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April 1, 2017	<b>Ronald McDonald Charities</b>	<p><u>Host:</u> Virginia Beehn  <u>Guest:</u> Sheila Williams, Executive Director, Ronald McDonald House of Charities, Youngstown, OH <a href="http://www.rmhc-mvwpa.org">www.rmhc-mvwpa.org</a>  <u>Description:</u> The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mahoning Valley has been helping nonprofit agencies and needy families since 1986. Funds are raised and then distributed as grants to charities in the area that assist children and families. The Third Annual McD’s 3K Sock Run is scheduled for Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. In fall, coats are collected for Salvation Army and a major recipient of funds is Mahoning Valley Children’s Hospital.</p>
April 15, 2017	<b>Neighborhood Farmers’ Market and Jobs Program</b>	<p><u>Host:</u> Virginia Beehn  <u>Guest:</u> Matt Martin, Executive Director, Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership, Warren, OH <a href="http://www.trumbullcountyboard.org">www.trumbullcountyboard.org</a>  <u>Description:</u> The Neighborhood Partnership revitalizes the area by rehabbing abandoned homes, if possible, or by demolishing them if they cannot be saved. The land is then cleared and either becomes a neighborhood garden or park or is sold. Other programs include an Ohio Arts Council art show, a side lot incentive program, opportunities for investment, and a jobs program.</p>
May 6, 2017	<b>The Green Team Holds Old Tire and HazMat Collections</b>	<p><u>Host:</u> Virginia Beehn  <u>Guest:</u> Jamine Murphy, Educator, The Green Team, Youngstown, OH <a href="http://www.cityofyoungstownoh.gov">www.cityofyoungstownoh.gov</a>  <u>Description:</u> This is a good time of year to clean out the basement and the garage and get rid of unwanted materials. The Green Team is holding collections for old tires, hazardous materials, electronics, etc. Check their website for dates and locations. Curbside pickup can be used for most other discards. Be very careful when handling fluorescent bulbs. If they break, do not breathe the fumes. Open windows and exit the room immediately. Use a damp paper towel to pick up broken pieces and then put all of it inside a closed plastic bag for disposal. Educational events are scheduled for kids to teach them about littering and recycling.</p>

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May 20, 2017	<b>Veteran’s Outreach Memorial Day Events</b>	<p><u>Host:</u> Virginia Beehn  <u>Guest:</u> John Ely, President and Founder, Veteran’s Outreach, Youngstown, OH <a href="http://www.veteransoutreach.org">www.veteransoutreach.org</a>  <u>Description:</u> Veterans Outreach was gifted over 110 acres of Kentucky wilderness for the purpose of helping hurting veterans. Designs are being made for 60 private quarters for veterans, a 15-acre working farm, 6-horse stable for equestrian therapy, and a main hub CORE Complex. CORE stands for Counseling, Offices, Recreation, and Eats. Other amenities include a Tribute Garden, an Iron Man Course for healthy and disabled veterans, a Fitness Center available 24/7, and a church named “Spiritual Awakenings” that will welcome guest clergy.</p>
June 3, 2017	<b>Learn to Swim and Lifeguard Programs</b>	<p><u>Host:</u> Virginia Beehn  <u>Guest:</u> Karen Conklin, Executive Director and Jay Rosenthal, Volunteer and Aquatics Expert, American Red Cross (ARC) Youngstown, OH <a href="http://www.redcross.org">www.redcross.org</a>  <u>Description:</u> Swimming is a favorite pastime in the summer. Parental supervision and safety is all important around water. Watch your kids closely. Never consume alcohol while swimming or boating. Have first aid knowledge. About 60% of minority kids never learn to swim. Classes are available through the Red Cross to learn to swim or learn to be a lifeguard.</p>
June 17, 2017	*	<i>Community Issues</i> did not air as scheduled due to technical issues.

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April 8, 2017	<p><b>American seniors may recover retirement income benefits.</b></p> <p><b>(30-minute program)</b></p>	<p><u>Guest:</u> Jennifer Anders-Gable, Supervising Attorney at the Western States Pension Assistance Project (Sacramento, CA)  <u>Description:</u> The Western States Pension Assistance Project covers Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada. Listeners outside these regions can go to <a href="http://pensionrights.org">pensionrights.org</a> for their nearest state agency. The Western States Pension Assistance Project provides free assistance to anyone who has questions regarding their pension. Pension overpayment is a common problem and can be most stressful to pensioners: some pensioners are asked to repay thousands of dollars back in a short amount of time, which is legal. Some pensioners have seen their monthly income reduced to a few dollars after these corrections and paybacks are made. The project also helps locate pensions that are "lost" or denied. It is vital to keep all documents regarding one's pension, especially letters that indicate the amount earned. Since its inception, the Western States Pension Assistance Project has recovered over \$13 million in retirement income benefits. For more info, email <a href="mailto:pensionproject@lsnc.net">pensionproject@lsnc.net</a> or go to <a href="http://lsnc.net">lsnc.net</a> or <a href="http://pensionrights.org">pensionrights.org</a>.</p>

