

1540 KTGG Okemos
Issues and Programs List
April 1 – June 30, 2023

Program Title: "April - Time to Start Your Garden Seeds" - Strong Tower Radio Today
Air Date: April 9, 2023 at 5:00pm
Total Run Time: 59:00 minutes

Program Hosts: Tom Mejeur & Co-Host Sue Mejeur
Guest: Gary Heillig, Retired State Extension Officer

Program Substance: April is the month to start preparing your garden soil for the planting of seeds and plants. It is beneficial to till under any above ground last year plants. You can refer to a seed temperature chart and a soil monitor to do this preparation. Plant your cool season crops such as onions, beets, lettuce, spinach, carrots and radishes. It is also time to prune your ornamental trees/shrubs and fruit trees, but do last pruning on your stone fruit trees such as cherries, peaches, plums, etc. It is also time to treat your lawn for the grubs, especially if you had this problem last year. If you have them, you will see birds, squirrels and other animals in your yard digging and scratching the surface to pull the larva up to devour them. Crab grass is also a problem so watch for open spaces in your lawn and do not cut your grass real low as that is where crab grass will germinate. Be prepared to get rid of all kinds of ants - carpenter ants, feral ants, plus others. Put out some ant killer food as they will then take it back to their colony to feed the entire group and they will die from eating this so you can very quickly get rid of ants in and around your home.

Program Title: "Bear Smart" – Strong Tower Radio Features
Air Date: April 10, 2023 at 4:00pm
Total Run Time: 29:00 minutes

Program Host: Tom Mejeur
Guest: Vernon Richardson, Wildlife Biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Vernon Richardson shared facts and myths about bears that may help us to live together safely. There are things we can do to avoid confrontations with bears looking for their next meal. They are generally shy creatures and aren't looking to harm people, but we may need to change some of our habits so that we don't attract them to our neighborhood or especially to our own yard.

Program Title: "Playing nice at Home and Church" -Strong Tower Radio Today
Air Date: April 17, 2023 at 10:00am
Total Run Time: 59:00 minutes

Program Host: Tom Mejeur
Guest: Ron Price

Ron Price, author of the series Play Nice in You Sandbox books and relationship CPR speaker expounded on the acronym PLAY NICE. In these books, Play Nice in Your Sandbox at Home and Play Nice in Your Sandbox at Church, Ron is encouraging us to prevent conflict and resolve differences. In the home book Ron says P represents Play together stay together, L-Look for the good, A-Admit when your wrong, Y-Yield to the interests of your family members, N-Never threaten the long term view, I-Insist on win- win, C- Commitment is a matter of life or death and E-Emotional needs-we all have them.

In the church version of the book Ron shares that P stands for Pray, L-Love yourselves as you do your neighbor, A-Accept others, Y-Yield to God's will, N-Now is the time for restoration and resolution, I-Identify the basis of the real conflict, C- Chose to remain civil and Christ like, E-Embrace conflict as an opportunity.

Program Title: "Bats" - Strong Tower Radio Features

Air Date: April 17, 2023 at 4:00pm

Total Run Time: 29:00 minutes

Program Host: Tom Mejeur

Guest(s) Scott Warsen, Wildlife Biologist of the United States Forestry Service

Bats are mammals, and they are very interesting critters. There are 1400species of bats and they do use echo to fly. There are two basic groups of bats, micro and macro bats with Michigan brown bats (size of a mouse) in the micro group. Their diet is mainly bugs and they eat approximately 600 mosquitos per hour-what great pest control. The macro bat is larger with a wing-span of up to 6 feet. They hang upside down as they cannot obtain flight from the ground, but if falling to the ground they can start to fly. Bat droppings is an excellent plant fertilizer as it is high in nitrogen, phosphorus,, and potassium.

Program Title "Child Abuse Prevention" - Strong Tower Radio Today

Air Date: April 24, 2023 at 10:00 am

Total Run Time: 59:00 minutes

Program Hosts: Jilane Fenner and Tom Mejeur

Guest: Karen Staub

Karen Staub, Prevention coordinator for Wexford Missaukee Child Protection Council, gave an overview of what child abuse is, reasons for it, and ways to prevent and report it when necessary. Education and understanding of the issue are a couple of ways to help prevent abuse from happening or from recurring. She uncovered for the listener many ways in which anyone can help children when they are being abused or neglected.

Seeking help is not difficult and there a several agencies available to educate and supply the resources that are needed to help parents raise their children in a safe and healthy environment. To find those resources parents can call 211 and a human service agent can get them the to the right department. In northern Michigan you can go to wexfordmissaukeecpc.com.

