## **ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST**

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station <u>WQHZ, WRIE, WXKC, WXTA</u>, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period  $_7/1/21$  to  $_7/_31/21$ . This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Agency/Representative	Program/Date/Time/D	Duration Description of issues covered
1. Sarah Gudgeon, Public Affairs Officer   Erie VA Medical Center	North Coast Views Sun, July 04, 2021 6:00am - 30 min	1. VETERANS - Talked about how it is important that our veterans realize that, even though they say that they don't want to take an appt. away from another vet, the VA actually gets more funding to serve more veterans – the more veterans that take advantage of their services. Learned about how much the VA has grown with their programs, including transitional care, behavioral health programs, homeless assistance, help with getting a job, healthy choice programs, as well as partnering with other programs in our area to help in many ways. Heard about programs they also have to help families help the veteran in their life. Heard that the Erie VA continued with their services even through COVID – many times virtually (which they were putting in place, even before the pandemic) trying to make things more convenient and they say they want to meet the vet "where they are" to improve the quality of their life including help with substance abuse. Talked about how vets can get help if they are feeling suicidal – as well as how to get support for PTSD (especially during the 4 <sup>th</sup> of July fireworks) 30m
1. Anne DeSarro, Environmental Education Specialist Supervisor PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)	North Coast Views Sun, July 11, 2021 6:00am - 30 min	1.EDUCATION - Talked about how fortunate we are to have no admission to our Presque Isle State Park – and how, especially after the challenging year and a half we have had is that studies show the benefit of visiting nature, important it is mentally, emotionally and physically. Learned that during the pandemic, they have been teaching school children and the general public with virtual programming, which they will continue, even though we are back to in person learning. Learned about many of the free programs they have available to our community all summer (and talked about how they also do things year-round) - including the 100yr celebration this year at the TREC center. Talked about the changes that have been happening over the past couple of years with water levels – but how that also has helped with the flora and fauna at our park, that many people study from all over. Talked about the purchase of the property south of the TREC center and what the plans are for it. Reminded everyone how to stay in touch to get involved with the programming for the whole family. 30m

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1. Jon DeMarco – Executive Director, Presque Isle Partnership	North Coast Views Sun, July 25, 2021 60am - 30 min	1. ENVIRNONMENT – Reviewed the mission of the PIP – an advocate for our Presque Isle State Park, putting money raised back into the park to enhance everyone's experience. They help with programming and coordinate concerts, and then head up projects like replacing picnic tables & grills – creating and upkeeping playgrounds, and purchasing MOBI mats to make the park ADA accessible. Talked about Discover Presque Isle, one of the major fundraisers, they were able to put together with the help of sponsors, to help celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Presque Isle becoming a State Park. Tallked about the importance of leaving the park better than you found it, by taking your trash with you, volunteering to help with clean up, as well. Talked about the My PI 100 challenge – to do 100 things on Presque Isle and learned about the 100 year anniversary exhibit at TREC center and artist gallery. 13m
2.Karen Dorman, Hospice Administrator, LECOM Visiting Nurses Association of Erie County		services haven't changed, but has expanded their service area into Crawford & Warren counties. Heard how a group of women from the Women's Club of Erie got together in 1906 to create services to help those immigrants came to Erie. Their focus is to provide community services to patients in their home to keep them safe, healthy and educate them. Initially, it was because we didn't have the hospitals in our area & the population was growing so fast, that they saw the opportunity to help. Now they have expanded to provide rehabilitation in the home and end of life care. It is paid for by insurance, however, they also have to have a fundraiser to help those who would typically not be able to have this service. Talked about the challenges they had to meet the needs of the community with COVID. Learned details about the Wings of Hope butterfly release fundraiser coming up. 17m

## We have also rotated PSA announcements that may have highlighted the following:

Family Services, Big Brothers, Big Sisters – it is easy and takes very little time to be a mentor & impact the life of a child just by being yourself

Erie County Library- not just books –music, movies, language instruction and more – most of it free, online or stop by

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration -Talk - They Listen

SafeNet - Domestic Violence Services

Lucy's 1st Step - free assistance / counseling for parents who have lost a child

NAMI – group classes and support groups to assist individuals and family members dealing with mental health challenges

Erie VA Medical Center –reminding veterans and their families about services – specific info for women – PTSD and other services

Therapy Dogs United- get your dogs involved with therapy services for children & adultscontact if your business wants a visit from a therapy dog

Safe Harbor/Safe Line- how to get help for sadness or bullying issues – for teens and adults – help info if you are feeling suicidal

SafeNet - with help for domestic violence or victim of any violent act

Parkinson Partners - Support and Information

United Way – Be A Caring Adult – simple suggestions on how to make a difference in a child/youth - United Way – Imagination Library – 2-1-1 / Community Schools

Voices for Independence - Support for those with physical challenges

Cody's Wheels of Hope – contact info to get children with a life threatening illness wheeled toys

Alzheimer's Association – help available to families and care givers

Linked by Pink - Assistance for Breast Cancer patients and their families

American Heart & Stroke Association - Go Red for Women (risk of heart disease)

American Cancer Society - where to reach out for help

EUMA - Erie United Methodist Alliance - Helping homeless families

Crime Victim Center – Help for those affected by violent crimes

Highmark Caring Place – FREE assistance for grieving children, adolescents and their families (you do not have to have Highmark to take advantage)

Kinship Care - Support for people raising someone else's child (grandparents, etc)

Gaudenzia – Help with addiction

Early Connections - helping with education for the little ones

Erie Humane Society - help for stray & neglected animals

A.N.N.A. Shelter – info on how to adopt or help rescued animals

Autism Society – support and resources for families with those on the spectrum

American Cancer Society – variety of programs available to community

Habitat for Humanity - restore for donations or to shop

SOS 4 Kidz - to assist children with needs for school and self esteem

Emma's Footprint - help for those who have experienced a pregnancy or infant loss

Veterans Miracle Center - help for homeless & underserved vets/military & their families

Safe Journey – with help for domestic violence

Junior Achievement – how to get involved with working with students for career guidence

American Lung Association – information about lung health

Release the Pressure Coalition - how to control blood pressure

AARP – ideas for saving for retirement

Salvation Army – how to get or give help