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April 15, 2017	<b>Bianca’s Kids grants wishes to foster children and other youth in need.</b>  <b>(15-minute program)</b>	<u>Guest:</u> Debbie Savigliano, Founder of Bianca's Kids (Williamstown, NJ) <u>Description:</u> Bianca's Kids is named after Debbie's 21-year-old niece, who was killed when a car struck her as she crossed the street. Bianca's Kids grants wishes and provides funds to children (from newborn to 18 yrs.) across the U.S. who are in foster care or are in financial need. They have helped over 12,000 kids since they were formed in 2010. Bianca’s Kids has primarily helped foster children in the New Jersey area, but all children in physical, emotional, or financial need are welcome to apply. All wishes must be submitted online. Wishes could be anything practical, such as a doll, money to go to camp, a computer, or a visit to the movies or a theme park. Funding comes from corporate and private sponsors, event fundraisers, and individual donors. Fifteen to 20% of the wishes are granted. Bianca’s Kids can be reached at <a href="http://biancaskids.org">biancaskids.org</a> , <a href="mailto:debbie@biancaskids.org">debbie@biancaskids.org</a> , and Public Line (856) 341-6311.
April 22, 2017	<b>Help is available for victims, family members, and survivors of trauma.</b>  <b>(30-minute program)</b>	<u>Guest:</u> Rosanna Corral, Director of Marketing and Communications for the Trauma Intervention Program of San Diego County (Oceanside, CA) <u>Description:</u> The Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) trains volunteers to respond to emergency situations to assist victims, family members, and survivors of trauma. In a crisis situation, victims and survivors are often traumatized and dazed, unable to process information or understand what is going on around them. They may forget to take their medication or pick up the kids. TIP volunteers are called by emergency personnel on-scene. When they arrive the TIP member will console and help out any way they can. Sometimes they will just sit quietly with the individuals. Other times, they help arrange funerals, shelter, food, clothing, and transportation. They are often called "angels." Volunteers complete a 2-week, 50-hour training academy. Volunteers are also expected to do three 12-hour on-call shifts a month. TIP has 15 affiliates and is currently in nine states. For more information, go online to <a href="http://tipsandiego.org">tipsandiego.org</a> or <a href="http://tipnational.org">tipnational.org</a> . They can also be reached at Public Line (855) 847-7343.

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April 29, 2017	<p><b>U.S. youth in need aided by charity founded from tragedy.</b></p> <p><b>(15-minute program)</b></p>	<p><u>Guest:</u> Debbie Savigliano, Founder of Bianca's Kids (Williamstown, NJ)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Bianca's Kids is named after Debbie's 21-year-old niece, who was killed when a car struck her as she crossed the street. Bianca's Kids grants wishes and provides funds to children (from newborn to 18 yrs.) across the U.S. who are in foster care or are in financial need. They have helped over 12,000 kids since they were formed in 2010. Bianca's Kids has primarily helped foster children in the New Jersey area, but all children in physical, emotional, or financial need are welcome to apply. All wishes must be submitted online. Wishes could be anything practical, such as a doll, money to go to camp, a computer, or a visit to the movies or a theme park. Funding comes from corporate and private sponsors, event fundraisers, and individual donors. Fifteen to 20% of the wishes are granted. Bianca's Kids can be reached at <a href="http://biancaskids.org">biancaskids.org</a>, <a href="mailto:debbie@biancaskids.org">debbie@biancaskids.org</a>, and Public Line (856) 341-6311.</p>
April 29, 2017	<p><b>Children with life threatening conditions receive wishes and hope.</b></p> <p><b>(15-minute program)</b></p>	<p><u>Guest:</u> David Williams, President &amp; CEO of Make-A-Wish America (Phoenix, AZ)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Every year in the U.S., about 27,000 children are diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition. Instead of spending their childhood playing with friends, these kids go through chemotherapy, radiation, shots, and surgeries. The entire family is involved in this very challenging, stressful, and uncertain time. That's when the volunteers at Make a Wish come to help alleviate the pain, sadness, and worry by granting one heart-felt wish of a child. Since 1980, Make a Wish has fulfilled over 280,000 wishes in the U.S. and almost 350,000 wishes in 48 international countries. Last year, they granted 15,000 wishes. The children served are 2 1/2 to 18-year-olds and are referred by their physician or family. Wishes include going to a theme park, being a policeman, firefighter, princess, and having a dog or computer. Families do not pay for any of the wish-granting. Over 30,000 volunteers help make these wishes come true. There are 62 chapters in U.S. For more information, go to <a href="http://wish.org">wish.org</a> or call Public Line (602) 279-9474.</p>