Program Title: "Youth Triathlon" - Strong Tower Features

Air Date: April 24, 2023 4:00pm

Total Run Time: 29:00 minutes

Program Host: Tom Mejeur

Guest: Pastor EJ Wolf

Pastor Wolf described the Youth Triathlon he developed in which youth from 6-15 years of age compete in a starter triathlon, encouraging a healthy lifestyle. The participants meet once a week for 6 weeks, all the while they are training for 2 events. Instead of completing against each other they are competing against themselves. Each child that finishes the program receives a new bicycle in the hope that they will continue a

lifelong pattern of exercise.

This is a reproducible program that any group can duplicate. Really all you need is a pool in your area. To talk to Pastor Wolf or take a look at the program you can go to youth-triathlon.com or email pastorwolf@gmail.com.

Program Title: "May - Good Growing with the Garden Guy"-- Strong Tower Radio Today
Air Date: May 8, 2023 at 10:00am
Total Run Time: 59:00 minutes

Program Hosts: Tom Mejeur & Co-Host Sue Mejeur
Guest: Gary Heilig

May's episode of The Garden Guy with Gary Heilig was packed with tips and cautions on growing plants as the summer gets hotter and drier. The topic of the month was on corn, and how we as American's are so dependent on it for a myriad of applications. We use it for furniture, human food, animal food, antibiotics, rubber for tires, batteries coating for pills and vitamins.

Then they went on to plant discuss the diseases that can be present in the spring, coming from bacteria, fungus and viruses that can be deadly to plants. Gary explained that in order for this to happen certain conditions need to be present. You need to have the causing organism, a susceptible host and ideal conditions.

Wrapping up, problems with deer and keeping plants safe from frost and other conditions were talked about as well as good gardening practices to have a healthy good garden.

Program Title: "Michigan Road Commissioners Interview" - Strong Tower Radio Features
Air Date: May 29, 2023 at 4:00pm
Total Run Time: 29:00 minutes

Program Host Tom Mejeur
Guests: Steve Warren- Kent County Road Commissioner, Carl Hansen- Wexford County Road Commissioner and Mike Mattzela- Osceola County Road Commissioner

During the interview with the road commissioners from Wexford County, Kent County and Osceola County, the commissioners shared how they came to their respective positions. It was said that roads touch each of us and they each have a desire to provide safe highways, freeways and local roads.

Not all roads are not managed by the county road commissions, as some are federally maintained and others either county or locally maintained. Funding for county road commissions come from Federal and State fuel taxes and registration fees.

Program Title: – Michigan DNR Air Fire Safety
Air Date: June 12, 2023 at 10:00am
Total Run Time: 59:00 minutes

Program Host: Tom Mejeur
Guests: Kevin Jacobs - Department of Natural Resources Air Patrol, Randy Hartman - Department of Natural Resources Fire Officer

Kevin Jacobs of the DNR Air Patrol described what happened on June 3rd in Grayling, MI when a wildfire

was called into his office. He shared the initial response to a fire and how his team worked to put out that fire as they had done some many in the past. During a wildfire Kevin and his fellow pilots are in the air, giving specific, accurate information to the firefighters on the ground. He also shared the surveys they do of wild life when the fire season is not so active as well as the programs they help with to determine animal populations as well as other natural data.

The second part of the interview included Randy Hartman, DNR Fire officer, who shared the intricacies of a firefighter on the ground, on the front line of a wildfire and what it takes to put the fire out without loss of life, property and natural resources. Randy also described the huge machinery they use in working to manage and extinguish a fire.

Program Title - "Wildfire #2 - Debris Burning and Fire Causes" - Strong Tower Radio Features

Air Date: - June 19, 2023 at 4:00pm

Total Run Time: - 29:00 minutes

Program Host: Tom Mejeur

Guest: Debra Ann Brabazon

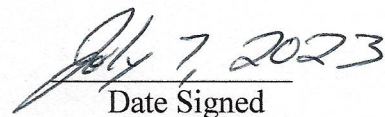
Debra Ann Brabazon from the USDA Forrest Service listed to top 3 causes of wildfires as debris burning, equipment and campfires. Burning household trash containing plastic and other caustic materials pollute the air and water. Alternative to burning can be recycling, composting leaves and food scraps, donating household goods or a dumpster.

The National Weather Service has a great website for finding out if it is safe to burn in your area. If you do burn make sure the area is safe to burn in, the fire is small not tall and only burn organic matter. The Insurance Institute has a book for businesses and homes called, "Protect your property from Wildfire" which is very helpful. You can also Google "Ready, Set, Go", for helpful tips on how to plan for a wildfire.

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