

QUARTERLY ISSUES PROGRAMMING REPORT
WEHT-TV
Henderson, KY / Evansville, IN

Second Quarter (April 1 – June 30) 2016

ISSUE #1: Healthcare
Funding needs for Easter Seals in southwest Indiana

Date: April 10, 2015
Duration: 6 hours

Each year WEHT works with Easter Seals of Southwestern Indiana to produce a telethon to help raise money for Easter Seals and the programs it is involved with. The Easter Seals provides services to children and their families who have physical and mental disabilities. As part of our commitment to this effort, WEHT donates six hours of time on-air, the use of our staff both on-air and behind the scenes. During this year's telethon, a total of \$1,047,592 was raised for Easter Seals.

ISSUE #2: Political
Elections

Date: May 3, 2016 (Indiana)
May 17, 2016 (Kentucky)
Treated as: News Stories

Both Indiana and Kentucky were involved in primary elections this spring.

On Tuesday, May 3, 2016, residents in Indiana cities and towns went to the polls to select candidates for a variety of offices ranging from President of the United States down to county office holders.

On May 17, 2015, Kentucky residents were voting on congressional candidates and some county offices.

On Primary Election night, WEHT provided results from communities in Vanderburgh, Warrick, Gibson, Posey, Pike, Spencer and Dubois counties in Indiana through on-air and online posting on our website. www.tristatehomepage.com. On WEHT News at 10, we spoke to winners and losers from all counties on their reaction of the races.

On Primary Election night in Kentucky, WEHT provided results from across the commonwealth on congressional races and county offices. Those results were also posted on our website, www.tristatehomepage.com. On WEHT News at 10, we reported on the results and got reaction from winners and losers on the races.

ISSUE #3: Housing

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Evansville continues its efforts to help qualified people obtain affordable housing. In addition to our coverage of the work Habitat for Humanity does, WEHT again sponsored a Habitat Home build this year. Greg Parker is doing a series of stories about Evansville Habitat for Humanity and the Eyewitness News home build.

Treated as: News Stories

May 4

Time: 1:39

This story described a recent trip that people associated with Evansville Habitat for Humanity took to Guatemala and the work they did while they were there.

May 11

Time: 2:02

This story also focused on the entire process of getting a Habitat home. From applying to financing to sweat equity involved with the build, Greg walks through the entire process.

May 18

Time: 1:51

In this week's segment, we meet Randy Holmes. He is the man who will become the owner of the Eyewitness News Habitat House. We get to know him and the challenges he faces daily ... he is visually impaired and is partially deaf.

May 25

Time: 1:35

This week we spoke to Habitat for Humanity Core Crew member Don Gilles. Don talked about Randy Holmes and the inspiration he is providing to himself and others who are building his house.

June 3

Time: 1:52

This week we spoke to Dave Shnakenberg, who is a member of the Habitat for Humanity core crew. He talked how helping to build a Habitat for Humanity home has changed his life and the lives of others who have been involved in Habitat builds.

June 22

Time: 1:49

This week we gave a progress report on the Eyewitness News Habitat house. We also spoke to Randy Holmes about the plans he has for his new home

June 29

Time: 1:16

This week we spoke to Habitat Media Coordinator, Lee Jerstad, about how people can volunteer to build with Habitat for Humanity.

ISSUE #4: Community **Founder's Day of Caring**

On June 17, 2016, Nexstar Broadcasting celebrated its 30th anniversary. As part of the celebration, employees of WEHT spent part of their day in community service. Our employees did various projects at the House of Bread and Peace and St. Vincent Center for Children and Families. Employees from various departments did a number of large and small projects at each location.

How the issue was treated: News Stories

June 15
Length 2:15

We did a story featuring Nexstar Broadcasting CEO Perry Sook. He spoke about the company's beginnings and why he feels it is important for each station in the company to give back to the community they serve.

June 16
Length 2:22

Eyewitness News reporter Dennis Ting did a story focusing on the work being done by the House of Bread and Peace and St. Vincent Center for Children and Families, the two organizations that Eyewitness News employees will be helping out the next day.

June 17

Eyewitness News reporter Dennis Ting was live at the House of Bread and Peace throughout Eyewitness News Daybreak. He spoke to representatives of the organization and employees of Eyewitness News, who spent their morning volunteering there.

Dennis also produced stories that aired in our evening and late shows wrapping up the events of the day and what we accomplished while we were there.

ISSUE #5: Women's Issues **Hoping For a Miracle**

Anchor Shelley Kirk did a special series with Eyewitness News photographer Ashley Matulis. She and her husband have been trying unsuccessfully for more than four years to have a child,

going through various medications and therapies to try and conceive a child. Their last effort would be In vitro fertilization through a local doctor.

April 28 – Length 5:27

Shelley interviews Ashley and Marc Matulis. They talk about the journey they have taken over the years to try and conceive and the process they went through to decide to try in vitro fertilization. They contacted a local clinic to begin the process.

May 5 – Length 4:38

We are introduced to Doctor Daniel Griffin, the IVF specialist who will be handling Ashley's case. He talks to Ashley and Marc about the process, and Ashley goes through the testing and screening process to see if she is a viable candidate for in vitro fertilization.

May 13 – Length 4:24

Ashley begins the IVF process. We are inside the room where eggs are retrieved and we watch as doctor's work with the embryos. Doctors later determine that none of her eggs fertilized ... but they have one more chance to fertilize the embryos.

May 20 – Length 4:29

Doctors try a rescue procedure as a "last hope" effort to fertilize Ashley's embryos. Because of this procedure, there is a one-month delay in implanting the embryos. Once they are implanted, there is a ten-day wait to see if it worked. The results --- positive. Ashley is pregnant!!

ISSUE #6: Education

Gary Ervin Climbs Mt. Everest

Morganfield, Kentucky, native Gary Ervin made the push to fulfill a lifelong dream ... to climb Mt. Everest.

After months of preparation, Ervin began the climb in late April, and successfully completed the climb on May 24.

1) Story – April 24 -- :50

We aired a story about Gary Ervin, and that he had started his climb of Mt. Everest.

2) Story – May 23 -- :50

We aired a story with an update on Ervin's climb. We were able to show photos that he posted to social media from his climb, and made the post that he had completed his climb of the world's tallest mountain.

3) Skype interview – May 24 -- 5:00

Anchor Brad Byrd did a Skype interview with Mallory Ervin, the daughter of Gary Ervin. She told us that she has spoken to her father about the climb, and talked about the emotional roller coaster she and the rest of the family has been through. There were problems with other groups and some deaths were reported while he was on his climb. She also talked about the medical issues he had during the climb.

4) June 1 – :48

A Morganfield, Kentucky, man accomplished one of the most dangerous feats in the world by climbing Mt. Everest. Gary Ervin returned home on Friday. Ervin's climb was almost sidetracked when he had to fight altitude sickness and bad weather. Five climbers in his group of teams died trying to reach the summit. But Ervin made it within 200 steps of the summit and made it back down safely. .