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May 06, 2017	<p><b>Educational reform is linked to charter schools.</b></p> <p><b>(15-minute program)</b></p>	<p><u>Guest:</u> Jeanne Allen, the Founder and CEO of the Center for Education Reform (Washington, D.C.)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> National Charter Schools Week just ended, highlighting the work and achievements of the 5,000+ charter schools operating in the U.S. An estimated 1.5 million students in the U.S. attend a charter school. Charter schools are public schools that operate independently, thus are not under the rule of the local school board. Attendance is free and the schools abide by the same standards and assessments as traditional public schools. One main difference is these schools have the freedom to focus on the needs of the students and community they serve. Some charters emphasize technology, special needs, or gender. The Center for Education Reform believes that parents should have the freedom to choose where their children attend school and that school educators should be the main decision-makers regarding their school. This nonprofit endorses charter schools and has helped lead education reform since its inception in 1993. For more information, go to <a href="http://edreform.com">edreform.com</a> or call (800) 521-2118.</p>
May 13, 2017	<p><b>There are pros and cons with herbal and nutritional trends.</b></p> <p><b>(30-minute program)</b></p>	<p><u>Guest:</u> David Foreman: The Herbal Pharmacist currently serving on the Organic and Natural Health Association's Scientific Advisory Board (Palm Harbor, FL)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> David Foreman is a registered pharmacist who touts the benefits of herbal and natural medicine. David discussed 5 health and nutrition trends for this year: gluten free, veggies as carbs, algae omega-3, tiger nuts, and watermelon and probiotic water. A gluten-free diet for non-medical need can be an unhealthy diet, because the diet can lack vitamins, minerals, and fiber. A healthy diet trend is replacing carbs, such as rice and pasta, for veggies, such as zucchini and cauliflower. Omega-3 is known to help the heart, brain, eyes, and skin. Algae provides an excellent source of omega-3 for those who want a vegan, odor-free option. Tiger nuts are good because they are high in fiber, minerals (Mg, Ca, Fe, K) and resistant starch. Probiotic water contains live bacteria and yeasts that are good for health, especially the digestive system. Watermelon water, however, is a fad with no real nutritional benefits. To learn more, go to <a href="http://herbalpharmacist.com">herbalpharmacist.com</a> or email <a href="mailto:david@herbalpharmacist.com">david@herbalpharmacist.com</a>.</p>

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May 20, 2017	<p><b>Financial support offered for brain cancer patients and families.</b></p> <p><b>(15-minute program)</b></p>	<p><u>Guest:</u> Jeff Walker, Vice-President of Mission4Maureen (South Euclid,OH)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Named after Maureen, a young mom of three who died of brain cancer, this small nonprofit foundation provides brain cancer patients with financial support to help pay for medical expenses, utility bills, housing, food, and other expenses. While battling the disease, Maureen met many people in doctor’s offices and hospitals who were struggling financially as they fought brain cancer. In 2005, Maureen passed away after a 1.5-year fight with brain cancer. In a little over a decade, Mission4Maureen has given around a million dollars. Recipients have been in almost every U.S. state. The small foundation gets its funding from private donors and fundraisers. Their biggest fundraiser is a golf tournament held the first weekend in July. Their biggest challenge is getting the word out to those who need help. Anyone facing brain cancer may seek financial assistance by filling out an application found on their website, <a href="http://mission4maureen.org">mission4maureen.org</a>.</p>
May 27, 2017	<p><b>Soldier’s Angels assist American soldiers and veterans.</b></p> <p><b>(30-minute program)</b></p>	<p><u>Guest:</u> Amy Palmer, President and CEO of Soldier's Angels (San Antonio, TX)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Soldier's Angels is one of the nation's largest nonprofits supporting our troops, veterans, and their families. They provide care packages, such as food, laptops to wounded soldiers, wellness items to homeless veterans, and baby showers to military families. Soldier’s Angels was started by Patti Patton-Bader, daughter of Korean and Viet Nam war veteran LTC (retired) David Patton, after learning that many soldiers in her son’s platoon did not receive care packages from loved ones back home. Because we are sending fewer troops overseas, their focus now is no longer on sending care packages overseas but on helping veterans and their families here in the U.S. The nonprofit receives pallets of donated goods such as snacks and travel size toiletries. These items now go to needy veterans who stay at VA hospitals across the country because hygiene products are not stocked at the facilities. Soldier’s Angels also helps veterans during the VA’s national Stand Down events. Volunteers are always welcome. To learn more, go to <a href="http://soldiersangels.org">soldiersangels.org</a> or call Public Line (210) 629-0020.</p>

