in Wytheville, Virginia on Wednesday, March 13th, 2013 from 1 until 4 p.m. The PSA said that job seekers are encouraged to take advantage of this free career workshop for creating resumes, searching for jobs online, and practicing interviewing skills. It also was announced that professional dress is required and area employees are encouraged to participate. The PSA also gave out contact information for getting in touch with Deanna Mabe, coordinator for the event, at 276-223-4800.

CAREER FAIR

Wytheville Meeting Center
Wytheville, Virginia
Wednesday, March 13 1-4 p.m.

Job seekers are encouraged to take advantage of this free career workshop for creating resumes, searching for jobs online, and practicing interviewing skills

Professional dress is required and area employees are encouraged to participate

For more information call Deanna Mabe
276-223-4800

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