

Issues & Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station -- WXXC
October 1 to December 31, 2019

Section 2. Issues

The staff of WXXC is asked to be involved in deciding community needs by getting input from people in all walks of life in the Grant County Area. News Director Clay Winowiecki, and the WXXC News Department make frequent contact by attending area city and town council meetings, as well as staying up to date on local school board meetings and community happenings.

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by station WXXC, Marion, Indiana, along with the most significant programming treatment of the issues for the period listed above. The 15-minute show airs each Sunday in the early morning.

1. Quality of Place/Quality of Life – Increasing the Quality of Life
2. Public Education
3. Protecting the Past/Civic Improvements
4. Politics
5. Better Training for the Future
6. Public Safety
7. Local History/Affects On the Future

Section II. Responsive Programs

The station has broadcast programs dealing with many of the above-referenced issues. Programming dealing with multiple above issues are set out below and were all aired on our weekly public affairs program called “Grant County Forum.”

Quality of Place/Quality of Life – Increasing the Quality of Life:

October 6: Last week Clay spoke with two Marion General Hospital experts about the health issues that vaping can cause users. This week, Clay chats with Advocacy Director of the American Lung Association and a worker at the White Dragon Vapor Lounge in Muncie to get the industry’s side of the story.

December 1: Last weekend there were a handful of consumer holidays. So how did our local businesses fare? Multimedia Director Clay chatted with Patrick Pearson, co-owner of Mama Pearson's Soaporium and Iron Mask Beard & Shave Co., Art in Motion Pets owner Mike Grayson and Brittany Howey, Membership and Marketing Director of the Marion-Grant County Chamber of Commerce.

December 8: The holiday season is upon us and with it a special spotlight to highlight organizations who do the most good in our society. In this episode of Grant County Forum, Multimedia Director Clay chats with Rick Berberia of the Grant County Rescue Mission, Betty Harris from Twin City We Care, Teresa Campbell of the St. Martin Community Center and Lt. Jessica Smith of The Salvation Army.

December 22: This is a special edition of Grant County Forum where Multimedia Director Clay takes a look back on some of his favorite forum episodes. In this episode, Clay looks back at some of the new businesses who've come to Grant County. The episode features Rabbit Food Café, Jigsaw Junction and takes a peek at another local business, Mama Pearson's Soaporium, following the consumer holidays.

December 29: In the year's final episode of Grant County Forum we're taking a look back at some positive stories from 2019. With all the negative news that comes across our screens, it's important to take a look back at some of the good that has happened. This episode features the Second Harvest Food Bank, Marion's progress with Neighborhood Associations and Gas City's new solar park.

Politics:

October 20: Upland native Brian Roth is challenging Gov. Eric Holcomb for Indiana's governorship. He now resides in Carmel where he leads a leadership company after retiring the Navy, where he served for 22 years. Multimedia Director Clay Winowiecki sits down with Brian and chats about the difficulties of challenging an incumbent on the same ticket and his vision for how he wants Indiana's government to run.

Public Education:

November 24: Thousands of teachers took part in Red for Ed Action Day at the state capitol on Tuesday to let their voices be heard. This week, Multimedia Director Clay chats with Marion Community School Teacher Association President Scott Simpson and Superintendent Brad Lindsay about what that rally was like and to delve further into every educators fight.

December 15: WIWU-TV is turning the lights off, and as part of that, so is one of their flagship programs: Crossroads. Multimedia Director Clay sits down with Dr. Randall King, who heads up WIWU-TV, to talk about the show's final episode and the show's 15-year history. Want to view the final episode? Check out this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETn2MXtPppk&feature=youtu.be>

Better Training for the Future

October 27: In this episode of Grant County Forum News Director Clay sits down with Foster Care and Child Abuse Advocate Matthew Peiffer. Matthew, now a Ball State Student, was born in Las Vegas to a drug-using mother. Matthew and his two biological

sisters were adopted and moved to Grant County, where they were subjected to years of abuse. He then went into the foster care system, where he lived in eight homes in just two years. Now, he's working on passing legislation to improve the lives of foster children in Indiana and runs avoicforkids.com.

Public Safety:

November 17: Brr! Is it winter already? In this week's episode, Multimedia Director Clay meets with local experts for a winter round-up. Clay and his guests, Marion Fire Chief Geoff Williams, Gas City Police Chief Tim Eckstein and Christy Bernardin of the Marion-Grant County Humane Society talk about preventing fires, driving safe and keeping our pets comfortable.

Protecting the Past/Civic Improvements:

October 13: Grant County has something that only five other areas in the state of Indiana have. Can you guess what it is? It's a graffiti wall. Marion is also getting new murals, one of which is one of Martin Luther King Jr. News Director Clay Winowiecki shares his surprising experience he had while visiting the wall and chats with mural artist Tashema Davis and local entrepreneur Bill Reece who made it all happen.

Local History/Affects on the Future:

November 10: Did you know that it's Historic Bridge Awareness Month? Well, here in Grant County we're fortunate to have our very own - the Matthews Covered Bridge. Multimedia Director Clay sits down with Grant County Historian Bill Munn to learn more about the bridge's history and the area that surrounds it. Civil war, a great flood, and connecting farmland all play a central theme. Listen in and learn a little more about this little town.