

1540 KTGG - Okemos
Issues and Programs List for 3rd Quarter 2023
July 1 – Sept. 30, 2023

Air Date: July 3 at 4:00pm
Program Title: Strong Tower Radio Features – Wildfires-3
Host: Tom Mejeur
Guests: Deborah Ann Brabazon and Brian Stearns from the U.S. Forest Service
Program Run Time: 29 minutes

Guests Deborah Ann Brabazon and Brian Stearns from the U.S. Forrest Service reviewed the information they shared on the previous two interviews about the work that the U.S. Forrest Service provides in managing and preventing forest fires. They explained what a crown fire is, how and why it spreads so quickly and the way we can help to prevent them.

Deborah Ann shared the proper way to burn debris in our own yard and discussed what we need to know how to keep it contained and care for the fire so there is no danger of it getting out of hand.

Air Date: July 9 at 5:00pm
Program Title: Strong Tower Radio Today – Garden Guy – July Edition
Program Host: Tom Mejeur
Guest: Gary Heilig & Sue Mejeur
Program Run Time: 59 minutes

Gary Heilig, the Garden Guy started the conversation with 10 questions about blueberries. Interestingly Michigan is in the top three producers of blueberries and that a high bush blueberry plant will produce 14-16 pints of blueberries a year, a great source of anti-oxidants.

He shared that after hearing a long term weather forecast for a El-Nino summer he and his wife went out and set out drip irrigation and in their garden and mulched their plants, expecting a warmer and drier summer in Michigan. Watering the garden plants and other drought related issues were discussed, as well as problems with woodchucks and other small animals.

Lawn care rounded out this month's topics, touching on watering, feeding and insect control in the yard.

Air Date: Aug. 7th at 4:00pm
Program Title: Strong Tower Radio Features – Grand Haven Adventist Community Services
Program Host: Tom Mejeur
Guests: Shannon and Jason Turgen
Program Run Time: 29 minutes

The Grand Haven Adventist Community Service Center is not only meeting the physical needs of the community but also spiritual needs. Shannon and Jason Turgen are in charge of the center where those in need may come in, at no cost to them, and pick out the items they are in need of. They described the organization of the items and what is available to better serve their local community. They are grateful they are well stocked with clothing and household items and ready to serve.

There is also an area in the building where they meet spiritual needs as well by studying with those who want to know more about the Bible. Some of the clients that come in for clothing or household items appreciate the help that they receive and want in turn to help others and volunteer their time as well, which often leads to a relationship with Shannon, who in turn shares her faith with them. The Turgen's greatest aim is to lead others to Christ. In this past

year 3 people have been baptized because of the Grand Haven ACS ministry.

Air Date: July 30 at 5:00pm
Program Title: Strong Tower Radio Today- Decluttering with Patsy Towar
Program Host: Tom Mejeur
Guests: Patsy Towar
Program Run Time: 29 minutes

Patsy Tower shared how the influence of her mother, who cleaned houses for a living, gave her skills that she not only used in her personal life but also to help others get organized. She gave numerous tips on how to declutter your home and skills to keep it free of clutter. You can hear her program "Clear clutter and get organized 101" on Audio Verse or reach out to her at ptower@gmail.com

Air Date: July 31 at 4:00pm
Program Title: Strong Tower Radio Features Youth Depression
Program Host: Tom Mejeur
Guest: Jeremy Hall
Program Run Time: 29 minutes

Tom's guest, Jeremy Hall is the Superintendent of Education at the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventist. During the interview, youth depression was discussed in reference to why this is so prevalent today, why it occurs and what we can do to help our youth. In the past Jeremy was employed by the Seventh-day Adventist school, Great Lakes Academy as Chaplain where one of his duties was to counsel the students when needed. He found that feelings often were the determining factor in the decision the students were make, whether they felt someone didn't like them or even God didn't like them or answer their prayers.

Jeremy suggested that parents make their kids a priory, front and center. They need to know they belong so giving them duties they are responsible for will help. A quip he shared was," if you are paying for it you can take it away" in reference to the parents' role of leadership in the family in regard to cell phones and video games that may bring harm to the youth.

Air Date: Aug. 6 at 5:00pm
Program Title: Strong Tower Radio Today – Disability Awareness
Program Hosts – Tom Mejeur and John Duman
Guest: Cyndi Woods
Program Run Time: 15 minutes

The theme for this month at Strong Tower is "Disability Awareness" with guest Cyndi Woods, with Clear Vision ministry In her article she wrote Cyndi helped us understand why we need such a ministry and how it can help us understand our role in helping those with disabilities. One billion people have some form of disability. So what the church can do is help with education. Her contact information is cwoods48506@gmail.com, Website is cyndiwoods.com, phone 810-869-5596

Air Date: Aug. 10 at 1:00pm
Program Title: Strong Tower Radio Features - County Fairs
Program Host – Tom Mejeur
Guests: Dennis Harding and Larry Walca from Northern District Fair, John Schut from Michigan Association of Fair Exhibits, Mike Szukhent from Festival and Events Association
Program Run Time: 29 minutes

Representatives from various fair and events board discussed the benefits of county fairs and other local festivals to attenders as well as the communities where they are held. It was agreed that fairs needed two elements to be successful, animals and kids. Livestock exhibits and auctions are also very beneficial to the youth who raise the animal, teaching them core values in caring for their animals. Also, the relationships they develop may last a lifetime also benefits the community.

There are 13,000 festivals yearly in the state of Michigan. The population in Michigan is 10 million but these festivals are attended by 35 million each year and economically they provided 1.9 billion dollars in revenue in 2019. Businesses depend on the money brought in by these events. All these factors contribute to the health of the communities.

Air Date: August 13 at 5:00pm
Program Title: Strong Tower Radio Today – Garden Guy- August Edition
Program Host – Tom Mejeur
Guest: Gary Heilig & Sue Mejeur
Program run time: 59 minutes

This month’s version of the Garden Guy with Gary Heilig focused first on peaches. During the 10 question segment we found out China is the largest producer and consumer of peaches. Gary also shared ways to tell when your peaches are ripe and why peaches and tomatoes sometimes split.


Some of the various other topics covered were how to get rid of fruit flies, blossom end rot, vacuum sealing food, cover crops, organic pesticides mineral deficiencies of plants and what you could be harvesting in August.

Air Date: Aug 20 at 5:00pm
Program Title: Strong Tower Radio Today - Veterans Affairs & Suicide
Program Host – Tom Mejeur and Jilane Fenner
Guest: Dr. Todd Burnett with U.S. Veterans Affairs
Program run time: 59 minutes

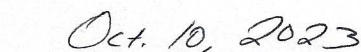
Dr. Burnett discussed the problem of suicide among our U.S veterans and how we can help those suffering with hopelessness or helplessness. He wanted the listeners to know there is help available but some don’t know what their options are when they are in crisis. He shared that anyone in danger of suicide can call 988 and veterans and their family members can press one to get help. They can also text 838255 for help or go online to www.veteranscrisisline.net/chat.

We can be of help if we know what to do, so getting familiar with the resources could be of benefit to someone contemplating suicide. There are certain steps a person can take before a problem exists like securely locking up firearms. If someone needs resources they can go to www.va.gov/reach

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