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Williamsport Chamber of Commerce seeks exposure for their events.	Live interview with Jason Fink discussing upcoming events, businesses, etc.	WILQ	25-Jan	8:20AM	20 Min	Jason Fink from Williamsport Lycoming Chamber of Commerce discusses upcoming events in the city of Williamsport and other areas.
A Sunbury couple who work hard to rescue shelter dogs and find them forever homes, is looking for a way to raise money for three dog rescues in Northeast PA.	Planning for "Rock for Rescues 2024" is underway now, with an 80s theme and plans to have iconic 1980s vehicles on site. Ron Keel, national recording artist and former Sturgis entertainer, has agreed to play for the finale of the event.	In Touch WZKR,WCKR	28-Jan	6:30AM	20 Min	Mary and Dennis Marquette described Ron Keel's music history and their own stories of adopting pets through the rescue shelters who are going to benefit from the summer-fundraiser. The Marquettes are seeking an opening act for Ron Keel, and a sound engineer for the event on July 27th.
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North Central PA and the region that is served by the First Community Foundation Partnership has numerous non-profit organizations that fail to get good regular media exposure since many have limited budgets and resources.	FCFP began a 30 hour online giving campaign 11 years ago and has since raised over 16 million dollars for qualifying organizations in that time.	In Touch WWPA, WMLP	11-Feb	11AM	:20	Erin Ruhf, explains the way the 30-hour fundraiser provides a way for area non-profits in 7 counties to solicit for funds and then be boosted by 175 thousand dollars in stretch funds provided by Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships over the two-day event, hoping to meet their 2024 goal of 2.2 million dollars.
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Williamsport Chamber of Commerce seeks exposure for their events.	Live interview with Jason Fink discussing upcoming events, businesses, etc.	WILQ	28-Mar	8:20AM	20 Min	Jason Fink from Williamsport Lycoming Chamber of Commerce discusses upcoming events in the city of Williamsport and other areas.
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