

## WRNJ-AM 1510

### *QUARTERLY REPORT*

#### MOST SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMMING

#### TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

**In this, the first quarter of 2023, WRNJ has continued to examine the significant issues in our community. With a myriad of problems and concerns facing our listeners every day, we recognize the need to offer programming that focuses on these issues. We have given knowledgeable spokespersons the opportunity to discuss these important concerns in order to educate and inform our listeners.**

**These topics were presented to the listening audience during the following public service programming.**

**Healthier Living airs one Tuesday a month, from 10:05 AM to 11:00 AM. It is hosted by Lisa Dimiceli from the Foundation for Hackettstown Medical Center and looks at the many services provided by the hospital, its staff and other health professionals.**

**Educationally Speaking airs one Wednesday a month, from 10:05 AM to 11:00 AM. It is hosted by WRNJ News Director, Joyce Estey and Will Austin, President of Warren County Community College in Washington. They talk to Department Heads, Professors, other faculty members and students to learn the benefits of attending Warren County Community College has to offer.**

**The Local Impact airs one Wednesday a month, from 10:05 AM to 11:00 AM. It is hosted by WRNJ News Director, Joyce Estey. Local issues, county and state politics and other important topics are discussed.**

**WRNJ's local programming features short form interviews in morning drive with host Bert Baron and afternoon drive with hostess Greta Latona. Spokespersons from local businesses, public service organizations and community leaders are interviewed.**

**Public Service Announcements are 60 or 30 second announcements, live or recorded which run on various weekly schedules, throughout the broadcast day. They promote many community services by the Hackettstown Regional Medical Center, various fund-raising events and cultural activities.**

## **HELPING PEOPLE/CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

**January 4th, 8:10 AM, Bert Baron talked to Dr. Chris Amato, former White Township resident and member of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding the negative impacts a Proposed Warehouse in White Township would have on the community**

**January 9th, 8:10 AM, Bert Baron talked to Laura Burger with the Center for Prevention and Counseling about a Military Family Night Out program where veterans and their families receive free meals while learning about access to veterans' services and programs**

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 AM, Bert Baron talked to Vic Bozzuffi, volunteer with Warren County Habitat for Humanity regarding the upcoming Warren County Habitat for Humanity Radiothon**

**Thursday, January 12<sup>at</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Sara Hare with Citizens for Sustainable Development about a controversial White Township, Warren County warehouse proposal and the negative impacts this project would have on the community**

**Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Tom Bodolsky with Citizens for Sustainable Development about a controversial White Township, Warren County warehouse proposal and the negative impacts it would have on the community**

**Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:10 Bert Baron talked to Adele Starrs, former mayor of Knowlton Township about a controversial proposed Warehouse in White Township and the negative impacts it would have on the community**

**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Fred Stine, Community Action Coordinator with the Delaware Riverkeeper Network About a controversial proposed Warehouse in White Township and the negative impacts it would have on the community**

**Wednesday, March 1 at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Charissa Buskirk, Community Engagement Coordinator, Abilities of Northwest Jersey about the grand opening of new PossAbilities Thrift Shop and how this new space will help them in providing services and programs to the special-needs community they serve**

**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Tracy Heisler, Board President, Skylands Preservation Alliance about a controversial Proposed Warehouse project in White Township and the negative impacts it would have on the community**

**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 Bert Baron talked to Dr. Chris Amato, former White Township resident and member of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission about a controversial proposed Warehouse in White Township and the negative impacts it would have on the community**

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 8:20 AM Bert Baron talked to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Visionaries of the Year campaign team member Molly Gorczyca about The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Visionaries of the Year campaign as well as her own story of survivorship**

**Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Olivia, Magdalen and Dawn Costello of the Weekend Bag Program about how the Weekend Bag Program helps feed families in need in Sussex County, New Jersey over the weekend when fewer services are available**

**Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:10 Bert Baron talked to Mayor Tim McDonough about a controversial proposed Warehouse in White Township and the negative impacts it would have on the community**