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June 04, 2017	<p><b>Colon cancer is impacting younger Americans and is linked to diet/obesity.</b></p> <p><b>(15-minute program)</b></p>	<p><u>Guest:</u> Dr. Shahab Mehdizadeh, Gastroenterologist (Beverly Hills, CA)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> The <i>Journal of the National Cancer Institute</i> recently reported that colon and rectal cancer rates are rising sharply for Americans under 55 years of age. Dr. Mehdizadeh confirmed that he and his colleagues are seeing patients in their 20s, 30s, and 40s with colon cancer. Colon cancer is one of the common cancers, with about 100,000 new cases reported each year. About 40,000 cases of rectal cancers are diagnosed annually. Causes may be due to a low fiber diet and an increase in obesity. One in 21 men get colon cancer and 1 in 23 women are affected. Early stages of the cancer do not present with obvious symptoms. More advanced symptoms include rectal bleeding, blood in the stool, abdominal pain, and changes in bowel habits. A colonoscopy is the best way to detect colon cancer. It is a painless procedure. Colon cleanses are unnecessary. To learn more, go to <a href="http://beverlydigestivecare.com">beverlydigestivecare.com</a> or <a href="http://colonoscopymd.com">colonoscopymd.com</a>.</p>
June 10, 2017	<p><b>Students can be prepared for an optimal college experience.</b></p> <p><b>(30-minute program)</b></p>	<p><u>Guest:</u> Danny Ruderman, Author and Nationally Recognized College Admissions Counselor (Beverly Hills, CA)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Many high school seniors are graduating this month and are looking forward to college. Many other seniors are not prepared for the road ahead, but it's not too late to apply for college. Community colleges accept applications year-round and do not require SAT scores or college essays. Students who still have time to prepare for college are advised to take honors and AP high school courses which allow them to change their mind if the coursework doesn't work for them. College essays should be a personal narrative that illustrates who the student's character. Extra-curricular activities and community/volunteer services should reflect the child's passion and interest. A lack of finances should not stop a student from attending his/her college of choice. There are lots of options regarding financial aid. Danny Ruderman got accepted into Stanford, despite his principal's discouragement and his parents' inability to pay for the cost. His goal is to help students like him. Go to <a href="http://dannyruderman.com">dannyruderman.com</a> for free videos and advice.</p>

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June 18, 2017	<p><b>Volunteer fathers in schools make a difference.</b></p> <p><b>(15-minute program)</b></p>	<p><u>Guest:</u> Eric Snow, Executive Director Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) (Springdale, AR)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Watch D.O.G.S., part of the National Center for Fathering, is a nonprofit that makes available a program that schools can purchase. The goal of the program is to encourage fathers and father-figures to volunteer at least one day a year in their child’s school. These men help out in the classrooms, bus line, or any area where help is needed. The program began after a school shooting in AR motivated a group of fathers to get involved in their children’s schools. Their presence at the school not only motivates students, but also provides added school security. Studies show that fathers have a huge impact on their child’s development and school performance. Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or any father-figure can be a part of the program. For more information, go to <a href="http://fathers.com/watchdogs">fathers.com/watchdogs</a> or call the National Center for Fathering 1-800-593-DADS (3237).</p>
June 24, 2017	<p><b>Teens struggling with trauma, identify and other issues need relationship.</b></p> <p><b>(30-minute program)</b></p>	<p><u>Guest:</u> Mark Gregston, Founder and Executive Director of Heartlight Ministries (Hallsville, Texas)</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Mark has worked with troubled teens since college, taking in youths and mentoring them. He and his wife created Heartlight Ministries after seeing troubled teens desperate for help. Heartlight is a Christian residential ministry that helps teens who are struggling with suicide, trauma, their identity, and other issues. Since they began, they have had over 3,000 kids live with them, about 60 teens at a time. The kids come from great families all across the country. Many of the kids grew up in the church and can quote Scripture, yet a stressor or something caused them to get lost. Today’s teen faces a different world than their parents and grandparents. Technology, the media, and society in general provides vast amounts of information. Parents need to know how to communicate with teens, to be quick to listen, and slow to speak. Adults need to share their own failures and mistakes and to share wisdom, not lecture and correct. There’s always hope. Learn more at <a href="http://parentingtodaysteens.org">parentingtodaysteens.org</a>.</p>