## **CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**Wednesday, January 11, 8:10 AM, Bert Baron talked to Mike Dziomba the president of the New Jersey Art Association about a new Exhibit at Whitespace Art & Event Gallery and provided an overview of the Art Association**

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Nick Serraino, Director of Programming, Rutherford Hall regarding January community events and this history of this special attraction**

**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Meredith Lee, Program Director, Russ Berrie Making a Difference Award about the awards program and the nomination process and how it recognizes those who are making a positive difference in the community**

**Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Boys and Girls Clubs in NJ Youth of the Year award recipient Victor Oluwagbemi regarding the 2023 Youth of the year Awards and how winning the award has inspired him to help others**

**Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Warren County Habitat for Humanity Veterans Build partner Heather Freeman about the upcoming Warren County Habitat for Humanity Radiothon**

**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Nick Serraino, Director of Programming, Rutherford Hall about February community events and this history of this special attraction**

**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Warren County Habitat for Humanity former Executive Director Ben Eskow about the upcoming Warren County Habitat for Humanity Radiothon**

**Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Annamaria Lalevee, Chief Development and Communications Officer at The Arc of Warren County about the Special Membership Event/Early Intervention Parent Friendraiser and how parents can benefit from knowledge of early intervention**

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Kevin Knight of the Independent Wrestling Federation about the upcoming benefit event for ACS Relay for Life and how the funds will help the American Cancer Society provide care and further research**

**Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Zak Kircher cleanup coordinator with Raritan Headwaters about the upcoming waterway cleanup event and the impact excessive waste and trash can have on our waterways, which supply drinking water to numerous municipalities**

**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Heather Lee, event planner for Oxford Township about the upcoming Community Day and how it's being held for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to LaTonya Johnson, President of the Mount Olive High School Air Force JROTC about the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Marauder Challenge and how the young recruits learn about fitness and teamwork**

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Ben Davie, founder of Benny's Bodega about how the Bodega helps to feed families in need and about a fund raising event**

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Dr. Linda De Roche about her upcoming free program 'Wayward Women Wanderers' which details the exploits of women travelers from the 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> centuries**

## **BUSINESS TOPICS**

**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:10 AM, Bert Baron talked to Laurie Rapasardi, Executive Director of the Hackettstown BID about WinterFest and other upcoming events**

**Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Laurie Rapasardi, Executive Director of the Hackettstown BID about a WinterFest update**

**Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Mount Olive Township Council Member Chuck Aaron about local issues and upcoming events with the Mount Olive Area Chamber of Commerce**

**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Annamaria Lalevee, Chief Development and Communications Officer at The Arc of Warren County about the Introduction of The ARC of Warren County 2023 Radiothon**

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Victoria Cali, mom of a child at Camp Warren about the upcoming Arc of Warren County radiothon**

**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Fran and Bill Blaskopf about Heath Village's 'Making the Move' real estate seminar and how it can help seniors avoid mistakes when selling their home**

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Walter Tietz, father of a longtime Camp Warren camper about the upcoming Arc of Warren County Radiothon**

## **HEALTH TOPICS**

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:40 AM, Bert Baron talked to Dr. Annirudh Khanna who provided insight on the on-field heart episode by football player Damar Hamlin as well as the value of our hospital's nurses**

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 AM, Bert Baron talked to Dr. David Hill, pulmonary and critical care physician and spokesperson for the American Lung Association about a new campaign to encourage testing and treatment options for high-risk individuals**

**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Dr. Joseph Galasso, Sport Performance Psychologist at Baker Street Behavioral Health discussed the unique connection between mental health and athletic performance**

**Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Gordon Hourihan, owner & president of Fyzical Therapy & Balance Centers about the upcoming 'Don't Forget to Love Yourself Too' Health Fair and how attending the free fair can benefit health in both the long and short terms**

**Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Dr. Helene Nguyen from Feet 'n Beyond of New Jersey  
TOPIC: Winter foot care**

**Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Health Advocate and Stroke Survivor Stacy Quinn about Women's heart health and National Wear Red Day and how she now educates women about the signs and symptoms of stroke**

**Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Dr. Gary Vander Vliet of Advanced Dental about February is National Children's Dental Health Month and how children can develop good dental habits at a young age**

**Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Dr. Terri Rintz of Center Point Wellness about heart health through yoga, acupuncture and massage during February is National Heart Month**

**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Kristen Ziolkowski, Community Relations Liason, Bentley Commons at Paragon Village about the “Don’t Forget to Love Yourself Too Health Fair” and the numerous health benefits attendees can attain simply by attending this free community health event**

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Dr. Annirudh Khanna about the signs and symptoms of brain aneurysm and what are the expected outcomes for victims of aneurysms**

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Dr. Charmain F. Jackman CEO and Founder of InnoPsych Inc. about World Mental Health Day and how society is slowly breaking down barriers to treatment and removing stigmas associated with mental illness**

**Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Debbie Spadafora, BA, RRT, CTTS, Manager, Respiratory Care, Hackettstown Medical Center about National Pulmonary Rehab week and the many benefits of maintaining a healthy heart and lungs**

**Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Retired Captain Gerald Turning Jr., of Blue Bridge Autism Training about National Disability Awareness Month Night and about available services to parents of children on the autism spectrum**

**Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Sheri Johnson Director of the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute about a new county-by-county health report and detailed the connection between overall community health and access to civic activities**



## **POLITICS & CIVIC ISSUES**

**On WRNJ's Local Impact on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:05 a.m., News Director Joyce Estey spoke with State Senator Steve Oroho and Warren County Commissioner Jason Sarnoski about a recap of 2022 accomplishments and a look ahead at the goals for 2023**

**On WRNJ's Local Impact on February 1st at 10:05 a.m., News Director Joyce Estey spoke with State Senator Doug Steinhart about his objectives as the district's newly-elected representative**

**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Gerald Galante, Director of the Hackettstown Free Public Library about upcoming library events and how the community can attain membership at the library**

**Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Jerry Galante, MLS Director of the Hackettstown Free Public Library about upcoming library events and the many free educational, health and financial programs that are offered each month**

**On WRNJ's Local Impact on March 1st at 10:05 a.m., News Director Joyce Estey spoke with State Assemblyman John DiMaio, Hackettstown Mayor Jerry DiMaio and Washington Township Mayor Matt Murello about the 2023 budget process**

## **EDUCATION**

**Thursday, January 12 at 8:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Paul Kenney with the National Park Service about the upcoming River Talk for the Musconetcong Watershed Association and the benefits of maintaining a clean and sanitary waterway**

**On WRNJ's Educationally Speaking on January 16th at 10:05 a.m., News Director Joyce Estey spoke Warren Community College's Vice President of Student Services Jeremy Beeler about financial assistance for the upcoming semester**

**Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Jennifer Spuckes, Assistant Principal, Hackettstown High School regarding upcoming events and evening adult classes that are available, including English as a Second Language and Beginners Spanish**

**Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 AM Bert Baron talked to Paul Beers from KJM Financial about his upcoming free college planning workshops and how to get the most for your college tuition. Paul also provided an update on the President's plan for partial debt forgiveness**

**On WRNJ's Educationally Speaking on February 15th at 10:05 a.m., News Director Joyce Estey spoke Warren Community College's interim President Dr. Marianne Van Deursen regarding her goals for the college in this new position**

**On WRNJ's Educationally Speaking on March 15th at 10:05 a.m., News Director Joyce Estey spoke Warren Community College's President Dr. Marianne Van Deursen, Vice President of Student Services Jeremy Beeler and Charissa Buskirk from Abilities of Northwest Jersey about the CAT (Center for Adult Transition) Program**

**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:10 AM, Bert Baron talked to Robert Hopkins, President of Carpenters Local 254 about the upcoming Construction Showcase and how apprentices can make the transition into the workforce using the skills they've gathered while learning on-the-job**